

Truman Begins Sixth Year As Head Man in White House

Washington, Apr. 11—(U.P.)—Harry S. Truman begins his sixth presidential year this week full of health, confidence and plans for 1952.

He is a 100 to 1 bet to be the next democratic presidential nominee in his 68th year. His birthday is May 8.

But if Mr. Truman chooses not to run, his choice for the democratic nomination probably would be Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson, who will be 62 years old on Jan. 22, 1952.

Douglas Regarded
There is no plainly discernible evidence that Mr. Truman favors the presidential possibilities of Justice William O. Douglas. Some persons here, including at least one of Douglas' supreme court associates, regard him as a candidate. He will be 52 next October.

Another to be considered if Mr. Truman stepped aside would be National Defense Secretary Louis A. Johnson, who will be 59 this year. His slim chance for the nomination hangs on the record of administrative efficiency and economy he is making in the consolidated national defense department, which spends the biggest chunk of the taxpayers' money.

Gas Turbine Truck Completes Tests

Seattle, Apr. 11—(U.P.)—The world's first gas turbine-powered truck using the experimental Boeing 200-pound turbine has successfully completed preliminary road tests, the Boeing Airplane company announced today.

The 175-horsepower turbine, under development for the U.S. navy bureau of ships, is similar to the jet airplane engine in general design. Trial runs were conducted quietly for the past month in a 10-ton Kenworth motor truck chassis.

Thrusters Harnessed
The tremendous thrust of jet airplanes is harnessed in the new power plant by a secondary turbine which turns the shaft, company officials said.

The announcement added that contrary to public expectations, the new turbine-powered truck is considerably quieter than a conventional diesel truck of equal power. Exhaust gases are about the same temperature as those from a diesel or gasoline truck.

Boeing engineers disclosed that exhaust gases are almost invisible and without offensive odor.

Installation of the tiny turbine in a boat is planned for the near future.

Methodist Men To Hear Dwight Houghton Talk

City Councilman Dwight Houghton will address the monthly meeting of the Medford Methodist Men on Monday, April 17 at First Methodist church.

A buffet supper is planned for 6:30 p.m. and will be served by members of Circle 7, Women's Society of Christian Service.

The event will be ladies' night and men are requested to bring their wives.

The Gamay grape, produced on California's cool upland country, yields a smooth, red burgundy-type wine.

But Mr. Truman is not worried nor much interested in these possible successors.

He is a changed man since April 12, 1945, when he solemnly took the oath a few hours after Franklin D. Roosevelt died in Warm Springs, Ga.

Regretted Snap Judgment
During his first months in office Mr. Truman formed the habit of snap judgment when events proved a little caution would have helped. He since has regretted snipping off lend-lease when hostilities ended. His carelessness endorsement of Henry A. Wallace's attack on administration foreign policy put him in the most embarrassing spot of his career.

These and other factors including Mr. Truman's habit of publicly proclaiming himself unequal to his White House task, persuaded democratic strategists to keep him out of the 1946 congressional campaign. The next two years were a presidential nightmare in which a republican congress frustrated the White House day by day.

The new dealers, left wingers, socialists and big city bosses of the Roosevelt coalition deserted Mr. Truman by platoons and brigades as the 1948 presidential election drew near. They were whooping it up for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Douglas or almost anyone else.

But the trim little man from Missouri never lost his smile. He accepted the presidential nomination so reluctantly given him in Philadelphia.

Far Beyond Policies
On taking office, he made the usual pledge to carry out the policies of the late president, but he has gone far beyond them.

Under pressure to divert votes from Wallace and his extreme left wing progressive party and at the urging of the left wing groups that unhappily accepted him, Mr. Truman pitched his give-em-hell 1948 presidential campaign far to the left of center. Not even a states' rights rebellion in the south unnerved him.

He pounded on the republicans

Anti-Submarine Plane About Ready

Burbank, Cal., Apr. 11—(U.P.)—Navy patrol squadrons soon will be flying the deadly new anti-submarine airplane, P2V-4. It can spot a snorkel miles away and launch torpedoes that invariably find their target, it was learned today.

The heavily-armed, long-ranging sub-killer is perhaps the most significant advance made to counter one of the most feared weapons that would be used in a new war.

Russia has been reported reliably to have about 250 of the German-developed subs, which have high speed and can stay submerged for long periods while "breathing" through a tiny pipe called the snorkel. The reported presence of submarines off the California coast has created a big stir in high navy circles.

The P2V-4 eliminates the need for one of the planes in the old hunter-killer team because it can both find and kill a submarine with its powerful new radar and armament. Even more advanced versions of the Lockheed ship, of which the world's long distance record holder "Truculent Turtle" is the forerunner, are under development.

a fire of challenge and denunciation in the tradition of the brass knuckle politics of Jackson county Missouri, where he learned the trade from the late Boss Thomas J. Pendergast.

From that campaign Mr. Truman emerged a party hero. Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, the republican candidate, unexpectedly became the political bust of the 20th century, so far.

A combination of republicans and conservative southern democrats has been able to kill or modify most of Mr. Truman's domestic legislative program. Repeal of the Taft-Hartley law, civil rights regulation, higher taxes—all are lively Truman policies at which congress has balked so far.

A bi-partisan foreign policy honeymoon continued well into the president's first full term. But the approach has been blasted by humiliating failure of American policy in China, plus expense and serious difficulties in Europe and proof to some degree of communist infiltration in the state department. Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R., Mich.) and Mr. Truman now anxiously are attempting to pick up the pieces.

Political Trouble
There has been more political trouble than comfort for Mr. Truman in his first five White House years. But you never



PRESIDENT TRUMAN Starts Sixth Year In White House

(Arne Telephoto)

would suspect it. The outsiders who see him oftenest and know him best are Washington's newsmen and women. Friend or foe, they almost invariably describe him not only as confident, but cocky, chin out and ready for battle.

He has put William M. Boyle Jr. in charge of democratic political strategy and patronage. Boyle, a graduate of Boss Pen-

dergast's hard school, is proving himself the handiest political juggler hereabouts since Jim Farley.

With Boyle at the wheel and the memory of his 1948 convention and election triumphs against unholy odds, Mr. Truman seems warranted in being what he appears to be—the happiest, most contented man and confident citizen of the United States.

Transient Count Set Tonight by Census Takers

Enumeration of hotel guests and other transients tonight will be a special project of census enumerators in Medford, according to Mrs. Dorothy Doty, crew chief for the city.

The transient project is in line with the census bureau's desire to make the 1950 census the most complete ever taken. Mrs. Doty said. Individual census reports will be placed in the keyboxes or rooms of every hotel guest in the nation today, where the hotel has 50 or more rooms with at least 20 per cent for transients.

To Assist Guests
Census takers will be available in the lobbies of all hotels to assist guests in preparing the forms. There will be one enumerator for each 100 rooms.

Guests who receive the forms are requested to fill them out, seal them and hand them in at the desk, or to the census enumerator in charge.

The forms will be turned in to the district supervisor's office, sorted and sent to Washington. Guests who fill questionnaires tonight will be counted in the tabulation for the city in which they make their home and not in the city where the hotel is located.

Russia tried to sell Alaska to the United States in 1855 during the Crimean war to prevent its seizure by the British. The sale was rejected by was completed on a second try in 1867.

WEATHER
By United Press
Northern California: Variable high cloudiness north portion and fair south portion today and tonight, with rain from Ukiah and Red Bluff north tonight, spreading south to Salinas and Stockton Wednesday. Considerable high cloudiness elsewhere Wednesday. South to southwest wind 12-25 MPH off coast from Point Reyes north, and west to southwest, 10-20 MPH elsewhere.

DIX WIDOW WEDS
Hollywood, Apr. 11—(U.P.)—The widow of Actor Richard Dix has married Walter Van De Kamp, member of a prominent southern California bakery family, it was learned here today.

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