

Comment On This and That

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Washington, June 6—(U.P.)—President Truman can get out his pencil and mark up a couple of sure votes.



Mr. and Mrs. Don Clark of Billings, Mont., think he's tops.

It isn't common that one of us little guys gets in to see the president, but Don and his lovely lady did. That was the other day when Don, a legless veteran, came to the capital as the honored guest at a reunion of survivors of the aircraft carrier Hornet.

An affable guy with a ready grin, Don caught a bunch of shrapnel before the grand old lady of the sea busted her seams and went under back in May, 1944. In those days he was avia-

tion machinist's mate second class. "Take that guy, Truman," the former sailor said. "He's a great one. I was more nervous going in to see him than I was when the shower of steel hit the fan off Truk."

"He volunteered to give me an autographed picture, too. Just happened to have it with him. Votes Pledged."

"I wouldn't say we are exactly republicans, but our two votes next time are going for Truman." Don is built of pretty stern stuff. Although he hasn't enough stubs left to wear artificial limbs he doesn't consider it any handicap at all.

"Nobody is going to have to carry me along," he said. "I'll get by."

He lives a near-normal life out in Billings. The Clarks have two pretty daughters, both born after he got out of service. There is Jackie Lee, aged 4, and Donna Lynn, who is just two months old.

Don owns his own home. It's a five-room log-house, the only one of its kind in Billings. The former sailor didn't build it; he bought it after the war.

Clark is steadily employed. Having no legs, he naturally works with his hands. He is busy nine hours a day re-winding electrical motors for the carburetor and electric company in his home town.

"That sounds like long hours," he said. "Maybe it is, but it keeps me busy. It gives me something to think about all day long—the prospect of getting home to that fine family of mine."

Don is so doggone independent that he doesn't even want anybody to drive him to work.

He drives himself—in one of those cars which amputees can handle by hand.

Supreme Court Upholds Negroes in Segregation Cases

Washington, June 6—(U.P.)—The supreme court ruled in favor of Negroes yesterday in three separate cases involving segregation. The tribunal:

1. Ruled, 8 to 0 that Negroes must be served the same as white persons on railroad dining cars.

2. Ruled, 9 to 0, that the University of Texas law school must admit a Negro student because the state does not now give Negro law students educational opportunities equal to those enjoyed by white students.

Discrimination Ruled

3. Ruled, 9 to 0, that Oklahoma discriminates against Negro students at its state university graduate school by segregating them in classrooms and elsewhere.

The court did not go into the constitutionality of the issues involved. In the Texas case, it said it saw no reason to re-examine the 54-year-old doctrine of "separate but equal" treatment of Negroes.

Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson said in the opinion on the Texas case that a comparison of the University of Texas law school and the separate law school for Negroes shows no "substantial equality in the education opportunities offered white and Negro law students by the state."

Warfare on Job Accidents Asked

Washington, June 6—(U.P.)—President Truman called today for an all-out fight against job accidents which, he said, weaken the nation in perilous times.

In the opening address to his Conference on Industrial Safety, Mr. Truman pointed out that industrial accidents took 15,000 lives and permanently disabled 79,000 workers last year. The number of accidents actually was down seven per cent the previous year, but Mr. Truman said "we can do better than that."

"In these times," he said, "we cannot afford to be wasteful of our national strength."

Mr. Truman said the nation's voice in world affairs can "never be stronger than our national economy." The strength of the economy in turn, depends upon our productive capacity.

"That is why it is more important than ever for us to prevent the losses that result from industrial accidents," the president said. "We cannot afford wasted resources or wasted lives."

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