

MAY NOT ACTIVATE CAMP WHITE

Byrnes Says Truman Tried To Substitute Fiction for History

Untruths Claimed Made Following Moscow Conference

Attempt To Grab Glory Alleged

Washington—(U.P.)—James F. Byrnes has accused President Truman of trying to "substitute fiction for history" to grab the glory of Byrnes' "get tough" policy toward Russia.

However, one of his charges was contradicted by Sen. Clinton P. Anderson, D-N.M., who was secretary of agriculture when the alleged incident occurred.

Untruths Charged

The governor of South Carolina, once Mr. Truman's secretary of state and close friend, charged in Friday's issue of Collier's magazine that the President had made "untrue" and "inaccurate" statements about Byrnes' service.

Byrnes was angered by a statement in the book "Man of Independence," by Jonathan Daniels, editor of the Raleigh, N.C., News & Observer, and by publication of a presidential memo in William Hillman's new book, "Mr. President."

Riot Act Alleged

Daniels quoted Mr. Truman as saying that "Byrnes got the real riot act" after returning from the December, 1946, Moscow conference with Joseph Stalin.

"This positively is not true," Byrnes said. "No riot act was spoken or read to me then, or any other time."

However, Anderson, secretary of agriculture at the time of the Moscow conference, supported Daniels' quotation of Mr. Truman.

Thursday Anderson said Mr. Truman summoned Byrnes aboard the presidential yacht Williamsburg after the conference to read the "riot act" to him.

President "Horrorified"

The president was "horrorified," Anderson said, when he learned that Byrnes had planned to report to the nation on the conference without first clearing his radio address with him.

Anderson said Mr. Truman told Byrnes that, although Byrnes was a member of the cabinet, it was the president who shaped foreign policy.

Mr. Truman gave Byrnes a "curt and stiff" reprimand, Anderson said, and every Cabinet member "who knew the two men" was aware of what had happened.

Said Not Summoned

Byrnes said in his article that Mr. Truman did not summon him but that he sent word to the president aboard the Williamsburg "that I wished to report to him and to discuss with him the advisability of my making a speech on the radio about the Moscow conference."

Byrnes said his relations with Mr. Truman were cordial after the conference.



HOVERING HELICOPTER looks down on Red Cross disaster workers using boats to evacuate families trapped at Blencoe, Iowa, in greatest flood in Missouri River history. Scores of thousands of refugees are fleeing to higher ground as mighty flood sweeps lowlands. (International Soundphoto)

Crash of Airliner Kills All Aboard

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—A transcontinental airliner which vanished over the fog shrouded San Gabriel valley crashed into the slopes of grassy Puente Hills Friday, killing "all aboard—about 28 persons."

The first Los Angeles sheriff's deputies to reach the scene, just above the dead end of La Belle street in North Whittier Heights, 14 miles east of here, reported "all aboard dead."

Three Crew Members

A North Continental Airlines official at nearby Lockheed air terminal, reported there were "three crew members and about 25 passengers" aboard the twin-engine non-scheduled airliner.

A sheriff's call for three ambulances was radioed 15 minutes after the first report was received.

The plane, a non-scheduled North Continental airliner en route from New York to Los Angeles, made its last radio contact at 3:33 a.m.

Pilot Lou Powell, Long Beach, reported at the time he was over Downey, Calif., 17 miles east of here and less than five miles from where the twin-engine C-46 crashed.

When the plane failed to land its estimated time of arrival, 3:45 a.m., the Los Angeles International Airport tower listed it as "overdue."

An immediate three-pronged ground-air search was ordered with the sheriff's Aero Squadron and the March Air Force Base air rescue team taking over the land and air check of the Puente Hills area.

A representative for the company, which has its headquarters in Kansas City, said the flight originated at New York's LaGuardia field "early yesterday or late Wednesday night."

"There should have been about 25 passengers and a crew of three aboard," he added in confirming the plane was overdue. He was unable to determine the exact number "because the only passenger manifests are either aboard the plane or in the mail to Kansas City."

Mighty Missouri River Leveling At Highest Point

Omaha—(U.P.)—The mighty Missouri river was leveling off at its highest known point Friday but Army engineers warned that the crisis for this area of 350,000 inhabitants would last for two or three more days.

This was "C" Day, the day of reckoning for Omaha and Council Bluffs, Ia., a virtual ghost town across the bank from which 35,000 residents had fled.

Crest Hour Unknown

"We have a long flat crest which will be with us all day," a government forecaster said.

At what precise hour or level the river would crest, no one could say.

It was the day the river itself would pass judgment on the frantic efforts of 15,000 levee workers who stood in mud up to their knees and watched the brown river surging past at a record 30.24 feet.

For more than eight hours the river had held almost steady, just above 30.20 feet. The Weather Bureau, which earlier had predicted a crest of 31½ feet, said it now might reach 30½ feet.

Little Danger Seen

Lt. Gen. Lewis A. Pick, chief of Army engineers, said there was little danger the angry floodwaters would top the sand-bagged earthen levees.

Pick said the danger from the long, flat floodcrest might last two or three days. No one could tell how long the dikes would hold against the river's enormous pressure.

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Agent Suggests Route For Viewing Blossoms

The height of the pear blossom season is upon the Rogue valley, according to County Horticultural Agent C. B. Cordy.

In order that valley residents may follow the best route in viewing the trees, the county agent suggested the following trip around the valley:

Beginning at Jacksonville, motor south to Talent, making sure of staying west of the Southern Pacific railroad tracks until Talent is reached. Turn south on Highway 99 toward Ashland for 100 yards, then turn east on the gravel road which crosses Bear creek. After crossing the creek, turn left and travel north, always staying east of the creek. The tour will end at the Hillcrest orchards just east of Medford.

The weather bureau at Medford airport reported this morning that there will "definitely be no need for orchard heating tomorrow morning, but there is a possibility on Sunday."

Medford PTT Offices Still Being Picketed in Strike

Picketing of the Medford offices of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company continued today, but J. H. Creager, manager, said that traffic is "just about normal."

Some supervisory personnel are on switchboards today, he added, and in addition to regular workers reporting for work make a near-normal work force on duty.

There may be some few delays, Creager said, but not many. However, installation work is at a standstill, he reported.

BY UNITED PRESS

A general strike against the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company spread throughout Oregon Friday while the heaviest picketing thus far in the two-week-old Western Electric installers dispute was reported in Washington state.

PTT officials asserted that no breakdown in service had been reported anywhere over its activities in the two states.

All installations of the PT&T in Portland and all other Oregon exchanges, except those at The Dalles and Milton, had pickets and pickets were reported at 19 exchanges in Washington.

It was pay day for plant and commercial employees in Portland and by 9 a.m. strikers had picked up checks for a two-week period ending last Friday. Picket captains accompanied strikers through the lines and then remained to see that they left promptly.

President Denounces Defense Spending Cut

Washington—(U.P.)—President Truman has denounced as "terribly dangerous" a recent \$6,000,000,000 House cut in defense spending.

Accusing Congress of arbitrarily slashing military appropriations to get "headlines" and to "impress the voters back home" in an election year, Mr. Truman said:

"Slashing appropriations is fine, until the day comes when we find we don't have the planes or the tanks or the guns we need. And then we have to pay for those headlines—not in money but in lives—in the lives of our soldiers."

Weather Change Waited; Medford's 84 Hottest

By UNITED PRESS

There will be a change in the weather in the Pacific Northwest Saturday.

Temperatures 10 to 15 degrees cooler and possibility of a few showers were forecast by the weather bureau because of a disturbance moving into British Columbia from the Pacific.

Temperatures remained warm Friday, but the weather bureau said the westerly flow of cool air would break the warm spell Saturday. Medford was Oregon's hot spot Thursday with 84 degrees.

Prisoner Exchange Talks Due Saturday

Panmunjom, Korea—(U.P.)—The United Nations agreed Friday to resume secret talks with the Communists Saturday on an exchange of war prisoners.

The U.N. truce delegation finally sent its acceptance after the Reds had asked three times in the past week for resumption of the discussions. Delegates will meet at 11 a.m. Saturday.

The talks had been recessed April 4 to give both sides a chance to seek a way out of the deadlock over the U.N.'s demand that prisoners be permitted to refuse repatriation. The Communists have insisted that all prisoners must be exchanged forcibly if necessary.

State Prison Inmate Suicides by Hanging

Salem—(U.P.)—Warden Virgil J. O'Malley said Eugene Phillips, serving life sentence in Oregon state prison for second degree murder in Crook county, committed suicide early Friday by hanging himself in the basement of the prison postoffice.

The body was found by fellow convicts.

Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday with a few widely scattered showers. Cooler Saturday. Low tonight 46. High Saturday 70-72.

Highest Yesterday	Temp.
Lowest This Morning	44

Harriman Selected By N. Y. Democrat To Be Candid. Of Choice Indicated

New York—(U.P.)—New York State Democratic party leaders chose W. Averell Harriman Friday as the man they'll back for the party's presidential nomination.

In a joint press conference following a meeting of county Democratic chairmen, Sen. Herbert H. Lehman, D-N.Y., and State Democratic Chairman Paul E. Fitzgerald said they would urge Harriman's candidacy "throughout the country."

Lehman, who turned down a "favorite son" designation at the meeting, said:

Support Hopeful

"I want to make this clear in presenting the name of Mr. Harriman. We are not doing it as a gesture or as a holding operation... we are very hopeful that support will be sufficiently strong throughout the country to gain him the nomination and the election."

Reports from Washington indicated that such a choice would have the approval of President Truman. Mr. Truman's remarks at a press conference indicated he might support Harriman now that Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois has said he does not want the nomination.

Party's Kitty Gains

The dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, biggest Democratic get-together so far this year, attracted 1,500 guests who put \$150,000 into the party's campaign kitty.

Harriman, former ambassador to Moscow and now head of the Mutual Security Administration, received the praises of such after-dinner speakers as Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee and Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma, both avowed candidates for the party nomination, and Stevenson, who removed himself as a possible standard bearer Wednesday.

Stevenson Apologizes

Stevenson, who smilingly apologized for coming to dinner as a "candidate for governor" instead of a "candidate for president," warned that complex problems beset the nation.

"No living American knows more about such problems than Harriman," Stevenson said.

The Illinois governor said the Republican party is "bereft of common purposes, policy, principles or program" and told guests that "omens are good" for a Democratic victory in November.

Further Talks Slated In Telegraph Dispute

Washington—(U.P.)—Leaders of the AFL Commercial Telegraphers Union scheduled further talks with Western Union officials Friday but indicated that the telegraph strike will not end on the company's terms.

Federal mediators also were to attend the meeting Friday afternoon to push for settlement of the 18-day walkout of 30,000 clerks, telegraphers and messengers.

Still on the bargaining table was a company proposal for a 60-day strike truce to permit bargaining by "calm judgment." The company said it would continue pre-strike wage rates and other contract terms during this period.

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Truman Might Seize Press and Radio In Case of Emergency

Washington—(U.P.)—President Truman shocked some of the nation's top newspaper editors by suggesting that he might claim constitutional power to seize the press and radio if he thought it necessary in an emergency.

The question came up Thursday at the biggest news conference Mr. Truman has ever held. More than 350 members of the American Society of Newspaper Editors joined 150 regular Washington correspondents for the session, held in the big auditorium of the Smithsonian Institute.

Reply to Question

The shocker, to some of the editors, was his cryptic reply to this question:

"If it is proper under your inherent powers to seize the steel mills, can you tell us whether in your opinion it is proper to seize the newspapers and radio stations?"

Mr. Truman replied sternly that under similar circumstances, the president has to do whatever he believes is best for the country.

There was considerable disagreement among the editors as to just what Mr. Truman meant by that reply.

Could Take Everything

ASNE President Alexander F. Jones said he thought that "the President meant that he has the power to take over steel... it would be putting words in his mouth to say anything else."

Walter M. Harrison, Oklahoma City, former president of the society, said, "I think he meant he could take over the papers, radio and everything else. If that isn't on the edge of totalitarianism, I don't know what is."

Robert N. Hitt Jr., editor of the Charleston, S. C. Evening Post, brushed aside Mr. Truman's statement as "just absurd."

R. H. Kirkpatrick, editor of

New Street Lights Being Installed

Installation of new street lights on Central and Riverside avenues was under way here this morning, according to California Oregon Power company officials. They stated that about 160 new lights of various types will be installed as received on Medford streets during the next 60 to 90 days.

Seventeen new mercury vapor lights will be installed on Central and Riverside avenues and Front and Bartlett streets, they said. Plans also call for new lights of other varieties on Central and Riverside avenues and Court street and for improved lights on East and West Main street.

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Largest Landowner Of Area Beginning Development Work

Indications Seen In Officers' Hints

Camp White has been slated for partial reactivation as an Army stand-by training camp, may never be constructed, it was hinted today.

C. C. Hoover, owner of most of the property on which the reactivated camp would be located, said today he is going ahead with "extensive development" of the land on the basis of indications to him that the camp never will be reactivated.

Officials Give Hints

He said it has been intimated to him by Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Swing, commanding general of the 6th Army, and by N. S. Green, project manager in the Army engineers office in Seattle, that the camp either will not be built, or will be considerably delayed.

The Department of the Army has never given any clear-cut, definite and detailed public report of its intentions regarding the camp, but from time to time has issued statements, some of which were conflicting. As a result, those who for one reason or another are interested in the camp plans, including Hoover, have been unsure just what the Army intends to do.

Hoover Nothing More

Until recently, negotiations were under way between the Army and Hoover, and a few others, for land east of the highway where the camp had tentatively been located, for purchase or exchange agreements. But Hoover said today he has heard nothing more from the Army regarding the acquisition of his land.

Early in April he was told to go ahead and plant crops on the land, and subsequent indications of the Army's lack of interest impelled him to go ahead with his development work, he reported.

In another development, which added somewhat to the confusion surrounding the Army's plans, The Mail Tribune received a telephone call this morning from Congressman Harris Ellsworth in which he quoted a letter from the Army telling him that a railway spur to the proposed camp site has been deleted from the plans.

Other than the deletion of the spur line, the letter generally confirmed previous information as to the size, location and extent of the proposed site.

The letter to Ellsworth was in response to his request for a report on the progress of the camp. It pointed out that the land east of the highway originally was acquired during World War II, and has utilities, footings and other basic necessities to support housing and utilities for 20,000 troops.

The troop housing area west of the highway is now used by industry, and the Army letter said that to reacquire the land through condemnation would be expensive and would upset the local economy.

Therefore, the letter added, the Army proposes to limit troop housing to the land east of the highway, although it will still need some facilities west of the highway where the land is already federally owned.

No Other Land

Unless the international situation changes so that reactivation of Camp White on a full scale becomes mandatory, additional land will not be acquired east of Crater Lake highway, the letter said. All these are statements which have previously been reported.

On February 26 it was learned that the acreage of the proposed camp had been cut to some 1,300 acres, and the week following Sen. Guy Cordon reported that contracts for construction including utilities, roads, railroad spur and a telephone and telegraph building would be let April 15, with work to begin about May 1.

However, early in April, landowners in the area were told that it would be permissible to plant crops there, indicating a delay in plans. No further word has been forthcoming on the dates contracts will be let.

Cost Estimated

The information from Senator Cordon indicated that the cost of the installation had been estimated at about \$629,000. The reason given for the deletion of the spur, in the letter to Ellsworth, was because the Southern Pacific had recently completed construction of a spur track from Tolo to the Camp White industrial area.

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