

Harry Truman Memoirs Seek to Correct 'Misinformation' on His Early Life

Editor's note: The following dispatch is based on the second installment of former President Truman's memoirs published in Life Magazine.

Washington — (U.P.) — Ex-President Truman in the second installment of his memoirs today sought to correct "misinformation" about his early political life, including the idea that he was the product of a corrupt Missouri machine.

Unfolding for Life Magazine the story of his rocky road to the White House, the former Chief Executive told of an abject political path in 1940 by the late President Roosevelt. Mr. Truman said F.D.R. "encouraged" one of his chief political foes in Missouri when the Missouri senator was trying to win the Democratic renomination.

Mr. Truman recited the story without recrimination and told how he successfully overcame the difficulty posed by Mr. Roosevelt by campaigning in behalf of New Deal policies. Later, in 1944, he and F. D. R. were running mates.

The former President acknowledged that the Kansas City Pendergast machine got him his start in politics, but said he was an independent agent thereafter. He also acknowledged that the conviction of the late "Boss Tom" Pendergast was a political liability, but said it did not bother him personally because he felt he possessed an "unblemished record."

Details of Childhood

The second installment of the Truman memoirs supplied lengthy details of his childhood, his World War I service and his subsequent failure in the haberdashery business, a failure which he attributed to economic conditions brought on by the Harding

Sprague To Receive Lovejoy Fellowship

Waterville, Me. — (U.P.) — Oregon editor and former governor Charles A. Sprague has been selected as Colby college Lovejoy fellow for 1955, the school has announced.

Sprague, editor and published of the Oregon Statesman of Salem, Ore., will address a Colby convocation Oct. 6 and receive an honorary doctorate of laws. Sprague was Republican Governor of Oregon from 1934 to 1943.

The Lovejoy fellowship, awarded annually, was established in memory of Elijah Parish Lovejoy, 1826 Colby graduate who was killed by a mob in Alton, Ill., for his editorial crusade against slavery.

administration. Mr. Truman said F.D.R.'s attempt to curb his political future came early in 1940 when he decided to seek a second term in the Senate.

He said Mr. Roosevelt offered "in a round-about way" to put him on the Interstate Commerce Commission, but he turned it down and said he would fight for renomination even if he received only one vote.

"The President really was encouraging Lloyd C. Stark, my opponent," said Mr. Truman who won the election. "When Mr. Truman first entered the Senate in 1935, he was nearly 51, but he said he felt 'as timid as a country boy arriving on the campus of a great university for his first year.'"

His first term in the Senate gave him the happiest days of his life. He found most of his Senate colleagues to be "some of the finest men I have ever known."

Without naming them, he said there were "only two senators with whom I would rather not associate and whose word I did not trust."

Although beset by bad eyesight at an early age, knowing that he could not go to college because his father could not afford it, Mr. Truman remembered a decidedly happy boyhood.

From the time he entered grade school, he worked hard to learn and to please his teachers. By the time he was 14 he had read "all the books" in the Independence Library and gone through the Bible three times.

Most of Mr. Truman's experiences as a World War I artillery captain were told previously but there were numerous new personal reminiscences, one particularly revealing.

The ex-President told how on

his first leave in France after the armistice, while comrades were whooping it up in the joy spots of Paris, he spent "three happy days" going to the opera.

He went to the Folies Bergere, too, but found it to be "a disgusting performance."

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SECTION TWO

Back Stairs: Ike Cooperative Patient

By WARREN DUFFEE
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Denver — (U.P.) — Backstairs at the temporary White House:

President Eisenhower is a cooperative patient during his hospitalization because of a heart attack, although the close confinement undoubtedly will become more chafing as the days wear on and he begins to feel better.

The Chief Executive picked up noticeably in spirits when he was allowed to eat substantial food on the third day of his hospitalization.

The meals are not heavy and the portions are modest. But the President usually eats everything the Fitzsimons Army hospital dietitian gives him.

Although he probably would like more, the President hasn't complained.

Mr. Eisenhower's doctors are not requiring him to wear one of those long, one-piece hospital gowns that men hate.

He wears his own pajamas.

The President so far hasn't been allowed to do any reading, even of the light, recreational type. Nor does he have a radio in his eighth floor room at Fitzsimons.

The doctors want complete quiet, with any possible distraction eliminated in the interest of total rest.

The tremendous influx of tele-

vision and radio equipment into the cramped White House press headquarters at Lowry Air Force base after the President's attack has badly strained the building's power system.

The makeshift press room is in a converted hallway, with big windows which normally allow plenty of light.

But the overburdened power system picked a grey, gloomy day to break down.

Newsmen were almost literally in the dark for 15 minutes, while Air Force electricians located the overloaded circuit and replaced fuses.



LOVER of outdoors is Joanne Copeland, San Mateo, theme girl of annual Grand National Livestock Exposition at San Francisco Cow Palace, Oct. 28-Nov. 6. (International)

Oregon Reappraisal Program Outlined

Salem — (U.P.) — Oregon's reappraisal program was outlined by Tax Commissioner Samuel B. Stewart at a sectional meeting of the fourth annual conference of the Western States association of Tax Administrators in the capitol here yesterday.

Oregon Tax Commissioner Ray Smith presided over another panel discussion on attaining uniformity of policies and procedures in the apportionment of income between states. The income section toured the income tax division of the Oregon State Tax commission this afternoon.

Wives of the delegates toured to the Oregon coast today, with luncheon at the Dorchester house.

The three-day conference will conclude tomorrow with election of officers.

Khrushchev Sends Message to President

Denver — (U.P.) — Communist party boss Nikita S. Khrushchev has sent President Eisenhower a message of "distress" at the latter's illness and wished him a speedy recovery "with all my heart," the temporary White House has disclosed.

Khrushchev's message was one of scores from officials of many foreign countries made public as the President continued to progress in his fight to overcome the damage of a coronary thrombosis suffered early Saturday.

Many of the messages had been made public earlier at various points, including greetings from Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Soviet President Klementi Voroshilov.

Salem — (U.P.) — Lyle Parker, nurseryman with the Washington State Forestry Department, has been named assistant nursery superintendent at the Oregon Forest Nursery near Corvallis.

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