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Truman Says He Learned in 1946 Potsdam Conference That Russia Was Not in Earnest About Peace

Washington — (U.P.) — Former President Harry S. Truman said today he learned at the 1946 Potsdam Big Three conference that Russia's leaders then were "plagued about peace" and "not in earnest about peace."

In the fourth installment of his memoirs written for Life magazine, Mr. Truman said his personal meeting with Soviet Marshal Josef Stalin at Potsdam enabled me to see at first hand what we had to face in postwar relations with Russia.

He said he decided then "that I would not allow the Russians any part in the control of Japan" after VJ Day.

Devoted To Meeting

The fourth installment of the ex-President's memoirs, devoted entirely to the Potsdam meeting with Stalin and British Prime Ministers Winston Churchill and Clement Attlee, also contained these footnotes to history:

1. Mr. Truman became so "impatient" with Stalin's obstructionism and Churchill's "long speeches" that "I felt like blowing the roof off the palace." At the third session of the conference he got so fed up with a pro-

longed British-Russian wrangle over Yugoslavia that he told Stalin and Churchill "if they did not get to the main issues, I was going to pick up and go home."

2. In a letter to his mother and sister Mary at the end of the conference, Mr. Truman wrote: "You never saw such pig-headed people as are the Russians. I hope I never have to hold another conference with them—but of course I will."

Got Renewed Pledge

3. Stalin's arrival at Potsdam was "to get from Stalin a personal reaffirmation" of Russia's Yalta conference promise to enter the war against Japan. Mr. Truman got such a renewed pledge from Stalin "in the very first days of the conference."

But later Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov suggested that the United States and Britain "address a formal request to the Soviet government" for help against Japan. Mr. Truman regarded this as a "cynical" Russian maneuver to grab the glory for defeating Japan. He resolved not to "let Russia reap the fruits of a long and bitter and gallant effort in which she had

no part."

5. The renewal of Russia's promise to enter the Far East war was "the only secret agreement made at Potsdam."

6. Mr. Truman found the Russian leaders "relentless bargainers forever pressing for every advantage to themselves." "It did not seem possible that only a few miles from the war-shattered seat of Nazi power, the head of any government would not bend every effort to attain a real peace. Yet I was not altogether disillusioned to find now that the Russians were not in earnest about peace."

Inconclusive Arguments

Mr. Truman's day-by-day record of the Potsdam negotiations showed that the three powers argued, sometimes sharply and nearly always inconclusively, about Italy and her former colonies, Yugoslavia, the puppet governments Russia was setting up in Eastern Europe, Poland's western frontier with Germany, and control of the Dardanelles Straits.

At the end of the conference, they wrangled over wording of the communique, or as Mr. Tru-

Large Vegetation Area Appears on Planet Mars

Washington — A new blue-green area on the red face of Mars, almost the size of Texas and believed to be living vegetation, has produced the greatest change in Martian geography since the planet was first mapped 125 years ago.

The discovery is announced by Dr. E. C. Slipher, a distinguished astronomer and leader of the 1954 National Geographic-Lowell Observatory Mars Expedition to photograph the planet from South Africa.

Last summer, as it will again in 1956, Mars set off a worldwide study by spinning closer to the earth than at any time since 1941. Results of its near approach are gradually being revealed by scientific scrutiny of thousands of photographs collected by an International Mars Committee. Twenty thousand photographs were made by Dr. Slipher alone.

Unexpected Change

The new dark marking, covering approximately 200,000 square miles near the great Thoth Canal, was totally unexpected. Never before has such a new dark spot appeared except as an increase of an existing dark area.

The remarkable transformation, Dr. Slipher reports, indicates that the division between

Martian desert and dark areas is not necessarily fixed or permanent; one may change to the other at any time. It helps support the conclusion that Mars is not a dead world, that the darkening is due to the growth of plant life.

Biologists suggest that this life may be akin to lichens that grows on earth's barren rocks and mountaintops. To learn more, Dr. Slipher says, such plants soon may be grown in the laboratory under the physical and chemical conditions thought to exist on Mars.

From the photographic record that the Mars Committee made with special filters, cameras, and earth's neighboring planet have lenses, other new features of been found. One is the existence

of faint belts or bands in the atmosphere above the face of Mars, less distinct than those of Jupiter and Saturn, but indicating definite atmospheric circulation.

Thin Air and Ice

Because Mars is only half earth's size and thus has only feeble gravity, its atmosphere is thinner than that at the top of Mount Everest. Very little, if indeed any, free oxygen remains, and little water vapor. Yet brilliant blue-white clouds were seen, as well as gleaming polar caps and great "yellow clouds" of blowing dust.

With filters capable of piercing the violet haze of the Martian atmosphere, Dr. Slipher watched spring turn to summer on the red and green planet.

The visible south polar cap warmed and slowly shrank. Green fringes formed along the edge of the retreating sheet of ice or hoarfrost.

The great blue-green areas began to mark the orange-red desert surface—the so-called "wave of darkness" that is the strongest evidence that Mars is still a living planet.

"That these dark areas are vegetation and that the change in color is somehow connected with release of water from the melting, shrinking polar icecap is no longer seriously doubted by most observers," Dr. Slipher notes.

"In fact, all the various Martian living planet, that life of some sort exists there."

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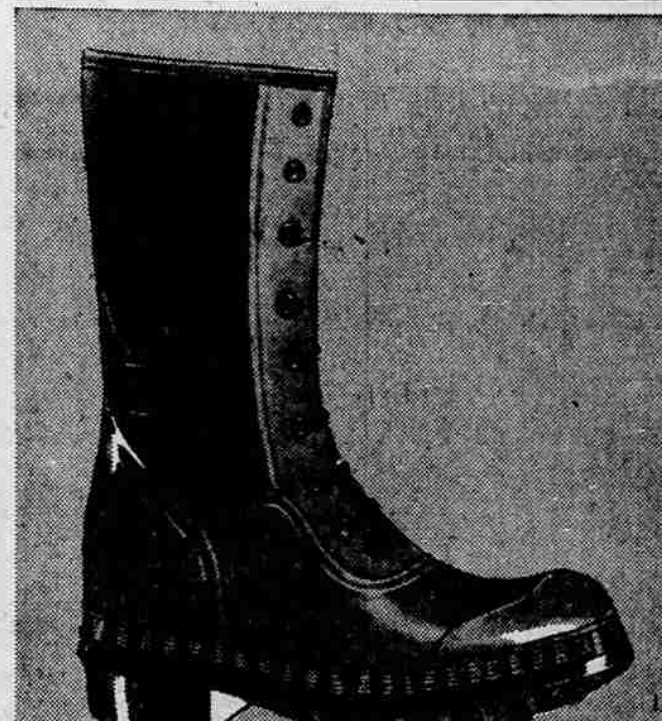


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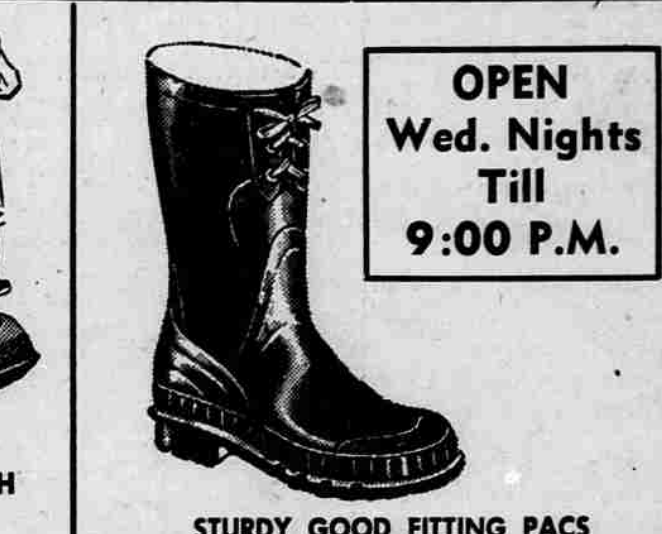
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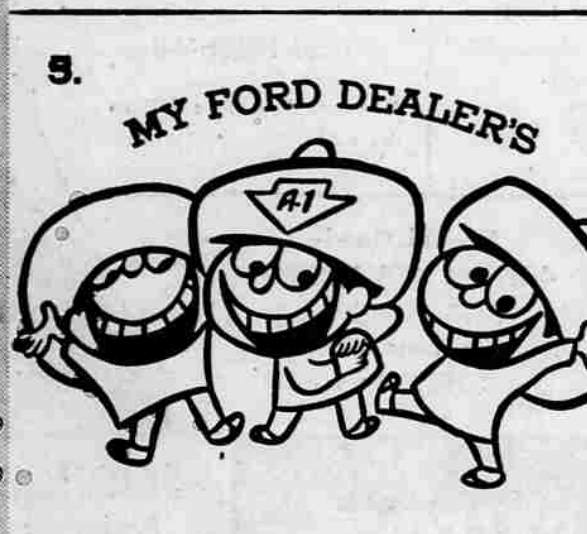
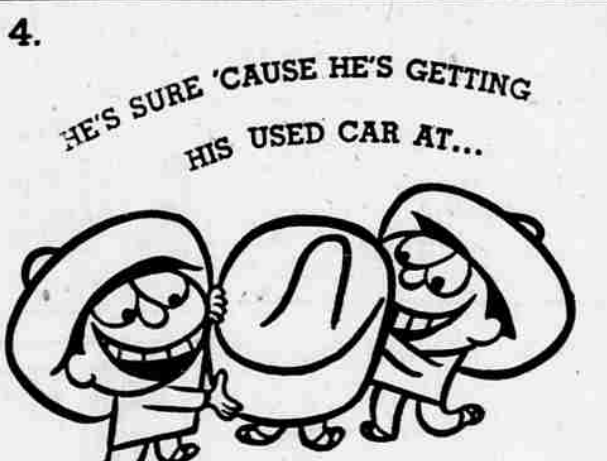
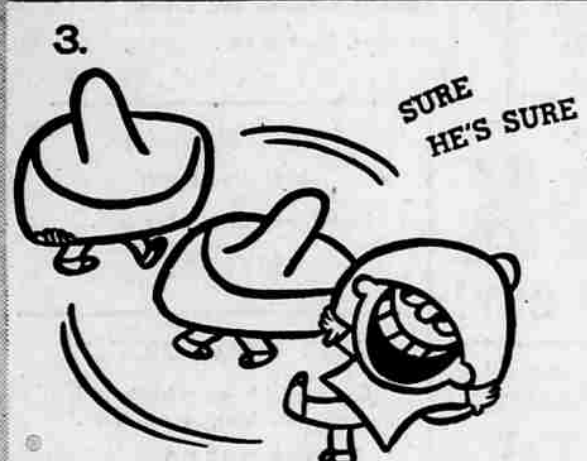
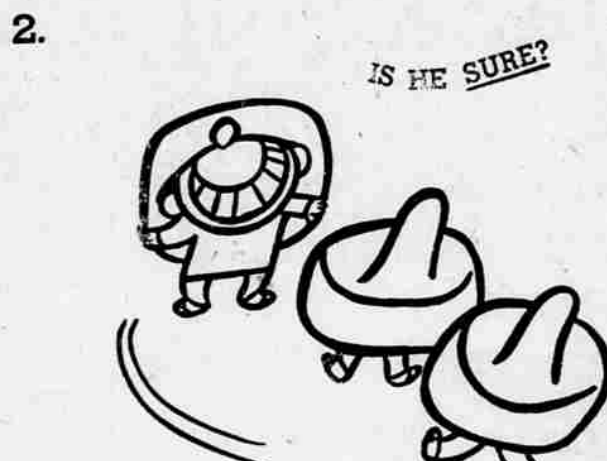
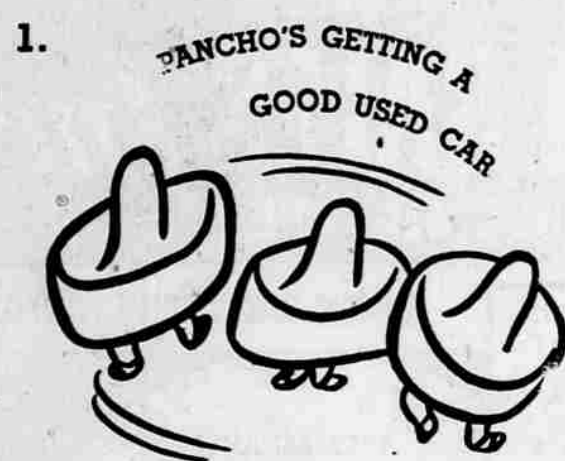


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