

Truman To Give All-Out Effort To Elect Democratic Candidate

Editor's Note: With the pressure increasing among contenders for the Democratic presidential nomination, the views of former President Harry S. Truman take on added significance. The following dispatch is written by a United Press correspondent who has accompanied Mr. Truman on his European tour and, according to members of the party closest to him, closely follows the former president's views at this time.

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Salzburg, Austria — (U.P.) — Harry Truman, in fighting trim for the forthcoming political campaign, will go down the line for any candidate named by the Democratic convention.

But a source close to the former President said today he believed no one—not even Bess Truman—knows if Mr. Truman has any personal preference for the job of Democratic standard bearer.

Mr. Truman has said he will attend the Democratic convention as "a private citizen and on-looker." He has stated emphatically and repeatedly that he is not a candidate.

Reporters who have been accompanying him on his trip about Europe believe that he is not being coy, that he means just what he says.

Yet they keep asking if he would submit to a draft—a subject which Mr. Truman likes to call a "hypothetical question." He has avoided answering it directly.

Might Accept Draft

The feeling of those who know him, however, is that his answer might be a qualified yes. They believe he definitely does not wish to be nominated.

If there was only himself and Mrs. Truman to think about, circumstances conceivably might arise which would demand his candidacy. But Mr. Truman thinks them so unlikely that he is not even taking them into serious consideration.

One very remote possibility would be a deadlock at the convention which only Mr. Truman's candidacy could resolve.

But the former president does not believe for one minute that the Democratic party is so short of strong and willing candidates that he might be the only man who could end a deadlock.

His sole role at the convention, therefore, will not be that of a possible candidate. It will be instead that of a man anxious to help his party pick the best man for the job. Before the convention, he will continue to keep a close watch on all the possible candidates without committing himself to any of them.

At the convention itself, he will try to preserve unity—while doing his best to help select a man who can lead the Democrats to victory in November.

A number of persons have claimed that Mr. Truman leans toward New York Gov. Averell

Harriman as a candidate. But the ex-president does not consider it in the best interests of his party to be identified with any particular candidate at the present time. He probably won't announce a choice until the convention actually is underway in Chicago.

Will Support Candidate

Once the delegates have gathered, however, Mr. Truman's role as the Democratic party's only living ex-president and elder statesman may do much to enhance the convention's effectiveness and harmony.

When the candidate is chosen, Mr. Truman will do everything in his power to insure his election, even to the point of helping in a whistle-stop campaign if he thinks the party needs him for that task.

Mr. Truman has no doubts that the Democrats can win this November against any Republican candidate, including President Eisenhower. He also believes they will win if they get the issues across effectively to the people. He wants a hard-hitting campaign by the Democrats, with the party leaders missing no chance to bring their arguments directly to the voters.

He believes there is plenty of ammunition for such a campaign, including what he feels to be failures of the Eisenhower administration's farm policy.

The 72-year-old Mr. Truman is in top physical form for a hard campaign himself. Even though he was hampered by a torn ligament in his ankle, he kept reporters breathlessly puffing after him as he looked at the sights of Europe.

In effect, private citizen Harry Truman believes the Republicans are going to have a real fight on their hands—and he believes that the same Mr. Truman probably will be giving them some of their hardest knocks.



HAPPY CONFERENCE is held by Senator Price Daniels (D-Tex.) (left), author of bill providing possible death sentence for those convicted of selling heroin to youths, and Harry Anslinger, U. S. commissioner of narcotics, after passage of the measure. (International Soundphoto)

Demos Lead State House Nominations

Portland — (U.P.) — Monroe Sweetland, Democratic nominee for secretary of state and former national committeeman for his party, said today that the Democrats, for the first time in the history of Oregon, nominated more candidates for seats in the state House of Representatives than did the Republicans.

Sweetland's announcement said that the Democratic party has candidates for 59 of the 60 seats in the lower chamber while the Republicans nominated 57 legislators.

More Navy Vessels Arrive in Portland

Portland — (U.P.) — The arrival of three additional Navy ships, a rehearsal for the Festival court's queen selection and a visit of the junior court to a Hollywood Lions club luncheon, highlighted the activities scheduled for today, the second day of official rose festival week in Portland.

Queen Nancy Wyly of the 1955 festival officially opened the week in a proclamation issued yesterday at the debut of the 1956 court at the annual Portland Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Osaka, Japan — (U.P.) — Some 30 persons were injured Monday night when a mortared ceiling panel in a downtown theater collapsed and fell on them.

Geisha Union Moves To Prevent Influx

Nagano, Japan — (U.P.) — National Geisha Union moved today to prevent an influx of prostitutes into its ranks as a result of the anti-prostitution law enacted by the Diet last month.

The geisha, professional entertainers, take pride in their name which means "persons of art." They held a national convention at the Kami-Yamada Hot Springs resort and adopted a series of resolutions calling for:

1. Polishing up their dancing and singing so they will not be mistaken for displaced street-walkers.
2. Screening the background of each applicant for any connection with prostitution.
3. Requiring rigid examination of applicant's abilities at singing, dancing or musical accompaniment.

Sun Rises Late for Train Passengers

Bath, England — (U.P.) — The sun was an hour late rising today for passengers aboard a Penzance to London train.

The train's engine broke down midway through a 13.4-mile-long tunnel just as most sleeping car passengers were awaking.

They spent more than an hour in darkness while trainmen walked out to call for a relief engine.

MIXUP COSTS 60 DAYS

Chicago — (U.P.) — Arthur Trease gets out of jail today—60 days late. Judge Alphonse Wells said he had meant to sentence Trease to seven months on a traffic charge, but that Trease had been kept nine months through a misinterpretation. Trease's plight was discovered when he wrote a newspaper that "I think there must have been some kind of mixup."

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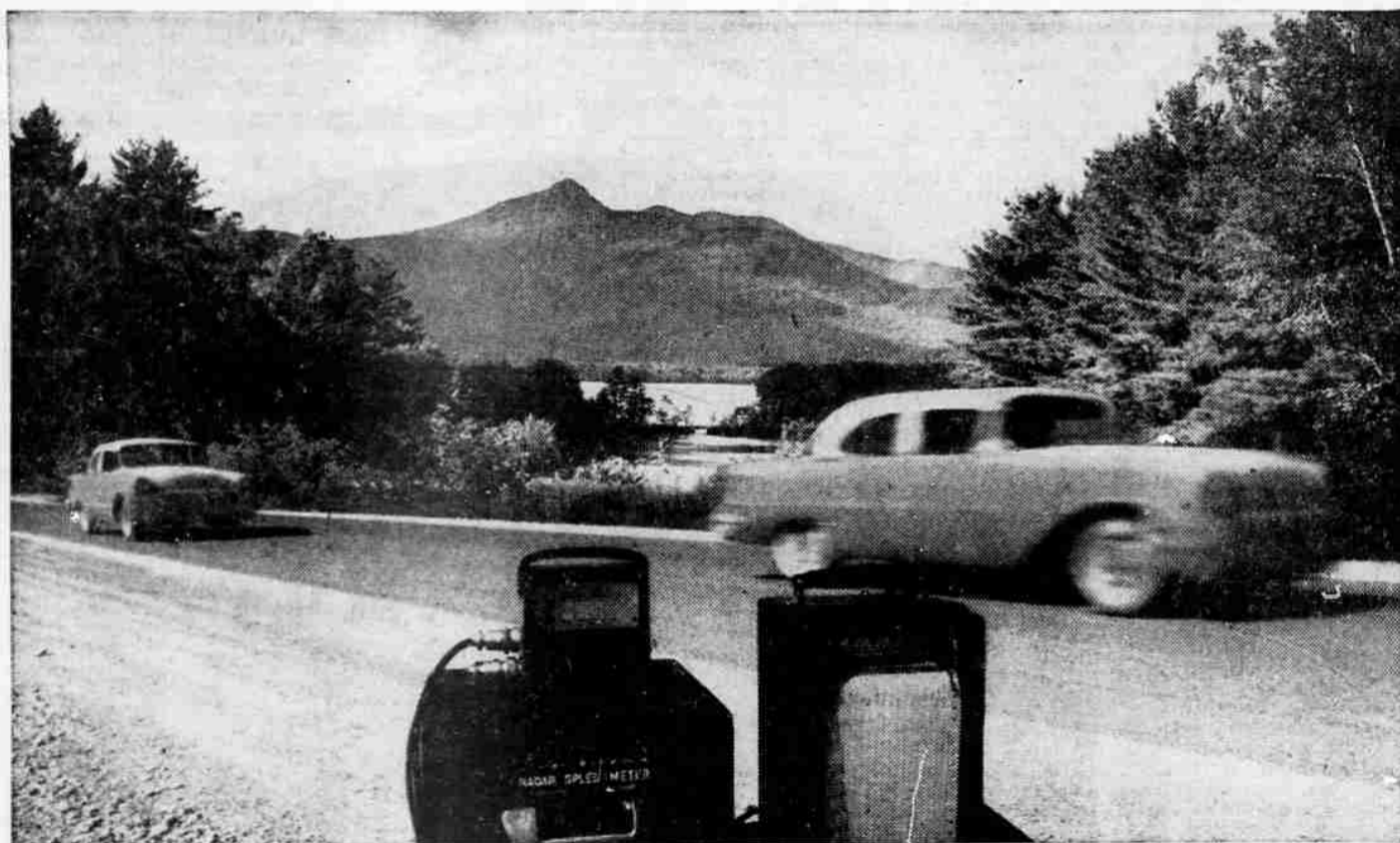
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