

Truman: Americans Have Capacity To Rise To Challenge When Threatened

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This is not the first time this country has fallen behind a nation with aggressive designs concentrating all of its resources on production for conquest. But once aroused, invariably we have overtaken and swiftly surpassed such aggressors. Arrogant dictators never seem to learn the capacity of the American people to rise to a challenge once their freedom is threatened. Khrushchev is today repeating that historic mistake of underestimating and misjudging the spirit and capacity of the American people and other free nations. The Communist boss of

Russia is, in fact, doing us a service in his efforts to frighten us.
But let us not shut our eyes to the fact that we did let down our guard. The consequence of our mistake could be grave, indeed, unless we quickly remedy the situation. Our survival may be at stake.
No Dereliction of Duty
No longer can we risk a single moment of complacency, nor the beguiling of our citizens with a

false sense of security through pronouncements instead of action, nor can we afford dereliction of duty, passing of the buck and inter-service rivalry and bickering.

Our immediate task is to bring into production the long range missile. And we must hasten the launching of an earth satellite. An earth satellite, for our peaceful purposes, would aid scientists the world over to learn more the shape and the secrets of the space around us. But let us beware of the prospect that, in evil hands, an earth satellite might be employed as a weapon of war. Some of the Soviet propaganda is already hinting at such a prospect.

But we are not going to produce long range missiles by divided authority in any of the existing departments. I found that out during my Administration. As soon as I saw that program was lagging due to inter-service rivalry, I called in one of the top production engineering men of industry and one of the most highly respected in the nation. I placed him in full charge of the missile program responsible only to the President and with instructions to knock heads together wherever it was necessary to break through bottlenecks. And I assured him that I would back him to the hilt.

Encouraging Progress
By 1952 this program had made encouraging progress, but with the change of administration, the head of this operation was one of the first to be dismissed, although he was of the same political affiliation as the new administration. I can only assume that the reason for his dismissal was the fact that he had been appointed by another president.

What happened in the ensuing years represents a sorry chapter in the story of our defense. I wonder what our position would be today if we had followed an irrefutable and divided and parti-

san course when we began to harness atomic energy and produce an atomic bomb; when we later launched a crash program to develop the hydrogen bomb, and when we undertook to produce the first nuclear submarine. We would have lost precious time, and we would have run the risk of losing the race, first to the Germans and then to the Soviets.

But whatever mistakes we have made, time, in my judgment, is as yet on our side, providing we take immediate action. Neither panic nor recriminations will avail us anything. What could be bad would be Russia's succeeding in coming between us and our Allies in her grand strategy of divide and conquer. This is why I welcome the resumption of closer collaboration between Great Britain and the United States. I think part of our difficulties in foreign affairs has developed from our failure to understand and cooperate with our friends and Allies in vitally strategic areas. The coming of Prime Minister Macmillan to the United States for the purpose, among other things, of bringing about the pooling of scientific knowledge and facilities between our two nations will go a long way to strengthen our defense efforts against Communist imperialism.

Act Needs Amending
I am hopeful that Congress will see the wisdom and the need of agreeing to amend the McMahon Act so that the President may be empowered to exchange information with the British. Let us forget, the British initiated the atomic bomb project and then turned it over to us, thereby helping it immeasurably to an earlier success.

It was natural for us to want to safeguard the secrets of the atomic bomb, since it was an awesome weapon and a major deterrent against any new despotic military aggressor.

The McMahon Act was the statutory expression of the American mood at that time to retain sole custody of the atomic bomb secrets in the United States. Since Britain had been a partner with us in the initiation of the atomic bomb and a

close Ally during two world wars, I, for one, felt that Canada and Great Britain should be allowed a closer association with us in this field. But for all practical purposes at that time Canada and Britain were in no economic position to manufacture the bomb. Both had reason to expect that American possession of the bomb would safeguard their security as well as our own.

Prevented Research Benefit
In the course of time the McMahon Act served to prevent us from having the benefit of the latest research of Britain and Canada, and Britain felt compelled on her own to duplicate at great hardship the construction of and experiments with nuclear bombs. I think the time has come to stop fooling ourselves that we know all the answers or can forever maintain a monopoly of any scientific development. Therefore, within reasonable safeguards our security would be served best by cooperating in a two-way exchange of information between the British and us.

Our next important task is to take a hard and realistic look at our total national budget and with particular attention on defense.

In my judgment the defense budget should be determined by the realities of the world conflict we are in, rather than primarily on the basis of our understandable and proper desire to reduce expenses. Our appropriations for defense — without waste and certainly without duplication — must be based on the grave requirements of our security and not on the premise that we are living in a normal world at peace and that we can afford to relax. We should fit our budget to our defense needs and not our defense needs to our budget.

Powerful Adversary
The Sputnik has reminded us again that we are confronted by a resourceful and powerful adversary. We ought not to be taken in by frequent attempts of the Soviets to throw us off balance by talks of peaceful co-existence when we see that every move they make is calculated to achieve world domina-

tion.
The one indomitable obstacle to their ambition is the military, economic and political strength of the United States and her Free Allies. That is why we need to give security priority over our comforts, seeking to balance the budget through personal sacrifices rather than by national weakness. The resources of our nation are immense, and our people, like all free determined people, will meet challenges that enslaved people under dictatorships never do.
I would suggest that the Ad-

ministration undertake a sweeping reappraisal of its military requirements and pay due regard to our growing need for scientific research and personnel. We need to attract not only our best scientific minds but to also encourage our best students to higher education and devotion to pure science on which our modern world depends.

If this nation gets the proper kind of leadership, it will make all the sacrifices required of it to meet the new challenge to peace as it always has in the past.

Highway Death Toll Decreasing

Chicago —(AP)— Safety experts today predicted American motorists can save more than 1,000 lives this year if they continue their "encouraging" improvement in the traffic toll.

The National Safety Council reported at least 800 lives already have been saved in the first nine months of the year, climaxed by a nine per cent decrease in traffic fatalities in September.

The September traffic toll was 3,380 as compared with 3,710 for the same month last year. It was the ninth straight time the toll has gone down or remained unchanged in the last 10 months.

The highway fatality count for the first nine months of this year was 28,110, a decrease of three per cent over last year's toll of 28,910 for the same period.

The council termed the current traffic trend in the nation encouraging, and lauded drivers, pedestrians and traffic enforcement officers for reducing the toll.

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Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

London—Prof. Anatoli A. Blagonravov, Soviet scientist who attended the recent conference on rockets and satellites in Washington:

"In rocket techniques the U.S.A. is not doing badly but it is far behind the U.S.S.R."

Washington—Walter Reuther, United Auto Workers president, in saying the American labor movement must root out its corrupt union officials:

"We are demanding decency and morality because without them our movement will degenerate and die."

Maebashi, Japan—Deputy prosecutor Kakuichi Sugimoto, in charging that Army Specialist William S. Girard deliberately committed violence in the firing range death of Mrs. Naka Sakai:

"It is adequate to say that there was intention on the part of the accused to commit violence. That is enough to establish the charge of 'inflicting bodily injury leading to death.'"

Chicago — Architect Frank Lloyd Wright, commenting on American architecture:

"We have inherited our cities from the medieval cities of Europe. Centralization is not essential to our life and is an impediment to the good life."

Chicago—Poet Carl Sandburg, in praise of his hometown, Chicago, and its buildings:

"When one tall skyscraper is torn down

"To make room for a taller one to go up

"Who takes down and puts up those skyscrapers?

"Man—the little two-legged joker . . . man."

HILTS Regular PTA Meeting Held

By MRS. M. F. CAVIN

Hilts—The regular meeting of the Hilts PTA was held Thursday, Oct. 16, in the cafeteria room of the school house.

Short talks on "How Our School Board Functions" were given by Mrs. Audomar De Clerck and Mario Michelson. Two accordion solos and one duet were played by Marcia Cavin and Robert Laustalot, after which a short business meeting was held conducted by President Mrs. Don Ward.

A report on the progress of the County Fair Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. at the club house was given. The 1957 and 1958 budget, proposed by the budget and finance committee was adopted.

Refreshments were served by hostesses Mrs. Audomar De Clerck and Mrs. Walt Laustalot.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Sief were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Lindner in Mt. Shasta.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ayres drove to the Lava Beds Sunday to do some hunting.
Mrs. Goldie Sharp of Susanville was a recent guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Fremeyer, and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Maupin visited in town Tuesday on their return from Klamath Falls and vicinity. They are on a month's vacation before moving to their new home on the Parker ranch near Callahan.

The four children of Mr. and Mrs. James Cain of Ashland were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Van De Weghe while their parents were helping to harvest potatoes in the eastern section of the county.

Recent week end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Caston were Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Rider and Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Rider Jr of Weaverville, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dettmar left Thursday for Westwood on a business trip. They returned Saturday evening.

Callers on Wednesday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ayres were Mrs. Verna McCandless and Mrs. Maxine Barnett of Medford.

Mrs. Walter Wealand and Joe Wealand of Upland, Calif., visited Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Italo Marin. They con-

tinued on to Central Point to the home of Mrs. Marin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Booth.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry De Jarnett of Talent visited friends here Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Studley visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ozzie Bernheisel. They live in Idaho and at one time Studley was an employer of Bernheisel's.

The 11th birthday of Kenneth Preston was celebrated Oct. 16 by a family dinner at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Preston. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Walt Laustalot and sons, Bobby and Tommy, Carolyn Preston, and Maria Michelson.

Eleven members of the Hilts Community club met at the home of Mrs. William Wiley Oct. 24. Canasta was played with prizes being awarded to Mrs. Frank Graves, high; Mrs. Ozzie Bernheisel, second high; and Mrs. Frank Ayres, low.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kunkel are moving to Hornbrook for the winter months from their home on North Hungry creek.

Mrs. Margaret Weston of Scott Valley is convalescing from a recent illness at the home of her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Maguire, at the Hilts hospital.

Mrs. Dorrance Buger and daughter, Carolyn, of Ashland visited friends in Hilts Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilcox and family were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilcox in Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Goodwin and girls of Montague were week end guests at the Ozzie Bernheisel home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gaines, Mrs. Laurine Kent and son, Mark, of Central Point were overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gwinn Saturday night.

Mrs. Fred Haynes left Tuesday for Redding where she will be the guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Haynes, and family for several days. Mr. and Mrs. Haynes are moving into their new home in that city.

Johnny Faggiato, who is attending school at Chico State college visited this week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Faggiato.

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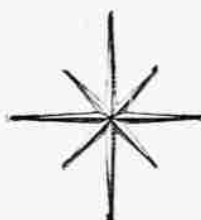
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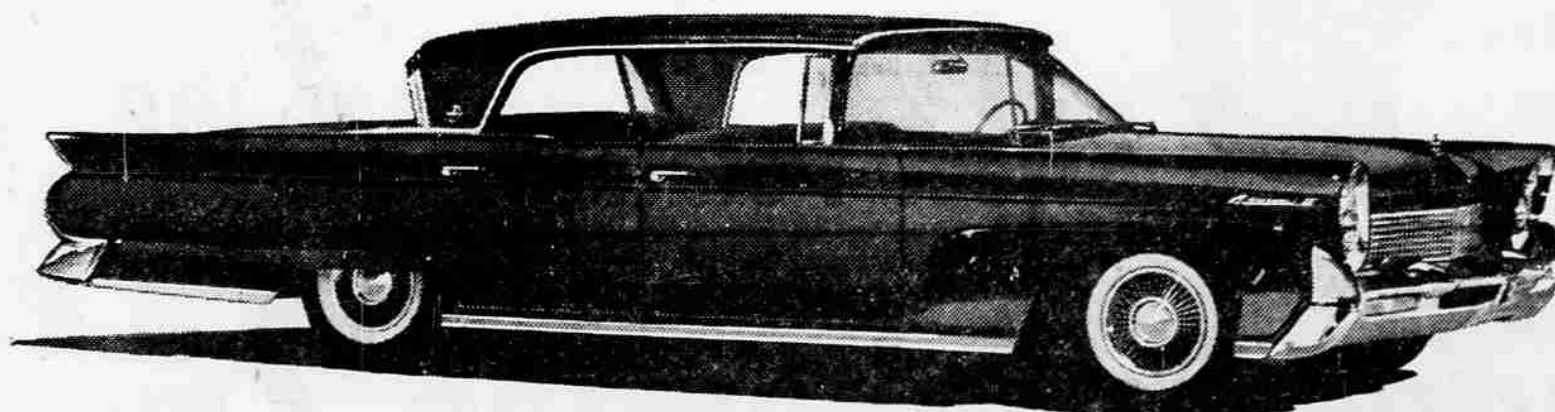
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