

Party Leaders Expected FDR To Die During Fourth Term, Book Reveals

Washington — (UPI) — Democratic Party leaders were "certain" early in 1944 that Franklin D. Roosevelt would die during a fourth term and persuaded him to accept Harry S. Truman as his running

mate partly through a ruse, according to a book just released. The book says Truman himself believed prior to the 1944 election that Roosevelt would pass away before finishing

another term, thus elevating him to the White House. The book is quoted as telling one of his friends, "it scares the hell out of me."

The new Truman Biography, "The Man From Missouri," by free-lance writer Alfred Steinberg, says Democratic bosses urged Roosevelt to seek a fourth term despite their misgivings about his waning health because "they still needed him to run in order to win the national election."

Then, on July 11, eight days before the Democratic convention, Hannegan and other party leaders met with Roosevelt at the White House to settle on a vice presidential candidate.

Steinberg says the group discussed, and dismissed for one reason or another, Wallace, Speaker Sam Rayburn, Sen. Alben Barkley, James Byrnes, Justice Douglas, and John Winant, U. S. ambassador to Britain.

When Truman was mentioned, Roosevelt raised several objections, according to the book, one of them the fact that he was about 60 years old, FDR sent for a Congressional directory to look up Truman's exact age.

To prevent FDR from finding out that Truman was 60, relatively old for a vice presidential nominee, Pauley placed the directory "unobtrusively on his lap and started an animated conversation with Roosevelt to distract him," Steinberg writes.

Roosevelt forgot the book's contents. "The ruse was successful, for FDR forgot about checking Truman's age and finally said to Hannegan, 'Bob, I think you and everyone else here want Truman.'"

Back Stairs: Missiles Missed

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Washington — (UPI) — Back stairs at the White House: With President Kennedy as honor guest aboard the mammoth nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Enterprise last week end, the Navy was a bit embarrassed by what happened during a fire power demonstration.

Highly touted surface-to-air and air-to-air guided missiles missed their target, a small red drone plane operated by remote radio control. Bob Pierpont of the Columbia Broadcasting System swears that after the second batch of vaunted missiles missed the darting red target plane, one of the foreign diplomats aboard the carrier turned to his escorting officer and said:

"Your missiles are very nice, but what my country

would like to have is one of those drone planes." Watched Assault

After the air power demonstration, the President left the carrier by helicopter and went ashore to watch a Marine amphibious assault against a North Carolina beach. Someone scribbled a card and handed it to Kennedy's military aide, Maj. Gen. Chester V. Clifton. The card said:

"Score of the game at half-time: Drones 6 Missiles 0." Possibly influenced by less-than-perfect missile shots, some members of the travel group thought the President in his farewell speech to the Atlantic Fleet task force praised the men for their "drone-killing courage."

A check of the transcript showed, however, that he was paying tribute to "your own skill and courage."

know it, but the folks down there are in for some mild crowd action on the week end of April 28-29. The President currently is planning to have British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan as a guest at Glen Ora, possibly just for a day, but maybe more.

There undoubtedly will be a heavy concentration of British, as well as American, reporters, plus photographers and television newsreel crews. To say nothing of spring sight-seers.

Press Secretary Pierre Salinger is due to end his Virgin Islands vacation this week and join the White House party in Palm Beach in a day or two. In past administrations it was almost impossible for a press secretary to get away for as much as a week or 10 days, particularly when Congress was in session.

Vinson Favored

On another political episode, the book says Truman first favored the late Chief Justice Fred Vinson as the 1952 Democratic presidential nominee. And, according to Steinberg, Truman initially wanted Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas as his 1948 vice presidential running mate.

Truman became President April 12, 1945, after Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs, Ga. The new Truman biography, published by Putnam, says that by late January or early February of 1944, Democratic party leaders noticed unmistakable signs that Roosevelt's health was failing and they "were certain that he could not live through another term."

Edwin Pauley, then treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, is quoted as saying whoever was nominated as Roosevelt's vice presidential ticket mate in the 1944 election actually was being nominated for president.

Reinforced Pounding

The book says party leaders tapped Truman and subjected FDR to "relentless pounding" to dump wartime vice President Henry Wallace from the ticket because they considered him too liberal and aloof from politics.

Steinberg identifies the leaders involved in the maneuvering as Pauley; Robert Hannegan, chairman of the Democratic National Committee and a Truman friend from Missouri; Ed Flynn, Democratic boss of the Bronx; Frank Walker, former Democratic National Chairman and FDR's Postmaster General, and Mayor Ed Kelly of Chicago.

An old Kansas City, Mo., friend, Tom Evans, is quoted as giving this summation of Truman's attitude before the 1944 Democratic convention: "Truman understood that FDR wouldn't live out his next term."

On another occasion, Steinberg says, a friend named Edward E. McKim pointed to the executive mansion and told Truman, "you're going to be living in that house before long."

Truman is quoted as replying, "Eddie, I'm afraid I am, and it scares the hell out of me."

The Medical Roundup

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Are Tranquilizers Dangerous?

These days, scores of people write to say that they are constantly taking tranquilizers. Many of them are taking the medicine without the guidance of any physician. Now they are beginning to wonder if these drugs do them harm, or perhaps already they are doing harm.

This could be. There are scores of reports in the medical literature of people who got into serious trouble either because they took too much of some tranquilizer, or were sensitive to the drug.

To illustrate: The first patient to whom I gave one of the first new tranquilizers that was discovered, promptly became jaundiced. Fortunately, she later recovered. I have seen other persons who, after taking big doses of a tranquilizer, became so deeply depressed that, for a while, they had to be hospitalized. Most persons can take a tranquilizer without difficulty, but they should know enough to quit the drug the day queer symptoms appear.

Everyone should know that many of the new drugs which now are being made by chemists are powerful, and in an occasional case, can have unpleasant as well as beneficial effects. Even if only one in 100 persons gets what we doctors call "bad side effects," the patients and the doctors must be on the watch for them. If I had to take one of the new drugs, I would get along on the smallest dose that would give me some help. With some drugs, a white blood count should be made every few weeks.

Large Doses Bring Trouble

Some people get into trouble because while trying to get complete relief from their pain or discomfort or jitteriness they take large doses of a new drug. It is well occasionally to interrupt the use of a strong drug for a week or two. For instance, last year, I got to taking a mild sedative when I woke at 5 a.m., to help me to get back to sleep and to get another two hours of needed rest. Then, I began to get a redness of the skin on my nose.

After a while, it occurred to me that the small amount of bromine in my pills might be causing my red nose. So I stopped taking the medicine, and promptly my nose became white again.

A hundred times, I have begun my study of a person with some peculiar and puzzling disease by saying, "Stop for a week all of the medicines you are taking." Many a time the person has come back to say, "That is astounding; my discomfort, or my dizziness or my numbness, or fuzzy vision, or ear noises are all gone."

Should Stop Tobacco

Among the strong drugs that some persons when ill and puzzled should try stopping is the tobacco that they have been taking in large doses. I remember the banker who had spent thousands of dollars on doctors trying, without success, to get rid of attacks in which his heart would suddenly race and, as suddenly, quiet down again.

Because he was a chain

smoker, and would not try the effect of leaving tobacco alone, I lost interest in treating him and he left. One day, I met him and could hardly recognize him because he had gained 25 much-needed pounds. He said that he had quit smoking, and he had lost his "heart spells." Other patients of mine, when they quit smoking, lost their asthma, their bronchitis, their emphysema, their dizziness, their spells of nausea or their loss of appetite.

It's important that every woman know the details of menopause. To help women better understand this phase of life and to eliminate needless fears, Dr. Alvarez has written a booklet, "Menopause and Hysterectomy." To obtain it, send 25 cents and a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, The Register and Tribune Syndicate, Box 957, Des Moines 4, Iowa.

Cargo Salvage Work Finished

Santa Barbara, Calif. — (UPI) — Salvage operations on the cargo of the freighter Chickasaw, aground off Santa Rosa island off the Southern California coast, were completed Tuesday.

The freighter went aground during winter fogs and efforts failed to free her.

During the final day of salvage operations a helicopter, operated by an Astoria, Ore., firm, struck the water but no one was injured.

All salvage crews returned to their home bases at the completion of the operations.

Go Northwest, young man—in Holiday!

Our Pacific Northwest is even more exciting today than when it captured the imagination of frontiersmen years ago. This month, Holiday tours our rugged land to get the inside story on its vigorous surge forward. You'll visit lonely places like Heceta Lighthouse, which sits ghostly white on Devil's Elbow. You'll dine 600 feet above bustling Seattle in the incredible Space Needle. You'll see magnificent views in more than 15 full-color photographs. Portland . . . Arlington . . . Olympic Peninsula . . . Mt. Ranier National Park . . . Juan de Fuca Strait . . . Vancouver . . . Victoria . . . Garibaldi Provincial Park. They're all in the May Holiday . . . and more. This is an article you'll want to keep!

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WRONG WHIZZER—Attorney Byron F. "Whizzer" White of San Diego, Calif., eyes champagne sent by friends congratulating him on what they thought was his appointment to the United States Supreme Court. President Kennedy named Byron R. "Whizzer" White to the high court. (UPI)

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