

TRUMAN PLANS REVISIONS IN GOVERNMENT

By TOM REEDY
WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—President Truman plans a sweeping government reorganization to absorb independent agencies into regular departments.

Senators, who asked to be anonymous, made this disclosure of the president's plans Wednesday.

These senators, close to Mr. Truman when he served in the legislative branch, said the chief executive is moving slowly and that it may be weeks before the first steps become apparent.

The revisions will include cabinet changes, possibly in labor, treasury and justice.

One senator, especially acquainted with Mr. Truman, told this reporter:

"The president always has believed that government should operate on a vertical basis. He is an old army man accustomed to a logical chain of command."

"The government operated on that basis for many years and it was the most effective."

Independent agencies mushroomed in the depression years as the government stepped into new regulatory capacities.

There has been a growing demand in congress for established departments to take over the functions of these agencies, a demand in which Mr. Truman is said to be heartily in accord.

The principle upon which the president is said to base his program is to have one responsible head for each department, with supervisory and advisory duties spread out to a group of subordinate executives.

The streamlining idea, it was reported, would merge such agencies as OPA and WFA within the agriculture department. Banking duties all would wind up eventually in the reconstruction finance corporation. In that connection, the senate banking committee yesterday approved legislation transferring the functions of five subsidiary corporations to RFC.

How Pacific War Stacks Up



Numbers locate points where the allies are biting pieces from Japan's empire (black areas) in the Pacific war. The heaviest fire bomb raid of the war (1) hit Nacoya, marines repulse counterattack on Okinawa (2), Chinese took Sinchang (3) and were on the outskirts of Foochow. British (4) had cleared Rangoon and were preparing to drive east and south, in the Philippines (5) Americans drove toward a junction northwest of Davao, allies were completing mop up of Tarakan (6) and Australian troops captured Wewak (7).

(AP Wirephoto)

Couple Wins Tanana Ice Break-Up Derby

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, May 17 (AP)—Tom Ringen and Rita Harding of Seward yesterday won approximately \$100,000 in the

Tanana rived ice break-up guess derby.

The pair, listed as "Tom Ringen and company," guessed 9:45 a. m. and the ice broke the rope which stops the timing clock at 9:41 a. m., the latest in the contest's 28-year history.

Internal revenue officials said

the winners each would pay approximately \$26,000 of their winnings in income taxes.

In a similar contest here the ice broke in the Chena river at 1:56 p. m. Tuesday and Dave Sanford and Lena Leonard, both of Fairbanks, pocketed \$1647.

WAR CASUALTY FIGURES NEAR MILLION MARK

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—American combat casualties since Pearl Harbor have climbed to within 14,000 of the million mark, the army and navy reported today.

Undersecretary of War Patterson placed the army's losses at 878,939 on the basis of reports through May 7 and covering fighting to about the middle of April. The navy added 107,275 to make the aggregate 986,214, an increase of 13,560 over last week's report.

Patterson also reported that up to May 9, army casualties in the Philippine campaign totaled 46,638, including 10,342 killed, 35,699 wounded and 507 missing. The Japanese, he said, have lost 237,256 in dead or prisoners during the campaign.

Since the Guadalcanal and the Papuan campaigns, Patterson said, records indicate that the number of Japanese actually counted killed by army forces, exclusive of those on Okinawa amounts to more than 360,000.

A breakdown on army casualties in all theaters as reported today and corresponding figures for the previous week:

Killed 178,854 and 175,168; wounded 544,249 and 536,029;

Nab Mouthpiece



Lt. Gen. Kurt Dittmar, above, Nazi military commentator on the Berlin radio and spokesman for the German high command, is reported captured by Allied western armies.

missing 66,684 and 74,304; prisoners 89,152 and 82,208.

Of the wounded, 294,208 have returned to duty and of the prisoners, 19,866 have been officially listed as having been exchanged or returned to military control.

Similar figures for the navy: Killed 41,986 and 41,458; wounded 50,421 and 48,858; missing 10,620 and 10,382; prisoners 4248 and 4247.

SUITS

Regimental Stripes by Bartlett

Single and Double Breasted \$45

Since 1918

DREW'S

MANSTORE 723 Main St.

Rains Swell Columbia, Willamette Rivers

PORTLAND, May 17 (AP)—Heavy rains are swelling the Willamette and Columbia rivers, but both still were comfortably below flood stage today.

The Willamette today reached 13.7 feet in Portland, with 15 feet predicted for Sunday. Flood stage is 18 feet.

Portland airport weather station reported 1.39 inches of rain yesterday, raising total for first 16 days of the month to 3.37 inches against a 2.18 inch May average for the month.

WORK SHOES
LOGGER BOOTS
OREGON WOOLEN SHIRTS

TRULOVE
Chicken
Center



919 E. Main
Phone 4282

SALMON
HALIBUT
OYSTERS
FRESH CRAB
CRAB MEAT

HENS

Beef - Pork - Lunch Meats
Also Complete Delicatessen!

Portland's Traffic Toll Hits 34

PORTLAND, May 17 (AP)—Portland's 1945 traffic toll reached 34 today with the death of John Johnson, 66, who succumbed to injuries suffered when struck by a bus two months ago.

After the March 14 accident Robert W. Brown, bus driver, was fined \$10 for failure to yield right of way to a pedestrian.

Eyes can be efficient and beautiful, too, with...

Standard Guaranteed glasses



HAVE YOUR EYES EXAMINED NOW!

Have you seen the many new, smart styles in eyewear at Standard Optical Company? Here you'll find glasses especially designed to be definitely flattering to your own facial contours... as well as giving your eyes the efficiency of improved vision. See the registered optometrist at your nearby Standard Optical Co. Store now for a complete scientific eye examination.

Smartly Styled Glasses

CRAFTSMAN MADE — FACTORY TO YOU

DR. BYRON FRIEDMAN, registered optometrist in charge.

NOTHING DOWN
ONLY \$1 A WEEK

NO INTEREST

NO EXTRAS

NO RED TAPE

Standard Optical Company

715 MAIN ST. IN KLAMATH FALLS

will ASK AGAIN FOR WILLIAM PENN

Nothing Like it Under the Sun

Blended Whiskey, 86 proof, 65% grain neutral spirits
GOODERHAM & WORTS, LTD.
Peoria, Illinois

Carol Brent

... BUT DEFINITELY

1098

There's a casual know-how air to Carol Brents that keeps you asking for them. Like these—with trim fly fronts, easy shirt collars, fine details. Handsomely tailored in rayon gabardine. Sizes 9-15 in glowing pastels. And they're exclusive with Wards!

Montgomery Ward