

Resources Theme For Truman Talk

EVERGLADES CITY, Fla., Dec. 6 (AP)—President Truman called today for constant vigilance in developing the nation's resources to prevent "raids" by "destructive influences" bent on exploiting "our common heritage for their private gain."

Speaking in this tiny city deep in the everglades with federal and state officials, tourists and Seminole Indians in his audience, the president linked the public's responsibility for conservation with its responsibility for "world order, world peace and world recovery."

Breaks Vacation

Mr. Truman interrupted a five-day vacation at Key West to make the major address at ceremonies in which Gov. Millard F. Caldwell of Florida handed over title to 451,000 acres of the Florida everglades to Interior Secretary Krug for establishment of America's 20th national park. Krug introduced the president. Senators Pepper and Holland of Florida shared the speakers' stand.

Without mentioning names, the chief executive declared:

"Public lands and parks, our forests and our mineral reserves, are subject to many destructive influences. We have to remain constantly vigilant to prevent raids by those who would selfishly exploit our common heritage for their private gain. Such raids on our national resources are not examples of enterprise and initiative. They are attempts to take from all the people for the benefit of the few."

For the most part, the president devoted his speech to a statement of his advocacy of the development of hydro-electric power and other energy resources along with parks, playgrounds and soil resources.

He condemned wasting of minerals by careless mining, the wastage of forests by careless lumbering and the wastage of water "through failure to build hydro-electric plants. And the wastage of soil through erosion."

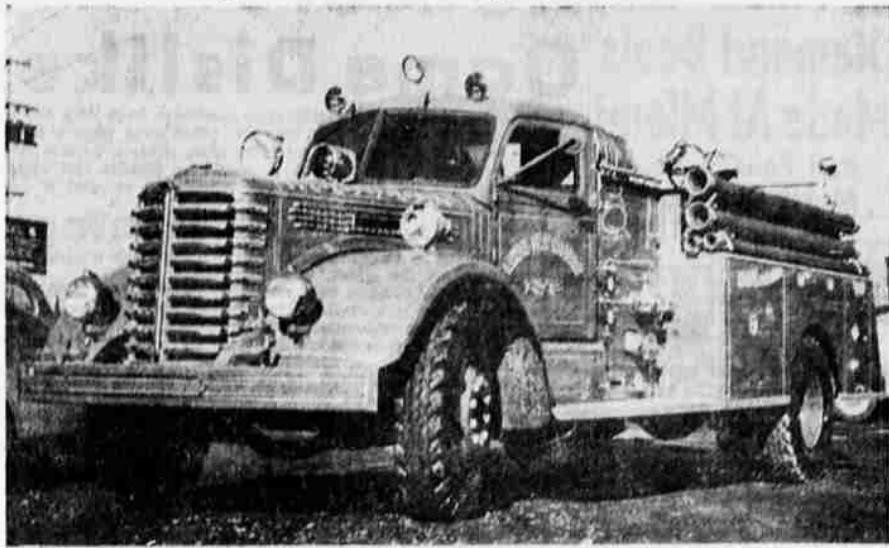
The president said he was comforted by the knowledge that "as always in the past, when the people's property has been threatened and women whose primary concern has been their country's welfare have risen to oppose 'selfish attacks'."

Ellsworth Asks European Probe

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP)—Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore.) proposed today before the United States House a permanent plan for rehabilitation of Europe, nations receiving aid should be required to agree on needs and the part each will take in making the plan successful.

He said the initiative for such action should come from the European nations and the role of the United States should be "friendly aid" in the program. He made the proposal in a resolution.

Type Truck Ordered By Suburbanites



This resplendent new fire truck, photographed here as it was being delivered to Woodburn from the factory in San Francisco, is of the type on order by the suburban rural fire protection district. The suburbanites have voted bonds to build and equip a fire station for the protection of the populous region just outside the east Klamath Falls city limits.

Liquor Board Policy Set

PORTLAND, Dec. 6 (AP)—The new Oregon liquor commission will not be a hearing board on license matters.

This became certain yesterday as the commission departed from policy of previous commission and set up a separate hearing board composed of top administrative officials. The board will set on license applications, requests for ownership changes on which the license and enforcement supervisors are disagreed and other matters which the state liquor administrator deems necessary.

On the board will be Administrator William Hammond, Fred Alt-rich, license supervisor, and Ed C. Snow, enforcement supervisor.

A field examiner will conduct hearings on Knox law violations. Records will be forwarded to the hearing board, which will make a recommendation and pass the case for approval to the liquor commission.

Chairman Harry Bolvin, Orval Eason and Joseph O. Freck of the liquor commission said they would act only on policy matters.

"Unloaded Gun" Kills Portlander

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—Samuel R. Ferry offered to show a gun yesterday to a woman who had

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Aussie Speaks At Rotary

In discussing "America's Influence on Australia," M. P. Greenwood-Adams, prominent Australian lecturer and public speaker, stated that every development in the history of Australia directly reflects the influence of America.

Australia, he said, continues to look to America, and is anxious to reciprocate America's cooperation and good will to the utmost. Wally Larkin was Rotary's chairman of the day.

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"Hog Pounds" Is New Store System

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (AP)—Store customers in the farming community of Forest City, Iowa, are learning the cost of electrical appliances in terms of hogs instead of dollars.

A large electric refrigerator and appliance firm said today John Hanson, Forest City furniture store owner, is tagging his merchandise so many "hog pounds" to bring home to his rural customers the price relationship between hard goods and farm produce.

Hanson said that in 1941 if a farmer had 14 hogs averaging 220 pounds each, he could trade them for a nine-cubic foot refrigerator. Today with the same hog, Hanson claimed, the farmer could get the same sized refrigerator, a deluxe electric range, an automatic toaster and \$20 in change.

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'Squealing' Cases To Go To Court

FRANKFURT, Dec. 6 (AP)—Germans who denounced fellow Germans to the nazis are now subject to civil damage suits under a recent ruling of the supreme court of the American-occupied state of Hesse.

The ruling is expected to produce a flood of damage suits by Germans who were thrown into prison or concentration camps because some acquaintance "squealed" to the nazis about their anti-nazi views.

American military government officials hailed the ruling as "an important step toward the goal of redress for Nazi wrongs."

Under present law, they said, no criminal action can be brought in German courts against these "squealers," who so far have gone unpunished.

Unphased by the right of a Nazi victim to claim damages from his denunciator, however, the German court declared:

"A person who denounced another individual for a political offense during the Nazi regime had to consider the possibility that the offender would not be dealt with by a regular law court, but in an arbitrary manner, possibly by secret police."

What happened to people opposing the nazis was common knowledge in Germany, the court said.

Consequently, the court held, one cannot apply to Nazi informers the usual legal sanction given persons who reveal criminals to public authorities.

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