

# Truman Ends Island Visit At St. Croix

CHRISTIANSTED, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, Feb. 23 (AP)—President Truman declared today that renewal by congress of the charter of the Virgin Islands company is essential to stabilization of the economy of these islands.

He closed his good will visit to these Caribbean possessions with a tour of St. Croix, largest of the Virgin Islands, and an official luncheon, attended by Governor William F. Hastie and other local officials.

The president intends to leave later in the day, aboard the presidential yacht Williamsburg, for the naval base at Guantanamo, Cuba. He is due there Wednesday. From Guantanamo he will fly to Key West, Fla., for a nine-day vacation.

Saying that he had come here to "see for myself what this part of our American family is doing to meet our common problems," the president said in his prepared address:

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"Here, I know, our American way of working together toward peace and prosperity will bring results we can all enjoy."

The Virgin Islands company, he said, "is our greatest hope for the stabilization of the economy of St. Croix."

"I sincerely hope the congress is going to recharter it," he added. The president also held out hope of increased tourist business for the islands.

A round of engagements yesterday at the neighboring island of St. Thomas, with negro governor, William H. Hastie, brought to the fore the hope of the islands dominantly negro population for help from the United States government.

The Virgin Islands company was established by the government in 1934 as a non-profit corporation. Hastie said its operation means the difference between today's marginal living and a "starvation economy."

# Stassen Back In Valley

PORTLAND, Feb. 23 (AP)—Presidential aspirant Harold E. Stassen headed into the Willamette valley again today to campaign for the state's republican delegation to the GOP national convention.

His scheduled appearances at Woodburn, Silverton, Brownsville and Albany today and at Corvallis tonight will wind up a four-day tour of the state.

Stassen indicated here yesterday while conferring with his Oregon campaign manager, Robert A. Elliott, that he believes his success or failure in the Oregon presidential preference primary in May will have national significance.

The Minnesota leader filed for the primary ballot while at Salem Saturday.

The action assured Oregon republicans they will have at least two prominent national candidates on the ballot. The name of Governor Dewey of New York was filed by petition last month.

Stassen will have lunch today at Albany with a group of Linn county central republican committeemen. The Benton county republican club has arranged a dinner at Corvallis prior to his appearance before a public audience there in the Oregon State college gymnasium.

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# CAA Men At Alturas Meet

ALTURAS, Feb. 23 (AP)—J. J. Hicks, representative of the CAA from Los Angeles, and J. H. Cusack, assistant engineer of the CAA, San Francisco, met with a committee from the Modoc County chamber of commerce and others interested in aviation here this week.

Hicks told the gathering that it was possible there would be cargo service into this city during the next year providing the airport on the Devils Garden was approved by the CAA.

It was brought out that the strip sponsored by the city had not been turned over to the city after the end of hostilities. The reason for this was, said Cusack, the city had not built an adequate road to the field as agreed in the contract.

He suggested the city and county get together, have a master plan drawn up for the road, together with the wants of the different sections of the county for fields, and present it to the CAA. He said he was in sympathy with the wants of the county and would do all in his power to see that when the master plan was presented, he or some of his assistants would take immediate action.

The officials stated they would return in two or three weeks.

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# Surplus Apple Plan Stated

SPOKANE, Feb. 23 (AP)—A five-point program was adopted by the Pacific Northwest farm council Saturday in an effort to aid apple growers in Washington, Idaho and Oregon in disposing of the surplus apple crop.

The council resolved to take these steps:

1. Request that the department of agriculture include fresh and dried apples in the European relief program.
2. Request the department to increase the use of apples in the school lunch program.
3. Urge congress to include fruits in the federal marketing act.
4. Ask the state legislatures to pass laws permitting effective action in the apple program on a statewide basis.
5. Offer the council's full cooperation to the Northwest Horticulture council in solving the problem.

The council said growers have an estimated 15,000 carloads of apples on hand.

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### Community Chest Stated Wednesday

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Election of the board of directors and officers and proposed amendment to the constitution will be major matters for consideration at the session.

Arnold Gralapp is president of the Chest.

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