

'Veep' Sees Democratic Win in '52

HOLLYWOOD, (AP)—Vice Pres. Alben W. Barkley predicts that in 1952 the Democratic party will "win the votes and the hearts and souls of the American people."

Some 1700 Democrats from 11 western states and numerous Hollywood celebrities gave him a standing ovation as he predicted victory last night at a \$100 a plate dinner in a Hollywood night club. The event grossed about \$200,000.

The vice president had high praise for Pres. Truman.

"In the entire history of the country," he said, "no president and vice president have worked more closely and harmoniously together for the good of the people than Harry S. Truman and I have."

His use of the pronoun "we" led some listeners to speculate that Barkley was declaring for a Truman-Barkley ticket in 1952. However, asked after his address to clarify this, he emphasized that the "we" referred to the Democratic party, not to himself and the president.

"I ask Americans . . . to compare from every standpoint the administration under Harding, Coolidge and Hoover with the 19 years under Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman," said Barkley.

Harry S. Truman succeeded to the highest office in the land at a time of tragedy and chaos. In both domestic and international affairs, Pres. Truman has made a record of which Americans can well be proud.

Barkley, departing repeatedly from his prepared text, lashed at Republican criticism of U. S. foreign policy, saying such Republicans as "Capehart, Wherry and Taft each have foreign policies, but they all look like isolationism."

SURPLUS WATER
COULEE DAM, Wash., (AP)—Tons of surplus water, the result of heavy rains, prompted the reclamation bureau Friday to put its two huge irrigation pumps back into service.



NEW QUEEN — They're calling cheery Patricia Medina (above), the new Queen of Hollywood's "Bosom and Sand" movies. That's because the British-born actress, who one portrayed prim ladies on the screen, now specializes in the type of Arabian Nights desert fantasies which carried the late Maria Montez to fame. Patricia prefers her new screen personality.

Rapist Gets 99 Years in Prison

MIAMI, Fla., (AP)—Noah Baldwin Whidden, 38-year-old truck driver convicted of raping a four and a half year old girl, has been sentenced to 99 years in prison.

In passing sentence Monday, Circuit Judge George E. Holt recommended that Whidden never be released "to prey upon society again and that you be confined to the end of your days."

A jury that found Whidden guilty two weeks ago recommended mercy, preventing a possible death sentence.

Sawyer Defends HST's News Block as Security Measure

PHILADELPHIA, (AP)—Secy. of Commerce Sawyer today defended Pres. Truman's recent order on security information and said some protests against it are "emotional outbursts about censorship."

Sawyer said the United States is waging "a hot war and a very real war" and too much military information is getting out. "Our object," he said, should be not only the utmost freedom consistent with safety but the utmost safety consistent with freedom.

The president's order, issued September 25, extended to civilian agencies the same policies on release of security information that have been in effect in the defense and state departments.

Officials of all agencies of the government were given power to decide whether information should be withheld from the public on the ground its release would endanger the national security. No other standards for deciding what information should be withheld were laid down.

DECONTROLLED
WASHINGTON, (AP)—The government freed from price controls today the products of persons who manufacture goods in their own homes and whose sales amount to \$1000 or less a month. The items must be produced without the aid of hired employees. Heretofore, the small home manufacturer had an exemption of \$200 a month in sales before being subject to office of price stabilization ceilings.

WAR CASUALTIES
WASHINGTON, (AP)—The defense department today identified 276 more battle casualties in Korea. A new list reported 21 killed, 248 wounded, three missing in action and four injured on combat zone accidents.

Republican lawmakers have assailed the order as a method of suppressing legitimate news, which the White House denies. Legislation to nullify it has been offered.

The Associated Press managing editors' association, representing newspapers across the nation, unanimously passed a resolution terming the order "a dangerous instrument of news suppression."

Sawyer gave new expression to the administration view in an address prepared for a luncheon of the Poor Richard club, which chose him to receive a citizenship award. The club is an organization of business and professional men originally founded by Benjamin Franklin.

"Many claim to be concerned that too little information is given out by public officials. . . . In all fairness I must say that public officials also should be concerned with the fact that too much information is given out."

Sawyer mentioned and minimized two objections raised by some editors to the order.

1—"There is, of course, a problem in dealing with the timid or selfish bureaucrat who will hide himself behind the words 'confidential' or 'secret' and be much too cautious in revealing information," he said.

He insisted, however, there is "the greater menace of the official who, by reason of his very fear of criticism by the press if he

does not give out everything he knows, errs on the side of telling too much."

2—"The secretary said 'obviously, I am not talking about an official who doesn't want information given out that would be embarrassing to his agency.' He added: 'We executive officials should be freely

investigated, talked about, commented on and should be reminded constantly to keep the public fully informed about how our government is run up to the point where it involves the nation's security and up to that point there should be no censorship."

"Beyond that point the situation changes."

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