

# Truman Appeals To Congress To Avoid "Political Fights"

By ERNEST B. VACCARO  
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman appealed to congress today to avoid "political fights" which could damage the country's world position in this presidential election year—a time when all men walk in the shadow of another world war.

In a 5,200-word State of the Union message, the president sketched broadly what he wants from this congressional session. It flows down largely to a continuation of his foreign policy programs and a renewed plea for the domestic legislation he calls his "fair deal."

Beyond that, he said specifically he would ask soon for an increase in the size of the armed forces—called for a 45-month boost in social security payments and a "cost of living" raise in veterans' benefits.

As to tax rates, he said that would be dealt with in later messages.

To political friends and foes alike, Mr. Truman admonished: "We have a great responsibility to conduct our political fights in a manner that does not harm the national interest."

"We can find plenty of things to differ about without destroying our free institutions and without abandoning our bipartisan foreign policy for peace."

Mr. Truman's message was delivered in person to a joint session of the Senate and House in the House chamber of Congress.

In his immediate audience, in addition to the legislators, were Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Britain and diplomats of many nations.

# THE SCHEDULE OF HOUSES TO BE CUT

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
Washington: President Truman appealed to congress today to avoid "political fights" which could damage the country's world position in this election year—a time when all men walk in the shadow of another world war.

He added: "We have a great responsibility to conduct our political fights in a manner that does not harm the national interest."

Well spoken, sir. But say I point out that it takes two to make a fight and it also TAKES TWO TO KEEP THE PEACE?

The President, dwelling on the grave problems that confront us wherever we look said to congress in his state of the Union message: "The only thing that can defeat us is our own state of mind."

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts says in Washington this morning he believes the door is still open for General Eisenhower to return to civilian life before the Republican presidential nominating convention.

Then he adds: "But I agree that he can not make any statement on the issues of the pre-convention campaign while he is still in uniform."

I suppose not—although we have upset so many rules and precedents in recent years that I think the rule that a soldier who is qualified to be President and who has signified that he will be the Republican candidate if the party's convention offers him the nomination may not speak out to the people on what he conceives to be the duty of the next President of the United States.

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9 O'clock Special  
PYRAMIDING their smiles are three Chamber of Commerce employees. They are (l to r): Marjorie King, Merrill Reed; Jane Foster, 1729 1/2 Wall St., and Barbara Chulders, 909 Jefferson St.

## Allies Reject Red Plan For Korea Peace Treaty

By DON HUTH  
MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — The Communists Wednesday submitted a new counterproposal agreeing to all Allied terms for supervising a Korean armistice except a ban on rebuilding Red airfields. The U. N. command promptly rejected the compromise.

The future of Red airfields is the basic point of dispute. "There is no major disagreement still existing except that of airfields," said Maj. Gen. Howard M. Turner, U. N. negotiator. "That has been the major disagreement throughout."

## 15,950 Die In Korea War

WASHINGTON (AP) — Announced U. S. battle casualties in Korea reached 104,084 Wednesday, an increase of 345 since last week.

The Defense Department's weekly summary based on notifications to families through last Friday reported these figures for last week and new totals:

Killed in action 15,879, 15,950  
Wounded 75,080, 75,274  
Missing 13,780, 13,760  
Total 104,739, 104,984

Battle deaths (X) 17,754, 17,834  
Current missing (Y) 11,027, 11,007

(X) Includes killed in action, 1,696 fatally wounded and 188 dead, originally reported missing.  
(Y) After deducting from gross total 1,291 returned, 174 known captured and 188 known dead.

## Farmers Get Record Income

PENDLETON (AP) — Umatilla County farmers last year had a gross income of \$31,744,840. That beat the 1950 record by more than four million dollars, County Agent Victor W. Johnson said Wednesday.

## Oregon Potato Growers To Ask Ceiling Price Hike

WASHINGTON (AP) — Production of most household goods — such things as television sets, radios, refrigerators, electric irons and other appliances—is due to be cut to 45 per cent of the pre-Korea levels in this quarter, beginning April 1. This would be 10 per cent below present permitted production rates.

This word came Wednesday from Manly Fleischmann, defense production administrator who said also that in this quarter:

Construction of new houses is to be curtailed from the present annual rate of 850,000 to a rate of 600,000 a year.

Automobile production is to be reduced at least seven per cent below the present rate. The DPA allowed the manufacturers only enough copper and aluminum to produce 800,000 cars and only enough steel to produce 900,000 in the quarter.

The makers were authorized to stretch these materials, if possible, to make 930,000 in the second quarter.

Fleischmann testified before the Senate-House "watchdog" committee studying the defense mobilization programs. It is headed by Sen. Maybank (D-S.C.), who said the mobilization agencies are earmarking for civilian production as much steel and other scarce materials as possible.

Fleischmann said enough allotments would be made to support present school and hospital building projects and to start construction of some new buildings.

The number of new railroad cars to be produced will be reduced about 14 per cent, he testified. He said there would be some increase in shipbuilding but that only the most important new highways could be built.

## Ship Breaks Up In Storm

SEATTLE (AP) — The Japan-bound freighter Pennsylvania reported a crack had broken down its side early Wednesday during a North Pacific storm. Forty-six men were reported aboard.

The ship's report was received by the U. S. Coast Guard here and by Canada's Vancouver Island stations.

The Coast Guard said the ship's message was a "report of condition," not an SOS.

The Coast Guard placed the ship's position about 465 miles northwest of the northern tip of Vancouver Island.

The Pennsylvania reported a 14-foot long crack down its side, into the engine room. It said it was taking water but believed the pumps could handle the emergency unless the situation grew worse.

The States Steamship Co., the agent for the ship, said the ship's captain is George P. Plover of Portland, Ore. He has a crew of 45 men.

## Mountainous Waves Batter Crippled Ship As Captain Attempts To Rig New Tow

LONDON (AP) — Mountainous waves threatened to write the end Wednesday and almost swept Capt. Kurt Carlsen into the sea he has defied for 13 days.

The American freighter, broken loose from its tug, was being smashed mercilessly 30 miles off the English coast as Carlsen and his lone companion, Kenneth Dancy, tried to make fast a new line.

The Enterprise was sinking a little every hour and at times the wallowing bulk, almost on its side, seemed in imminent danger of turning upside down.

The towline with the tug Turmoil broke at 1:30 a.m. for the next 13 hours, whenever the waves would permit, Carlsen and Dancy made ready to get another rig aboard.

They barely saved themselves from going overboard.

The U. S. Destroyer Willard Keith, standing by, reported: "Carlsen and Dancy narrowly escaped being swept into sea while at bow of Enterprise attempting to rig."

Unable to pass tow this weather which believe typical of this area, therefore outlook not favorable immediate future.

Veteran tugmen at the scene gave the Enterprise only a 50-50 chance of reaching dock as dusk descended.

The Enterprise was drifting northeast at slightly more than half a mile an hour. Its early list of 60 degrees had increased to 70 degrees, indicating that its main cargo of pig iron had shifted more.

## New Hi-way To Range Over Oregon

SALEM (AP) — A new cross country highway route, to be called U. S. Highway 26, will run from Ogallala, Neb., to Astoria, Ore. State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock said Wednesday.

Baldock said the change would be made as soon as route markers can be changed probably late in February.

The route in Oregon will run from Nyssa to Vale via U.S. 20, from Vale to Prineville on the John Day - Ochoco route U. S. 28, Prineville to Madras on State highway 27, Madras to Portland on the Warm Springs-Mt. Hood loop route State Highway 50, Portland to the Coast via the Sunset Highway State Highway 2, and then to Astoria via the Oregon Coast Highway U. S. 101.

The change will put the state highways on the route on the federal aid system.

The state highway route numbers along the way will be changed to U. S. 26. Where the new route goes along existing federal routes U. S. 20 and U. S. 101, the road will be marked with both U. S. 26 and the present number.

## Basin Men To Attend OPS Confab

Oregon potato growers—including a pair from Klamath County—will ask a 75-cent per 100 pounds raise in potato price ceilings at a meeting in Washington, D.C., with the Office of Price Stabilization, Oregon Potato Commission Chairman Scott Warren said today.

The meeting has been scheduled by the National Potato Council for Jan. 17-19.

The decision to meet with OPS officials was made yesterday during the Oregon Potato Commission's regular quarterly meeting in Portland which Warren said was attended by about 40 growers and politicians from throughout the state.

Klamath men making the trip will either be Warren, who farms near Algoma, Klamath Potato Growers Pres. Randall Pope or Klamath grower, Elmer Lemler, Merrill, a member of the commission.

Objections to price controls arose in Western potato growing areas when the OPS announced last week that price ceilings would be established Jan. 19. The price for Oregon potatoes was announced as \$3.65 for U.S. No. 1's, with the grower supplying the sack to the farmer.

The price had been up to more than \$5, with shippers supplying the 30-cent burlap containers.

The price was rolled back to 100 per cent of parity (the point where government experts figure the farmer will get a fair return for what he sells in relation to the prices he must pay for what he buys.)

The Washington trip, Warren said, would be financed by the Potato Commission, which has set aside \$10,000 to "correct" the ceilings which had been set.

Part of the money Commissioners Warren and Lemler reported, would go toward a public relations campaign to get over the growers' situation to the consumer.

Also underway is a market survey which will determine whether or not the ceiling price will result in a reduction in retail prices.

The commissioners said the Potato Commission, the National Potato Council and all concerned had been fighting the price ceiling ever since it was first imposed. For two months, they said, an effort was made to find out what the parity price would be here.

"It apparently depended on a formula," Warren said, "which was not made public until the final announcement last week."

"The formula is apparently used as a base and is adjusted from there according to political expediency."

## Pool Tax To Go On Ballot

A proposal for a 1.5 mill city tax is to go on the Klamath Falls ballot May 16 to raise money for a swimming pool.

## These Just Look Too, Too Young

These girls just look too young . . . Recently a downtown drugstore, irked by turbulent scenes and reported damage to furnishings, came out with a policy of not accepting the patronage of teenagers any more.

A couple of days ago, though, a couple of girls who work downtown (and who have been out of high school four and seven years, respectively) said they went to the drugstore for lunch and on entering were quizzed about their ages.

After passing that exam, they sat down and waited for service . . . but failed to get any.

Finally, one of the girls reported, they spoke up to inquire what was wrong, and were escorted out the door.

One of them said, and they'd like to point out they're somewhat out of their teens. And can prove it.

## Good Weather Warms State

PORTLAND (AP) — Snow disappeared rapidly in Western Oregon Wednesday as the area was swept by wind and rain.

Storm brought a mile a minute wind to the coast and moderate to heavy rain to many sections.

The wind hit 54 miles an hour in Portland where a steady early morning rain was washing away the remainder of last week's 5-inch snowfall.

The weather was somewhat warmer with most Western Oregon stations reporting above freezing temperatures Wednesday morning.

Evening weather continued east of the Cascades. Coldest spot in the state was Burns with two below zero.

## U.S., Russia Talk Old Loan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has proposed to Russia that they submit to the international court of justice their long dispute over a settlement of the 11 billions of dollars of aid the Soviets received under World War II lend-lease.

Secretary of State Acheson made the proposal in a note handed to Soviet Ambassador Alexander S. Panyushkin on Monday.

The State Department made it public Wednesday. It reported at the same time that Russia has refused an earlier proposal to submit the quarrel to international arbitration and also has refused again to return some 670 vessels lent to the Russian navy during the war.

## Skating Rink Open Tonight

As conditions stood late this morning, there will be skating tonight at the Moore Park Rink, according to City Recreation Director Bob Bonney.

However, final announcement will be made over station KEMO on the Home Town news broadcast at 6:15. This policy will be carried on daily, Bonney said.

From now on, the director reported, the rink will be open from 2 to 10 p.m. daily excepting Monday, when it won't be opened until 3 p.m. Monday is used to repair the rink after the heavy weekend traffic, he said.

## Rain Festival Idea Suggested

PORTLAND (AP) — Portland, well known for its rains, ought to capitalize on them and hold a rain festival.

That was what Donald J. Sterling, managing editor of the Oregon Journal, told the Junior Chamber of Commerce Tuesday.

The city often has been criticized for its rain he said. The city's silence suggests that the rain is a liability. To offset this, he said, Portland should advertise that the rain is an asset and should hold a rain festival, complete with a parade and other events.

## Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California Cloudy with occasional snow. Low tonight 20, high tomorrow 28.

Low last night ..... 12  
High yesterday ..... 26  
Precip. past 24 hours ..... .07  
Precip. since Oct. 1 ..... 5.69  
Same period last year ..... 8.69  
Normal for period ..... 5.21

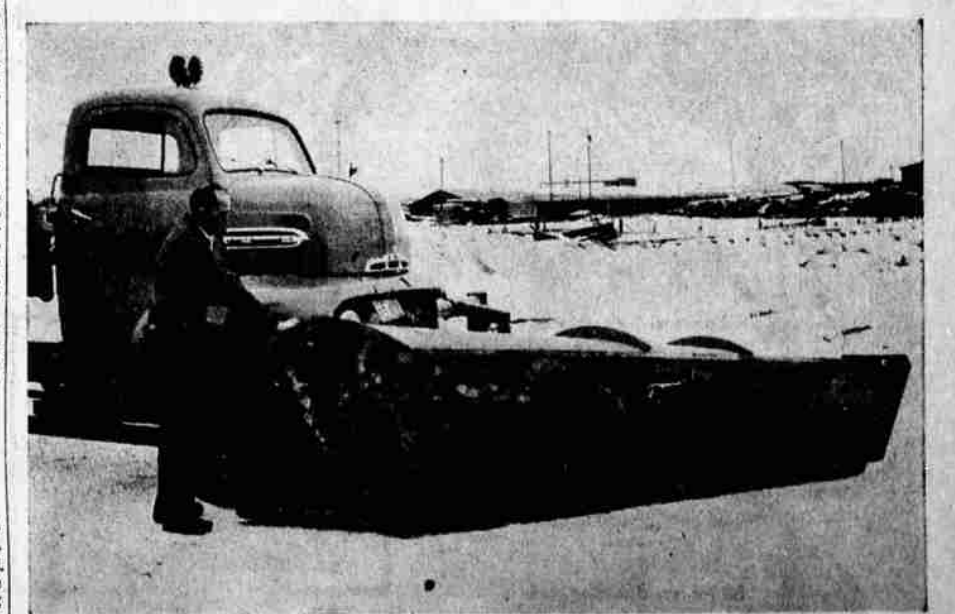
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DOUBLE-DUTY city truck can be converted to a snowplow in the wintertime. Summer-time, though, it becomes a "flusher" washing the city's streets. Here City Mechanic Einar Brandsness looks over the plow attachment to the cab-over recently purchased by the city. It takes approximately half an hour to convert from flusher to plow, or vice versa.