

### Cost of Truman Campaign Said Impossible To Find

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 How much is President Truman's campaign cost? A new study by the Democratic National Committee says it is impossible to find out.

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It does not cover the expenses of the Secret Service men. The law requires that they be with the President at all times, wherever he is and whatever his mission, and no invitation is involved insofar as the National Committee is concerned.

Whoever happens to be president at the time gets the advantage of the Secret Service protection in a campaign year. No political party could raise enough money to provide the services that fall by law to a president.

Because they must assure his protection at all times, they send out agents in advance to go every step of the route he must travel.

How much is this service costing, in terms of salary, Pullman accommodations and per diem up to a maximum of \$9 a day?

That would require a lot of Treasury experts with figures on the salaries of each and every man on the White House detail, and the record of how many field office Secret Service men are brought into play.

There are others, who are required to be with the President at all times, wherever he is, and whatever he is doing. Like the Army Signal Corps officers who have an elaborate communications system of radio telephone and radio teletype which keeps the President of the United States in touch with the White House and all world capitals at all times.

How much do their salaries and expenses amount to? That would require a first-hand statement from each just as it would in the case of the Secret Service men.

Truman aides point out that Truman didn't request the Secret Service to come along on the trip, that the Army Signal Corps met him at the airport and that he was taken to the White House in a private plane, and that to matter how deeply the President involves himself in politics, there is always official business to be transacted when he is on the road.

As for the salaries of the President and his staff during the period they are away on political missions, these aides point out that the salaries of campaigning governors, during campaigns, as do those of their secretaries, clerks and other aides.

They ask, "Would you deduct two weeks of the President's salary under the circumstances?"

### Ruml Starts Fund Drive

WASHINGTON (AP)—A new type of fund-raising drive will be started by the Democratic National Finance Committee Wednesday.

Thousands of volunteer solicitors will be sent out to try to obtain five contributions of \$5 each toward the 1952 campaign.

The National Committee is distributing 400,000 red-white-and-blue booklets, each containing five certificates, to the solicitors. Every one who contributes \$5 gets a certificate bearing a thank-you message from Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson, Democratic presidential nominee.

The plan was originated by Beardsley Ruml, the New York economist and corporation director who helped father the pay-as-you-earn income tax withholding plan during World War II.

Ruml, chairman of the Democratic Finance Committee, told reporters the success of a few trial runs of the fund-raising idea in New York and elsewhere had been "too fantastic for words."

He predicts it will revolutionize the financing of political campaigns.

Ruml explained the plan on a nationwide broadcast last night.

### Swiss Start Everest Climb

NEW DELHI, Ind. (AP)—Six Swiss mountain climbers topped the bleak slopes of un conquered Mt. Everest today for a final struggle toward the snow-covered summit, 5 1/2 miles high.

No man has ever climbed this world's tallest peak and returned to tell about it.

It was the second attempt this year for the Swiss party. One of the team, Raymond Lambert, climbed to within 900 feet of the summit May 28 before fierce storms drove him back.

The six men left their base camp, 12,200 feet up in the high Himalayas, yesterday. Two men will be chosen at the final advance camp to make the last effort to reach the top.

Their success or failure likely will remain unknown to the world for at least three weeks after their final climb toward the peak. Their only means of communication is by special runners from the base camp to Kathmandu, Nepal's capital, 170 miles away.

Nine previous unsuccessful assaults have been made on the peak.

### Flier Makes 20,000th Stop

Aboard U. S. Carrier Princeton off Korea, Ensign Robert E. Roberts of Alameda, Calif., ended up a recent work day with a battle wound and the distinction of making the 20,000th landing on the Princeton since it was recommissioned.

Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Roberts of Route six, Vancouver, Wash., was wounded in the hand while participating in a rescue mission behind enemy lines.

When he returned to the carrier, crewmen waved him in with cheers for the 20,000th landing, presented him with a huge cake and declared him "hero for a day."

### 42 Jets Make Nonstop Trip

HONOLULU (AP)—Forty-two F84 Thunderjet fighters flew nonstop from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., to Hawaii yesterday in the second trans-Pacific mass jet flight in history.

Their commander was Col. Donald J. Blakeslee, 35, Fairport Harbor, O.

The Thunderjets were refueled in the air by Boeing aerial tankers.

The planes are part of the 27th Fighter Escort Wing of the Strategic Air Command, based at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Austin, Tex.

Thirty-three more, the remainder of the wing, are due today from Travis.

The 75-plane group is scheduled to leave for Japan next week for a three-month tour of duty with the Far East Air Forces, replacing the 31st Fighter Escort Wing, which made the first historic trans-Pacific flight last July. The 31st will return to its base at Turner, Albany, Ga.

### Blair Marries

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Janet Blair, 31, blonde star of "South Pacific," married her stage manager, Nick Mayo, 32, here last night between stops of the road show.

### Bites Fatal

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Frederick Gage, 2, died yesterday from injuries suffered when a German shepherd dog attacked him three days ago. Doctors took 174 stitches in his face and head in an attempt to save his life.



PASSING ON PHOTO TIP— Crown Prince Constantine of Greece gets photo pointers from Cdr. W. H. Hudgins of Virginia during Army-Navy maneuvers on Bulgarian border.

### Triple Death In Family

ONTARIO, Calif. (AP)—Mrs. Wilma Jean Dugan, 21, plans a triple funeral next month for her husband Ralph, 28, killed in Korea, and her two daughters, whom she never saw.

The daughters died within 36 hours of their premature birth Sept. 26. Several days later Mrs. Dugan was notified that her husband was killed in Korea Sept. 21.

The news followed a doctor's report that another daughter, Lydia, 18 months, may be suffering from leukemia.

### U. S. Envoy Received

TOKYO (AP)—U. S. Ambassador and Mrs. Robert D. Murphy and their daughter were received in audience Monday by Japan's Empress Nagako.

### Korean 'Self-Wounding' Said Slight

WASHINGTON (AP)—In the Korean War, as in all others, there are some soldiers who deliberately wound themselves to get out of battle or out of the Army.

But the Army believes, although it can't prove it one way or the other, that the number in this war is comparatively small.

In response to questions, the provost marshal general's office today made a spot check of records of the Far East Command from the period July 1, 1951, to June 30, 1952. The office said that showed only seven cases which were established definitely as self-inflicted wounding.

However, other Army officers with long experience in such matters point out that it is difficult to detect and prove an actual case of self-inflicted wound. Almost the whole burden of evidence rests on the surgeons in the field who treat wounded men and on checks made at the scene by investigators.

And they must rely primarily on the type of the wound (including whether suspicious powder burns from close firing of a weapon and the location of the wound) and on

testimony of the man and his comrades to show conclusively the act was intentional.

But if a case can be proved, the going is rough for the soldier who tries it.

He is guilty of violating Article 115 of the Universal Code of Military Justice, dealing with malingering and the avoidance of duty. There is a maximum sentence of seven years' hard labor and dishonorable discharge possible—and in time of war the maximum provision may be suspended and even heavier sentence imposed.

If investigations show the man was of sound mind at the time he deliberately wounded himself, he receives no disability payments upon discharge.

'Self-wounding' is an act of utmost desperation usually arising out of fear of battle which the soldier hasn't yet experienced.

Old timers of the Army say they have noticed the majority of cases are among men who have not yet seen much action. The soldier who goes through his first engagement and finds that he and most of the men in his outfit are alive and

unhurt, has passed his most desperate anxiety and fear.

There is one feature of the Korean War which may help to explain the apparent low incidence of self-inflicted wound cases.

In World War II there was no rotation system. The rotation system in Korea, under which the average man can figure he will start home after anywhere from 11 to about 14 months, makes a difference in soldier thinking, say the experts. He has a known, definite time when he can expect to get through with his job and he doesn't need to puncture himself with a bullet to get out.

### Dep't Flunks Fund Recovery

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Justice Department, says a House investigating group, has recovered only \$39,000 of allegedly fraudulent World War II contracts totaling 21 million dollars.

Asserting the fraud charges were referred to the department four years ago by the General Accounting Office, a House judiciary subcommittee said the department has "taken an excessive amount of time in moving to recover money due the United States government."

In a report to the House Sunday night, the subcommittee said the department's record in handling cases of overpayments to private contractors is "shameful."

Former Deputy Atty.-Gen. Peyton Ford was held directly responsible for the delays, and Assistant Atty.-Gen. Holmes Baldrige and his predecessor as head of the claims division, H. Graham Morrison, were criticized for

lack of forceful prosecution.

None of the three was reached for comment.

The report, the third in a series on an investigation of the Justice Department by a subcommittee headed by Rep. Chelf (D-Ky.), also criticized George S. Petzer, former assistant U. S. attorney in Detroit. He said that on Petzer's recommendation a claim of \$1,300,000 against the Michigan School of Trades, Inc., was settled for \$93,000.

In another action over the week end, Rep. Chelf said an examination of FBI files in the 1946 Kansas City vote fraud case disclosed "no new or startling evidence."

Chelf said he made this statement in fairness to Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark, who was attorney general at the time of the vote fraud case.

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