

Harry Truman Returns to Missouri; Plans for Future Remain Unknown

By ERNEST B. VACCARO
ST. LOUIS, MO., (AP)—Harry S. Truman, ex-President of the United States, took the long trip home today.

After nearly eight years as the head of a great government, he headed for Missouri in the role of "Mr. Truman, private citizen."

And alone with Mrs. Truman in the splendor of the private railroad car in which he had stormed the country in many a fiery campaign trip, he had opportunity to reflect again upon an eventful career and take thought of the future.

For Harry Truman, despite his 68 years, has made clear that he will be a man to reckon with in the years ahead.

His emotions were stirred, as they have seldom been stirred before, by the sendoff he got at Washington last night at the end of a trying day in which he surrendered the presidency to Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Hundreds of cheering Democratic followers thronged around the rear platform of the presidential car which Eisenhower had placed at his predecessor's disposal, District of Columbia Commissioner F. Joseph Donahue described Truman as "the greatest friend of 'little people all over the world.'"

An obvious lump in his throat, the gray-haired Truman, his wife and daughter by his side, responded that "in all my career, and it has been a long one, I've never had an experience like this."

"This is the first time I've had the experience of being sent home in a blaze of glory," he went on. "I'll never forget this if I live to be a hundred—and that's what I expect to do."

For more than 30 minutes, people climbed aboard the car to pump his hand, tell him goodbye and wish him luck and predict that the Democrats again will be restored to power.

Democratic senators, the outgoing Cabinet, government workers and all sorts of people passed through the receiving line in such numbers that the Baltimore & Ohio's National Limited pulled out of Union Station seven minutes late.

Truman is due in Independence, Mo., tonight for a hometown welcome.

Meanwhile, his long-time secretary, Matthew J. Connelly, is flying to Kansas City from Washington to set up private offices for his boss in the Federal Reserve Bank Building.

Truman's future plans remained a subject for speculation. But he may disclose them within a few days after he has had a rest.

For the first time since he succeeded to the presidency, Truman was powerless to do anything about this train.

For it is a regularly scheduled passenger train of the B&O, and the private car hooked onto it. And Harry Truman is no longer riding on a special train subject to his orders.

The train stopped first at Silver Spring, Md., where from two to three hundred people turned out to wave at him. He barely had time to wave back until it was on its way again.

At Martinsburg, W. Va., there were several hundred on hand at the railroad station. But before more than a score of them could work their way back to the special car, the train was on the move again.

Gone were the Secret Service agents who guarded his every step for so long. Missing were the Army, Navy and Air Force aides.

No pilot car rode ahead of this train to check the tracks. No rule of the railroads required that every bridge and trestle over which his homeward bound car moved be guarded by armed police and railroad detectives.

And Harry Truman, ex-President, shorn of his presidential trappings, stayed within his private car. For, while reporters rode two cars behind, they were few in number, and the club car immediately next to his quarters was largely occupied by strangers.

Reporters recalled how he loved to stroll the length of the special train, sticking his nose into drawing rooms and compartments to voice a greeting while en route to the engine to sit with the engineer for miles at a time.

It didn't matter too much last night for Truman was tired. Tuesday had been a long and exhausting day. Up before 6 a.m., he had dictated mail and moved about the White House thanking stenographers and clerks for their help through the years. Then he had

taken that historic ride to the Capitol with Eisenhower.

What did they talk about? "The weather and the crowd," he told questioning reporters, "and how nice the turnout was. And how I hoped he would have a very successful regime."

After the big ceremony was over, he had driven immediately to Dean Acheson's house in old Georgetown, where approximately 300 of the outgoing secretary of state's neighbors gave him an unexpected and roaring welcome.

A smile and a wave of the black homburg he wore to the inaugural did not satisfy these Democrats. Their cries of "We want Truman!" brought him out of the house.

"May I say to you that I appreciate this more than any enthusiasm I ever had as president or as vice president or senator," he told them. "This is the greatest demonstration any man could have. I'm just Mr. Truman, private citizen."



Soviet-style caps of members of East German police organization, pile up in West Berlin quarters where they were turned in by deserters. Desertions are continuing. About 2,300 east zone police were reported deserted in 1952.

Man Appears Near For Ancient Murder Mystery

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Prince to Get Cash for Trip

TOKYO (AP)—The Finance Ministry today decided on a \$305,000 outlay for Crown Prince Akihito's six-month tour of Europe and America.

The crown prince, who will leave March 30, will attend the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in June and visit 11 countries. The sum, still to be approved by the Cabinet, will cover gifts for the heads of countries to be visited as well as expenses.

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