

Truman Urges Support of Ike During Negotiations

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KANSAS CITY (AP) — Harry S. Truman called today for firm support of President Eisenhower during the critical negotiations in Korea.

The former president declined all comment on developments in that war-torn country and suggested a similar course for others not in authority "and not in possession of the facts."

"In a critical time like this," Truman said in an interview, "there can be but one American foreign policy. The President of the United States has the facts. We must support him in what he

does and recommends. Any other course could lead only to confusion."

The 69-year-old Democrat who held the reins of the U. S. government for nearly eight years kept abreast of developments through newspaper and radio accounts.

But he knew, from his own experience in the White House, that a vast amount of secret information which cannot be made immediately available to the public, pours into the President.

His own files from the White House, loaded with information concerning World War II and the first 18 months of the Korean fighting, are under strict guard at the nearby Jackson County Courthouse. Some of this information, he once told reporters, cannot be made available to the public for 25 years—some maybe not even then.

These files are one day to be removed to the Harry S. Truman Library to be erected on the old family farm at Grandview, Mo.

It is in the interest of this library project for which friends are undertaking to raise 1 1/2 million dollars, that Truman is making his first trip East since he left the White House Jan. 20.

"This trip East is not going to be a political trip in any sense of the word," he said. "This is no time to talk politics."

He had in mind, he said, that the first session of President Eisenhower's first Congress has not yet concluded.

"I want to give the Republicans plenty of time to make good on their campaign pledges," he said with a trace of a grin.

"I don't think I ought to attack them until they've had a full opportunity to do that. Let's wait until they make their record."

Truman plans to arrive in Washington about June 22. From there, he will go to Philadelphia and New York.

Vets Pensions Face Slashes

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 300 million dollar cut in veterans' compensation and pension payments, foreshadowing possible curtailment of benefits to veterans with non-service disabilities—has been recommended by a House appropriations subcommittee.

The subcommittee recommendation will be acted on by the full 50-man committee later this week when funds for the Veterans Administration for the fiscal year starting July 1 are considered.

Subcommittee Chairman Phillips (R-Calif.) disclosed the action and explained that if the cut turns out to be too severe additional money can be provided by Congress later.

The committee decision to cut into the compensation and pension payments followed a staff report. The report said these payments "are in the nature of tax free gifts to the beneficiaries where the veteran had no service connected disability whatever, or where the death has no relation to his service connected disability."

Montanans Watch Streams Warily

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) — Streams continued to drop early Tuesday but Northern Montanans watched warily lest continued rains send streams boiling over banks again.

Rain fell at Havre Monday even as persons evacuated from homes over the week end because of an expected Milk River outburst moved back. More rains are expected, but most tributary creeks feeding the Canadian-born Milk in the Havre area were reported dropping.

The Teton River at Choteau, 62 miles northwest of Great Falls, was under patrol still because of high-swollen waters jamming against dikes. The river threatened to overflow northwest of Choteau Monday but dikes held.



A. B. (Andy) MOORE, recently received recognition for 50 active years in Masonry; and is shown above (center) simultaneously receiving a 50 year pin from Brother Jack Metler, (right) district deputy of the Grand Master of Masons of Oregon; and a life membership from his son and lodge brother, Vern Moore. Both awards from AF & AM Lodge 77 were presented in the Masonic Temple, May 25.

McKay Defends Ike on Arms Budget, Lashes Smearers

PORTLAND (AP) — Interior Secretary McKay, back in Oregon to dedicate Detroit Dam and to be grand marshal in Friday's Rose Festival parade, criticized congressional opponents of Eisenhower in a speech at a Republican rally Monday night.

"When congressmen oppose Eisenhower on how much the country needs for defense, I just think it's silly," he told the audience of 350. "No one in the country is better qualified to say how our defense needs shall be met than the President," the former Oregon governor said.

Referring to columnists who

have been critical of administration policies, McKay said, "Don't pay any attention to this smear campaign that is going on. When you have any doubts about what we're doing, just keep cool. Be sure you have the facts."

McKay defended his recent decision in withdrawing his department's opposition to the Idaho Power Company's plan for hydroelectric development of the Snake River.

He declined to comment on remarks made earlier in the day by State Grange Master Elmer McClure. McClure repeated his contention that the administration's

Northwest power policies were a "give-away" at the Grange's annual convention at Medford. McKay said he had not yet read accounts of McClure's address.

Before leaving Washington, D. C., Monday, McKay said it would be at least another week before he decided on a recommendation for Indian commissioner.

Recommendations for two other appointments still are at the White House. They are Marvin G. Nichols of Fort Worth, Tex., to be reclamation commissioner and Tom Lynch of Salt Lake City to be director of the Bureau of Mines.

Press Freedom Bill Passed

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The California Assembly last night completed legislative action on a freedom of information bill which prohibits closed meetings of local governmental bodies.

The measure requires 24-hour notice to newspapers, radio and television stations of any special meeting. The provisions do not apply to state agencies.

The Assembly agreed to the Senate amendments and sent the bill to the governor for his expected signature.

In addition to the regulatory features, the measure carries this statement of policy:

"In enacting this chapter, the Legislature finds and declares that the public commissions, boards and councils and the other public agencies in this state exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business. It is the intent of the law that their actions be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly."

"The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies which serve them. The people, in delegating their authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so

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