

Truman Rises American Way; Farmer, Soldier, President

WASHINGTON, April 13 (U. P.).—Harry S. Truman, the 33d president of the United States, like many of his predecessors, spent his early life on a farm.

He was born at Lamar, Mo. He married his childhood sweetheart, the former Bess Wallace. They have one child, Mary Margaret, 21.

President Truman's mother once said of him that he could "plow the straightest row of corn in the country."

On his way to the highest office in the land, he held jobs as drug store clerk, railroad time-keeper, bank clerk and newspaper mailing clerk.

Named to Senate in '34

He was elected to the senate in 1934 with the backing of the late Missouri political boss, Thomas J. Pendergast. He quickly won a reputation for getting things done. As chairman of the war investigating committee he was renowned as "watchdog of the war effort."

In world war I, he commanded a field artillery battery and saw action at St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne. He entered the war as a private and ended as a major. He later won a reserve colonel's commission.

He was graduated from Independence, Mo., high school and attended Kansas City law school. Later he tried to get into West Point, but failed because of defective vision.

He was elected Jackson County, Mo., judge in 1922, and held two four-year terms.

The new President attracted little attention in the senate until 1941 when he won his demand for an inquiry into defense contracts with charges of waste and

extravagance. He became chairman of the committee which is estimated to have saved the government several billion dollars.

He won nomination for Vice President at Chicago last July with the support of Democratic Committee Chairman Robert E. Hannegan, also from Missouri, and former Vice President Henry A. Wallace was by-passed.

Prior to the election he stated that he had no ambition to be President, but would follow President Roosevelt "to the end."

When he became Vice President last Jan. 20 Mr. Truman, unlike Mr. Wallace, said he would take no sideline assignments, but would concentrate on his job of Vice President.

His vice presidency, he said, would be dedicated to a crusade for world peace and to furthering the exchange of information and ideas between the White House and the senate.

Loyal to Roosevelt

He has strongly advocated international co-operation along the lines proposed by Mr. Roosevelt. He has expressed the belief that the Yalta meeting of the "Big Three" and the scheduled San Francisco conference indicated "progress on the road to world order."

Mr. Truman is gray haired, a Baptist, and a former grand master of the Masonic lodge. He plays the piano, loves music and calls reading his "major hobby."

His loyal support of Mr. Roosevelt dates back to his election to the senate, when he told Missourians that the New Deal had been the important issue in his victorious campaign.

"I'm following President Roosevelt to the end of it," he said.

News of President's Death Breaks Up CIO Conference

By FRED W. PERKINS

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Philip Murray and Sidney Hillman, the labor leaders generally credited with mobilizing the margin of votes that won Mr. Roosevelt's fourth election, were holding a press conference when news of the President's death came.

They were completing an explanation of expansion and intensification of the C. I. O. political action committee work.

Several men entered Mr. Murray's office. Among them were youthful "Jim" Carey, C. I. O. secretary-treasurer, and C. B. "Beany" Baldwin, former aid to Henry A. Wallace and now C. I. O. P. A. C. manager. They whispered to Mr. Murray.

Nothing in the C. I. O. president's usually serious face indicated he

had just heard of an event which must have affected him deeply.

He resumed for a few minutes his explanation of the C. I. O. P. A. C. announcement.

Then he said, "some very bad news has come in this afternoon, some very bad news. It is that the President is dead."

The press conference quickly broke up. Reporters asked Mr. Hillman for a comment.

"No, no," he pleaded. "Not now, please."

His grief was obvious.

The main item of the C. I. O. P. A. C. expansion program, as adopted by the C. I. O. executive board, provides for establishment of Political Action Committees by each state and city industrial council. Thus the organization is pointed toward activity in municipal and state, as well as congressional and presidential, contests.

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO MEET AT DINNER

The Indianapolis alumni association of Phi Kappa Psi will hold its monthly dinner meeting at 6:30 p. m. Monday at the Apex grill, 129 E. 16th st.

A member of the association, Robert W. Smith, vice president and chief engineer of Grapho Products, Inc., will speak. Officers of the association are Quentin D. Wert, president; John L. Muts, vice president; Henry Frenzel, treasurer, and John Lee, secretary.

D. A. R. RECEPTION SET FOR OFFICER

Barbara Fritchie council, 76, D. A. R., will honor State Officer Georgia Petty at a reception at 8 p. m. today.

National and state officers will be present. Mrs. Vesta Harding is committee chairman, assisted by Mrs. Augusta Suhr and Mrs. Martha Callender. Boy Scouts will present the colors.

SOLDIER PROMOTED

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