

Clouds Scatter As Truman Starts Third Year In Office

Party Enthusiasm For Chief Runs High At Jefferson Dinner

Atmosphere Differs From Gloomy Picture Year Ago When Wallace 'Stole the Show'

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WASHINGTON, April 7.—President Truman begins his third year in the White House this week with personal and party fortunes rising. Democratic strategists already are aggressively planning the campaign which they hope will bring victory in 1948.

The changed atmosphere surrounding the President and the revival of party spirit was manifest as over the week-end for the Jefferson day dinner.

The Democrats' big fund-raising dinner a year ago—it honored Andrew Jackson—then was probably a funeral for a political gathering as has been held in Washington in many years. Mr. Truman's stock was slipping sharply then, his speech lacked spark and Henry Wallace drew most of the applause. Maybe it will have to be Henry in '48, they were saying then.

But this year it was Mr. Truman's show. A Jefferson day dinner, save for the presence of the President of the United States, is just about the same as any civic club dinner any place in America—the ladies in their new party dresses, the same small talk and wisecracks around the table. This one was cheery because of rising Democratic stock.

Rep. Sam Rayburn (D. Tex.), the toastmaster, did everything but nominate Mr. Truman right there. His theme song was simply: Harry Truman, typical American. When it came time to introduce Mrs. Truman, she was a "typical wife, a typical mother, a typical American home-maker." And Margaret Truman was presented as coming "from a typical American family."

From Gael Sullivan, executive director of the Democratic National committee, came a line that could be a 1948 slogan—"The Truman Way is the Human Way." And he hailed Mr. Truman as a "tested and triumphant" leader.

Challenges issued. Democratic leaders will continue to throw at the Republicans the challenges tossed out by President Truman on domestic issues in his Jefferson Day speech. Coming weeks probably will see important cabinet members going directly to the people in speeches appealing from Republican budget and tax policies in congress.

Democratic politicians believe that widespread criticism of Republican congressional leadership for floundering and uncertainty, especially in government fiscal affairs, provides an opening for counter-attack.

Mr. Truman stood by the \$37½ billion budget he sent to congress as one in which all possible economies had been made. The senate Republicans, though, voted to reduce it by \$4½ billion and their house colleagues decided they could hack a full \$6 billion from it.

Many weeks have passed and G.O.P. congressional leaders haven't been able to settle on a figure. Then, although most of the G.O.P. savings so far exist only on paper, the house passed a tax bill which would reduce federal revenues by \$4 billion a year. All this, the Democrats believe, add up

Futile Debate Over Reich Is Move to Aid Red Rule

Molotov Ignores Economic Deadlock, Talks on to Wear Down His Opponents

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MOSCOW, April 7.—The Big Four's discussion of a provisional government for Germany is not likely to settle anything now.

Even if an agreement is reached on a tentative political structure, it would be conditional upon settlement of the economic unification issue.

But the economic deadlock is so complete it's not even being discussed.

Until there is resumption of negotiations on the reparations dispute, there's no way of removing Soviet obstruction to economic unity.

Delays Austrian Treaty. Debate is dragging on at Foreign Minister Molotov's insistence.

His purpose is to wear down the Americans and British and postpone discussions on the Austrian treaty and the proposed four power pact.

This debate prepares the way for a Soviet maneuver later to cheat on the German political structure controlled by the Reds.

This is hard because the Communists there so far are in a small minority. Though they may profit later by the growth of German nationalism, that isn't likely soon enough to give them control during the state-making and constitution-writing period by any legitimate means.

At the moment Russians are feared in Germany and the local Communists are distrusted. This has been reflected in the exodus from the Soviet to the western zones wherever possible, and in the elections.

Working for Split. Since the Communists can wield no appreciable influence by democratic means in forming a new republic, Russia is trying here to incorporate into the proposed procedure and structure well-known facilities by which organized minorities confuse, divide, thwart and finally rule the majorities.

This includes the single-party system camouflaged as "unity coalition" and operated through bloc-voting — obligatory straight-ticket voting — after preliminary minutes of the proportional representation system.

Ex-G. I. Admits Spencerville 'Job'

A 24-year-old Hoosier who confessed to the robbery Wednesday of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Spencerville today awaited return to Indiana, after his capture by an FBI agent at West Jefferson, O.

He is Ralph M. Knox, Butler, Ind., discharged from the army recently and who says he was a prisoner of the Japanese. He was captured in a filling station Saturday by an FBI agent.

The youth had only \$7 of the loot when captured. He said he had spent the rest of the \$3793 in a three-state spree and that he lost most of it "gambling."

The FBI office said Knox also is wanted at Wright Field, O., on bad check charges.

He is being held at Columbus, O., until Alex M. Campbell, United States district attorney at Ft. Wayne, files robbery charges against him.

Woman's Jail Death Brings Damage Suit

A suit for \$10,000 damages based on the death of a woman prisoner in the Marion county jail was filed against Sheriff Albert O. Magenhelmer in superior court 3 today.

The action was brought by Alice Dalton, mother of Future Dalton who died in jail last Dec. 25. The suit charged that her death was caused by eating jail food alleged to have been spoiled.

Safety Sessions Scheduled Here

Glenn Griffin, senior engineer of the National Safety Council, industrial division, will be one of the instructors in a series of weekly safety meetings scheduled here.

The sessions, to be held on successive Wednesdays beginning next week and ending May 7, will be sponsored by the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Safety Council.

Other instructors during the series will be A. M. Baltzer, Floyd A. Van Atta, Gil Grieve, William G. Johnson, Robert F. Hamm and T. D. Shellenberger.

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Robert Reasoner, deputy sheriff assigned to the case, who said "there is no suspicion resting on him."

Mrs. Griffin, who lived with her mother at 250 N. Tacoma ave., was buried yesterday in Greenfield. The four rooms of the Lynam funeral home were jammed although few curiosity seekers appeared. Mr. Griffin attended the services.

In pressing the search for the two men, Special Investigator Virgil Quinn said he would re-question several persons today.

Investigator Quinn pointed out the murderers were apparently looking for something in the victim's purse as the contents appeared to be scattered over the vicinity of the death site. If they were looking for money they would have taken the \$4.35 found in her purse," he said.

LEAVE 34,000 UMBRELLAS. LONDON, April 7 (U. P.).—Among the 277,000 articles left in London Transport Co. vehicles in 1946 were 34,000 umbrellas, the annual inventory revealed today.

Dr. Hiatt to Join Butler Faculty

Professor to Head Language Department

The appointment of Dr. Virgil Emery Hiatt, professor of Latin at the College of Wooster, Wooster, O., as head of the Butler university department of classical languages, and archaeology was announced today by M. O. Ross, president. The appointment is effective Sept. 1.

Dr. Hiatt will replace Dr. Henry Mills Gelson, who is retiring in September after 37 years on Butler's faculty.

Dr. Hiatt is a graduate of Indiana university where he received bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees and University of Chicago where he received his doctor of philosophy degree.

Shrine Circus Begins Final Week

The performance schedule for the second and final week of the Shrine-Polack Bros. circus at the Murat theater has been announced. With a matinee scheduled for 3:15 p. m. today and an evening performance at 8:15, today's program will be followed through Wednesday.

There will be night shows Thursday and Friday at 7:15 and 8:30, with matinees both days at 3:45. Saturday's matinee will be at 2:15, with evening shows same as Friday.

Next Sunday, final day of the circus, will have matinees at 1:15 and 3:45, and a single night performance at 8:15.

Organizations. The regular stated meeting of the Cumberland Chapter 616 O. E. S., will be held Wednesday. Leola Burt is worthy matron and Alfred Wiedman, worthy patron.

U. S. Admiral Weds Italian Countess

VATICAN CITY, April 7 (U. P.).—Adm. Ellery W. Stone, former allied commissioner for Italy, and the Countess Renata Arborio Mella di Sant'ella were married today in the chapel of the Cardinal Duke of York at St. Peter's.

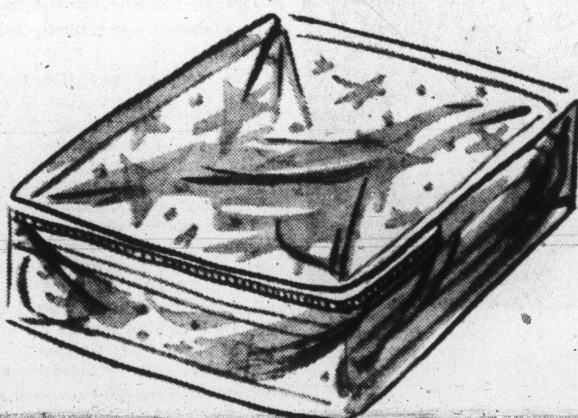
His Eminence Cardinal Federico Tedeschini, archbishop of St. Peter's, officiated at the ceremony held in the chapel adjoining the basilica sacristy where Easter Monday services were under way.

Adm. Stone and his bride were received by the pope in private audience after the ceremony. Adm. Stone, who has been divorced twice, became a Catholic a month and a half ago in order to marry the countess.

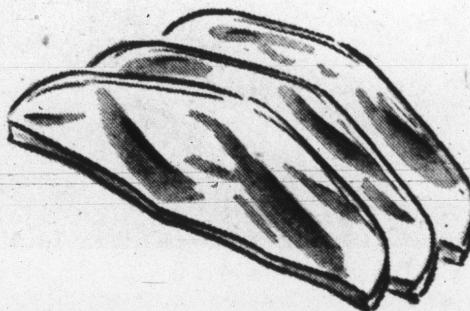
The couple is expected to leave for the United States soon.

Spring-Full of Notions

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SHOP TUESDAY THRU SATURDAY
9:00 TO 5:25



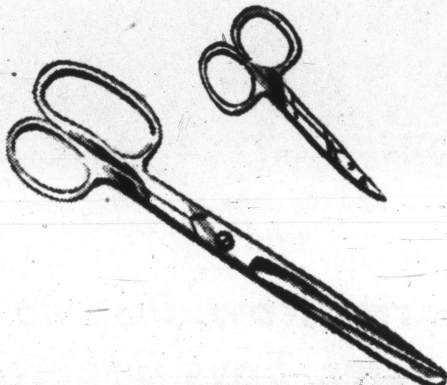
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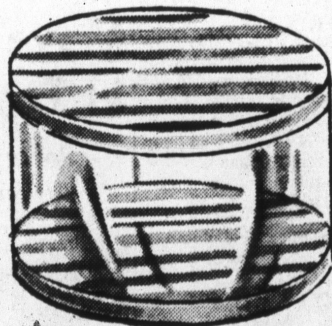
Durable Aqua-Sheen shoulder garment protectors. Clear with assorted pastel trim. Set of three, 1.00



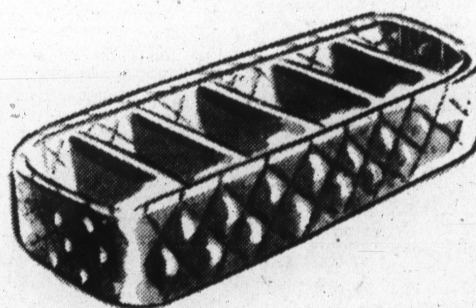
For charmers of any age, Barrettes by Arell. Card of 24 gold-plated barrettes, 75c* Single silver or gold plated barrette, 1.00*



Joy household scissors by Rex Cutlery. Sturdily made of mirror finished chrome. Seven inch size, 2.90
Joy manicure scissors made of mirror finished chrome by Rex Cutlery, 1.75



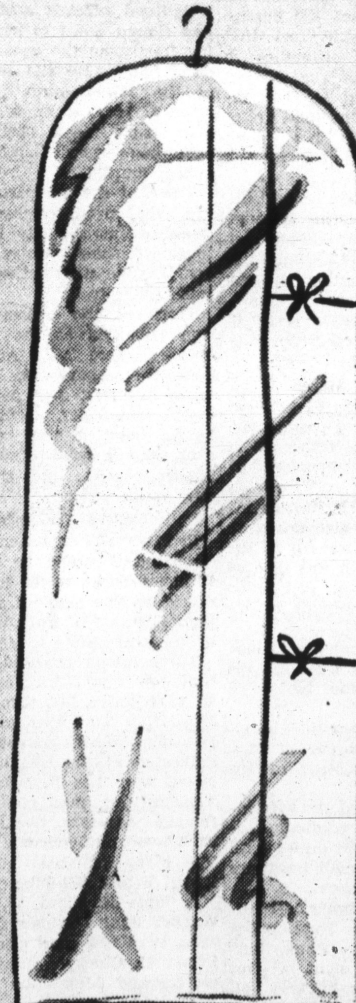
Transparent Koroseal plastic hat box with gay stick candy striped base and top. Predominating stripe choice of green, rose, or blue, 3.98



Luxurious quilted rayon-satin hosiery boxes by "Model Home" in assorted colors. Matching glove and handkerchief boxes are also available. Each, 1.25



Aqua-Sheen transparent raincape with attached hood, 3.19



Single dress bags of Vitafilm clear plastic. Choice of trim. 63-inch, 1.75; 54-inch, 1.50; 42-inch, 1.25

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