

Just Plain Folks Pay Respect To Truman As President

Wave in Awe As Train Roars Across Plains

Too Soon to Weigh Effect in Campaign
By CHARLES T. LUCEY
Bureau Staff Writer

ABOARD PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S TRAIN, June 7—Some people say he is sunk politically. They say the party bosses don't want him, that he will be beaten in November if he runs. He is censured, ridiculed, maligned. But he is Harry Truman, President of the United States. To millions of Americans the office is a thing of awe and distance. Many have never seen a President, will never walk along Pennsylvania Avenue and look through the gridded fence at the White House. So here in the West, Americans come out to see the President. It isn't a political thing and probably means little in terms of votes. It just means they want to show him respect and good will, to let him know they're proud the President is their guest for a moment or an hour.

Pause in Work
It means that men and women can feel that catch at their throat as the long Presidential train roars into view. It's an old train, not a flossy one, and looks like hundreds of others. They don't see the President but they know he's in some one of those speeding cars and that makes this train different from others. You see it as Mr. Truman crossed state after state—A half dozen bricklayers pause in their work to lay down their trowels and wave.

An old man tending a cemetery, where Memorial Day flags still fly, removes his hat to stand stiffly at attention.

A man sowing a field pulls up his team and traces a big arc above his head with a battered hat.

A young mother in dungarees holds her baby on a fence and waves until the train fades into the distance.

No Triumphant Tour
People swarm up and down a treacherous, rutted cinder bank beside the railroad, eager for a view. In downtown Chicago they shower down ticker tape. In another section Negroes fill their porches to cheer as he drives past. At famed Boys Town in Nebraska, young faces light up and tears come as the President talks of the recent death of the home's founder, Father Flanagan.

This is no triumphal tour. Already one flop—a poorly attended Omaha meeting—has had to be matched against the hits. Mr. Truman's speech delivery remains about the worst in the political business, and he has no flair for the dramatic.

But he stands out there on the rear train platform talking earnestly and sincerely to the folks in his Missouri twang, the sun bouncing off the gold rims of his glasses. His tongue may skip whole syllables in the eagerness of his pleading, but he is Harry Truman, the President.

Mr. Truman is glad to be away from the White House. He told his listeners at one meeting that being in the White House was like being in jail. He is cheered and happy in crowds, and conversely, when he faced thousands of empty seats in a big hall in Omaha it seemed to chill his spirit. But crowds generally have been fair—perhaps 100,000 had seen Mr. Truman earlier in the Omaha parade.

Split in Nebraska
It is too early yet on this trip to assess the pluses and minuses in a political way. At Chicago the houses let it be known that his appearance there had done nothing to change their minds that Gen. Dwight Eisenhower or some other candidate is needed by the Democratic party. They talk of Southern states at the head of the roll call voting for Gen. Eisenhower and of Illinois and other states joining in the drive against Mr. Truman.

But here in the West Mr. Truman is taking his case to the people. If he goes down, he goes down fighting.

President Truman carried his campaign into Idaho today, leaving behind a split in Nebraska's delegation to the Democratic national convention.

\$10,000 Bride to Collect Her Mate—Says 'He's Cute'

Flying to Meet Florida Tavern Owner Who Won Her With His 'Sense of Humor'

HEMPSTEAD, N. Y., June 7 (UP)—Mrs. Dorothy Lawlor set out today to collect the husband and \$10,000 that a newspaper want ad won her.

"I feel just like a bride ought to feel—thrilled and excited," the 28-year-old blond hatcheck girl said before boarding a plane for Daytona Beach, Fla., to meet the man of her choice.

The man was Dan Wicker, owner of "Danny's Musical Bar," a Daytona Beach tavern. He was among the dozen or more who answered her wife-for-sale ad in a local newspaper.

"Anyone who can't be happy with that guy is a moron," Mrs. Lawlor said when she saw Mr. Wicker's picture for the first time last night. "He's cute."

"Is You Is?"
Mrs. Lawlor, who offered in her ad to marry any man who would give her \$10,000 for the security of her two small children, said Mr. Wicker's answer to the advertisement was an 11-word telegram:

"If you is, or is you ain't gonna be my baby?"
She said she was so taken with Wicker's sense of humor that she wired back:
"Do you do, or do you don't want me for your baby?"
Mrs. Lawlor said that she had



HI-YUH, PAL—Cowboy "Omaha Joe" of Rosedale, Ind., rode his horse up to the reviewing stand at Omaha, Neb., and shook hands with President Truman, as the Chief Executive's old World War I outfit, the 35th Division, marched by.

Halleck Unafraid Of Truman Spurs

Says Threatened Use Causes 'Great Calm'

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, June 7—President Truman's promise to use spurs in riding hard on Congress, when he returns from the West, failed to arouse any deep fear among the Republicans, House Majority Leader Charles A. Halleck (R., Ind.), reported today.

When the President was presented with a pair of cowboy spurs on a Nebraska stop-over yesterday, he said:

"These spurs are wonderful. When I get them on I can take Congress to town. I'll give them a trial, just as soon as I get back to Washington."

This threat caused Congress to "go into a great calm," Mr. Halleck indicated.

"Has Been Trying"
"The President has been trying to ride herd on us ever since the 80th Congress convened," he said.

"But he must know by now that he isn't playing with a set of rubber stamps."

"These cracks he has been taking at Congress on this tour may arouse some sentiment for him among radicals who haven't already deserted to Henry A. Wallace. But the great majority of Americans merely will consider it as being extremely poor taste in a President who is touring the country at the taxpayers' expense and claiming that the trip is non-political, so he can charge them for it."

"Judging from the number that turned out for his Omaha, Iowa speech, he better start riding herd on his fellow Democrats before he tackles the Republican Congress. They stayed away in droves."

Past Matrons, Patrons To Initiate Thursday
The Marion County Past Matrons' and Past Patrons' Association will hold its annual initiation services following a dinner at 6:30 p. m. Thursday in the Masonic Temple. Mrs. Hazel Barker Hayes, president, will preside and hostesses and hosts will be from Indianapolis, Speedway and Keystone chapters.

The initiation class will be comprised of 58 matrons and patrons of the county and two honorary initiates. Mrs. Sonoma Woodruff, Indiana worthy grand matron, and Ray Walters, state worthy grand patron.

UN Awaits Report From Bernadotte
LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., June 7 (UP)—The United Nations Security Council expected official word "at any moment" today on whether a Palestine cease-fire agreement has been worked out by Count Bernadotte. A session was scheduled for 1:30 p. m. in Indianapolis time, when the Council was expected to file his report.

The Way of a Dream
"The \$10,000 is just a necessary part of the bargain," she said. "I do wish, though, that I had met Dan under different circumstances. I know instinctively that we have a lot in common."

Mrs. Lawlor left her two children at her parents' home. She said she didn't know whether she would return to New York before the marriage or not.

"Danny's the boss, now," she said. "He sent me these plane reservations, and whatever he decides to do we'll do. He did say something about us getting married in Mexico City."

"It's just the way I always dreamed it would be."

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Orphans to Be Guests Of Ladies Auxiliary
A business meeting at 11 a. m. Wednesday will precede a luncheon of the Ladies Auxiliary of the General Protestant Orphans Home in the home. Children of the home will be guests.

Mrs. Dessie Davis is superintendent of the home and Mrs. Palmer Padgett is president of the auxiliary. Mesdames Edward Lake, William Bottin, Alfred Regan and Albert Buescher comprise the committee in charge of the luncheon while Mrs. William Halshausen is in charge of the program, assisted by Mrs. Bottin.

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GOP Rivals Speed Campaign Activity

Dewey to Follow Taft, Stassen to N. Carolina

By United Press
Rivals for the Republican presidential nomination stepped up their activity today to make the most of the 14 days remaining before the GOP nominating convention gets under way in Philadelphia.

Harold E. Stassen completed a series of meetings with convention delegates in Iowa, Nevada and California and headed for Hartford, Conn., where he meets with the Connecticut delegation tonight to seek second choice support.

The delegation is pledged to Sen. Raymond E. Baldwin (R., Conn.) as the favorite son on the first ballot.

Returns to Headquarters
Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., O.) whipped back to his Washington headquarters after a week-end in North Carolina where he sought support of the state's 26 GOP convention delegates.

Sen. Taft followed Mr. Stassen into North Carolina, and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York will round out the invasion by Republican presidential aspirants when he moves into the state Wednesday for two days of speech-making.

Although Gen. Douglas MacArthur is not campaigning personally for the Republican nomination, his backers were not idle. MacArthur for President clubs opened national headquarters in Philadelphia's Adelphi Hotel.

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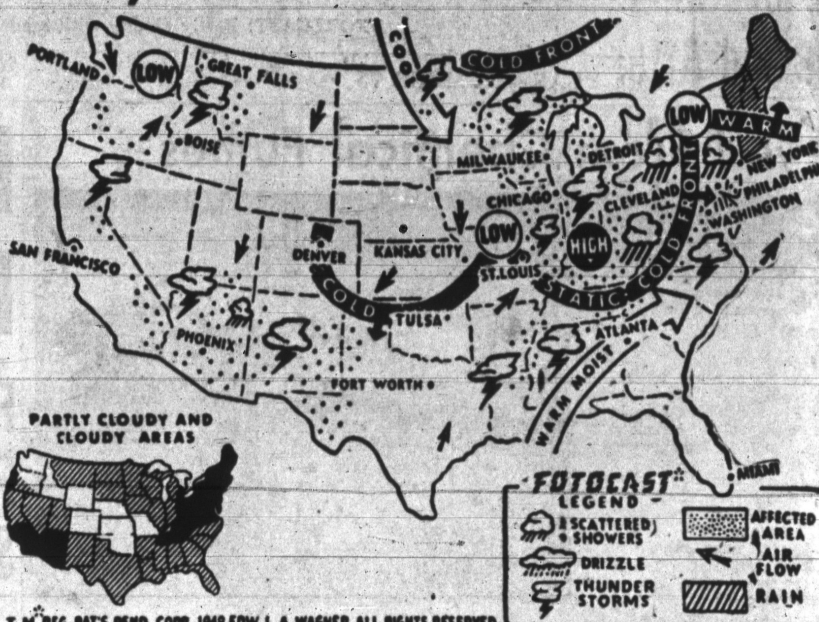
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Today's Weather Fotocast



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Wealthy Farmer Found Dead at 57

Raymond C. Rubush Rites Wednesday

SHELBYVILLE, June 7—Raymond C. Rubush, 57, wealthy farmer living in the London community near here, was found dead of a shotgun wound yesterday in his home.

He was a brother of Miss Esther Rubush, employed in the office of the national adjutant of the American Legion in Indianapolis.

Relatives said he had been under treatment for arthritis. He left a note to John Sawyer, an uncle, who lived in the same house. Mr. Sawyer found the body in the victim's bedroom.

Former IU Athlete
Mr. Rubush was an outstanding athlete at Indiana University before he left to participate in the Mexican border fighting in 1916. He was an officer in World War I.

He was a member of the Forty and Eight, American Legion, and Elks at Shelbyville and Scottish Rite at Indianapolis.

Survivors include two other sisters, Mrs. Hazel Arthur and Mrs. Harriett Montague, both of Glendale, Cal., and a brother, Walter Rubush, Wichita, Kas.

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