

Just Plain Folks Pay Respect To Truman As President

Wave in Awe As Train Roars Across Plains

Too Soon to Weigh Effect in Campaign
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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 Triumphal Tour

People swarm up and down a treacherous, 20-foot 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 bounces 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 160,000 had seen Mr. Truman earlier in the Omaha parks.

Split in Nebraska

It is too early yet on this trip to assess the plusses and minuses in a political way. At Chicago the bosses 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.

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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 "fly into a great calm" Mr. Halleck indicated.

"Has Been Trying"

The President has been trying to ride hard 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 concur 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 farm speech, he better start riding hard 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 hostesses will be from Indianapolis, Speedway and Keystone chapters.

The initiatory class will be comprised of 56 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. Indianapolis time, when the Count was expected to file his report.

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Local Students Today's Weather Forecast.

Honored as IU Closes Year

Kenneth Houser To Head Fraternity

Times Staff Service
BLOOMINGTON, June 7.—A number of Indianapolis students at Indiana University have received recognition as the school year comes to a close here.

Some were elected to office or became members of campus organizations and others were appointed to editorial posts on campus publications.

Kenneth Houser, 4628 Winthrop Ave., has been elected president of Mu Delta, pre-medical honorary fraternity for upperclassmen.

Elected Vice President

Shirley Schifferdecker, R. R. 14, and Ann Hutchinson, R. R. 14, have been elected vice president and publicity chairman, respectively, of the English Club.

New officers of Alpha Lambda Delta, scholastic honorary for freshmen women are: Joan Gordon, 135 S. Ritter Ave., president; Cynthia Baker, 626 E. 60th St., vice president, and Nancy Dearmin, 5147 N. Delaware St., secretary. A high scholastic average is necessary to become a member of the group.

Virginia Reilly, 2025 W. Washington St., has been elected vice president of the Social Service Club. William D. Lalley, 5319 Guilford Ave., and Donald A. Miller, 1241 Calhoun St., both sophomores, have been initiated by Kappa Kappa Psi, band honorary.

Makes Editorial Board

Ruth Nordberg, 1334 N. Oakwood Ave., a junior, has been selected a member of the Folio Magazine editorial board for next fall, and Al Rabb, 4146 N. Illinois St., has been appointed to the Board of Aeonis, student tribunal. He is a junior.

Don A. Tabbert, 4159 Broadway, a sophomore, has been elected president of the Christian Science Organization at the University. Rebecca Taylor, R. R. 5, a sophomore, and Georgia Johnson, 832 W. 26th St., a junior, have been named president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of Delta Sigma Theta, social sorority.

Joy Basan, 2220 E. 39th St., has been elected president of the Indiana unit of the Intercollegiate Zionist Federation of America.

2 Local Soldiers Leave For Mechanic Training

Puta, James Mason, 552 S. Vine St., and Ernest Bush, 542 Marion Ave., left today for Keesler Field, Miss., to take a 26-week course qualifying them as airplane and engine mechanics.

Members of the Indiana Air National Guard, they will return to Stout Field as members of the Air Service Group, 122d Fighter Group ANG.

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In another we port, William Holmes Ave., told his locker at K been broken open \$300 to \$400. William H. Bus Box 464, lost \$ Saturday, he told police

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Police said of 2638 McClugan vagrancy charges, 26 of 2626 to a doctor's office a bullet in the

He told police shot through the alleged bullet struck him at General Hospital they also were it had argued earlier 26-year-old wife.

Families Do CANBERRA, —Nearly 185,000 families are "doubtless" the housing shortage to the Commonwealth's office here.

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STRAUS SAYS: "I am

ARMY ENGINEERS SAY PORTLAND, Ore., June 7 (UP)—Army engineers sent out the good news today that Columbia River had reached at least a temporary crest here and might even recede very slightly today.

But, the engineers warned, they could not say that this was the final crest rolling down the mighty stream that has sent two flood-tides down upon battered communities in the past fortnight.

Reports from upstream were encouraging. The Columbia dropped one-eighth of a foot at Pasco, Wash., and the Snake River, a main tributary, fell four-tenths of a foot in 10 hours.

Dikes Water Seaked The encouraging reports heartened thousands of weary troops and volunteers still battling the Columbia along its lower reaches. Engineers said they expected the few dikes which withstood the earlier onslaughts to stand firm until the river recedes.

They warned, however, that the levees were water-soaked and could still go out if efforts to save them were diminished. They said this danger would last two or three weeks while the river recedes and the dikes dry out.

The American Red Cross listed 32 persons as "unaccounted for" in the Vanport City disaster that smashed the homes of some 18,500 persons.

They Come Up Smiling!

Approximately 200 members of the Indiana Masonic Home Alumni Association will hold their annual homecoming Saturday and Sunday at the home in Franklin.

Highlight of the program will be the dedication Sunday morning of a memorial plaque to the six Masonic Home alumni who lost their lives in World War II. A business session and election of officers will be held Saturday morning.

Present officers are Louis E. Lathrop, president; Richard Hunter, vice president, and Debra Barnard, secretary-treasurer. Frank and Gertrude Packard are in charge of decoration.

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Little Girls' Sun Dresses with sweetheart frills

Sturdy cotton twill, action-cut and fitted with elastic at the waist. Brown, red, royal, or tan, sizes 3 to 6.

—It's ZELAN treated for water repellency!

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Sturdy cotton plaid, full-cut, sun-and-suds-worthy togs all Summer long! Choose them with or without bib tops, in solid color poplin or in striped seersucker... sizes 3 to 6.

Merry cotton plaid for Summer playtime—so pretty styled you won't know whether to choose the one or the two-piece! Sizes 3 to 6.

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