

Truman GOP Taunts Aim to Cut and Sear

President Scraps Reserve; Spoils for Dewey Fight

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ABOARD TRUMAN TRAIN, Oct. 12 — President Truman charged about the Midwest today, an angry, resentful man spoiling for a fight and taunting Gov. Thomas E. Dewey—in the strongest language of this 1948 campaign—to do battle.

In Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, states in which the politicians say Mr. Truman hasn't a ghost of a show, he is tossing aside an earlier reserve to try to nail Republicans with words meant to cut and sear.

There were signs, as the President began this newest trip to drum up votes, that he had been sobered, even jolted, by the adverse reaction to his move to bypass the United Nations and dispatch Chief Justice Vinson of the Supreme Court on a special mission to Moscow.

At times as he sat before audiences, waiting to be introduced, he seemed deeply troubled and had little to say to local functionaries beside him. Sometimes he seemed tired, showing the strain of dogged campaigning.

But he appeared to perk up as large crowds, sometimes surprisingly so, turned out to hear him. It seemed to give him new spunk and after a few speeches he was swinging "harder than ever."

If he believed the mission to Moscow muddle had administered a coup de grace to his uphill campaign he was doing a fair job of covering it up. The nearest he came to any mention of it was when he said in repeated speeches that his administration had worked hard to build up the United Nations.

Harry Truman has yet to mention Tom Dewey by name, but where references once were vague, the New Yorker has become "the Republican candidate for President" and "my opponent in this campaign."

In a discussion of housing, the President not too indirectly linked Mrs. Dewey with the word "phony." Another time he referred to Mr. Dewey's "clever talk" about unity.

He charged, as he had earlier, that "we don't know what he means by unity—because he won't tell the country where he stands on any of the issues in which the American people are so deeply interested."

Repeatedly Mr. Truman has labored the "notorious" 80th Congress and, observing that Gov. Dewey had said he was proud of its record, he wondered "what he has got to be proud of."

Mr. Truman is on his customary schedule of eight to 12 speeches a day, rousing 16 carloads of people—his family, the White House staff, train crews, newspapermen, and others—for a pitch-dark, 6 a. m. turnout to catch the day's first meeting.

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Studies Home Remodeling Case

A court fight over the remodeling of a North Side residence at 4656 Hinesley Ave. to make it habitable for an ex-GI and his wife while he attends Butler University was temporarily stale-mated today.

Special Judge Henry O. Goett took the case under advisement in Superior Court 4 yesterday after hearing a group of residents in the neighborhood protest that the house, which once was condemned, ought to be torn down rather than repaired.

The case was brought into court a couple of weeks ago by Mrs. Pauline Bash of the Bash Steel Store here, who said she is renovating the house for the former soldier. At that time she obtained permission to complete the roof on the dwelling after Charles Bacon, City Building Commission, ordered construction stopped.

The Lions Club to Meet

The Lions Club of Indianapolis will meet at noon tomorrow in the Claypool Hotel. "Electricity at Your Command," a movie produced by the Indianapolis Power & Light Co., will be shown.

U. S. Statement

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (UPI)—Government expenses and receipts for the current fiscal year through Oct. 8, compared with the year before:

This Year Last Year
Expenses \$10,815,477,757.75 \$10,815,477,757.75
Receipts 429,435,471 158,420,668
Surplus 262,369,785 4,489,809
Capital Delt. 23,988,708,615 23,091,700,056
Gold Reserve 23,988,708,615 23,091,700,056

Add EXTENDED COVERAGE ... Broaden Protection

Losses from other hazards cost as much as fire damage. This Agency recommends EXENDED COVERAGE on business and dwelling property... household goods... stock... contents. It's low-cost, added protection.

It pays to call
the MUTUAL AGENT

GRAIN DEALERS MUTUAL AGENCY, INC.
1740 North Meridian St.
WAsh 2456

Yeggs Net \$800 In Safe Cracking

\$15,000 in Checks No Good to Robbers

Safe crackers with a "professional touch" took \$800 in cash and \$15,000 in checks from the Wagner Electric Co., 1231 N. Meridian St., today.

Company officials said the robbery was "almost an exact duplicate" of a burglary at the concern less than three years ago. At that time similar amounts in currency and checks were taken.

The burglary was discovered at 5:15 a. m. by Sgt. Dennis F. Reilly and his squad. They noted a broken rear window as they drove by.

They found the safe in a rear service department, with contents scattered on the room.

Hand Truck Moves Safe

Thieves apparently entered through the rear window. Inside, they broke another window to enter the office of Gothic Hills, branch manager of Wagner Electric Co., found empty space when he looked in the company safe this morning. Safe-crackers looted the firm of \$800 cash and \$15,000 in checks.

They used a hand truck to move the 700-pound safe to a rear room. There they pounded off the combination and punched the safe open.

Sgt. Reilly described the punching as "one of the cleanest jobs I've ever seen."

Company officials said the checks were of no value to the thieves.

Rites Completed For Mrs. Harris

Times State Service
ELLIETTVILLE, Oct. 12 — Services for Mrs. Alie Braxton Harris, widow of W. B. Harris, editor, publisher and state representative, will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow in Ellettville Methodist Church.

Mrs. Harris, who was 91, died Sunday. She and her husband were among the pioneer residents here.

She was a charter member of the Order of the Eastern Star and co-founder of the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Church.

Her husband, active in Republican circles, was founder of the Ellettville Farmer. He died in 1939.

She is survived by three sons, Henry Harris, Indianapolis; W. B. Harris, Ellettville, and Edward Harris of Georgia, and two daughters, Mrs. John Trotter and Miss Nellie Harris, both of Ellettville.

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50 to 75 Cent Gains Erased In Local Hog Dealings

The 50 to 75 cent price rise in hogs yesterday at the Indianapolis Stockyards was wiped out today.

Hogs were moderately active, with the bulk of good and choice, 150 to 200 pounds, selling at \$25.50 to \$25.75 per hundred-weight. \$27.75 was top price.

Sows fell 50 cents to fully \$1 lower, and sold at \$22 to \$24.50.

Fed steers and yearlings did a little better, rising 50 cents higher in an active trade. Vealers remained steady.

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