

Re-Dealing the New Deal

Peace In the World, Not Election, Truman's Hope at Wishing Well

Incident at San Antonio in September Cited as Clue to President's Aims

By EARL RICHERT, Scripps-Howard Staff Writer
KEY WEST, Fla., Nov. 13.—On a bright Sunday afternoon in late September, President Truman paused in the midst of his give-'em-hell campaign to tour the Alamo and other historic shrines in San Antonio, Tex.

At the old Spanish governor's palace, the superintendent suggested he drop a penny into the wishing well and make a wish.

He fished a copper from his pocket and dropped it into the well in deep silence, almost as if he were in silent prayer.

Reporters crowded around, challenging him to tell what he had wished.

"What do you think?" he grinned impishly.

"That you'd win," came the obvious answer.

"No, you're wrong," he said soberly. Then, with his voice taking a tone of deep sincerity, he said: "I wished for peace in the world. That is all I ever wish for."

That was a good campaign remark. And it may have been construed by newspaper readers and radio listeners. But those who heard him knew that the political campaign was the furthest from his thoughts at the time.

Saying that a President is for peace is about as non-newsworthy as saying that a minister is against sin.

But peace, to ex-artilleryman Truman, is something far more real than a pious platitude.

WITH JOE STALIN and his minions kicking up trouble all over the world, peace and the means of achieving it constantly remains uppermost in Mr. Truman's mind as he prepares to renew his oath for a four-year term as President.

He thinks the people want it more than anything else. Also, he feels that the war was won under President Roosevelt's direction and that it is up to him as Mr. Roosevelt's heir to follow up with a satisfactory peace.

Thus, our dealings and transactions with Russia will overshadow the reshuffling Mr. Truman plans to give the New Deal Congress willing. At least, that's the way the President feels as he looks ahead into the next four years.

But what can he do to bring peace that he hasn't already done or tried?

"About all he can do is continue to wish," said one of his friends who vacationed with him at Key West.

BUT THE President and his aids intend to keep on trying. There is likelihood that he again will try to reach a settlement with Stalin.

And in the meantime, he will go ahead with his program to use our resources to strengthen the non-Communist world.

Early next year he is expected to ask Congress to approve an alliance between this country and the Western Union of European nations — Britain, France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg. With this will go a costly program of giving arms to these nations.

Also there will be a continuing flow of Marshall Plan dollars to help build their domestic economy. The next Congress is expected to be asked to put up at least \$4 billion in 1949 for this purpose. The White House expects to encounter no real difficulty from the Democratic Congress on its foreign-affairs program.

CONFRONTING President Truman specifically are the trouble spots of Berlin, Greece and China. The Russians continue their blockade of Berlin; the war is not won in Greece although we have poured in millions to help the Athens government, and the Chinese nationalist government has suffered a series of such staggering blows recently that it is doubtful it can continue standing without large-scale American help.

Some Truman aids harbor the dim hope that now that the American people have endorsed the Truman Program and put Mr. Truman back in the White House the Russians will, as one put it, "come to their senses and work out something with us."

They admit, however, that this prospect apparently is slight and say that about all they can see to do is "more of the same."

ONE INTERESTING story involving the cold war circulated on the Truman campaign train, with apparently some degree of authenticity:

Back last spring, according to the story, a high-ranking young Democrat hit upon what he thought was a sure-fire method to bring about President Truman's re-election. This was about the time the Truman fortunes were beginning to decline sharply.

This plan, carefully scheduled and charted, called for President Truman to take a series of steps which would bring tension between the United States and Russia to a point of almost certain explosion by election day. This was supposed to insure Mr. Truman's re-election by making him the "indispensable" man in a period of crisis.

But Mr. Truman regarded the plan as preposterous and said he would not run any risk of setting off the keg of dynamite just to get himself re-elected. The young man left soon for a job in private industry and the voters sent Mr. Truman back to the White House anyway.

President Takes Family Yachting

May Spend Night At Anchor in Gulf

KEY WEST, Fla., Nov. 13 (UPI)—President Truman wound up the first half of his two-week "working" vacation tonight without giving any hint that he and his top advisers have reached decisions on any of the major policy matters they have been discussing.

The President has spent most of the time swimming, lying on the sand and strolling in the sun. But there have been numerous talks with lieutenants on problems to be dealt with after he is inaugurated Jan. 20 for a full four-year term.

Mr. Truman took his family and friends aboard the presidential yacht Williamsburg today for a trip into the Gulf of Mexico.

Weather permitting, they may drop anchor in the gulf and spend the night aboard.

Espionage Chief To Speak Here

Col. Sidney S. Mashbir, who served as chief of Gen. MacArthur's intelligence division, will address members of the Contemporary Club of Indianapolis Wednesday at John Herron Art Institute.

The meeting will be the first of the club's 58th season.

Col. Mashbir will tell of his experiences in military intelligence work against the Japanese forces. He made several trips into enemy territory during the war.

The board of directors of the Contemporary Club has arranged a series of five lectures to be given during the winter months.

Ad Men to Hear Bank Official

Willis B. Conner Jr., assistant vice-president of the Merchants National Bank and the Indiana Trust Co., will speak before the Indianapolis Advertising Club Thursday in the Athletic Club.

He will speak on "The Broad Field of Public Relations". Mr. Conner is in charge of public relations for the Merchants National Bank and the Indiana Trust Co. and is chairman of the Public Relations Committee of the Indiana Bankers Association, and covers four states for the American Institution of Banking.

He was recently appointed to the Public Relations Council of the American Bankers Association.

State Jurist to Talk At Unitarian Forum

Judge Mart J. O'Malley of the Indiana State Supreme Court will speak on "The Indiana Constitution" during the Unitarian Forum at 7:30 p. m. today in All Souls Unitarian Church.

Other speakers will include Dr. I. George Blake, professor of political science at Franklin College, and Miss Elizabeth Myers, social studies instructor at Washington High School.

Public discussion will follow the speakers at the forum which is open to the public. Dr. Wallace Rusterholz, assistant professor of political science at Butler University, will be moderator.

She dines well at about 2 p. m.

She Dines Well

More perhaps than her fame and fortune, many women might envy Miss Henie her ability to eat what she wants and as much as she wants. Candy, potatoes, plenty of steaks" make little change in her 105-pound average weight. Hours of practice, hours of performing with costumes often weighing 35 pounds or more banish all thought of calories.

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Butler U. Convocation For Thanksgiving Set

Butler University's annual

Thanksgiving convocation will be held at 11 a. m., Nov. 24, in the Fieldhouse. Dr. E. Robert Andrew, head of the department of religion, announced yesterday.

All students of the university, faculty and friends of the school have been invited.

President M. O. Ross, who will preside, will read President Truman's Thanksgiving Proclamation.

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Sonja Arrives for Revue



Sonja Henie and her skating partner, Michael Kirby (right), arrive in Indianapolis. . . . She was met by Dick Miller (left), Coliseum manager.

Finds U. S. Sets Pace for World

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