

President 'Cagey' About '52 Plans

May or May Not Run, Newsmen Infer

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 (UP)—President Truman elected today to keep the voters and the politicians guessing about his plans for 1952.

His answers to a series of questions at his weekly news conference added up to this: He might run for re-election, and then he might not.

On one point, though, Mr. Truman was emphatic. He feels perfectly free to stump for the Democratic ticket in any state next year once the congressional primaries are out of the way and the political chips are down.

The President's vague comments about 1952 were in keeping with White House tradition. In the past, chief executives usually have disclaimed any re-election aspirations until about the time they were nominated.

Couldn't Promise

Reporters were aware that the President had told a group of high school girls shortly before the press conference yesterday that he couldn't promise any government jobs after the expiration of his present term.

This led to the news conference observation that he did not sound like a candidate for 1952. The President said this was a proper inference.

"But you're going to run again, aren't you?" asked a newsmen.

The President said he would answer that at the proper time. Then he added with a sly grin that he was not in the position of the late President Calvin Coolidge who said pointedly that he did not choose to run.

Not One Sock, But Several, In This Story

ALL THOSE colorful socks you may have seen strewn up and down in the 4400 block on E. 10th St. yesterday belonged to the Kwik Dry Docks Store, 4448 E. 10th St.

Police said late in the afternoon three boys visited the store and asked a clerk to look at socks. Another boy, about 9 or 10 years old, lurked in the doorway.

AFTER LOOKING over a great pile of assorted socks, police said, one of the older boys tossed an armful to the small one in the doorway and all fled.

A pedestrian gave chase and the boys scattered. So did the socks. Police said the hosiery was scattered over the entire block and down an alley. The culprits escaped.

20 Detectives Seek Wealthy Widow

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 26 (UP)—Twenty detectives were assigned to work around the clock today to solve the disappearance of socialite Mimi Boomhower, wealthy widow of a New York inventor.

"Every time the phone rings we get a new suspect," said Police Sgt. Clarence Mahney. "We run down every tip, but the only tangible clue we have so far is her purse."

The 48-year-old widow's white purse was discovered in a Beverly Hills telephone booth with "we found this at beach" crudely printed on it. A search of beaches revealed no trace of Mrs. Boomhower, who disappeared from her Bel-Air mansion the night of Aug. 18.

5 Allison Jets In Air Race Event

Five jet fighters will represent Allison Division of General Motors Corp. in the National Air Races to be held in Cleveland, O., next month.

The planes, to be manned by Air National Guard pilots, will speed from Indianapolis on Sept. 4 to the finish line in front of the grandstands in Cleveland as the Allison Jet Racing Event in the races.

Five squadrons represented by entries will include the 159th from Jacksonville, Fla.; 158th from Atlanta, Ga.; 173d from Lincoln, Neb.; 196th from San Bernardino, Cal.; and 132d from Dow Field, Bangor, Me.

The ships will be F-50Cs powered by Allison J33 turbo-jet engines.

Cole Waives Hearing In 'Stomping' Death

Lee Cole, 43, charged with murder in connection with the "stomping" slaying of his common-law wife, today awaited grand jury action. He waived preliminary hearing yesterday and was bound over to the grand jury by Judge Joseph Howard in Municipal Court No. 2.

Cole was arrested Wednesday after the death of 26-year-old Jeanette Ivory. Residents of the vicinity told police Cole beat and stomped the woman the night before.

New Castle UAW Mulls Strike Vote

NEW CASTLE, Aug. 26—Two meetings of the membership of Chrysler Local No. 371, UAW-CIO, will be held tomorrow afternoon to determine whether the members desire to take a vote on calling a strike in case negotiations on current demands break down.

If the sentiment is favorable the strike vote will be taken Tuesday during the same hours, according to Charles E. Foster, recording secretary of the union.

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