

Orchids or Onions—

# Truman Makes It Clear He's In Drivers Seat On United States Foreign Policy Decisions

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—For better or worse, President Truman has served notice to friend and foe alike that America's foreign policy is his policy.

He'll take the credit for it—or the rap.  
This is the unmistakable upshot of his fireside chat last Friday which followed the successive deviations of Secretary of Navy Matthews and Gen. MacArthur.

As a result of Mr. Matthews' "preventive-war" talk and Gen. MacArthur's "defend - Formosa" theme, it wasn't clear in recent days whether foreign policy was being made at the Pentagon or the State Department.

The decision to inform the people that it's made—or least approved—at the White House, to historical source, was the President's.

It is known that some Pres-

ident on his own, if necessary—in a crisis.

His stubborn disbelief that he didn't have a chance in the 1948 election led him to make a slugging, down-to-earth campaign which surprised even his supporters with its result.

Curiously, he has found himself in periodic wrangles over who speaks for the United States in foreign affairs.

Just nine months after he had taken office in 1946, he felt compelled to say that the State Department carried out the President's policies, not vice versa.

James F. Byrnes was then Secretary of State and a slight chill had developed between the two men, it is understood, because

of Mr. Byrnes' penchant for speaking as though he were the foreign policy architect.

**Wallace Firing Cited**

The most notable case of the President acting decisively, although not too swiftly, was when he fired Henry Wallace from his cabinet in 1946 after Mr. Wallace had made a speech in which he urged less than a "get tough" policy toward the Soviet Union.

The President "approved" the speech, later said he approved Mr. Wallace's right to make it as having undercut his negotiations in Paris at the time.

The Wallace incident indicated that it sometimes takes time for the President to get his back up.

In recent months, for example, in which policy toward China, Formosa, Korea, preventive war and American aims, were outlined, Mr. Acheson was "always handy," as one source put it.

**'No Shirker'**

But it was made clear that the President had no intention of knocking down the military and the Defense Department was fully consulted in the speech preparation.

The President is said to have been anxious to go easy on Mr. Matthews, who had shown great penitence and offered to resign, but he wanted to emphasize that preventive war was "the weapon of dictators, not of free democratic countries."

He was equally adamant in preparing the latest speech.

making clear that the purpose in Formosa "is peace, not conquest." He was careful to avoid underscoring any Defense-State tensions that is an inevitable outgrowth of diplomatic and military considerations in the tense world.

Those in a position to know assert that the relationship between Mr. Acheson and the President is one of great mutual respect. The President is an eager listener to his foreign policy adviser; Mr. Acheson admires his chief's courage and instincts and views himself as a lieutenant carrying out the captain's orders.

The President is said to be mindful that Mr. Acheson seeks no personal profit and has no ambitions beyond doing his job.

For this reason, it is strongly suspected that Mr. Truman gives considerable weight to Mr. Acheson's views and it is true the State Department position was largely reflected in the President's speech.

While the speech may not have represented a sudden change in the President's attitude, it was a reassertion of the fact that his voice is the foreign policy voice, let the chips fall where they may.

It wasn't the President's purpose, but it is hardly likely that he succeeded in getting off the hook either Mr. Acheson or Defense Secretary Johnson, the top priority targets in the forthcoming political campaign.

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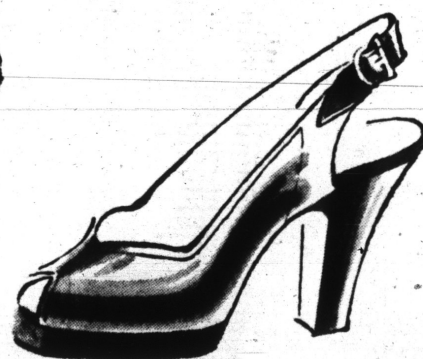
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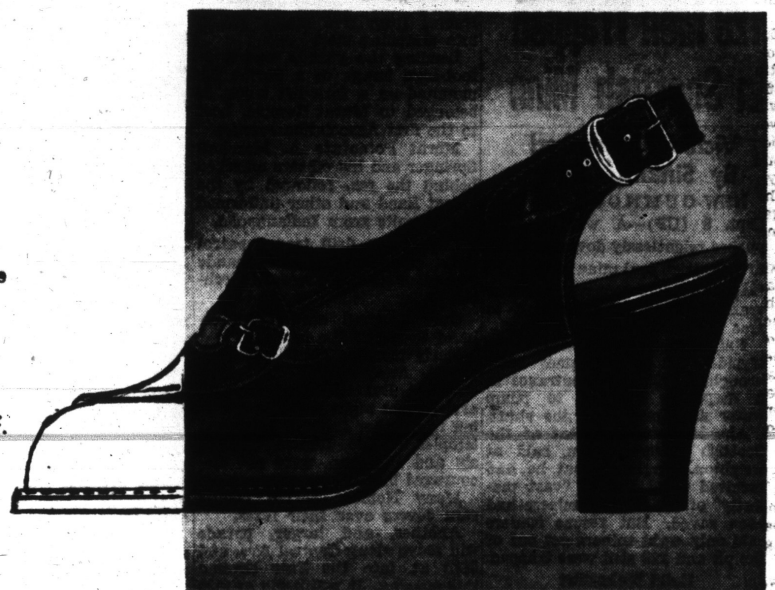
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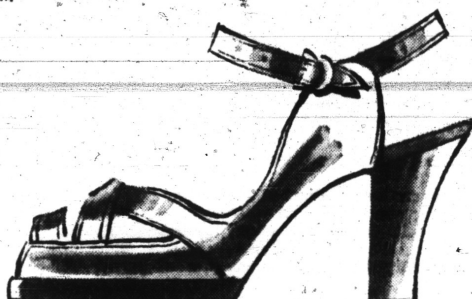
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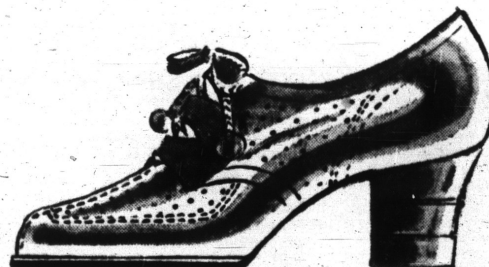
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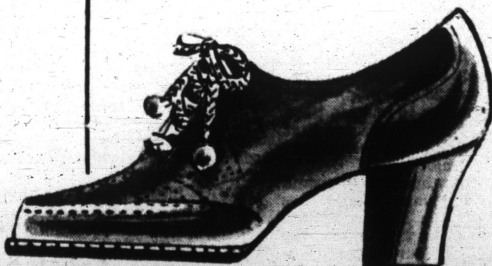
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Q—What's the  
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if I enlist?

A—Three years

Q—What's the  
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they get more  
do they get?

A—The pres-  
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to regular pay  
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first lieutenant  
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Q—I have ap-  
Cadet training  
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my status?  
A—You will be  
months.

Q—What's the  
about enlisting  
Marine reserves  
a regular?

A—The period  
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Marine Corps  
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## Soldier F On Hosp

Pvt. John R.  
Leslie Ray Alb-  
recuperating at  
ship USS Cor-  
sultation dock-  
at Pusan.

His mother re-  
ceived a letter  
from him on

Aug. 29 saying  
he had been  
wounded. Pvt.  
Albertson said  
his wounds were  
"not serious."

## 'They Ca Us, GI V

Lt. Hone  
Twice, B

"We're catch-

still can't whip  
Those are br-  
from a young  
who has twice  
felt the sting of  
flying shrapnel  
and bullets.

1st Lt. Will-  
E. Honeycutt  
son of Mr. R.  
Richard Hill-  
36 N. Rural st-  
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talked about  
things. He ho-  
hopes for more  
to fight tanks  
bats of men.  
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worked at the  
Glass Co. and  
while in school

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Lt. Honeycutt  
where he was  
years before go-

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SAYS: