

Truman Calls Critics 'Political Gangsters'

By United Press
WASHINGTON, May 3—President Truman last night warned "political gangsters" who "besmirch the reputation of decent, loyal public servants" that they "are going to have trouble with me from now to November."

Mr. Truman said such persons were "worse than Communists and I think they're partners with them."

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Mr. Truman mentioned no names. Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R. Wis.), who has tangled with the President repeatedly regarding his charges that the State Department and other federal agencies are infested with Communists, said in Milwaukee that "I would prefer not to talk about the dead."

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"I'm not going to stand for it," the President said. "I give them warning now. The people who have been slandering government employees are going to have trouble with me from now to November. And the best part of it is that I'm not running for anything."

Mr. Truman said government workers are doing a good job and that their "ethical standards are higher than those prevailing in the American business community." He said the Senate Committee on Ethics in government agrees with him.

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These charges, he said, are "false."

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He said if the defamers "confuse innuendo with fact, rumor with evidence, charge with guilt, they won't have to take a position on public policy issues, but can sneak into office by the back door."

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Civil Service Commission was designed to protect innocent employees as well as the government.

"But I have become increasingly concerned in recent months by attempts to use the loyalty program as a club with which to beat government employees over the head," Mr. Truman said. "Political gangsters are attempting to pervert the program into an instrument of intimidation and blackmail, to coerce or destroy any who dare oppose them."

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PANMUNJOM, Korea, May 3 (UPI)—Allied and Communist truce delegates exchanged formal statements in a 24-minute meeting today, and negotiations apparently bogged down in stubborn debate.

The full armistice delegations will meet again tomorrow to discuss an "over-all" solution to the last three deadlocks blocking a truce.

Observers believed today's meeting, shortest in the series of full-dress debates, was devoted to seeking a compromise between differing United Nations and Communist proposals.

Despite a news blackout, reliable sources said the Communists had presented at least part of a compromise plan. They had rejected an earlier United Nations package solution to the deadlocks on prisoner exchange, airdrop construction and nomination of Russia as a peace inspec-

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HIGHER TRANSIT RATES ASKED FOR LAFAYETTE
Lafayette Transit Co. patrons have 16 days in which to start protest action against a 30 to 50 per cent boost in fares.

The transit firm yesterday filed a petition with the state Public Service Commission to approve these new rates:

Adult single fares of 15 cents, replacing present 10-cent fare.

Children's fare of 10 cents, instead of 5 cents. But grade school pupils could buy weekly passes for 75 cents, entitling them to unlimited riding.

The petition also asked for an adult token system of 2 for 25 cents.

The new rates will be effective May 19 unless a protest is filed.

The PSC requires a minimum 10-day waiting period to allow for objections.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

MARRIAGE LICENSES

At St. Vincent's—Donald, Ruth McMullan, 21, 3106 E. 10th St.; Charles, 21, 1115 N. Alabama.

Jessie E. Heron, 19, 715 N. Alabama.

Gordon W. Folley, 24, U. S. Army; Joan

James E. Chard, 21, 515 W. 5th St.; Carol Bris-
tow, 19, 106 E. 10th St.

Willie Baker, 41, 106 E. 10th St.; Alice A. Center, 17, Lawrence.

Ralph M. Mard, 24, Southport; Margaret

Norman E. Sewell, 30, 106 Hall Pl.

Robert E. Milsworth, 26, 204 W. 54th.

Bertie Harrison, 21, 120 N. Northland.

Roy, 21, 204 Parker.

John, 21, 106 E. 10th St.; Jean, 19, 204 N. Northland.

Burke, 25, 106 E. 10th St.; Indianapolis.

Robert T. Hewitt Jr., 26, U. S. Army; Raymond Folger, 21, 106 Hall Pl.; Barbara Van Gorder, 20, 106 E. 10th St.

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Carroll, 22, Beverly; G. Arlene

Seavers, 17, 1015 E. 10th St.

Miriam Wedding, 20, 106 W. 54th.

Margaret Wineman, 19, 106 E. 10th St.

Grove, coronary occlusion.

DEATHS

Edith Abbott, 87, at 551 N. Dearborn.

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Elizabeth Bishop, 82, at 2112 N. Dela-

Alonzo Chapman, hemorrhage.

cirrhosis of liver.

John C. Donahue, 40, at Veterans Hos-

pital, rheumatic heart.

James J. Jacoby, 41, at 806 E. 11th, mitral

stenosis.

Charles Merle, 72, at General Hospital.

Orville Rude, 54, at Methodist Hospital.

arteriosclerotic heart.

Robert E. Schilder, 85, at 132 N. Miler.

carcinoma.

Lawrence Wilkerson, 42, at 911 E. 10th, pneu-

monitis.

Jean Williams, 70, at 624 E. 12th, pneu-

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CLUBS

Scientific Club, Tomorrow noon.

Antlers Club, Advances in the Foundry.

Knob Hill Club, 10th anniversary.

Hotel Claypool, 10th.

W. M. Do. You

Recreation, 10th.

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DIVORCE SUITS FILED

Maurice vs. William Thivion; Gels vs.

Robert Dwyer; James vs. Leon Pyke;

James vs. W. E. S. Johnson; Jean

vs. George; Harold, Harold, Harold

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