

The Washington-Merry-Go-Round —

## President Truman Continues Job Search for 73-Year-Old Admiral Leahy

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### New Job for Leahy?

President Truman has been privately turning on the heat to ease out his chief of staff, 73-year-old elder statesman, Adm. William D. Leahy.

Mr. Truman, who hates to fire anyone himself, recently called in Leahy's close friend, Adm. Louis Denfeld, chief of naval operations and the man who really runs the navy. Addressing Denfeld as "Lou," though he usually calls him "Admiral," Truman said: "Lou, I want you to do something for me. I want you to ask Leahy to retire. 'I like the old man,' the President continued, 'but he's outgrown his usefulness. I just

hate to do this, but you can find a way of suggesting it to him. When I first came here, he offered to resign and I said 'no.' Then last year he offered to resign again, and I asked him to stay. So it's very embarrassing to me and I can't very well ask him myself."

Admiral Denfeld, who has known Leahy all his life, demurred.

"I suppose Secretary For-estial has been telling you that I have two votes in the joint chiefs of staff—mine and Leahy's," he said. "But just look at the record. You'll find Leahy voted against me most of the time."

"He's gotten too reaction-ary," countered the President. "He and George Marshall are hardly on speaking terms. Everything Marshall proposes, Leahy tears to pieces. Clark Clifford tells me the public reaction to him is bad."

Denfeld replied that he did not see how he could possibly ask Admiral Leahy to retire. "He's my superior," he said, "and I can't go to him with a proposal like that."

"Well, figure out some big job we can give him," countered the President. "I want him to retire in a blaze of glory. After his career he deserves it. Think up some important mission we can send him on—something really important."

Admiral Denfeld promised to look into the matter, came back a few days later with the idea that Admiral Leahy be appointed U. S. ambassador to Spain.

Leahy has already served as ambassador to France and governor of Puerto Rico, has something of a diplomatic background and Truman was delighted with the idea. However, he overlooked the fact that we have no diplomatic relations with Spain, and have agreed not to appoint an ambassador until the Franco government is recognized by the United Nations.

This fact was promptly brought to Mr. Truman's attention when he suggested that Leahy become ambassador to Spain. The state department was emphatic and adamant.

No ambassador, it said—not even Admiral Leahy—would be sent to Madrid. Mr. Truman is still looking for a job for Admiral Leahy.

Judge Sam Roseman, of Ex-Ghost Writer's Opinion

New York, who used to write speeches for both Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry Truman, gave a private diagnosis of Truman's campaign talks the other day that would have delighted the ears of Dewey followers.

Chatting with a close friend, Rosenman declared: "I don't know who is writing this stuff the President has been delivering from the platform, but it will lose him more votes than he will win."

"In my opinion, the President is harping on that Wall street - against - the-farmer and capital-against-labor theme too heavy. That type of appeal doesn't register any more, except maybe with the Wallaceites. The farmers are too well off this year to be frightened by Wall street."

Judge Rosenman said he would have been glad to have offered his advice on Truman's speeches, "for whatever it was worth," but added that "some people around the President apparently think I am a bad influence."

Rosenman didn't name names, but it was jealous Treasury Secretary John Snyder who eulched Rosenman from riding on the President's train.

"I helped prepare the President's convention acceptance speech and his message to the Judge Rosenman told a friend, 'but I haven't been called in special session of congress,' since."

**Wainwright's Name**  
Gen. John Wainwright, hero of Corregidor, will start selling life insurance to service men—just as soon as he can get some more big name generals and admirals to go into business with him. He has already invited the retired air chief of staff, Carl Spaatz, to join him.

Financial backing for Wainwright's new firm already has been put up by Nincaonlf w been put up by Lincoln National and Mutual Life Insurance companies, but the general claims his firm will be nonprofit. He will call it the Armed Forces Mutual Life Insurance company.

**Berigan in First Chair**—John Berigan, a freshman at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, has been chosen for first chair in the third section of clarinets in the University of Nebraska band. John, who is a graduate of St. Mary's academy, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Berigan. Both Berigan and Paul Moseman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Moseman, are members of the band and marched with the organization during demonstrations at the Nebraska-Notre Dame football game Saturday. Moseman is an O'Neill high graduate.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Young were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Young.



**CROP PRINCESS** . . . Two pretty sights at the Los Angeles, Calif., county fair are prize samples of southern California's multi-million-dollar vegetables crop and Crop Princess Lila Kiser. She represents the major crops that make the district one of the world's richest farming areas.

### TEST YOUR I. Q.

#### QUESTIONS

1. How many vessels did Columbus have for his second voyage to the Western Hemisphere?
2. What does khaki mean?
3. Why are glasses clinked before drinking toasts?
4. Will wheat grow wild?
5. Who was the first president of the 48 states?

#### ANSWERS

1. Seventeen vessels carrying 1,500 persons.
2. In Hindustan it means dust, earth or ashes and is used to describe dust or clay-colored fabrics.
3. It is traced to the ancient practice of pouring wine from one glass into the other to guard against treachery by the person offering the drink. Originally denoting mistrust, the exchange has become an act of mutual confidence.
4. There is no evidence, agricultural experts say, for believing that wheat will grow wild.
5. William Howard Taft. The last two states to enter the Union, New Mexico and Arizona, were admitted early in 1912, the last year of Taft's term.

### PAGE LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Trowbridge and Mr. and Mrs. Merwyn French and Betty spent Thursday and Friday, October 7 and 8 attending the Ak-Sar-Ben at Omaha.

Mrs. June Fusselman spent the weekend in Hastings visiting her grandfather, who is ill. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Craig and daughters, of Norfolk, spent Saturday night and Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Rolie Snell and Mr. and Mrs. George Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snoeck and daughter, of Granada, Calif., came Friday, October 8,

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to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Asher, and other relatives. They expect to leave Thursday for New York.

Mrs. Otia Roan, of Long Pine, came Sunday, October 10, for a few days' visit with her son, H. L. Banta, and family, and with her brother, Herman Dimmitt, and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Asher and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snoeck and daughter spent Tuesday, October 12, at Osmond with Mrs. Asher's mother, Mrs. Kate Fuelberth.

A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Asher on Sunday, October 10, when all their children were able to be present. In attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snoeck and daughter, of Granada, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kemper and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Asher and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Asher and son, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Asher and daughter, and Richard, Bobbie and Jerry Asher, all of Page. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Switzer, of O'Neill, were supper guests.

Mrs. Kenneth Braddock and Mrs. H. L. Banta spent last week at Ainsworth. Mrs. Banta visited at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Williams. Mrs. Braddock visited at the J. M. Kennedy and Williams homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Riege entertained the following guests at a dinner Sunday, October 10: Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Horrocks, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Horrocks and family, and Miss Emma Vecker, all of Tilden; and Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Horrocks and family, and Mrs. Charlotte Yeoman, all of Meadow Grove. Afternoon visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dye, of Meadow Grove, Ralph Riege, of Norfolk, and Richard Riege, of Unadilla.

### BIBLE COMMENT

For Sunday, October 24  
**PALESTINE HISTORY REMAINS WORTHY OF DEEP STUDY**

Palestine was a very small country in the midst of great ancient empires, and its population was small in comparison with the teeming multitudes of those of Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Syria, Persia, Greece and Rome.

The names and dynasties changed, as successive conquerors arose. But always Palestine and its people were numerically small in comparison and seemingly of minor importance in that ancient world of great empires.

Why then has so much importance been attached to that little land and the history of its people? Why is that little land and the Jewish people so much in the forefront of world news events today?

The history of the Jews, or of Israel—in whatever way one speaks of it—is important and continues to be worthy of the deepest study, because of the moral and spiritual factors that are dominant.

These are manifest in individual lives, and in the records concerning them. They are enshrined in moral precepts of a "wisdom literature" that is the result of keen discernment and courageous, honest judgment. And the effects of the right or wrong ways of

life and conduct are so marked in the history of one people under constant moral and social security.

These factors stand out boldly, and warningly, in that history:

First, the evidence of what happens when individuals set their selfish interest above the welfare and good of the community.

Second, the evidence of what happens when the worship of false gods, and wrong ideals, displaces zeal for truth and righteousness.

Third, the evidence of what happens when differences and sectional rivalries develop into divisive strife and disruption.

What happened to the strong, consolidated kingdom of Solomon could happen to the strongest modern state if division and disunity develop as quickly and powerfully as they did in that ancient day.

### EYESIGHT



### NOTICE

Dr. Edward J. Norwood, O. D. Optometrist, from Crawford, Nebraska, will be in O'Neill, Neb., Oct. 23, at Hotel Golden Eyes Examined Glasses Fitted

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