

Truman Not First President to Have Difficulty with Potent Navy League

By DREW PEARSON

B-36 Probe—
The much ballyhooed probe of the B-36 is now taking an unexpected and not too happy turn—at least for the Navy. The turn is so unhappy that naval reserve captain Congressman Jimmie Van Zandt, the Pennsylvania Republican who started all the B-36 furor, would just as soon forget about it.

For Chairman Carl Vinson of the armed services committee is not merely probing the B-36. He is also investigating the source of the smear stories against Secretary of Defense Johnson and Secretary of Air Symington. In other words, he is probing the delicate but highly important question of who wrote Congressman Van Zandt's vitriolic speeches.

In this connection it may be significant that the Navy has suddenly transferred its press relations and propaganda expert, Rear Adm. Edward Ewen, to Guam. Admiral Ewen had served only one year of a three-year tour of duty, but suddenly he was whisked off to a distant island far from the strong arm of a congressional subpoena.

The Vinson committee also is expected to apply the microscope to the most powerful backstage lobbying organization ever to buttonhole congressmen for a government bureau—the Navy league. Frank Hecht, president of the Navy league, now has become so vituperative in comparing Secretary Johnson to European dictators, that good-natured Bob Fleming, president of Washington's Riggs National bank, is all set to resign as treasurer of the Navy league. As treasurer of the GOP congressional committee last year, Fleming helped raise around a million dollars for Dewey, and has no love for the administration. But he hasn't been able to stomach the Navy league diatribes.

The Navy League has now taken over the admirals' crusade against the bill before congress tightening unification. What the admirals say privately, the Navy league now says for them publicly.

History Repeats—
Harry Truman isn't the first president to have trouble with the Navy league. Herbert Hoover also had his headaches. Just 17 years ago he got into such a mudslinging duel with the Navy league that the latter ended up charging the president of the United States with "abysmal ignorance."

Attempting to practice economy, Hoover had ordered the admirals to cut their 1933 budget. Instead the admirals upped it by 40 million dollars and Hoover sent the budget back with a demand that it be reduced under 1932.

Whereupon the Navy league, acting as a megaphone for the admirals, hurled the "abysmal ignorance" charge at Hoover just as the same Navy league is now calling Secretary Johnson a dictator.

Most folks have forgotten the origin of the Navy league—which shouldn't be forgotten. To its founders read like a meeting of metallurgical magnates.

They include: Charles M. Schwab, Bethlehem Steel Corporation; J. Pierpont Morgan, United States Steel Corporation and owner of a controlling

interest in the Carnegie Steel Company; Col. R. M. Thompson, International Nickel Company; B. F. Tracy, attorney for Steel companies, and director of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company; George Westinghouse, Westinghouse Electric Company; Clement A. Griscom, director, Cramp Ship and Engine Company, the Electric Boat Company and the United States Steel Corporation; S. S. Palmer, director, Lackawanna Steel Company; 12 members of the Midvale Steel Company.

Steel Wants Big Navy—
There is a good reason why these gentlemen and their successors should be the most powerful, unscrupulous, and consistently irrepresible propagandizers for a big Navy.

It pays. The bigger the Navy, the more steel plates, the more generators, the more copper and nickel these gentlemen sell to Uncle Sam.

Members of the Navy league have been active and brazenly admitted their activity in sabotaging American diplomats at international conferences.

It was Charley Schwab of Bethlehem steel and associates who paid \$25,000 to "Big Bass Drum" Shearer to frustrate the Geneva naval conference. The steel and shipbuilding companies just didn't want naval limitation to succeed. Dividends, for them, came ahead of their country's effort for peace.

At Geneva, Shearer would have got nowhere if he had not had the all-too-eager cooperation of several U. S. naval officers sent to Geneva to work for naval limitation. Instead, they did the opposite and plumped for naval expansion.

Louis Kliment, Sr., Wife Are Honored

ATKINSON—A group of friends and relatives gathered Sunday, July 10, at the Atkinson city park to celebrate the 45th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kliment, sr., of Atkinson.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kliment and daughters, Janice, Janette and Romana; and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Placek and daughter, Norma, all of Weston; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kliment and Betty Lou and Leonard, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bratic, all of Wausa; Mr. and Mrs. John Bratic and Dwayne and Bobby, and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Thompson and Douglas, all of Bloomfield; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Soucek and twins, Marvin and Marlene, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vavak, all of Verdigré; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smalik and Donna, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Lunn and Betty Jo and Lynelle, and Mrs. Minnie Pail and Mr. and Mrs. William Cahoy and Alvin, all of Bonesteel, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kaiser, Esther and Ivan, of O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. James Dobias and Junior, Ray, Norbert, Joe, Jerry and Marjory, and Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Kliment and Larry and Dennis and Ivan Kliment and Herbert Bitney, all of Atkinson.

The day was spent in visiting and playing bingo. The couple received many gifts and a purse of money.

Charles Doty's Arrive—
CELIA—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doty, of Topeka, Kans., arrived Sunday, July 10, for a week's visit at the O. A. Hammerberg home. Mrs. Doty and Mrs. Hammerberg are cousins.

Little Eddie Ray Bright, son of the Archie Bright's, spent the weekend in Stuart with his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Hovey.

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Personals

Mrs. Bert Quick, of Englewood, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ford, of Butte, were Monday evening guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy.

Little Miss Laura Oetter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Oetter, is spending several weeks visiting relatives in Broken Bow.

Mrs. Grant Peacock and sons, Kenny, Curtis and Carroll, spent Friday afternoon and evening visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Lowery.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Melena spent Sunday visiting in Gordon.

Mrs. C. C. Golden and daughter, Ann, of Cheshire, Conn., arrived Monday to visit relatives and friends. Mr. Golden has been visiting here for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Moseman went to Fremont Sunday, where they met their daughter, Carolyn, who had been visiting her aunt, Mrs. George Moseman, of Lincoln.

Nels Ballard took Charles Harding, Bill Walters, and H. H. Lowery to Sand Creek Sunday, where they spent the day at the John Dimis ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Streeter left Sunday for Sheridan, Wyo., where they will visit Mrs. Streeter's sisters, Mrs. Roy Williams and Mrs. Martha Soukup, and her nephew, Gene Streeter, and Mrs. Streeter.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams will join them on a trip to Yellowstone National Park. On their return trip they expect to visit at the George Murray home in Lead, S. D., and Mrs. Streeter's sister, Mrs. Ellen Blomberg, who is a patient in a Belle Fourche, S. D., hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Robertson returned Saturday after spending a week in Denver, Colorado Springs, and Estes Park, Colo., and Black Hills S. D. Enroute they visited their son and family at North Platte and Mr. Robertson's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson, of Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. Wess Haaf, of Lincoln, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Evans over Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ray went to Loup City Saturday. Mr. Ray's sister and her daughter, Mrs. J. P. Ryan and Ida Mae, returned with them Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Petersen and daughter and the former's mother, Mrs. Z. A. Marsh, of Redlands, Calif., left Monday for Sioux City, where they will spend a few days visiting.

Harvey Sawyer and Robert Wiser are expected home today (Thursday) from Canada, where they have spent the past two weeks on a fishing trip.

Miss Judy Sanders is spending a week visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Lillian Simonson. Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Ray spent Sunday visiting Mrs. Ray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Waite, of Ainsworth.

Bruce McElhany left Sunday for Orchard where he will visit his cousin, Gary Clifton for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Marcellus and family went to the park at Long Pine Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hancock and family, of Wood, S. D., were guests last Thursday and Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. DeWayne Landis.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Manson attended the wedding in Neligh Sunday of Wayne Beeson and Miss Rayma Lee Jones, both of Omaha.

Miss Ardella Jensen, who is employed at the M & M, is living with Mrs. Ivan Cone. Miss Jensen comes from Royal.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Bowles, of Springfield, Mo., and Mrs. Clyde Bowles, of Jewel, Kans., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon R. Lorenz and family. Mr. Bowles is Mrs. Lorenz's brother. Mrs. Bowles is her mother, Bonnie Sue Sanders and her brother, Walter, of Springfield, Mo., who had vacationed with the Lorenz family, returned with the Bowles.

Mr. and Mrs. Manford Ross and son, Elmer, entertained the Ross's daughter, Mrs. Martha Miller, of Fremont, Mrs. Miller's daughter, Ada, and her son, Robert, of Scribner, were also guests. They arrived Monday and plan to stay a week. Robert is a great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ross.

Mrs. Mae Keller attended a family reunion Sunday in Clearwater.

ATKINSON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith, of Creighton, came Saturday, July 2, to visit at the Glen Butterfield home. Mrs. Christina Smith, who had been staying at the home of her son, Fred Smith, in Creighton, returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Johnson and daughters, Sandra, Adrienne, and Anna Marie, of Lingule, Wyo., were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Maring, jr., the first of last week. They were on their way home from a trip to the East coast.

Mr. Johnson's mother, Mrs. August Johnson, of Laurel, died while they were away. Mrs. Johnson was formerly Sophia Simson, of Atkinson.

Sunday, July 3, visitors at the John Heinowski home were Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cwertnia and daughters, Doris, Jean and Marlene Rose, of La Platte. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Pomietor, of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Abramowski and daughter, Margaret, of Sioux City, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hansen, of O'Neill, and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Corrigan. The ladies are all daughters of Mr. Heinowski.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gonderinger, of Hebron, and daughter, Connie Ann, came Saturday, July 2, to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Marquardt, of Norfolk, and Mrs. C. L. Spalding, of Oregon, came last week to visit the Frickel families.

Mr. and Mrs. August Brinkman were in Kearney Friday, July 1. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brinkman and son, David, came home with them to spend the Fourth of July.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Quigley and son, Larry, of Bellevue, are visiting relatives here.

Guests at the Willis Peterson and Ray Elder homes over the weekend, July 3 and 4, were Mr. and Mrs. Ira Elder and son and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Peterson and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hickok took their niece, Miss Laura Hickok, of Denver, Colo., to Grand Island Saturday, July 2. Miss Hickok had been spending her vacation here. Mrs. Doyle Hickok, of Seattle, Wash., met them there and returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Gaughenbaugh (Virginia Slaymaker) and daughter, Peggy, of Omaha, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hickerson (Avis Slaymaker) came July 3 to visit the Lawrence Slaymaker and Leon Hickerson families. The menfolk returned home on Monday night, July 4, but the ladies remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hoffman and daughter, Susan Amelia, of Morrilton, S. D., came Saturday, July 2, to visit the Ed Hoffman and Ed Slaymaker families. Tuesday the Hoffmans and the Slaymakers went to visit Mrs. Slaymaker's mother and Mrs. Hoffman's grandmother, Mrs. Fred Ashby, at Meadowgrove.

Ranch Picnic Is Held For Church Group—
The Women's association of the Presbyterian church held their annual ranch picnic last Thursday at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Patterson, near Emmet.

Supper, which was a weiner roast, was served to about 75 guests. A short devotional service was held.

Mrs. J. E. Davis was chairman. She was assisted by the Mesdames H. S. Moses, Glen Burge, A. L. Borg, Christen Williams, Fred Robertson, Sam Robertson and E. F. Holsclaw.

Forsythes Entertain—
CELIA—Alex Forsythe entertained Friday evening, July 8, by giving a bridge party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Dellman and family. High scorers were Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Stevens, Mrs. D. F. Scott, low, George Beck and Mrs. O. A. Hammerberg; traveling prize was won by D. F. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Stevens and son, Bobby, of Mobile, Ala., were guests. Coffee, ice cream and cake were served.

Scouts Told To Lead Moral Life

Rev. Ralph Gerber, pastor of the First Presbyterian church here, told the Boys Scouts of troop 210 at a weekly meeting Wednesday evening, July 6, that they should follow the Scout oath very closely in helping them establish and then maintain a morally straight life.

In following this type of righteous life, Reverend Gerber said, the boys of the scout troop will be secure in their community and be a guide post to others who are not sure of their right path to follow throughout life.

At the Scouts last regular meeting, a report was heard on Camp Wilderness, J. R. Lyons, assistant Scoutmaster, told members that \$2 had to be taken out of the troop fund, to meet camp expenses.

Scoutmaster A. C. McMaster also told the Scouts in a short talk, at the June 6, meeting the first objective of the troop is to aid the scouts in forming sound and clean personal living habits. These habits must be formed when Scouts are young if they are to become upstanding citizens of their community.

Each scout was asked to bring a prospective member to the June 13 meeting.

It was emphasized at the last meeting that the Scout troop will aid any boy financially, if otherwise he is unable to participate in troop activities.

Four boys passed the Scout spirit, a requirement for promotion to first class Scout. Boys passing the requirement were: Bill Malloy, Edward Tomlinson Duane Weier and John Brody.

Assistant Scoutmasters J. Ed Hancock and Lyons led in troop group games and singing respectively.

At a troop committee meeting Monday evening, July 11, there was a recognized need for all types of permanent camping equipment.

Glea Wade, committeeman, volunteered to obtain tents, mess gear, canvas cots, mattress covers, grates, griddles and two tubs.

It was also suggested by the Parent-Teachers association that a 20 x 30 foot building be erected for the troop in Ford's park. M. E. Jacobson, troop committee chairman, was appointed to investigate the possibilities for the building.

The Scouts will also be asked to act as vendors at the benefit baseball game on July 21.

O'NEILL HOSPITAL REPORT
Admissions: July 7—Edgar Lewis, of Omaha, accident, condition "good."
Still in hospital: Mrs. John Kersenbrock, of O'Neill, condition "good."

Dismissals: July 8—Mrs. Tom Hermesen and daughter, of Butte; Edgar Lewis, of Omaha, July 9—Mrs. Roy Shelhamer, of O'Neill, July 10—Mrs. Byron Grenier and son, of O'Neill.

Scene of Picnic Is
The Westminster Fellowship held a picnic at Niobrara state park Sunday. There were 15 members present. Young people from the Niobrara and Verdell churches joined the O'Neillites.

The sponsors who drove were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Petersen, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. DeBolt, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Tietz and Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Gerber.

Mrs. Andrew Jensen and daughter, Miss Ardella, of Royal, and Mrs. Jensen's niece, Mrs. Ed Corey, and son, Stephen, of Dunlap, Ia., were callers last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Cone.

MRS. GRAY DIES

LYNCH — Funeral services were held here Sunday afternoon, July 3, for Mrs. Scott Gray, who died at the Sacred Heart hospital Thursday, June 30. Mrs. Gray had been admitted to the hospital only a few days before her death. Survivors include: Widower; six children; mother and many other relatives.

Personals

Ed Tunnicliff, of South Sioux City, spent the weekend visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bellin.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Metsche and sons, of Fremont, left on Sunday for their home after spending 10 days visiting Mrs. Metsche's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Yantzi.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mentver and Mrs. G. G. Wicks, of Atkinson, were Sunday guests at the Ace Wicks and Robert Barnes homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tornjack and son and Miss Florence Ponton spent Sunday in Elgin visiting Mrs. A. E. Ponton and Mr. and Mrs. George Ponton and family.

Chief Machinist Mate Robert Burke and Mrs. Burke, of Long Beach, Calif., left Saturday after spending several weeks visiting their mothers, Mrs. Laura Burke and Mrs. Ellen Sullivan, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Sullivan and daughter, Patty, Marilyn Mathews, of Omaha, and Mary Jo Donlin spent Sunday picnicking at Hidden Paradise park in Long Pine.

James Barnes, of Atkinson, returned to his home Monday after spending a week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnes and daughter.

Miss Janice Sipes spent Friday and Saturday visiting Miss Lynette Stevens, of Battle-creek.

Miss Mary Devine Brennan returned from Lincoln Saturday where she had spent a week. Her cousin, Ted Donohoe, of Omaha, accompanied her and is a guest at the Brennan home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Burke, of Chambers, were Sunday afternoon guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Oetter. They attended the ball game together that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Kratochvil, of Osmond, visited at the Willard Naprstek and John Kersenbrock homes on Wednesday, July 6.

Mrs. A. L. Fritton and daughter, Marilyn, left Monday for Omaha where they spent a few days on business. Marilyn has been accepted as a student nurse by St. Catherine's hospital here she will begin her training in the Fall.

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Write down the name of the person you think is Mr. Hay and mail your answer to Mr. Hay, Atkinson, Nebr.

The first person to identify Mr. Hay and who is in the audience at the Hay Days afternoon show on August 18, 1949, will win \$50 as a gift from the Atkinson American Legion.

You may guess as many times as you wish. The decision of the judges will be final.

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