

EDITORIALS

TRUMAN'S PRESS CONFERENCES

President Harry Truman's latest blast at General Dwight D. Eisenhower and General Douglas MacArthur once again reflects the explosive atmosphere which has so often the president's press conferences. Perhaps, no other president has so startled the gentlemen of the Fourth Estate as has President Truman in the last seven years.

In his first years as president, Mr. Truman often confused the assembled reporters with off-the-cuff remarks, which were sometimes a bit sharp or in generalized form or misleading. Occasionally, he would react to a sharp question with characteristic anger and speak abruptly, perhaps before he had thought out his answers sufficiently.

In the past few years, President Truman has improved his technique at conferences somewhat, although he has still come up with blunt words and major surprises at various intervals. His pronunciation and manner have both improved since his early days.

In leaving, President Truman will probably carry with him some of the explosive atmosphere which has so often been abundant in both the White House and the old State Department building, where conferences have been held in recent years.

General Eisenhower is not expected to be as quick-on-the-trigger nor as elaborate in his answers to reporters' questions. Perhaps, General Eisenhower's manner will work in the best interest of the country. Whether or not this is the case, reporters are sure to lose a headline-maker when the present chief executive bows out in January.

TANK PRODUCTION CUT

The Department of Defense has ordered cutbacks in the production of tanks and trucks. These cutbacks will result in the closing down of several arms plants and, of course, reduce the number of tanks to be built in the next few months.

As far as can be learned, the cutbacks will affect production of the M-47 and M-48 medium tanks. They are not likely to affect the production of the new light tanks now being built.

The cutbacks indicate that the defense department is stretching out defense production goals and that sizable cuts in the budget of the Department may be possible next year. The reductions may also reflect an attitude on the part of members of the new administration that mass production of present medium models should be delayed until they are perfected further.

It is understood that the M-47 will probably go out of production by the end of next year and this seems to indicate that the defense department is inclined to stress newer and better models, over and above greater production of present ones.

This is a healthy sign, since United States tanks have traditionally been inferior to those of the enemy in major wars. If the current curtailment is designed to insure United States forces the finest tanks available, we heartily endorse it. We also hope that the new administration will see to it that U. S. infantrymen are equipped with the best, and simplest, rifles and machine-guns in the world. Unfortunately, this too, has not been the case in recent wars.

MORE STEEL FOR US

Production of steel was recently begun at the United States Steel Company's Fairless Works, the largest single steel production expansion of its kind in history. The new steel works sprawl over some six square miles of Pennsylvania and are expected to produce annually 1,800,000 ingot tons of steel when in full production.

This figure represents almost two per

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Better to sink beneath the shock
Than moulder piecemeal on the rock.
—Byron

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Furse's Fresh Flashes

Seeing ourselves as others see us wouldn't do much good—we wouldn't believe it anyway.

A local man tells us he still acts towards his wife just the same as he did before marriage. He used to lean over the fence in front of her house and watch her shadow on the curtain, afraid to go in. He does exactly the same thing now.

Opportunity often knocks so much like hard work that most people never recognize it.

The average business man is lucky if he can spend half his time attending to business.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, tells us she never worries about the past because she has presence of mind.

A Plattsmouth wife says unfortunately husbands don't come any better than hers.

Modern automobiles will reach a speed of 125 miles per hour and will stop on a dime. They should come equipped with a putty knife that will come out and scrape you off the windshield.

Sympathy is what one woman offers another in exchange for the details.

Down Memory Lane

10 YEARS AGO

Miss Kathleen Balfour of Union has recently returned from the National 4-H Club Congress at Chicago. . . . A miscellaneous shower for Mrs. Lester Sorrell, the former Dorothy Jean Turner, was given at the L. D. Hiatt home. . . . Pvt. Leonard Kalasek, here on furlough the past week, has returned to Fort Leonard Wood. . . . Seaman Ralph O. Timm has returned to Great Lakes Naval Training Station after spending the Christmas and New Year's holidays here. . . . Miss Geraldine White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. White, is now employed as a clerk at the bank. . . . The city council has authorized City Attorney A. L. Tidd to bring suit to collect damages to city electrolines when a bus was washed against them during the June flood. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ray Herold announce the marriage of their son, Sergeant Ernest M. Herold to Miss Bernadine Meierdierks.

20 YEARS AGO

Alfred E. Edgerton has been appointed constable of the county court, Judge A. H. Duxbury announces. He has also been named to serve for the justice of the peace. . . . Miss Mable Lucille Clark of near Rock Bluffs and Lester Eugene Exline of Union, were married here December 31. . . . Defective wiring started a blaze in the Leroy Covert car but was rapidly extinguished by the Plattsmouth Volunteer Fire Department. . . . William C. Ramsey of Omaha, formerly of Plattsmouth, has been named assistant attorney general for the state of Nebraska. . . . Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Kohrell and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Marks, all of Union, have recently celebrated wedding anniversaries.

cent of the total U. S. steel production at present. Such production is not expected to be reached until the summer of next year, although the plant is already in the early stages of operation.

The new plant is expected to turn out a sheet of steel four feet wide at a speed of eighty miles per hour, which is the fastest steel production speed yet attained. The new steel production plant was begun in 1951 and represents a \$400,000,000 investment.

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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DREW PEARSON SAYS:

NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL CHOOSE HONEST U. S. ATTORNEYS; INDEPENDENT PARTY SPEAKS ITS PIECE; CONGRESSMEN VISITING KOREA ARE SOLD ON GEN. CLARK.

WASHINGTON — New Attorney General Herbert Brownell is going to specialize in picking top-notch U. S. attorneys throughout the country. He knows that corruption begins at the grass roots, and that the U. S. attorney's office is the place where it can easily originate.

One of the best men previously picked by Brownell is Warren Olney, III, as U. S. attorney in northern California. Olney is former counsel of the California crime commission, is close to Governor Warren, and has done much to focus attention on California corruption.

In southern California, however, Brownell has under consideration for U. S. attorney an honest, well-meaning gentleman named Ebel Younger, husband of one of the most prominent Republican ladies in

Ticklers

By George



"Now I suppose you're going to tell me you ran out of water!"

California. Some years ago, Younger worked for the FBI and was the FBI's secret agent inside the Longshoremen's Union and the office of Harry Bridges. Though Younger's identity was supposed to be known only to J. Edgar Hoover and a few top G men, he made the fatal error of leaving a carbon copy of a report to the FBI in a wastebasket in one of Bridges' hotel rooms.

It was labeled: "To the FBI from special agent Ebel Younger."

Naturally, Bridges' associates picked it up, and Younger was booted out of the Bridges organization.

The FBI, mortified, put Younger to work filing reports.

A group of senators favoring abolition of the senate filibuster gathered in the office of Senator Lehman of New York—most of them Democrats. Present also were Irving Ives of New York and Jim Duff of Pennsylvania, Republicans, and Wayne Morse of Oregon, Independent.

After considerable discussion it was decided that the caucus should not agree on anything definite, and that they should be particularly careful in what they told the press.

"We must say that we discussed the problem generally," remarked one senator, and be careful not to antagonize our own party caucuses."

They found, however, that this was not unanimous.

"My party, Mr. Chairman," piped up Senator Morse of Oregon, "has already caucused and is ready to report."

"As the Independent party," continued Morse, who is the sole Independent in the senate, "we have decided that we should have a showdown. The 83rd senate cannot be obligated by the rules of procedure of the 81st senate. We should make our own rules for the 83rd senate just as the 81st senate made its rules for itself."

"Regardless of what the Republicans and Democrats do," Morse concluded, "the Independent party will always be ahead of you."

Tragic Training

The order hasn't yet gone out, but the air force will crack down on training flights as a result of the tragic pre-Christmas crash that killed 87 at Moses Lake, Wash.

Inside fact is that the doomed Globemaster was on a training mission, though its 105 passengers were hitchhiking servicemen on their way home for Christmas.

This has raised the question of whether air force planes on training missions should be allowed to carry passengers. In the case of the fatal Globemaster, the pilot was supposed to be tested taking off with a heavy

load. The plane was loaded to near capacity, though it should have been able to carry as many as 50 persons safely.

In the future, however, the air force will order that sandbags be used instead of human cargo.

Tokyo Commander

A group of congressmen recently inspecting the Korean war front sat down with Gen. Mark Clark loaded for bear.

Texas Congressmen O. C. Fisher and Frank Wilson had their axes particularly sharpened for Clark because of the battle of the Rapido river and the fact that a Texas National Guard division—the 36th—was badly mauled during the battle of Chosin.

Before the conference started, however, the congressmen were 100 per cent sold on the top commander in the Far East.

"You go on to Korea," Clark told them in Tokyo, "and when you get back let me know what you think. I'll answer any questions."

Clark did answer any and all questions, convinced the congressmen the war was in competent hands.

As the conference closed, Clark turned to Congressman Carroll Kearns of Pennsylvania.

"Does your district take in Conneautville?" he asked. "My father was appointed to West Point from there in 1866, and my grandfather lived and died there. In fact, the family is buried there."

Kearns said that his district did take in Conneautville and that he lived not far from there. "Well, if you ever go by the old cemetery on the hill," said General Clark, "I would appreciate it if you would let me know how my family's graves are kept up."

Kearns promised to do so, and was as good as his word. He took a special trip to Conneautville, found the Clark tombstones knocked over, adjusted them, planted some new shrubbery around them, took pictures and sent them to Clark.

Pentagon Politics

General Eisenhower may not know it, but a backstage wire-pulling match is going on inside the Pentagon over who should step into General Van Fleet's shoes as 8th army commander in Korea.

Gen. J. Lawton Collins, army chief of staff, is trying to plant his deputy, Gen. Maxwell Taylor, in the job. However, Eisenhower has hinted privately that he would like to see his own former deputy, Gen. Al Gruenther, replace Van Fleet.

Taylor's supporters have quietly undertaken to convince Eisenhower that Gruenther is so urgently needed in Europe that he can't be spared for Korea. At the same time Collins has quietly sent Taylor to Korea on an "inspection trip," so he'll be all ready to take over from Van Fleet the moment Ike gives the word.

Whoever gets the job will probably end up as army chief of staff.

Demonstration of Deep Fat Frying And Pastry Planned

A series of deep fat frying and pastry demonstrations will be conducted by 4-H leaders and home extension club leaders over the county during the next two weeks.

Schedules of the dates and places of the demonstration were announced today by Home Extension Agent, Miss Pearl Schultz.

The schedule:
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Jan. 6 — Union and Nehawka Mrs. Charles Swan.

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United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed . . . \$
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Bank premises owned \$1.00 . . . \$

TOTAL ASSETS . . . \$1,555,408.66

LIABILITIES
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Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations . . . \$
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CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
Capital* . . . \$
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