# It Happened Last Night In Local Boites

### The Real-for-Sure Newsmen And the Human Truman

- By Earl Wilson -

Key West, Feb. 23.—Comes now a story about the human Truman.

(Don't worry, you-all, this is no political yarn. I don't know a Republican from a Democrat. Who does?)

But while down here in the South, and I mean South, not The Earl Can . . . south, I've been covering the re-

porters who cover the Prez at his little White House, and also his big White House.

"We're all crazy about him," one of them said.

Admire these guys-these real-for-sure newspaper men, who write on times even in open cars with you for calling. rain beating on their dancing typewriters.

They're the modern Richard Harding Davises, Here they came down out of the Pan-Amer- anything about him being hurt," ican Clipper, carrying their type- the reporter said. writers, ganging about the Prez when he stepped out of the hospital if I went to call on him?" Sacred Cow. Then all 39 of them the President said. plunged into a bus and I rode and swims.

shoes?

leather.'

"Wasn't the old man limping on that cane?"

That's a vacation cane."

thing he'd said-about exactly ing that he "has a chance" to be how he said it and they settled elected President, That's one way on the milder version.

we know we have the power to in the political race, a lot of them cause a stock market crash or will tell you that in the human an international incident," said race he does pretty good. one, to me.

when they started typing their in New York: "arrival" stories at a long table Inside "BOQ" (Bachelor Officers' Quarters) where they live.

"What a day tomorrow. We're not going to have any time to write let alone go to the bathroom."

"Do you know we got to leave here at 2:30 a. m. to get to the airport?"

They turned to three newsless speeches from which they must make stories.

"Looks to me like the lead on this Puerto Rico speech is that he's very happy to be in Puerto

Rico," said Tony (AP) Vaccaro.
"Too explosive!" grinned Merriman (UP) Smith. "Will cause celebs at the Warwick's Raleigh trouble all over the Caribbean." Room for the 3 Suns' opening . . . 43rd St. W. of Broadway

Much later in the BOQ barwhich is the National Press Club nack . . . Jeri Keever's the pretty bar all over again with slot ma- songstress at the Latin 14. chines and palm trees added-a reporter who covered the White heard this on a Seventh Av. bus. House seven years and will soon As it became crowded the driver have an ulcer to prove it told me called out, "Boys step to the rear, was knocked down and critically not a boy or a girl, stay where injured by a truck.

He was staying up all night at of a fix already!" the hospital with his son.

the phone rang.

A voice said, "How's the little fellow?"

For a moment he wondered who was up this early.

Then suddenly the reporter shouted: "Why, Mr. President,

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Here are some ancieit yaks from an 1800 jokebook that are still fresh: "I never read a book before reviewing it-it prejudices a man so" . . . "A married man's like a razor. Always in hot water or a scrape" . . . "They are going to make policemen wear rubber boots, to keep them from waking up" . . . "I went to the country for a change and a rest. The waiters got the change and the hotel got the rest."

planes, often in autos, some he's coming along fine, and thank

"I didn't think you'd recognize my voice," Truman said.

"And I didn't think you knew

"Would it upset things at the

It would have made the reportalong hearing their shouting on er a mighty big man at the hosthe way to the naval submarine pital. But he said, "You know betbase where Truman eats, sleeps ter than I do that it would, Mr. President.

"Did he have on patent leather Truman sent toys and candy and So Mrs. Truman and Margaret "No. New, but not patent the boy got well and the reporter remembered, but he could not let it affect his work because he is a wire service man who has to be "Not limping. Just resting. neutral and write "straight down in Miami Beach, will do a Parathe middle.

Among the reporters who cov-There was a debate about some- er him there seems to be a feelthey put it-"a chance." But re-"We try to be accurate because gardless of what happens to him

### And there was more talking The Midnight Earl . . .

WHAT'S HOT: Peter Donald, who recently made news by renting an apartment, may be

seen almost daily teaching 21's Peter Kriendler how to skate in Rockefeller Plaza . . . Henry morgan revealed at Spivy's he's taking guitar lessons . . . Bill Callahan's being given a big build-up by Za-

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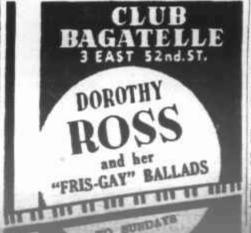
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Cornel Wildes Andy Russell left for the Coast to start his new film for Paster- HOTEL VICTORIA

nuck .

TODAY'S SMILE: Lou Allen you are, 'cause you're in a hell JACK'S

CHATTER: Israel Sachs and House of Chan Cor. 52nd St. One 7:30 a, m. as he came home John Garfield will be announced as the winners of the LaGuardia HOTELS and RESTAURANTS





Vin Roddie (left) and his boogie woogie stylings are featured at Garrison's. Dick Wilson's band plays for dancing at Le Coq Rouge.

Award by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League for "supporting better Americans of different religious and racial groups" . . . Sam Wanamaker left for the Coast, mount short titled-no kiddingwhile his wife, Charlotte, stayed here to have her baby and continue acting on her radio program.

In Miami: NEWS: Billy Seaman, the canned goods king, broke his arm while dancing at Nassau, (Yah,

TODAY'S SALOON SPECIALS
Jane Dulo opens at Ruban Bleu.
Dick Jurgens orchestra into Cafe Rouge
of Hotel Pennsylvania; new show at
Wivel.

while dancing . . . he fell over his partner) . . . Sophie Tucker sails on the Queen Elizabeth May 14 to play the London Casino . . . Reed and Zelda Suplee, Pennsylvania nudist camp operators, are about to open a bareskin camp near Miami . . . American Legionnaires will take responsibility for any damage done in their hotel rooms during the national convention in Miami in October . . . Singer Monica Lewis, vacationing

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"My Girl Tisa," produced by United States Pictures for Warner Bros., is the story of an immigrant girl who learns about democracy in the United States in Manhattan's teeming East

'I Remember Monica."

STUFF: The gambling element says, "So John Costello's the boss of Ireland. Why not? Frank Costello's the boss of the United States" . . . Don't forget Joe E. Lewis' sermon for today: "When you do the town, you probably don't do it any good" . . . That's earl, brother.

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