

WHAT PEOPLE THINK

This election is far from "normal." Pollster Elmo Roper finds that the last election was a "revolution." Turn in page 5-A to see what the people are thinking about some of the candidates.

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Truman Talks With Aides In Coal Strike Action

President Urged To Act Swiftly On Walkout

Board Reported To Blame Lewis

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman summoned top advisers to a conference today to discuss his next move in the soft coal strike.

Scheduled to meet with Mr. Truman this afternoon were Attorney General Tom C. Clark, Secretary of the Interior Key Pittman, Chief of the Federal Reserve Board, and the Federal Reserve Board.

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House-Senate Committee Action

Franco Spain Is Dropped From Foreign Aid List

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate and House members working out a compromise foreign aid bill agreed today to strike Spain from the list of nations eligible to share in the aid.

They acted within less than an hour after the White House announced that President Truman is "entirely opposed" to this provision.

The House put this "Welcome Franco" provision into its bill. The Senate had rejected the idea.

Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) announced the compromise committee's decision to drop Spain. The committee is made up of members of the House and Senate.

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\$3 Billion More Sought For Defense

Truman Sends Congress Word

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman advised Congress today that an additional \$3,000,000,000 will be asked for national defense.

Mr. Truman made this known in a letter to House Speaker Martin Dies.

In the letter, the President also asked that the Treasury Department be authorized to enter into a contract for \$75,000,000 to build a new aircraft carrier.

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Dardanelles Bolstered

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WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States moved speedily today to shore up air and sea defenses of the Dardanelles now guarded by 700,000 Turkish troops.

Carrying a cargo of former U. S. Air Force planes, the escort carrier Rendova was to sail from San Francisco for Istanbul.

The Navy announced last night that this is the first of three shipments of planes which will be delivered under the Greek-Turkish military aid program.

The ships also transferred under the military aid program will be the ferrying trips from Norfolk in May and June.

The announcement did not say how many planes will be carried. The 12,000-ton escort carrier normally carries up to 90 Navy folding-wing planes.

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Decree Seen As Deceit Attempt

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WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness today; partly cloudy and cooler tonight and Friday.

Temperature at 11:30 today	63
Low at 5:30 today	54
Summit today	44
Summit tomorrow	44
Summit Wednesday	44

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