

Truman's Campaign Evaluated

Former President Hits At Objection To Catholicism

RALEIGH (AP) — North Carolina Democratic leaders today weighed the effect on their campaign of a two-day visit by former President Harry S. Truman.

Before flying from Rocky Mount for Virginia, the energetic Missourian gave a final admonishment against religious bigotry in politics.

He told an audience estimated at 15,000 in rural Nashville it is "shameful blackmail" to use the fact that Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy is a Roman Catholic as an issue in the campaign.

"It's all hooey, all this unnecessary blackmail sent over the United States and distributed through headquarters of the Republican party," the 76-year-old former president declared.

"When I was running for president in 1948, if a Catholic priest had stood up in the church and said I ought not to be elected because I was a Baptist, I would have exploded, and so would you, and you should have," Truman said.

A spokesman at Republican headquarters in Washington expressed doubt there would be any comment on Truman's remark. He said the orders are not to talk about religion at all.

North Carolina's top Democrats greeted Truman when he arrived Thursday for a noon speech at the state fairgrounds near Raleigh.

They honored him Thursday night with a fund-raising dinner, with some 600 Democrats from all over the state paying \$30 a plate.

Truman traveled Eastern North Carolina Friday, with his first stop a visit in Zebulon with his daughter's in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Daniel Sr.

He went on to Wilson for a speech to some 5,000. The Nashville address, to crowds assembled for an annual Harvest Festival, came next and was followed by brief remarks to some 2,000 persons at Rocky Mount.

Patrolman Is Killed In Accident

HICKORY, N.C. (AP)—A tractor-trailer truck overturned and literally ran over a State Highway Patrol car about 1 a. m. today, killing the patrolman and stripping the car down to its frame.

The patrol car had been pushing another highway patrol car to start it. The second patrol car was barely damaged and its occupant only slightly injured.

Killed in the accident on four-lane U.S. 64-70-321 was trooper David B. Seary, 37, a native of Rutherford County, married and the father of two children.

Kenneth Jackson Pike, 36, of High Point, a driver for Roadway Express of Winston-Salem, was charged with manslaughter.

Patrolman Harry Hooper said the battery of his silver patrol car went down about 11 p.m. and he joined Seary in an unmarked black patrol car for a speed watch. Shortly before 1 a.m., they ended the watch, picked up the equipment and drove to Hooper's parked car.

"Dave put his front bumper against my rear bumper," Hooper reported. "He pushed me east on Highway 70. I had my red light dome working and my headlights on. Dave's front lights were on."

Two Roadway Express tractor-trailers approached from the rear. The front truck, driven by Bobby Lee Hicks of Winston-Salem, pulled to the inside lane and passed the patrol cars. The second, driven by Pike, kept coming "without swerving or decreasing its speed," Hooper said.

Patrolman Hooper continued: "When this tractor-trailer was within about 20 feet of Dave's car it was apparent there was going to be a collision. I lay down on the front seat for the back of the seat to absorb the impact. I felt my car driven forward at a terrific force. I felt it swerving back and forth across the road."

The crash drove Hooper's car forward like a cannon ball.

"I got my bearings," Hooper said, "grabbed the steering wheel, brought my car under control and guided it to the right shoulder of the road."

The truck drove Seary's car forward 122 feet and ran across it. The truck, laden with 3,200 pounds of miscellaneous cargo, turned over on its side across the highway. The skeleton of Seary's

Kennedy Views Sit-In Moves

ATLANTA (AP)—Sen. John F. Kennedy has informed a South-wide conference of student sit-in leaders that "the human rights for which you strive are the definite goal of all America."

The Democratic presidential candidate said in a telegram to the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, "I pledge that if elected president, we will move to make the freedom guaranteed in our Constitution a living reality for all our citizens."

The telegram was read at the opening session of the three-day conference Friday. It also was announced that Republican presidential candidate Richard M. Nixon planned to send a message to the meeting.

About 200 Negro and white students attended the session on the Atlanta University campus. Theme of the conference was "Non-violence and the Achievement of Desegregation."

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., a Negro integration leader, said the conference might serve as a kind of summit meeting in the organization of methods to bring about integration.

"We must intensify our efforts in the Deep South," he told the group. "We have made many gains in the border states, but this part needs more work. We must keep moving."

He said sit-in actions by the students helped lead to the writing of strong integration planks in the platforms of both national political parties.

Marion A. Wright of Linville Falls, N.C., a former president of the Southern Regional Council, commended Negro students for taking the lead in applying non-violent protest techniques.

The Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee was formed last April at Raleigh, N.C., by college students who had been taking part in sit-down demonstrations. The organization later established headquarters in Atlanta.

Author Lillian Smith is scheduled to address the conference Sunday.

Nixon Sees Counseling From Ike

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon says that as president he would "have available the wise guidance and rich experience of President Eisenhower."

"... He will remain ready — after leaving the White House — to continue his heroic work for peace and freedom," Nixon told a Los Angeles audience last night.

The Republican presidential nominee heads back across the continent today, highly encouraged by his intensive hunt for votes in California.

Nixon flew from Los Angeles Friday night. His schedule called for speeches here, in Tulsa and in Springfield, Ill., before finally pulling into Hartford, Conn., to spend the night and Sunday.

There were three major developments in the Nixon camp Friday:

1. Nixon drew such large and enthusiastic crowds—200,000 lined the downtown streets—that it was described as the finest day he ever had in Los Angeles. This is highly important to Nixon, for California's big batch of 32 electoral votes are hanging in the balance.

At one point, he said, "I stand with the President on this. The Senate voted not to tie the President's hand. If this policy has worked for five years, this is not the time to change it."

One of the main points that Sen. John F. Kennedy has been making is that Nixon's proposals went further than that of the Eisenhower administration.

3. Nixon used Dwight D. Eisenhower's 70th birthday to announce that the President has agreed to give his "wise guidance and rich experience" if the Republicans keep control of the White House.

"I have consulted with him and have his assurance," Nixon said in a speech to the World Newspaper Forum in Los Angeles, "that, even after his lifetime of dedicated service to our country,"

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Recession Speculation Draws New Attention

WASHINGTON (AP)—The question whether the nation is moving into a business recession sharpened today following announcement that the output of mines, mills and utilities dipped to a 1950 low in September.

The Federal Reserve Board reported that its index of industrial production moved down in September to 107 per cent of the 1957 average. In August, the board further disclosed, the index sagged two points instead of one as previously estimated. The high was 111 in January.

A possibility of further decline in October was suggested by the fact that steel mill operations, an economic bellwether, have failed to show the usual normal autumn pickup.

However, Roger M. Blough, chairman of United States Steel Corp., predicted this week that "some improvement" in steel output will develop in this last quarter of the year. For the past few months more steel has been consumed than was produced, he said.

Government and private economists have been divided for some weeks on the question of whether the economy was on a "high industry because of the start of a plateau" with some improvement in prospect, or had entered the



CUBAN CONSUL TREATED AFTER ATTACK—Cuban consul Abelardo Leon Blanco is checked and questioned at a Miami hospital after the consulate offices were attacked by 30 Cuban exiles. The attackers wrecked the interior of the offices. Leon Blanco was treated then released and later was recalled by Cuba. (AP Wirephoto.)

Two More Americans Said Nabbed By Cubans

HAVANA (AP)—The government controlled newspaper El Mundo today reported the capture of two more Americans who allegedly landed with a small invasion force in northeastern Cuba last week. They were identified as Allan D. Thompson and Paul Hughes.

El Mundo said they were in the landing force that included Anthony Zarba, of Somerville, Mass., who was executed Thursday along

Teresa Says She Resigned Cuban Post

NEW YORK (AP)—Did Teresa Casuso voluntarily quit her post as an ambassador on the Cuban United Nations delegation or was she fired?

She says she quit because she was fed up with Prime Minister Fidel Castro and his police state.

The Cuban Foreign Ministry said she was fired last Tuesday because she refused to return to Havana to explain "irregular activities."

To this Mrs. Casuso, who publicly announced Friday she was resigning, retorted that nobody had told her of dismissal.

She said she was in the Cuban mission here as late as Thursday to pick up some papers and there was no mention of a dismissal notice.

Mrs. Casuso said she returned from a vacation on Sept. 20 and was told by mission officials that the Foreign Ministry had asked her to return to Havana to receive official accreditation to the U.N. General Assembly.

When she requested official notification, she said, a teletype (See TERESA on Page Five-A)

More Red Latin Gains Are Told

PANAMA (AP)—President Roberto Chiari says "Communist influence in Latin America is deepening."

In an interview with The Associated Press, Chiari said: "It is no longer a time for words—it is a time for actual and positive action."

Japanese Group Shows Objections

TOKYO (AP)—More than 150,000 laborers, Socialists and students staged mournful demonstrations in 354 cities and towns today against the assassination of Socialist chairman Inejiro Asanuma.

The biggest was in Tokyo, where police estimated 40,000 paraded through the streets in three waves from midday to early evening.

The nationwide turnout fell far short of the 250,000 expected. Organizers had announced 100,000 would march in Tokyo alone.

Workshop rallies by government employees also were held at many places.

The parades, preceded by a minute of silence and prayers for Asanuma, 61, who died at the hands of a 17-year-old rightist fanatic Wednesday, were generally orderly.

Extremist students who tried to stir up trouble in Tokyo were violently told by union workers that violence might cause reaction against them in the coming Nov. 20 general election in which the Socialists hope to score an impressive sympathy vote as a result of the assassination.

There were a few scuffles between police and 500 extreme leftist Zengakuren students, who tried to stage unauthorized parades of their own. They were firmly pushed by steel-helmeted police from a park to a nearby rail station. Several students were bruised and at least two arrested.

Mac Asks High Meet On Berlin

Navy Tracking For Sub Or Fish

HONOLULU (AP)—A Navy hunter-killer task force, led by the carrier Kearsarge, steamed through the Pacific today, searching for an unidentified under-water object that could be a submarine or a school of fish.

By early morning, nothing had a right to be there. We would be sighted by the big carrier, only keep it under surveillance," its sonar-equipped anti-submarine

airplanes or the four destroyers accompanying it.

The Kearsarge was alerted at Long Beach, Calif., late Friday and sailed so suddenly for San Diego to pick up three squadrons of search planes that part of the crew was left in port.

First report of the mystery object came a week ago when the crew of an Air Force plane reported it saw a submarine, a Navy spokesman said. The Navy would not say where the sighting was made, only that it was in international waters.

Since then, "there hasn't been any constant contact, but there have been repeated reports of contacts in the area," the spokesman said.

"At this time, nobody can say this is a sub or this is not a sub. The only way to be sure is for someone to take a picture of it while it's on the surface."

A Navy source said that the Soviet Union and Communist China now have about 100 submarines operating in the Pacific. It is labeled "unfriendly" and "If it's a Russian sub, it has watched carefully."

The planes, equipped with electronic devices including sonar that can be dunked into the ocean, fly low over the water. A helicopter assists them.

The destroyers fan out in front of the carrier, working closely with the aircraft. Sometimes a four engine PV2—a cousin to the commercial Constellation airliner—works with the force.

If the sighting turns out to be a sub, it is determined whether it belongs to the United States or a friendly power. If it doesn't, it is labeled "unfriendly" and "If it's a Russian sub, it has watched carefully."

U. N. Moves To Work On Disarmament Plan

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—Groggery from three weeks of oratory by Nikita Khrushchev and 22 other chiefs of state and government, the U. N. General Assembly cleared its decks today for work on a crowded agenda headed up by rival East-West disarmament plans.

The world body must deal with 68 questions including four separate items on disarmament, the top issue of the session.

Rivaling the arms proposal Premier Khrushchev put before the assembly, the United States, Britain and Italy put in a resolution Friday night calling for resumption of East-West disarmament negotiations.

The competing plan slated to go before the United Nations top political committee next week, have three key differences.

1. The Soviet resolution calls for quick conclusion of a treaty for general and complete disarmament. The Western proposal would have agreement first on arms measures "capable of early implementation."

2. Khrushchev makes disarmament negotiations conditional on a revamping of the U.N. secretariat, with a three-member board of Communist, Western and Neutral nations replacing Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld. The Western plan calls for no such change.

3. The Western plan calls for more specific control requirements. It specifies that controls should guarantee that armaments are reduced as agreed and remain reduced. The Soviet proposal calls only for control "from beginning to end" of the progressive stages of disarmament.

Both plans called for an international control organization under the United Nations but the Soviets want to include all the 99 nations in the world body on a super-panel.

Britain also submitted a separate resolution under which the Assembly would recommend that technical experts be named to work out systems for checking on various measures of disarmament and report back to the Disarmament Commission within six months.

The ICC, which has the power to suspend the antitrust laws in the transportation field, told Congress more than four years ago that "railroad mergers should be encouraged."

The industry took it from there. Since 1937, three important mergers have been approved, two of them in the last 12 months. Six merger applications are now pending before the commission.

Others are in the making.

So pronounced is the trend that President James Symes of the Pennsylvania Railroad said the other day he thinks that eventually there will be only about a dozen major systems in the country—three or four in the East, about three in the South, five or six in the West.

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Fourth Major Move In Three Years Railroad Mergers Gain New Help

WASHINGTON (AP)—The railroad consolidation movement got another big push today with government authority for a unification of the Chicago and North Western and the Minneapolis and St. Louis railways.

The Interstate Commerce Commission approved the combine Friday, giving North Western a go-ahead on acquiring the M. & St. L. properties for a total outlay of about \$21 million.

The unification, the fourth major one in the railroad field in the last three years, will give North Western 10,790 miles of track and according to ICC records make it second only to the Santa Fe in total road operated. The Santa Fe system covers 12,932 miles.

A three-man division acting for the full ICC set a time record in handling the North Western case in a little more than five months.

The division said: "The combined properties will produce a larger, stronger company, better able to meet the challenges faced by the railroad industry and three in the South, five or six in the West."

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