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Knutson Says GOP Tax Reduction Bill 'Veto Proof'

President Joshes With Newsmen

Truman Dodges Candidacy Queries

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman said today that undoubtedly will be an announcement by someone seeking the Democratic Presidential nomination before the July convention, but he sees no need for hurry about it.

He joked with reporters at a news conference about 1948 politics and said a front-page campaign is probable. Not once, however, did he come out flatly and say he would be the candidate.

The President said he favors Bernard Baruch's economic proposals as far as they jibe with his own recommendations, but is opposed to those of Herbert Hoover. Mr. Truman did not say exactly what part of Baruch's plan he favors, but asked reporters to compare it with his message to Congress.

Among other things, Baruch favored no tax reduction for two years, rolling back of food prices with guaranteeing farmers a fair return, holding down further wage increase, and restoration of one-half the wartime excess profits tax, with allowances for corporations to take credit for cost of new plants.

The President twice mentioned he was not for the Hoover proposal. The former Chief Executive yesterday urged cutting the European aid program from four years to fifteen months.

Asked about a proposal of Charles E. Wilson of General Motors that the work week be raised to 45 hours, the President said he would say that Wilson is living in 1880. He added he preferred a proposal by another Charles E. Wilson of General Electric) who recently cut prices of some GE products.

The political discussion arose when a reporter called attention to the recent announcement of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's avowed candidacy for the GOP nomination and asked when Democratic announcement was coming and the head of that party.

The President smiled and replied that eventually will be an announcement lawfully but he has no intention of it.

He then added that everybody has a right to be a candidate on either ticket. He agreed with a questioner that this includes a third ticket, but added a candidate would have a better chance if he ran on one of the two major party tickets.

He said some are trying to get on the bandwagon, some are vacillating, and some have no intention of it.

Asked if he intends to do any traveling the President said he does not, but may go to Key West. When he was asked whether this meant he would be in Florida, he replied: "It is probable, but see TRUMAN COPY on page 3-A."

Cites Hoover Plan To Cut Foreign Aid Allocation

Job Of Reruning Budget Starved

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Rep. Knutson (R-Minn.) said today Herbert Hoover's statement that foreign aid can be reduced has made the Republican committee organized to begin whitening down Senate Truman's \$9,700,000,000 budget for fiscal 1949. Republicans are aiming at a spending cut of at least \$3,000,000,000.

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Propaganda Blow

Soviet Offer To Join Axis Bared

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Red States uncorked a major propaganda blow against Russia today by officially revealing a Soviet offer in 1940 to join the German-Italian-Japanese axis at a price Adolf Hitler refused to pay.

Already the Government's information mouthpiece to the world, the "Voice of America" shortwave radio is pouring facts on Russia and the rest of Europe the factual story told in a fat volume of long-kept German Foreign Office records suddenly published by the State Department.

The book's 382 pages disclose the minutest details of the two-year Moscow-Berlin bonhomie which began when the men who now rule Russia negotiated a non-aggression pact with Hitler which ended with Hitler's treacherous attack on the Soviet Union June 22, 1941.

It gives the word-by-word text of the 1939 friendship treaty as well as the secret clauses for German additions under which Germany and the Soviet Union carved Poland and northeastern Europe into spheres of influence or outright control.

And it tells how Premier Stalin demanded, without getting an answer, free use of the Dardanelles military base near the Dardanelles.

Bevin Says Reds Seek Domination Of Europe

Would Line Up Western Nations

LONDON—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin today announced plans for a union of the states of Western Europe to face a "truthless" drive by Soviet Russia to control the continent.

Bevin told the House of Commons that one-power domination of Europe "is inevitable lead again to another World War." He said Russia reacts to the Marshall Plan as a "united front" and that he has unmasked her desire to control Western Europe as well as to "take over the world."

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U. S., British Food Problem

Bavarian Workers Set For 24-Hour Protest Walkout

MUNICH—(AP)—The Bavarian Trade Union Federation called today for a 24-hour walkout of virtually all workers in Bavaria to begin tonight at midnight. The strike, protesting food shortages, could affect nearly 1,000,000 workers in this American zone state. About 200,000 workers staged a 24-hour strike yesterday in Nuremberg and Cologne. It was the largest walkout in Western Germany since last April.

Jews Attack Arab Village

Anti-Inflation Step

JERUSALEM—(AP)—Hagan, Jewish militia, said today that Arab village of Yaur and killed twelve Arab today after seven Jewish settlement police were shot at a roadblock at the edge of town.

Yaur is about five miles south of the battle at the roadblock. Officials confirmed the Hagan report that seven Jewish settlement police were shot at a roadblock at the edge of town.

Chapel Hill Session

Press Institute Will Open Today

CHAPEL HILL—(AP)—Representatives of newspapers throughout the state gathered here today for the opening of the 23rd annual North Carolina Newspaper Institute.

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Quarry Disaster

Four Workmen Killed In Powder Explosion

OOLTON, Calif.—(AP)—Four men in a blasting crew were killed and three others injured today in a powder explosion at a quarry in Colton, Calif.

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Moving Toward East

New Cold Wave Spreading Over Midwest

A new cold wave, rivaling last week's "freak freeze," is spreading over a wide section of the Midwest today as additional snow pelts snow-banked areas in the East.

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