

Truman Makes His First Play

As Jim Farley says in his memoirs of the Roosevelt years, it is mighty hard for a President, any President, to keep from... Truman's first play as President...

by Congress, to charge the Republicans with obstructing his program. But in the process, Truman discovered that for almost every position he took the vast majority of the opposition party...

Perhaps on some memo pad in the White House offices, certain on his mind, he engraved the words: Labor, Agriculture, The Negro Vote, Housewives

Yesterday Michigan Harry Truman made the first of his campaign sorties, delivering Labor Day addresses. What he said added up simply to one overall statement: he's all for Labor in the expectation that all of Labor will be for him.

In succeeding weeks the country will be privileged to hear further addresses on the same subject and others directed at the farm vote, the Negro vote and the housewives vote. These assorted groups he will represent himself as a champion of their welfare...

Natural Gas For Charlotte

It is too early to say with finality that the proposed natural gas pipeline through the Piedmont is the answer to our industrial and domestic heating problems. But it is easily the most intriguing proposition that has come down the pike in a long time.

Instantly available in any section of a plant; its use reduces fire hazard and often is the key to lowering insurance rates, gas decreases volume maintenance through reduction of abrasion of refractory furnace lining...

The financing of the big \$75,000,000 project—which would pipe natural gas from the south through western Maryland to the Piedmont—has been arranged, according to the promoters. All they ask if that the cities along the route prepare statistics and help argue the case before the Federal Power Commission.

The practicality of piping gas over long distances has been proved in the Atlanta-Birmingham area, and in many other parts of the country. The project would function here in the same way, with the pipeline company selling the gas at wholesale rates to local franchise-holders who, in turn, would peddle it to consumers.

The cost of manufactured gas is high, because coal from which it is made is expensive. Natural gas is cheaper, and local franchise-holders would be encouraged to build new mains into industrial and residential areas.

The Chamber of Commerce has depended on to study the proposal thoroughly and, if it appears to be good for industry, to throw its full influence behind it. We would suggest to the Chamber that the Chamber should be actively interested between John L. Lewis and the oil shortage, be kept in mind as well.

From The Little Rock Arkansas Gazette

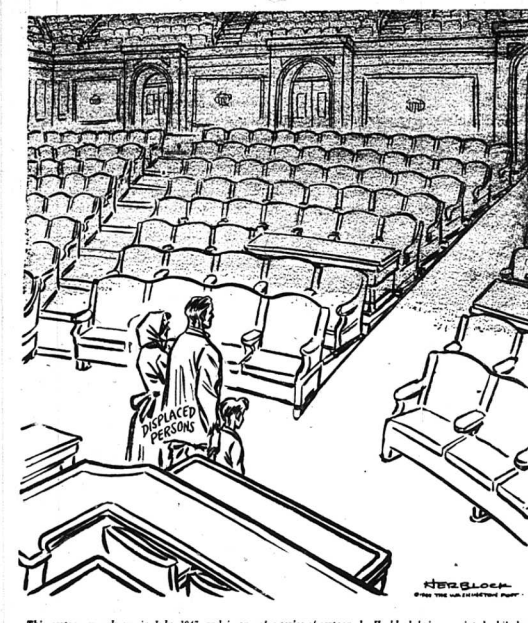
Charlotte's Lesson

CHARLOTTE, N. C., a city about the size of Greater Little Rock has been talking about its slums for a good many years. A little over two years ago a municipal slum clearance ordinance was passed...

Now, in response to public demand, Charlotte is enforcing its slum clearance ordinance for the first time. The repairs and improvements that were declared unnecessary by the ordinance were actually carried out...

Five minutes after the fire was declared under control at the T. B. Beach Saturday, the fire was heard as he answered the phone there: "Ilan Theater, or what's left of it." - Ferdinand (Fla.) News-Letter

Haunted House



This cartoon was drawn in July, 1947, and is one of a series of cartoons by Herblock being reprinted while he is on vacation.

Editors' Roundtable

What's Wrong With France?

SOME editors fear that France's recurring government crisis reflects decadence of the French people and that the country is in a state of political and economic collapse...

minde, perhaps there is a question how long this coalition can hold back one or the other of the two political extremes. Communist influence in France appears to be losing ground—thanks we suspect, to the timely ministrations of the Marshall Plan...

Minneapolis (Minn.) Star (Ind.): "There were also some passive ingredients (in addition to primary domestic issues) which helped fuel the recent crises in Paris (fall of Premiers Schuman and Marie). They were mostly the products of French dissatisfaction with American and British policy toward Germany..."

Chicago Daily News (Ind.): "The French did not like the decision to leave the ownership of Ruhr industry in German hands. To them, international control did not seem enough..."

Manchester (N.H.) Morning Union (Ind.): "Instability has been due to a multiplicity of political parties representing a variety of interests..."

Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal (Ind.-Dem.): "With the French governmental system of Cabinet 'toss' every time the General Assembly votes non-confidence, orderly government is impossible unless some of the half dozen parties and their differences in merger, not temporary coalition..."

Phoenix (Ariz.) Gazette (Ind.-Dem.): "We believe the Socialists, Radical Socialists and Popular Frontists will compromise their differences as they so often have before. The well-being of the republic depends on them..."

Asheville (N. C.) Citizen (Ind.-Dem.): "In some ways, perhaps there is a question how long this coalition can hold back one or the other of the two political extremes..."

Marquis Childs Fighting Chance only

WASHINGTON DENVER Optimistic Democrats in Utah feel that the state might be captured by the efficient organization of Gov. Herbert B. Maw, who is running for re-election to a third term...

Paradoxically, some states are expected to send Democrats to Congress while awarding their electoral college votes to Republicans. Colorado is in this mountain state all unbiased observers foresee a Republican landslide...

WASHINGTON DENVER The victory for Dewey before the highest office in the land and yet, under our system of divided powers, still has only an outside chance of winning. The hope depends largely on the pulling power of strong Democratic candidates...

Joseph & Stewart Also Lost The Story of Peter

WASHINGTON DENVER L. W. MURPHY knows that there are a million of people who have been in the forced labor camps of the former Soviet Union for the past 15 years. His story is entirely accurate and has been necessary to alter certain details.

Food was the only means of survival or delaying the coming of this terrible end, for with enough food it was possible to endure the Siberian cold. One way to obtain the needed food was to become a spy, or to steal it from the ration stores...

He won his resounding victory in a showdown with Dan Tobin, 72-year-old national teamsters' president, at an executive board meeting in Chicago last week when he retains his \$25,000-a-year job. But Beck is the real ruler of the million-member union.

People's Platform

Place Names CHARLOTTE WISE Editor: Let every body get a name for all this cuttin trees in our bushin houses around, dighn and fillin. Let everybody end in a right kinder name. How about...

Quote, Unquote A doctor says he can identify a man's occupation by the way he talks. In a number of other instances, Jackson (Miss.) Daily News.

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Drew Pearson's Investigation To Hit General Vaughan

(ED. NOTE—While Drew Pearson is on a brief vacation, the Washington Merry-Go-Round is being written by his old partner, Robert S. Allen.) WASHINGTON PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S old Senate Investigative Committee will unveil tomorrow its report on the activities of General Vaughan, ex-commander in chief of the Army...

Pressure THIS is the evidence the committee has concerning Vaughan. On May 17, 1948, he wrote a letter, on White House stationery, asking the OIT to give the Crescent Trading Company a license to export flour. This company has been under scrutiny for some time for having exported flour from other concerns. This is a prohibited practice.

liam made good his word and Vaughan's letter accompanied the Crescent application to OIT. Julian also told the committee some other things. One was that he was looking for Vaughan's whereabouts. Vaughan's influence in connection with a "cleared deal" in Germany. This affair involved 100,000 cases of so-called "overage" of flour...

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