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### Trade Will Sweep Europe

### Eisenhower Over Johnson in Europe

#### STAYING IN CABINET

## McGrath To Head Federal Clean-Up

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman today placed full responsibility for the Government clean-up job on Attorney General J. Howard McGrath. He also announced that McGrath will continue in his Cabinet post.

The President told his weekly news conference, in response to questions, that the Attorney General will carry out the job that is necessary in connection with the investigation of reports of scandals within the Government.

The President himself confirmed for the first time in recent weeks that McGrath is not stepping out of the Cabinet, when he was asked about McGrath's statement the other day that no change in McGrath's status is contemplated.

He's correct, the President said, that there will be no change.

Mr. Truman last week declined comment on reports current then that McGrath was on the way out.

In reply to other questions today, the President said he had accepted an idea of a special commission such as the one to which he had appointed Judge Thomas F. Murphy.

Murphy once accepted then turned down the assignment.

Mr. Truman said there will be no special commission and that McGrath will carry out whatever is necessary. He said he thinks the law enforcement officer of the Government is the man who should conduct the clean-up.

He said he had given the matter a great deal of thought and



## Details Awaited On Forces Expansion

By EDWIN B. HAKKINSON  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Senators expected to learn today some new and secret details about President Truman's plan for expanding the armed forces "with particular emphasis on the Navy."

Secretary of Defense Lovett was called before a closed-door session of the Senate Armed Services Committee for a general survey of the defense program.

Chairman Russell (D-Ore.) of the Senate committee said Lovett probably would provide details on the broad requests outlined yesterday in the President's State of the Union message.

TO GO ALONG  
Most lawmakers, both Republicans and Democrats, indicated they would go along with the President's proposal to move full steam ahead on our defense program.

Some of them said Mr. Truman indicated our intelligence agencies Russia's military strength when he said:

"The grim fact remains that the Soviet Union is increasing its armed might. It is still producing

more war planes than the free nations. It has set off two more atomic explosions."

Sen. Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.), chairman of the Defense Preparedness subcommittee, referring to Mr. Truman's statement that the Soviet is producing more planes than the free nations, said:

"I hope that our officials will recognize the grim implications of this fact and proceed in the coming year to take the overdue steps necessary to strengthen the defense of our country."

JOHNSON CRITICIZED  
Johnson's subcommittee has been criticizing what it called serious lags in defense production.

President Truman appeared to confirm this, in part, saying:

"In the field of defense production we have run into difficulties and delays in designing and producing the latest types of airplanes and tanks. Some machine tools and metals are still in extreme short supply."

Informed sources expect the Pentagon to ask an increase in the combined active armed forces—Army, Navy and Marines, and Air Force—to at least four millions or more.

President Truman said "the total is now nearly 3 million" men and women in uniform, a gain of more than a million during the past year.

#### OUR WEATHER

Clearing and colder this afternoon tonight with expected low of 23 degrees. Friday, fair and cold.

Highest yesterday, 67 degrees.

Lowest this morning, 41 degrees.

Sunrise, 7:32 A.M.; sunset, 5:29 P.M.

More Weather Data on Page 4-A

#### COLD FEET

Ever step barefoot on the tiled bathroom floor on a Wisconsin day? Probably you jumped on a rug, quickly. You might be surprised to know that the tile and the rug are really the same temperature. The tile feels colder because it is a better conductor of heat than the rug. Heat is transferred from your foot to the tile as soon as you step on it, lowering the temperature of the sole of your foot in a fraction of a second. It's not the tile that's cold; it's just that your foot gets cold as soon as it strikes it.

## Must Resign If He Runs For President

Truman Won't Reveal His Own Plans

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman said today he will keep General Eisenhower on the job as supreme commander of Allied forces in Europe as long as Eisenhower will stay there.

The President described Eisenhower as a grand man, and repeated that a new conference was past praise for him.

FULL CONFIDENCE  
Mr. Truman said he had the utmost confidence in the general and had showed it by naming him to one of the most important posts it was within his power to give.

There has been speculation that Eisenhower might soon return to this country, now that he has made it plain he would accept a nomination from the Republican party for the presidency, if it should be offered to him.

In response to questions, Mr. Truman conceded that the general would have to resign if he were nominated for President.

WON'T RELIEVE HIM  
But he said he will never relieve General Eisenhower of his post except at the general's request.

Eisenhower has said he would not ask to be relieved.

There were several attempts during this discussion to get some word from the President as to whether he will run for reelection. He said weeks ago that he had made up his mind but was not ready to make any announcement.

In response to today's questions, the President:

1. Said he will announce what he intends to do before the Republican convention selects its nominee in July.
2. Made it clear that despite his fondness for Eisenhower he would not hesitate to run against him, if he thought that was the thing to do.

HUMPHREY CANDIDACY  
3. Said he had approved a move to make Senator Humphrey, the "favorite son" candidate of Minnesota, the Democratic nomination but declared that had no significance — a statement indicating he did not regret in preferring him to announce for re-election himself.

The matter of whether he would accept a fellow you like so well, however was raised by a reporter who asked: "How could you ever reject a fellow you like so well?"

Easily, the President said, adding that he has done it before.

President Truman said he did not think the country would be in good hands under any man but Eisenhower. He replied as to whether that included Gen. Eisenhower.

## Gardner Enters Governor Race

SHELBY (AP)—Ernest A. Gardner, Shelby lawyer, announced today he will be a candidate for governor in the Democratic primary in May.

Gardner has represented Cleveland County three terms in the State House of Representatives. For a time he served as special counsel of the North Carolina Highway and Public Works Commission, but ceased that connection with the advent of the administration of Gov. W. Kerr Scott.

Gardner is a third cousin of former Gov. O. Max Gardner.

In announcing his candidacy, Gardner issued a 1,000-word statement in which he advocated reorganization of State government departments and bureaus. He asserted he would propose the abolishment of the personnel department and would advocate establishment of a Civil Service Commission.

Today is the fifth anniversary of the purchase of The Charlotte News by The Charlotte News Publishing Co., Inc. The paper has made considerable progress in every phase of its operations since that date. A summary of accomplishments and progress is given in a full-page report which you will find on page 10-A.

#### BROKEN VESSEL FAILS TO MAKE PORT



The Flying Enterprise is pictured above as she wallowed helplessly in the Atlantic off the English coast shortly before she sank. The picture was made after her tow into port (UP-ACME).

## Reaction To Truman Message

By JACK BELL  
WASHINGTON (AP)—An election-year Congress and Southern Democrats, who can muster a majority of both houses, appeared determined to back down the state of the Union appeal for a amount of foreign aid and to settle many of the President's domestic social security proposals. They had some backers among administration supporters for their

## FAKE DRAFT CARDS USED TO CASH STOLEN CHECKS

CHICAGO (AP)—Robert W. Freeman, 21, was seized by the FBI yesterday and admitted, agents said, registering 40 times for a draft identification cards needed to cash \$7,700 in stolen checks.

Harry T. O'Connor, head of the Chicago FBI office, said among checks Freeman stole was a \$50 Government check issued to Mrs. Joe Willie Riley.

Mrs. Riley, a Gold Star mother, was classified I-A by a draft board recently and ordered for induction. A board official said a false endorsement on Mrs. Riley's checks may have been a factor in classifying "Joe Willie Riley" I-A.

O'Connor said Freeman admitted the false registration after he was picked up for questioning about his draft classification.

Freeman was arraigned on a charge of falsely registering for the draft and held in \$2,000 bond pending a hearing.

## Allies Rap Reds' Repatriation Plan

By OLYN CLEMENTS  
MUNSAU, Korea (AP)—Allied negotiators today accused the Communists of scheming to strengthen their forces in Korea by "forced repatriation" of prisoners of war.

Read Adm. R. E. Libby said the Reds are "scared to death" of giving prisoners the right to choose as to whether they want to be repatriated.

He told the Reds that they "denounce individual freedom and advocate slavery."

The U.N. action against the Red compromise true supervision plan because it failed to ban construction and repair of military air fields.

As the armistice talks entered the seventh month subcommittees on true supervision and prisoner exchange appeared tightly deadlocked. However, both scheduled meetings for 11 a. m. Friday (9 p. m. EST Thursday) in Panmunjom.

Your opposition to our proposal is based solely on your aim of improving your military manpower situation during an armistice," Libby told the Reds. "Only that which benefits your side militarily do you consider true and righteous throughout the war by freedom of choice you now seek to continue to augment your forces by its opposition to forced repatriation."

North Korean Maj. Gen. Lee Sang Cho called Libby's statement "vicious propaganda."

"You should not have used this manuscript in here in the conference," Lee said. "You should have handed it over to your propaganda

## Carlsen and Dancy Rescued By Tug

LONDON (AP)—The gallant American freighter Flying Enterprise sank in the stormy Atlantic today after a mighty two-weeks duel with the sea. Heroic Capt. Kurt Carlsen and First Mate Kenneth Dancy of the tow tug Turmoil were snatched from the churning waters to safety.

Carlsen and Dancy leaped overboard when it became evident the 6,711-ton freighter was going down under the crashing waves. The stand-by rescue fleet closed in. The tug Turmoil threw over a rope ladder and the two men clambered to safety. They were in the water only about four minutes.

Carlsen refused to give up until the stricken freighter obviously was leaving her last. He had battled since the Christmas Day hurricane to save his ship. His solitary duel with the Atlantic began Dec. 28 after he ordered all hands to abandon the ship, which carried a crew of 40 and 10 passengers. Dancy joined him last Saturday.

The big freighter thrashed about in its final agony for 40 minutes and then disappeared. About 100 miles from the British coast, Carlsen and Dancy, bearded and exhausted, climbed out of dry clothing as the tug turned hurriedly in the direction of Falmouth, about 40 miles away.

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## Capt. Carlsen Watches Ship Go To Bottom

ABANDONS FREIGHTER  
By LEONARD LEDDINGTON  
ABOARD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS TUG ENGLISHEISEN—Kurt Carlsen of the Flying Enterprise jumped from his sinking ship today and watched from the deck of a rescuing tug as his ship went down. The freighter to the bottom 55 miles off Cornwall.

Carlsen and Kenneth Dancy, the young British seaman who shared the final days of his epic battle against the Atlantic, went overboard in a gale about 40 minutes before the freighter gave up.

They were snatched from the churning water by the salvaging tug Turmoil, which had tried in vain to tow the cracked and battered freighter to safety—only to have the towline snap with victory in sight.

## Peace Treaty Okay Sought

The Turmoil headed for the Cornish port of Falmouth some 50 miles away, at full speed.

"Both men seem fit, though exhausted, and are resting up," the Turmoil radioed to the escorting U. S. destroyer Keith.

Carlsen, 37, a Danish-born naturalized American, was aboard the bridge, N. J., had virtually no rest since he turned his 40 crewmen and ten passengers over to four rescue ships during an Atlantic hurricane Dec. 28.

Dancy, 27, first mate of the Turmoil, had undergone the same privation since he leaped aboard the Flying Enterprise last Friday to help Carlsen wrestle with a towline.

Iron-willed Carlsen found on the end. But with the helpless hull lying flat on its side, butting the sea, he was taking water fast his luck finally ran out in mid-afternoon.

Capt. Carlsen's valiant fight against the elements to save his ship and cargo—valued at about 4 million dollars—came to a tragic end.

## Freighter Crew Abandons 'Jinx' Ship; Airplanes and Ships Speed To Rescue

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman today formally asked the Senate to ratify the treaty of peace with Japan, signed at San Francisco Sept. 8.

At the same time, he asked ratification of:

1. The security treaty between the U. S. and Japan, signed at San Francisco last Sept. 8.
2. The mutual defense treaty between the United States and the Republic of the Philippines, signed at Washington last Aug. 30.
3. The security treaty among Australia, New Zealand and the U. S., signed at San Francisco last Sept. 1.

The President also asked ratification of an agreement bringing Greece and Turkey into the North Atlantic pact.

Four airplanes left during the night from U. S. Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard points. They will be able to reach the stricken ship by 17 minutes. The ship should reach the island port at daylight to guide surface vessels and drop such supplies as may be needed, including life rafts and first aid equipment.

The first ship is expected to reach the scene about 10 a. m. (1 p. m. EST) and two more in the next three hours.

The Pennsylvania, a former Victory ship originally named Luzemburg Victory, was en route to Japan, when it developed a crack in the hull and had to be abandoned, forward of the main deck house. The vessel put back to sea and is now being towed by the tugboat, continuing to the Orient. It left Seattle Saturday on its current ill-fated voyage.

The vessel is operated by the States Steamship Co.

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