

Truman Willing To Run Again If Necessary

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12—(AP)—President Truman was quoted today as saying he would be willing to "sacrifice" himself and run for re-election if convinced such a step was necessary to lead the nation to peace.

The latest clue to the President's intentions came from Rep. Adolph J. Sabath (4-Ill), 85-year-old dean of the House, who said Truman told him he may feel "obliged" to run.

But Sabath, emerging from a White House talk with the President, told newsmen:

"He (Truman) added that perhaps conditions may develop which may make it unnecessary for him to serve again and that other candidates might do as well."

Presidency Is 'Killing Job' Sabath's remarks gained significance from the fact that he is

Lincoln Critics Panned 'Abe'

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12—(AP)—All over the country today politicians and newspapers are saying nice things about Abraham Lincoln.

The chances are not an unkind word will be said or written. And yet, when Lincoln was alive, he probably got more abuse than any president we ever have had.

Not just from the South—that was to be expected. But from the North.

Anyone who so much as leafs through Carl Sandburg's "Abraham Lincoln" is almost certain to be surprised at the bitterness and venom stirred up by this tall, sad man from the plains of Illinois.

Harper's Weekly collected some of the terms hurled at Abe Lincoln: "filthy story-teller," "despot," "liar," "thief," "braggart," "buffoon," "monster," "ignorant Abe," "old scoundrel," "perjurer," "robber," "swindler," "tyrant," "fiend," and "butcher."

Times have so changed that now it's hard to understand what caused such ferocious criticism.

Incidentally, I was pleased to note that in one way things remain the same here. Rep. Frank Blair of Missouri began a speech in 1864 "I am loth to consume the time."

And then talked on for 10 full columns.

Refunds Slated For Taxpayers

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12—(AP)—Persons in the Eastern-Central Pennsylvania area who have income tax refunds coming from the years 1943 to 1950 can start watching for the mailman.

Francis R. Smith, collector of internal revenue here, said the first batch of checks will be mailed out soon. He said a total of 3876 checks, part of the 38,227 that have been gathering dust through the years, will be sent from the disbursing office in Washington. The checks total \$176,153.

The internal revenue bureau said that newspapers helped 46,970 taxpayers get \$2,080,668 in refunds from the government during January.

The bureau reported that 461 papers throughout the nation carried lists of taxpayers who were due for refunds but had not collected them, usually because the tax bureau couldn't locate them.

Readers saw their names in the papers and turned out in large numbers to receive the refunds, some of which had been hanging fire for several years.



Harry S. Truman

a frequent White House visitor and is thoroughly familiar with the rules against quoting the President without his knowledge. Speculation immediately arose that Truman was aware of what Sabath would say when he talked with newsmen later.

Sabath said Truman told him the presidency is "a killing job" and that "it killed Roosevelt."

The veteran Illinois legislator went on to describe their conversation in these terms:

"The President said that after putting in seven years in the job, he thought he had had enough.

Comment Leaves Openings "However, he said if he actually felt he could be of aid and help to America and the world in bringing about a peace and adjusting world problems, in that case he would be willing to sacrifice himself and possibly shorten his life."

Sabath's comment clearly left Truman plenty of room in which to turn in either direction—to run or withdraw—as events develop in the coming months.

Comp 1 Exemptions

Students exempt from English Composition 1 for the spring semester are Morton Bender, Robert Cohan, Sallie Cramer, Nancy Levit, Christine Lewis, Margaret McClain, and Patricia Phillips.

St. Augustine, Fla. is the oldest city in the United States.

Allied Troops Kill 226 Reds; Korean Peace Talks Halted

Reds to Submit Proposal for Final Peace Settlement

MUNSAN, Feb. 13—(AP)—The main Korean armistice talks were recessed Tuesday when the Communist delegation announced it would submit shortly a revised proposal for a final peace settlement.

The Reds gave no hint of what changes they would suggest, nor when they would be ready to unveil the new plan.

As of early today, the Reds had not asked for resumption of the full-dress meetings, which are discussing the final armistice agenda item—recommendations to governments concerned.

However, low level staff officer meetings on prisoner exchange and truce supervision questions were due to continue in Panmunjom at 11 a.m. today (9 a.m. Tuesday, EST).

In Tokyo, the "Voice of the UN Command radio" Tuesday night declared "the stage now is set for a possible truce" if the Communists stop "stalling progress."

The Allied broadcast said the Communist would have to "make no real sacrifices" to accept the Allied plan. Yet the Reds were stalling, it said, "with the obvious object of trying to . . . becloud the Korean peace settlement with other issues in which the Communists and the free world are at loggerheads."

Painting on Exhibit

George S. Zoretich, graduate assistant in fine arts, is exhibiting an oil painting titled "Equestrian by Bridge" in the 147th annual Exhibition of American Painting and Sculpture at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia.

Flies to London



WASHINGTON, Feb. 12—(AP)—Secretary of State Acheson left by plane today for London, where he will try to free Western European defense negotiations from a tangle of Franco-German differences.

Top American experts on French and German affairs will meet with Acheson Thursday.

They are expected to work out preliminary plans for dealing with differences which threaten to bog down completely the long negotiations for a European army and a peace settlement with Germany.

Farewell to King

LONDON, Feb. 12—(AP)—A hushed stream of Britons flowed through ancient Westminster Hall at the rate of 4000 an hour today to bid farewell to King George VI—the Monarch they remember as "George the good."

The powerful and the humble walked together through the majestic hall past the great catafalque holding aloft the coffin of their dead sovereign. The eyes of many were wet.

UN Troops Stop Enemy on Eastern Front in Snow

SEOUL, Feb. 13—(AP)—Allied troops mowed down 226 Communist soldiers who attacked Tuesday through a snowstorm on the Eastern Korean front. It was the biggest single action in three weeks.

A total of 420 Communists struck in two waves down the Mundung Valley. The waves broke up in a storm of Allied mortar, rifle and machinegun fire.

When the Reds withdrew, the Allies estimated that besides 96 dead on the battlefield they also had wounded 130 of the attackers. Allied casualties were not given.

An officer on the Eastern front said it was not known whether Chinese or Korean Communists mounted the attack. Chinese Reds are west of the valley with their Korean comrades on the East.

Ninety Employees Take Pechan Loyalty Oath

WINDBER, Pa., Feb. 12—(AP)—Ninety employees of Windber school district in Somerset County took the Pennsylvania loyalty oath today.

Teachers and non-professional workers, led by Superintendent Clyde E. Bounds, recited the oath in unison as it was projected on a screen.

An anti-subversive bill, passed by the State Legislature last year, requires teachers and other public employees to swear they will support and obey the state and federal constitutions and that they do not advocate or knowingly belong to an organization that advocates overthrow of the government by force.

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