

# Truman Blasts Use of 'Dragnet'

WASHINGTON, March 7—(AP)—President Truman today barred any "dragnet" grappling for evidence of corruption in federal agencies.

He also accused some Senators of trying to hold onto "political patronage" plums at the expense of his plan to revamp the scandal-ridden Internal Revenue Bureau.

Just before departing for a vacation at Key West, Fla., the President fired two letters to Capitol Hill in which he:

1. Disclosed he had ordered all government agencies to refuse a House sub-committee's request for data on cases they have sent to the Justice Department for prosecution.

2. Accused critics of his Internal Revenue Reorganization Plan of seeking to "play politics" with the nation's tax-collecting system and of being "more interested in their political patronage" than in clean government.

Senator George (D.-Ga.), one of the leading foes of the President's plan, took the Senate floor to reply angrily to Truman late today. He declared the President was trying "to remove the issue of corruption from the 1952 campaign."

George said the President, in his latest statement, "confesses that he has not been able to appoint clean, efficient and honest collectors of internal revenue."

The Georgian is author of a resolution which would reject the internal revenue reorganization plan. A vote is due next week.

The committee had requested a list of all cases over the last six years in which the Justice department had either failed to prosecute, delayed action or sent the cases back to the agency which originally recommended action.

In reply, the department said Wednesday that would mean digging into half a million cases. As far as it was concerned, it turned down the request with a tart assertion that the Executive Branch of government is "independent" of Congress, and said the committee was going beyond its authority.

## Official Refuses Seat

HARRISBURG, March 7—(AP)—Earl C. Bohr, Secretary-Treasurer of the state AFL, doesn't want the job of Democratic delegate at large to the Party's National Convention.

# Snow Fails to Halt Taft Drive in NH

CONCORD, N.H., March 7—(AP)—Senator Robert A. Taft swept through western New Hampshire today, over snowbanked roads and into the remotest communities, in a closing drive to win next Tuesday's primary election from General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the indicated favorite.

For two days, Taft has been waging a campaign the like of which this state has never seen.

He is traveling by automobile through back country areas recently hit by heavy snowstorms. His daily schedule keeps him going 12 and 14 hours without a stop, making speeches, shaking hands, visiting factories and schools, and standing in the slush at cross road junctions to press home his arguments.

Late surveys, however, indicated that Eisenhower is still holding a slim lead.

Taft is one of three presidential candidates touring New Hampshire before Tuesday's election, the first primary in the nation.

Senator Estes Kefauver, opposing President Truman, and Harold E. Stassen, a third Republican hopeful, continued today by automobile to more towns and villages in a personalized, folksy quest for votes.

To counter Taft's intensive eleventh hour campaign, Eisenhower's backers brought two United States Senators before New Hampshire audiences today.

Senator Carlson, from Eisenhower's home state of Kansas, spoke in New London. Senator Lodge of Massachusetts appeared at a rally in Nashua.

Taft is basing his effort on three major arguments:

1.—The claims that if nominated he will be victorious. "I have

## A-Bomb Crater Plans Stopped

WASHINGTON, March 7—The Atomic Energy Commission announced today it would temporarily hold up plans to fill in the New Mexico bomb crater. It is willing to see whether ways and means can be found to preserve part of it for historic purposes.

At the same time, however, the AEC declared the crater site is a "potential hazard" to health which would grow worse with the passage of time.

The commission made these statements in answering a telegram from New Mexico's Governor Edwin Mechem. He had wired the AEC asking reconsideration of plans to fill in the crater at Alamogordo, south of Albuquerque.

It was there that the world's first atomic bomb was exploded July 16, 1945.

Asked to amplify on the "potential hazard" to health aspect, AEC officials told a reporter that while it is believed there is not "active" radioactivity in the area, the material inside the crater might in time crumble and be scattered by the wind—thus spreading radioactivity if in fact it is present in any significant amount.

## \$150,000 Fire Levels Pittsburgh Church

PITTSBURGH, March 7—(AP)—Fire leveled St. Peter's Catholic Church in the south side district today, causing damage in excess of \$150,000.

The blaze started in the basement while preparations were being made for the first mass. Some 40 worshippers were forced to flee and four firemen were slightly injured.

## Another State Bank Employee Pleads Guilty

PITTSBURGH, March 7—(AP)—Mrs. Goldie Caldwell, former bookkeeper at the New Alexandria National Bank, today became the third western Pennsylvania bank employee to plead guilty to charges of embezzlement.

Federal District Judge Wallace Gourley delayed sentence. Mrs. Caldwell was scheduled to go on trial Monday, having previously denied the charges. She is free on \$5,000 bond continued by Judge Gourley.

An employee of the New Alexandria Bank in Westmoreland County for 28 years, Mrs. Caldwell was arrested by the FBI Aug. 25 and charged with embezzling \$28,000 in bank funds.

The FBI said the shortage resulted from the taking of bank funds on several occasions between Oct. 21, 1948, and Aug. 10, 1951, three days before it was discovered.

Mrs. Caldwell declined to say what she did with the money. However, her attorney, Joseph Sheridan of Greensburg, said he didn't think it went "into slot machines as had been reported" and said it "might have been used for household expenses."

Mrs. Caldwell was one of 11 bankers taken into custody by the agents of the Pittsburgh office of the FBI within the past 19 months in a series of 13 bank shortages involving some 3½ million dollars.

Two former employees of the First National Bank of New Kensington have pleaded guilty to embezzlement charges. They are Otto Raymond Grotfend and W. Paul Smeltzer.

## Two Tremors Felt in Japan

TOKYO, Saturday, March 8—(AP)—Two earthquakes, one light and one fairly heavy, shook the area north west of Tokyo Friday, killing one Japanese, injuring seven, and causing damage to buildings and rail lines.

The National Rural Police, who reported the casualties, said 34 houses were "half-demolished" in and around Kanazawa, 200 miles northwest of Tokyo. There was a power failure at Toyama, 150 miles northwest of Tokyo, and a landslide blocked trains between Uchiya and Hosorogi.

The Japanese Government meanwhile listed the toll of Tuesday's heavy quake and tidal waves on Hokkaido island in Northern Japan as 27 dead, 570 injured and 3,353 homes wrecked.

## Gas, Oil Strike Delayed

DENVER, March 7—(AP)—An oil and gas industry strike set for midnight Sunday was called off today when union officials agreed to a postponement proposed by President Truman.

The threatened strike had been called by 22 CIO, AFL and independent unions in support of their demand for a wage boost and other benefits for some 250,000 workers.

## Cleanup Chief



Newbold Morris

## Morris Hit For Trade Halt Failure

WASHINGTON, March 7—(AP)—A New York attorney testified today that a foundation headed by Newbold Morris, the government's cleanup chief, had the power to halt a subsidiary company's oil trade with Red China, but did not exercise it.

The oil shipments have come under the fire of the Senate's Investigations Subcommittee. Senator Mundt (R.-S.D.) has denounced what he called "the blood-soaked profits" made in the traffic.

Witnesses have testified the shipments began in 1949 and continued in early 1950. They ceased before the fighting began in Korea.

Under questioning before the committee today, Houston H. Wasson acknowledged that the China International Foundation, Inc., could have stopped the shipments because it controlled the tankers operated by United Tanker Corp. Wasson is Morris' law partner. He testified that their law firm has received about \$158,500 in fees for representing two of the shipping firms involved in the oil trade.

Morris is president of the China International Foundation and Wasson is Secretary and Treasurer. It is described as a philanthropic organization financed by Nationalist Chinese money and dedicated principally to aiding the education of Chinese students in the United States.

## Waynick Presents Polarization Paper

Dr. Arthur H. Waynick, head of the Department of Electrical Engineering, recently presented a paper to the Institute of Radio Engineers in New York.

The paper, "The Polarization of Vertically Incident Long Radio Waves," was written by John M. Kelso, Harold J. Nearhoof, Robert J. Nertney, and Waynick, all of whom are of the School of Engineering at the College.

## Ground, Air Korean Forces Have Light Day

SEOUL, Korea, Saturday, March 8—(AP)—United Nations airmen and ground forces had a light day along the Korean war lines Friday with the exception of Marines on the Eastern front.

Grenade-slinging Leathernecks drove off five North Korean probes in early morning darkness North of the punchbowl, an oval mountain rim some 19 miles North of the 38th parallel and 20 miles inland from the East coast.

The Red attacks ranged up to platoon size—about 40 men—and lasted from a few minutes each to 30 minutes in the heaviest skirmish.

The Marines captured one Red and estimated they wounded 11 North Koreans in the half-hour fight. AP photographer Fred Waters reported no Marines were wounded or captured.

A Marine officer speculated that the North Koreans attacked because they wanted prisoners. The opposing forces are becoming more curious each day about enemy intentions as the spring thaw draws closer.

U.S. Sabre Jet pilots patrolling "MIG alley" in North Korea sighted no communist jet fighters during the day.

Because of an overcast, Fifth Air Force fighter-bombers flew only 200 daylight sorties and blasted only 12 holes in Red rail lines.

## Joy Silent On Truce Talks

MUNSAN, Korea, Saturday, March 8—(AP)—Vice Admiral C. Turner Joy, chief United Nations truce negotiator, returned Friday from Tokyo conferences with Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway but was non-committal on whether he had brought any new formula to ease the tight deadlock on the Korean armistice talks.

An Allied spokesman at this advanced U.N. headquarters would not comment on the Tokyo talks or the possibility Joy had received new instructions. Only developments in the conference tents at Panmunjom would disclose this.

During a one hour, 58-minute session Friday, Chinese Red Col. Pu Shen sent truce supervision talks off on a new tangent. He proposed striking out specific references to Korea in a paragraph covering withdrawal of naval forces during a truce.

Allied staff officers quickly diagnosed this as a new communist attempt to broaden the scope of the Korean armistice agreement to cover Formosa.

Grand Central Station in New York City receives up to 15,000 phone calls a day asking train information.

always won," Taft repeats in virtually every appearance.

2.—He is hammering away at the administrations foreign policy, calling Korea "an unnecessary war" and criticizing Truman for having failed to follow General MacArthur's advice.

3.—He asserts that the Republicans lost the 1948 national election largely because the candidate (Dewey) failed to get out and fight, and the people to vote.

Harold Stassen, speaking at Hanover, seat of Dartmouth College, lashed out directly at Taft. He said, "Senator Robert Taft has been wrong in the vital matters of foreign policy for the last 12 years."

Stassen said Taft voted against lend lease, against the Atlantic pact, against the mutual assistance act, and "even after the Korean war broke out he advocated a smaller defense program."

## Bridge Lessons

Twenty-nine students have enrolled for bridge lessons beginning at 6:30 to 8 p.m. Sunday in the TUB.

The classes, under the instruction of Sidney Archer, will meet every Sunday for the next six weeks.



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