

# Senate Group Evades Ike Testimony Issue

## Meets with Truman



Frank E. McKinney

## Truman, Aid Confer at Key West

KEY WEST, Fla., March 17 (AP) President Truman called in his top political chief today for a two-day conference which may determine whether he will run again.

Frank E. McKinney, Democratic national committee chairman, arrived aboard his own 50-foot cabin cruiser, the Merry Mac, in which he has been vacationing along the Florida coast.

It was their first face-to-face meeting since Truman's surprising defeat in the New Hampshire Presidential preferential primary last Tuesday.

McKinney helped persuade the President to leave his name on the ballot in New Hampshire, where he was roundly trounced by Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee.

Truman evidently wanted McKinney here to talk over:

1. The implications of the New Hampshire licking and the extent to which the anti-Truman vote there reflects public reaction to the corruption in government issue.

2. Strategy for restoring the popularity of the President—whether he runs for re-election or stumps the country for another candidate of his own choice.

3. A major speech the President will make at the \$100-a-plate Jefferson-Jackson day dinner in Washington, March 29, when he may disclose what part he will play in the forthcoming Presidential campaign.

WASHINGTON, March 7—

(AP)—The Senate foreign relations committee today put off a decision on the politically touchy question of asking Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to come home from Europe to testify on the \$7,900,000,000 foreign aid program.

Eisenhower, meanwhile, was disclosed to have written a group of his political backers that he does not plan to leave his assignment in Europe any time soon in the "absence of a compelling call or relief by higher authority."

### Essential Testimony

The letter, written to 19 House members, was dated March 10, one day before the New Hampshire Republican primary in which he defeated Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio.

In a Senate speech, Sen. McMahon (D-Conn.) said he made the original proposal to call Eisenhower back only because he felt the general's testimony is essential to prevent heavy cuts in the foreign aid bill.

With the issue of Eisenhower's return at least temporarily sidetracked, the Senate committee heard W. Averell Harriman, mutual security administrator, testify that if Congress drastically slashes the foreign aid program the result would be "disaster."

### Gruenther to Talk

McMahon said the net result would be to postpone any appearance by Eisenhower, at least until the committee has heard testimony by his top aide, Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther.

Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) said Gruenther will return to Washington to testify "in a few days."

Gruenther has been mentioned as a likely successor if Eisenhower quits his post as Supreme Allied Commander in Europe under the North Atlantic Treaty Alliance.

## Army, Marines To Take 19,000

WASHINGTON, March 17—(AP)—The Army and Marine Corps will draft another 19,000 men in May, the Defense Department announced today.

The Army will get 15,000 of the men; the Marines 4,000. The call for 19,000 is the same number due to be drafted in April.

The May draft will bring to 913,430 the number of young men drafted or called to duty with the armed services since the resumption of selective service in September, 1950. Men 18½ through 25 are now subject to the draft.

The Army's share of this number is 832,000, the Marines' 81,430.

## Recalled to Testify



Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther

## Contempt Case May Test UN Personnel Rule

WASHINGTON, March 17—(AP)

—The Senate today cited Mrs. Mary Jane Keeney, a former employe of both the State department and the United Nations, for contempt of Congress.

There was no opposition to the demand for the citation by Chairman McCarran (D-Nev.) of the Senate internal security subcommittee.

McCarran said he wanted to test out in the courts the question of whether a witness before a congressional committee may refuse to answer a question on the ground that to do so would be contrary to UN regulations.

Last month Mrs. Keeney was questioned by the McCarran subcommittee as to whether anyone in the State department helped her get a job with the UN. She said UN personnel regulations did not permit her to discuss such matters.

McCarran said her action represented a "challenge to the authority of the Senate." Mrs. Keeney's action, he said, showed a desire on her part to set up the UN as superior to the Senate.

## Syrian Irregulars Cross Israel Boundary

TEL AVIV, Israel, March 17—(AP)—Syrian irregulars penetrated Israeli territory near Daphne in upper Galilee yesterday and opened fire at an Israeli military patrol, a military spokesman announced tonight. He said the irregulars withdrew after the Israeli patrol returned the fire. A sharp protest is being lodged with the Israeli-Syrian mixed armistice commission.

# Official Calls Steel Strikes 'Disastrous'

WASHINGTON, March 17—(AP)—With a showdown nearing in the steel industry labor dispute, a top government defense official cautioned today that any strike will be "disastrous."

Manly Fleischmann, defense production administrator, told newsmen that a halt in steel production would require "the most drastic possible controls at once" to ration steel supplies.

Key atomic energy and some munitions projects lack any steel inventory and "depend on steel items which are in current production," Fleischmann said.

WASHINGTON, March 17—(AP)

—The government told contractors today to go ahead with new commercial building, starting on July 1—provided there isn't a steel strike—because there are now "substantial" steel, copper, and aluminum stocks on hand.

The word of the building relaxation came from Manly Fleischmann, head of the Defense Production Administration (DPA).

Of the hitherto scarce materials, major increases in allotments will go to highway, school, and hospital builders.

It became known, meantime, that Philip Murray, whose CIO steel workers have called a strike at midnight Sunday, is waiting to see what the Wage Stabilization Board (WSB) recommends before replying to a new government request for a strike postponement.

The WSB asked Murray over the weekend to delay any walk-out from next Sunday night until at least April 8. Murray, whose union has three times postponed striking since Jan. 1, displayed reluctance about any further delay.

## Truman's Book Stirs Dispute

WASHINGTON, March 17—(AP)

—President Truman stirred up new controversy with two of his former cabinet members by the publication tonight of a book in which he says among other things that there is no indispensable man in a democracy.

Gov. James F. Byrnes of South Carolina termed "absolutely untrue" a Truman story that he roundly scolded Byrnes in 1946 when the latter was Secretary of State.

Henry A. Wallace, the former vice president, said that if Truman ever acknowledges that a "Mr. X" referred to in the book is Wallace, "I shall charge him with the same deliberate character assassination which he finds so despicable in others." From the book's context, it is apparent that "Mr. X" is Wallace.

The new book is by William Hillman, former Hearst newsman now a commentator for the Mutual Broadcasting System.

## Arizin Honored

NEW YORK, March 17 (AP)—Paul Arizin, 23-year-old second-year star of the Philadelphia Warriors, was voted professional basketball's "Player of the Year" today by the Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association.

## Entry Ports Subject of Korea Talks

MUNSAN, Korea, Tuesday, March 18 (AP)—Korean truce negotiations centered today on a designation of ten ports of entry and a promised clarification of the Communist view on exchange of prisoners.

North Korean cities listed here were the communist capital of Pyongyang, Sinuiju, Chongjin, Hamhung, and Manpojin. South Korean cities of Seoul, Pusan, Taegu, Kusan, and Kangnung were suggested.

The Reds have agreed on all the North Korean cities except Pyongyang. Instead they want Sinuiju, 40 miles north of Pyongyang in northwest Korea. In the south they were agreed only on Pusan and Inchon, the port for Seoul.

Allied staff officers insisted that airfields and seaports in the vicinity of each city should be open for neutral inspection. The Reds objected. U.S. Col. Andrew J. Kinney, Allied staff negotiator, said afterward the Communists "seem to wish to imprison the inspection teams with city limits."

Major issues remaining to be resolved on supervision are whether Russia should be allowed to help police an armistice and the question of building military airfields. The Allies have flatly rejected both proposals.

SEOUL, Tuesday, March 18 (AP) Allied warplanes blasted vital Communist railroad lines in 86 places Monday and shot up Red battlefront positions. There was little ground action.

## Guard Unit Release

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP)—About one-fifth of the enlisted men called to active duty in September, 1950, with the 28th National Guard Division, (Pa.) will be released next month.

The Army said today about one-fifth of the remainder will be released each month after that until all the men called then are out of uniform.

## Combine for No-Hitter

LOS ANGELES, March 17 (AP)—Righthander Jimmy Hearn and southpaw Montia Kennedy combined to pitch a no-hitter as the New York Giants walloped the Chicago Cubs, 10-0, here this afternoon.

# Transfer of Power Seen in Peace Pact

WASHINGTON, March 17—(AP)—Sen. Jenner (R-Ind.) asked Senators today to vote against the Japanese peace treaty unless it is revised to prevent any future transfer of "the power of the sword from Congress to the executive."

With Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R-Me.), Jenner introduced nine reservations which he said would safeguard American sovereignty.

Four would apply to the peace treaty and five to a supplementary series of security pacts with Japan, the Philippines, Australia, and New Zealand. The security pacts are aimed at building up a common military front in the Pacific.

Jenner said the most important of his reservations would reaffirm "Congressional control of the right to make war," and make it plain that the Senate is not consenting to "any limitations on the sovereignty of the United States."

"We don't want any more Korea," he said. "This is the way to prevent it."

## Hsiao to Speak To PSCA Group

Dr. Chih-Chun Hsiao will show slides and speak on his recent travels in Europe at the Penn State Christian Association Freshmen Council meeting at 7 tonight in 304 Old Main. The program will be the first in a series of foreign countries.

The series will continue until the end of April, according to Donald Weber, publicity chairman of the series. Tracey Cushman will be the student chairman for the program and Ruth Graves will serve as worship leader.

Next week, Michael Bubel, a Polish student, will tell about his native land.

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