

Truman Confidently Puts Future On Line In Missouri Primary

Slaughter Attempts To Retain His Seat Despite Opposition

By The Associated Press

Missouri district voters marked ballots today in a congressional race that promised an insight, by proxy, into the administration's popularity in one segment of resident Truman's home state.

The race, involving an attempt by Rep. Roger C. Slaughter (D) to win renomination despite public opposition from Mr. Truman, drew only a small portion of the voters participating in the day's six primaries—Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, New Hampshire, Virginia and West Virginia.

But because Mr. Truman said that if Slaughter was right, in his fight against White House legislative proposals, the President was wrong, the contest took on a moment missing since the late President Roosevelt died in the 1933 defeat of Rep. John J. C. O'Connor, (D) of New York. However, Mr. Roosevelt's efforts failed to unseat four other Democrats that year.

Axtell Is Truman's Choice

Like O'Connor, Slaughter incurred the Presidential wrath because of his actions as a member of the powerful House Rules Committee.

Enos A. Axtell, Mr. Truman's choice, and Jerome Walsh, former OPA attorney, fought it out with Slaughter for the Democratic nomination while the President prepared to vote on the adjoining fourth district at his home town of Independence.

There was no indication that Mr. Truman had taken an active part in the fifth district contest since he went home last week.

In Virginia, Senator Harry Flood Byrd, Democrat, opposed by the CIO-PAC, seeks renomination in a race with Martin Hutchinson, Richmond attorney who says he is not a candidate of organized labor. There are also five primary contests for House seats.

Government Of Turkey Kicked-Out

Peker Undertakes To Set-Up New Regime In Ankara

Ankara, Turkey, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Receipt Peker, who fought beside Kemal Ataturk 23 years ago in their successful revolt against the Sultans, announced today to form a new Turkish government replacing that of Premier Saka, which resigned last in the face of heavy opposition to its domestic policies.

Saracoglu's resignation represented one of the greatest upheavals in Turkish politics since Ataturk died in 1938 and Ismet Inonu followed as President. It was the result of popular dissatisfaction with domestic affairs, particularly the high cost of living.

The official Anatolia news agency said the Saracoglu cabinet would continue to function until Peker, who served briefly as Saracoglu's minister of interior, announces the composition of his new government, possibly next Monday.

GI Sentenced



DEATH by hanging is the fate awaiting Pvt. Leo Christensen (above), a 24th Division signalman from Iona, Iowa, who was convicted in Japan on a number of charges including the assault of a Japanese woman and killing a boy in a motorcycle smash. He is being held in Yokohama while the death sentence is under review. (International)

Ordered Home



FORMER GI Charles Quatt (above), of Patterson, N. J., who married a German girl, has been ordered to leave Europe and return to the U. S. without his wife. An Army regulation forbids the marriage of American soldiers or Army employees to German women. (International)

MacArthur Is Praised By Two Solons

Ellender, Butler Expect Slash In Number Of Troops

Washington, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Senator Ellender (D) of Louisiana and Butler (R) of Nebraska, said today General MacArthur expects to be able soon to carry out the occupation of Japan "with a handful of our troops."

Back from a 42-day flight that carried them and three House members around the world, the senators credited MacArthur with a tip-top job of organizing and controlling the Japanese people.

As for China, however, both senators said in separate interviews they favor speedy withdrawal of all American troops and an immediate end of direct aid to that trouble-beset nation.

"We are greatly impressed with what General MacArthur has done and is doing in Japan," Ellender said. "He told us that our troops soon can cut down until the job can be done with a handful of men."

Butler affirmed this and added that he expects MacArthur to remain supreme commander in Japan until the job is reduced to a routine.

Shortly after MacArthur entered Japan he caused a minor sensation in military circles by announcing that occupational troops could be reduced to 200,000 within six months.

"That estimate touched off a flurry of criticism, coming as it did in the midst of congressional and public controversies over demobilization and postwar policies."

In their common concern on China, both said the current attempt to bring a truce between opposing factions in it is an impossible task.

"We are trying to cure conditions in China that have existed for many centuries," Ellender said. "Our troops there are not causing a tense situation. There are many incidents we do not hear about back here."

Soap Shortage For Two Years Being Forecast

College Station, Raleigh, Aug. 6.—There will be an exceptional shortage of soap this winter, much greater than at present, unless the salvage of waste fats is stepped up, says Mrs. Estelle T. Smith of State College, chairman of the N. C. Fat Salvage Committee.

In a letter to the farm and home agents of the Extension Service, she has asked that collection of fats and oils be increased wherever possible and that all communities set up fat salvage boards that will arrange for collection and shipment of the salvage materials.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Partly cloudy and occasionally warm today and tonight. Widely scattered showers Tuesday afternoon; cloudy Wednesday.

Help Is Sent Caribbean Quake Area

At Least Two Dead, 11 Towns Destroyed By Sunday Tremor

Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, Aug. 6.—(AP)—The Government rushed aid today to areas south of the Monte Breste mountain range, stricken Sunday by an earthquake and tidal wave which took a toll of at least two dead and damaged more than 11 towns in this Caribbean republic.

Eyewitness reports received today from Matanzas on the north coast, said a tidal wave swept inland as much as a mile and moved so swiftly that it caught a party trying to escape in an automobile.

Residents Forewarned

The eyewitnesses said the residents had been forewarned, however, when the waters first receded much below the normal low tide mark and that many had taken refuge in trees and high places.

Only eight of 500 houses in Matanzas were reported still standing. At Nagua, 50 or 60 houses were destroyed.

Wrecked telegraph and communications facilities made it difficult to obtain a clear picture of the damage wrought by the quake which apparently centered in the deepest point in the Atlantic Ocean, approximately 50 miles off the east coast of the Dominican Republic.

Low-Priced Men's Wear Will Return

Washington, Aug. 6.—(AP)—A spokesman for retail clothing merchants said yesterday that higher textile prices may put \$2.25 shirts and 79-cent shorts back on store shelves.

"That is our hope," said Louie Rothschild, executive director of the National Association of Retail Clothiers.

He told a reporter that the average 16 per cent increase in the cotton textile ceilings put into effect by OPA yesterday "unintentionally" will encourage greater production of cotton apparel.

"Manufacturers will have an incentive to produce shirts to retail at \$2.25 and shorts at 79 cents," Rothschild said. "We haven't had any of those in a long time."

Up to now, he said, manufacturers have not been able to make a profit on these lower priced items.

State Forest Lands: A Public Asset

By LYNN NISBET, Daily Dispatch Bureau

Raleigh, Aug. 6.—Pamphlets have been distributed containing results of a survey of state forestry administration in North Carolina, recently made by the Society of American Foresters in cooperation with the Charles Lathrop Pack Forestry Foundation, which contain some very interesting—and perhaps surprising—information.

After nearly 300 years of continuous cutting and milling the state still had 15,300,000 acres (58 per cent of the total state area) in some form of forest growth. Nearly two million acres is publicly owned in national and state forests, Indian reservations, game refuges, parks and watersheds. Approximately ten mil-

Heirens Confesses He Killed Degan Child, Giving Details

South Carolina's Biggest Tobacco Crop On Sale



South Carolina's biggest tobacco crop is on sale in nine market towns of the state, and here are two typical warehouse scenes. Left: Brisk selling is under way at Mullins. H. H. Fowler of Walnut Cove, N. C., a tobacco auctioneer for 21 years, stands at left with hand outstretched as he chants the bids. Right: Buyers grouped around tobacco piles follow the sales in a warehouse at Timmonsville. High Prices prevail. (AP)



Girl Chosen At Random, He Asserts

Chicago, Aug. 6.—(AP)—William Heirens, told State's Attorney William J. Tuohy today he strangled Suzanne Degan, age 6, with his fingers as she lay in her bed, and then took her body to the basement of a nearby apartment building and cut it to pieces.

He claimed he was in a sort of daze when he killed the young girl last January 7. After dropping the parts of her dismembered body in sewers in her neighborhood, he added, he returned to the "dissecting room" and wrote a note demanding \$20,000 ransom.

He said that he selected his victim entirely by chance.

Window Not Closed.

He was in the neighborhood earlier, he related, and observed the window of her bedroom was not closed. It was then, he said, he got the idea of entering the house.

Heirens, 17-year-old University of Chicago student, related details of the slaying to Tuohy, a group of police officials and his own attorney at a "confession conference" in Tuohy's office.

The attorney said, in preparing for a similar "confession conference" a week earlier, that the youth also would confess the "lipstick" slaying last December 10 of Frances Brown, 33, former WAVE, and the fatal stabbing June 3, 1945 of Mrs. Josephine Ross, 43-year-old widow.

"Female With Long Hair."

Heirens, in his confession, said he flashed his flashlight in the Degan girl's room and saw a "female with long hair" asleep. He said his vision was "not too good."

"Then what did you do?" Tuohy asked.

"I strangled her."

"When you strangled her, how did you strangle her?"

"With my fingers," Heirens replied.

"Around the neck?"

"Yes."

Make Some Utterances.

"Had the child said something to you before you did that?"

"No. She made some utterances, I do not know what. They were too inarticulate to make out."

"How long did you keep your hands on her neck, would you say?"

"About two minutes."

"You squeezed as hard as you could."

"Until everything went limp."

The prosecutor said that he asked the youth "did you kill Suzanne Degan?"

Heirens replied, the prosecutor added, "yes, sir."

New York Cotton

New York, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to 25 cents a bale higher.

Noon prices were unchanged to 90 cents a bale lower, October 34.33, December 34.43 and March 34.25.

Lilliputian Bus



BUILT by British Army veteran Sgt. Maj. Ernest Johnstone, this tiny motor bus is only two feet wide and eight feet long. It doesn't seem much compared to the regular Brighton, England, bus in the background, but its one-horse-power motor carries it along at 25 miles an hour. Johnstone carried 1,000 fares in his bus in a day. (International)

Mead Group Will Look Into May's Vacation In Miami Beach

Byrnes And Molotov Clash Anew At Paris

Paris, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov clashed on the floor of the Paris peace conference today. Byrnes charged the Russian delegation to the conference through the big four and Molotov replying that the big four was an American idea.

Byrnes, replying to the Russian's charges of inconsistency read from "the record" and challenged Molotov to see that the United States delegates' remarks were published in the Soviet press.

Molotov repeated his charges of inconsistency. He said Byrnes was speaking "in a serious and angry tone" and declared "we, almost alone, have to defend the agreed decisions" of the foreign ministers of the four major powers—Russia, France, Britain and the United States.

He accepted Byrnes' challenge to have the Secretary of State's remarks published in the Russian press.

The exchange took place in the second week of arguments as to whether the committee will recommend a rule that a simple majority vote will be required for the full conference to pass treaty recommendations or to the foreign ministers council of for final action.

Committee Hears Solon At Miami In Spring, 1944

Washington, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Senate war investigators were said today to be pursuing a tip the Rep. Andrew J. May, (D), of Kentucky, vacationed in Miami Beach, Fla., with officials of the Garsson munitions combine in March or April, 1944.

An official of the Mead committee said the group has received information indicating that the Kentucky lawmaker may have been in the Versailles Hotel on Miami Beach sometime during the period with Murray and Henry Garsson. The two brothers were guiding lights of the Batavia and Erie Iron Metal Products Company and other firms in the combine.

Congress was in recess from April 1 to 12, 1944.

May Denies Travel Money

In a speech to the House last July 3, May denied specifically that he had received any travel expenses from the Cumberland Lumber Co., an affiliate of the combine, adding that "I never used one penny of anybody's money except my own as travel expense or otherwise."

Never-the-less, the committee was understood to be preparing to question May—who has health permits to appear about the reasons for and the expenses of the reported Miami Beach trip at a period when War Department witnesses have testified that the House Military Committee chairman was exerting "special pressure" in behalf of the Garsson combine.

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Highway Accident Kills Three, Injuries Fifteen



A large truck trailer is sprawled across the highway near Greensboro, and a bus (arrow) lies in a ditch after a traffic accident that killed three persons and injured 15. The truck was in collision with an automobile (not shown), and the bus went into the ditch as the driver applied the brakes to stop at the scene. Those killed were in the auto. Ten injured were bus passengers. (AP Photo)

Market Slide Led By Steels, Motors

New York, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Steel and motors led a stock market into lower average territory today although a few favorites managed to confound the move with some success.

Prominent on the off-side were U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Chrysler, General Motors, Goodrich, Montgomery Ward and Union Pacific.

Higher tendencies were shown for Paramount Pictures, American Woolen and Texas Co.

OXFORD STOREKEEPER DIES FROM BEATING

Oxford, Aug. 6.—J. W. Moss, age 73, died at Granville Hospital at 8 a. m. Monday after an illness of six days. Mr. Moss, a rural storekeeper, five miles south of Oxford, was badly injured last Tuesday when clubbed over the head and robbed by unidentified assailants.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p. m. today at Peace Chapel by the Rev. E. G. Urby.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Susan Moss of Zebulon, six brothers and sisters, Mrs. W. H. Blackley, Henderson; Mrs. G. L. Tilly, J. L. Moss, O. H. Moss, Mrs. J. P. Powell and J. C. Moss, all of Oxford.