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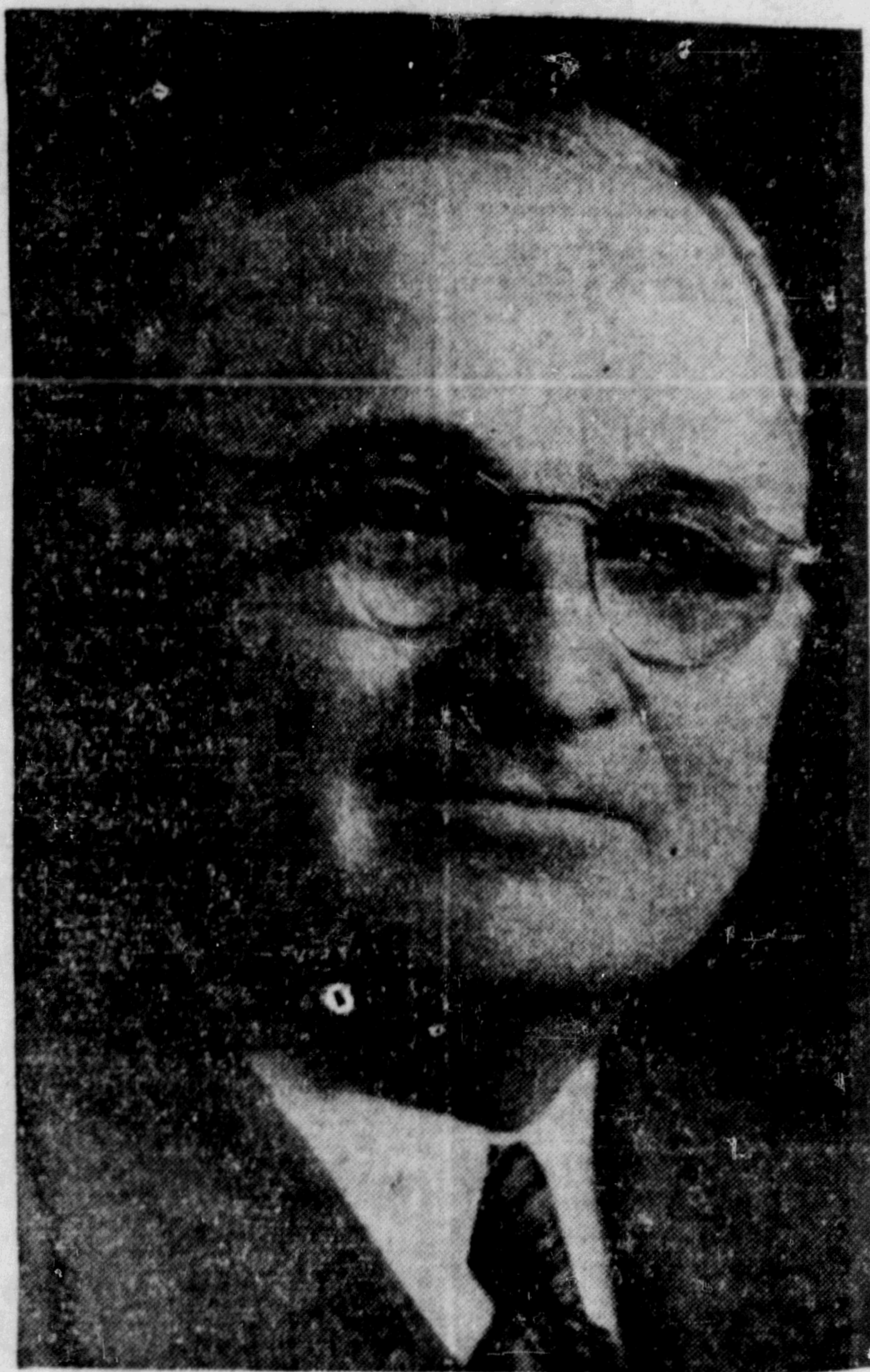
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THE UNDERDOG

Campaign Finds Cards Stacked Against Truman

Hard-Working President Another 'Happy Warrior' of United States Politics

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WASHINGTON—They used to call Al Smith "The Happy Warrior" of United States politics. One of these days someone will coin a phrase like that to describe Harry S. Truman. Truman entered the current campaign as Democratic candidate for re-election as president with the cards stacked against him, an underdog presidential candidate if there ever was one. He went into it smiling, wise-cracking, confident and serene.

CONSERVATIVE RESOLUTIONS

Committee of 193 Men Goes to Work On List of 500

OTTAWA—A resolutions committee of 193 men will start to work today on 500 resolutions submitted for insertion in the Progressive-Conservative party's platform. They form an advance guard for the national convention to be held September 30, October 1 and 2. Resolutions on communism loom as a major bulk.

The Wallace Progressives were dragging away at his normal leftist and Liberal support. The Southern Democrats had deserted in force and even wiped his name off the ballot in one state. Public opinion polls and the great bulk of newspapers were against him. Campaign donations were scanty and the party treasury was low.

Beyond all that loss of normal support, Truman was facing an office-hungry, rejuvenated Republican party with two able candidates and a two-year-old grip on the House of Representatives and Senate which they seemed certain to extend to the White House after 16 years' Democratic occupancy. Truman was bound, shackled and weighed down with handicaps, but no one would know it to see him talk to him and hear his confident "We'll give 'em hell" promise as he started away on his appeal for the American people's votes.

MAN OF THE PEOPLE

Truman is a man of the people. He was born in humble circumstances, had a high school education, went to war and did all right, came home a cavalry major, was a small town business man and a county court judge. Then, through the friendship of political boss Tom Pendergast of Kansas City, he got a shot at the United States Senate and won election easily. By hard work and a deep interest in government affairs, Truman succeeded as a senator and got the chairmanship of a committee set up to watch government expenditures during the Second World War.

That made him a big shot. The brass hats and top government officials, some of them

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PHONE SYSTEM IS HEAVILY LOADED, UNABLE TO TAKE NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Already burdened beyond its efficient operating peak, Prince Rupert's telephone system has reached its absolute limit of expansion, city council was told last night by Telephone Superintendent Bruce Love in a report that dashed prospective subscribers' hopes of getting telephones for at least two years.

Mayor Nora Arnold told council that the gloomy substance of the report should be known by the public so that it would understand that telephones are not being denied new subscribers at the will of council but because it is physically impossible to open new lines.

"We feel that the situation regarding telephones should be widely known by the public. Every day we get personal requests to try and get telephones for someone but we cannot open new lines," the Mayor said.

Alderman T. B. Black calculated that at present the system is 40 percent overloaded above good operating conditions. "It is not that we refuse to supply new telephones," he declared. "It is that we just cannot spare any of the few remaining lines because they might be needed at any moment to replace defective ones."

According to Mr. Love's report, Prince Rupert's switchboard has five operators' positions and a capacity of 1,000 lines for local subscribers, plus 11 toll lines. At present, there are 60 spare lines, 20 of which are defective, with more expected to become defective in the near future.

Repair parts for the defective lines have been on order in some cases for two years or more.

"For efficient operation of a

telephone system, the switchboard should not be loaded to more than 80 percent of its capacity, which would, in this case, be 800 lines. This would mean that there would be 1,924 instruments in use."

At present, there are 2,352 (Continued on Page Six)

THROWN INTO SLAVE CAMPS

Russia is Continuing Ruthless Purge in Eastern Germany

BERLIN, (CP)—The Socialist press Monday claimed that the Russians are throwing thousands of new victims into concentration camps in eastern Germany's intensified purge of anti-communists.

An official Social Democrat described "transports of misery" headed for Buchenwald.

Burned to Death At Firemen's Ball

WARSAW, (CP)—Twenty persons were burned to death and 30 injured when fire broke out in a dance organized by a voluntary firemen's organization at nearby Osuchow last night.

COUNCIL PROTESTS LIVING COST

Time That Government Should Do Something to Protect People

Acting on instructions received from council two weeks ago, Alderman Arthur Brooksbank last night presented his colleagues with a resolution protesting the high cost of living, assuring them that it was carefully worded so that it carried no suggestion of "Communist influence."

Council adopted the resolution unanimously and agreed with Alderman Brooksbank that it should receive wide circulation. Individually typed copies will be sent to Prime Minister Mackenzie King, all federal cabinet ministers, leaders of the Opposition parties, all members of the B.C. Legislature and to 20 cities and towns throughout British Columbia. The latter will be asked to endorse the resolution and take similar action.

The resolution:

"WHEREAS, while it is always desirable that there should be a minimum of interference and control by the state in the daily lives and occupations of the people; and while no request is hereby being made for any system of overall control of the country's economy, still it is essential that there should be intervention or assistance by the government when required to meet the needs of the people.

"WHEREAS there is widespread and general hardship, apprehension and worry caused by the great increase in the cost of living during the past few years.

"WHEREAS recent increases in the cost of living (due to several causes) are rapidly undoing all the good work of the Government of Canada in previous years, when inflation was to a very large extent, avoided.

"WHEREAS there can be no real feeling of social security and no assurance of a permanent decent standard of living if the basic cost of living continues to increase.

"WHEREAS a large portion of the population of Canada is

living on a fixed income, such as monthly salary, pension, fixed commission or other static remuneration, although other parts of the population, including the greater proportion of wage-earners, have, from time to time, been able to have their incomes increased.

"WHEREAS inflationary conditions have already caused certain industries to discontinue business on account of inability to meet competition from the U.S.A. and other countries.

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada be urged to take immediate and vigorous action to stop the rise in the cost of living and to reduce such cost where reductions can be effected without hardship to primary producers and other workers, and that provision be made immediately so that where prices are proven to be unreasonably high, selective price controls may be re-imposed for the protection of the consuming public."

The resolution will be signed by Mayor Arnold.

Worship Freedom

New State of Israel Has No Desire to Interfere With Any

TEL AVIV, (CP)—The Israeli ministry of religion has affirmed that Christian and Moslem minorities will enjoy full control over their religious affairs in the new Jewish state.

"The Jewish religion has never had a tendency to convert others," said Rabbi Judah Leib Fishman. "On the contrary our wish is that each individual preserve his own faith, tradition and customs."

THE WEATHER

Forecast

Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Clear, becoming overcast this afternoon, rain commencing this evening and continuing through the night. Cloudy with showers Wednesday. Winds light, becoming southeast (20 m.p.h.) this evening, southwest (15) Wednesday.

COUNCIL HITS U.B.C.M. ATTITUDE TOWARD INCREASING OF POLL TAX

Aldermen Re-affirm Their Stand On Having It Abolished

The poll tax came under the sternly critical eye of city council last night after the aldermen had heard a report of its delegates to the recent Union of B.C. Municipalities which recommended that the tax be extended to cover women and that it be increased from its present \$5 to \$10.

The resolution was included among 63 considered by the convention and was opposed by Mayor Nora Arnold and City Clerk H. D. Thain who, in their report, recommended that a study of the poll tax situation be made with the object of having it repealed.

Alderman George Casey led the aldermanic objections to the Union's attitude and moved that the city act immediately on the matter and that its objections should be made directly to the government and not through the U.B.C.M. The other aldermen agreed.

The delegates told the meeting that they believed the U.B.C.M. convention had approved the motion to extend and increase the poll tax because its members looked on the tax as a nuisance and they believed that, if the nuisance was accentuated, public opinion would lead to its withdrawal.

The aldermen looked on this as "careless and faulty" thinking and proceeding with their plans to urge its removal.

Sees Security on Less Than Universal Basis

PARIS (CP)—Individual nations must seek security on a basis "less than universal" when the United Nations is unable to provide that security, Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King of Canada told the United Nations general assembly today.

In what was probably his last speech as head of

RUSS MONEY IS DECLINING

BERLIN, (CP)—Berliners have lost some of their faith in Russia issued currency of their city following break-up of the Four Power talks on the Berlin blockade. The "Ostmark" is steadily dropping in value. Last night it was quoted on the black market exchange as 3.9 to one Deutsche mark.

Little change in temperature with lows tonight and highs Wednesday: Port Hardy 42 and 55, Massett 45 and 53, Prince Rupert 43 and 55.

the Canadian government, Mr. King called for a world-wide community sense "among the countries of the world" and suggested the British Commonwealth of Nations as an example.

As things now stand, said Mr. King, a world stalemate had resulted from the use of the veto by some powers "to further some particular interest." If the stalemate continues, he said, the threat to freedom would inevitably arise.

Mr. King's speech was interrupted twice by applause and at the close he received an ovation from which it was noted, however, the Russian nations abstained.

OCTOBER 24 TO BE 'U.N. DAY'

Sunday, October 24, will be proclaimed "United Nations Day" by Mayor Nora Arnold as a dedication to the cause of world peace. Its objective is to create support for the aims of the United Nations among the common people of the world.

The dedication was supported by council at the request of the United Nations Association which had a letter before last night's meeting. Mayor Arnold's proclamation will recall the ideals and point out the accomplishments of the U.N. since its beginning in 1945.

"I would like the Mayor to take such action," commented Alderman McKay as the council considered the request.

Alderman T. B. Black declared that "we should reflect on Mr. Bevin's words—it is up to the common people to maintain peace."

tion on the poll tax as "ill-worded and inadequate" and also suggested that the council make an individual representation to the government protesting the institution of daylight saving time. His motion was supported.

A suggestion in the delegates' report urged that the government report either abolish daylight saving time or submit a plebiscite to the electors of the province to obtain a majority opinion on the subject.

Report of the fate of Prince Rupert's six resolutions at the convention showed that two had been approved, two defeated and one withdrawn. Another, the delegates learned, already is in effect.

Mayor Arnold acted as chairman of a committee at the convention to consolidate resolutions dealing with social services. The consolidated resolution, which was approved, urged that the "provincial government be asked to bear the full cost of transportation and treatment of tuberculosis, and cancer patients and the entire cost of children who have become wards of the municipality."

It also asked that the province bear 80 percent of the cost of indigent funerals in addition to a similar share of medical and drug expenses as now in force and that all municipalities be given the option of having the province assume the cost of investigating and administering social assistance in return for payment by the municipalities of 15 cents per capita.

At present, the provincial government pays the large part of social assistance in cities under 10,000 but above 10,000 the cost to the cities becomes greater. Mayor Arnold and City Clerk Thain were cordially thanked for their report on the convention.

U. S. TUG SINKS SOUTH OF HERE

HEAVY FINES ON LIQUOR CHARGES

Heavy penalties were handed out by Magistrate W. D. Vance in police court Monday to three men who pleaded guilty to liquor charges.

Lee Chong, a Chinese, was fined \$300 and costs or three months in jail after he had pleaded guilty to a charge of keeping liquor for sale.

Walter Johnson, no fixed address, pleaded guilty to a charge of supplying an Indian and was fined \$100 and costs or two months in jail.

Norman Jaffray, a fisherman who pleaded guilty to supplying a native, was fined \$150 and costs or two months in jail.

U. S. Coastguard Is at Scene In Arthur Pass

A United States Army tug is reported to be in a sinking condition today on Herbert Reef in Arthur Passage, 20 miles south of Prince Rupert. The United States Coastguard said a ship was at the scene and had sent a message that "she is sinking and now the full stern is under water."

All but two members of the crew have been removed.

Port of Embarkation authorities at Seattle identified the vessel as being the tug LT822.

The Coastguard dispatched the tenders White Holly and Thistle from Ketchikan.

The tug hit the reef, which is in Arthur Passage between Kennedy and Lewis Islands, while on "stand by" duty with

another tug towing a 200-foot floating steel dry dock.

Weather and water are reported calm.

LOCAL TIDES (Standard Time)

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Buffalo Canadian	.08 1/2
Consol. Smelters	110.35
Conwest	1.05
Donalda	.62
Eldona	1.08
East Sullivan	2.68
Giant Yellowknife	4.95
God's Lake	.40
Hardrock	.30
Harricana	.06 1/2
Heva	.10 1/2
Hosco	.31
Jacklife	.04
Joliet Quebec	.42
Lake Rowan	.06 1/4
Lapaska	.05 1/2
Little Long Lac	.74
Lynx	.07 1/2
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McLeod Cockshutt	.93
Moneta	.33 1/4
Negus	2.16
Noranda	50.50
Louvicourt	.54
Pickie Crow	2.10
Regcourt	.05 1/2
San Antonio	3.95
Senator Rouyn	.45
Sheritt Gordon	2.20
Steep Rock	1.80
Sturgeon River	.15
Silver Miller	.30