

Truman Feared Parson Ontario 3rd World War House Speaker

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WASHINGTON, March 18 (AP) — President Truman secretly feared on two occasions in recent years that a third world war was about to break out.

He saw that explosive threat first in the Berlin crisis in September, 1948, and again in the United Nations' reverses in Korea in December, 1950, after Red China intervened.

Truman recorded his anxieties over war — along with his privately-noted thoughts on Stalin, Russia, preventive war and various other foreign matters — in personal papers published today in the book "Mr. President."

The book, published by Farrar, Straus and Young, Inc., was written by William Hillman, former newspaper man who now is a radio commentator for the Mutual Broadcasting System.

The papers also disclose that Truman once sent a message to the Kremlin that Stalin was not a man of his word. And the President once read State Secretary James F. Byrnes a stiff lecture on who was boss of U.S. foreign policy and on the need for a tough attitude toward Russia.

In the Byrnes memorandum, possibly the most sensational item in the book, Truman said sharply that he, not Byrnes, would make final foreign policy decisions, and he added bluntly: "I'm tired of babying the Russians."

That was in January, 1946, and Byrnes, then one of the President's closest advisers, had just been to Moscow where he made agreements which critics characterized as appeasement of the Russians.

Truman's account gives no hint as to Byrnes' response.

Byrnes resigned a year later. He denied that Truman had given him a "stiff lecture."

TERRIBLE FEELING
Here are some of the chief points the book makes about Truman and foreign policy matters:

1. When Russia's blockade of Berlin was six months old, the President was briefed by his military chiefs on September 13, 1948, on "bases, bombs, Moscow, Leningrad and the like."

Truman wrote afterwards: "I have a terrible feeling that we are very close to war."

2. On December 9, 1950, a month after massive Chinese armies struck in Korea, Truman wrote that the nation faced a jittery world and confided:

"I have worked for peace for five years and six months, and it looks like world war III is near."

3. In the Byrnes memorandum of January, 1946, Truman called for an end to compromise with Russia and said: "Unless Russia is faced with an iron fist and strong language another war is in the making. Only one language do they understand — 'How many divisions have you?'"

4. A message to Stalin in March, 1949, sent through Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith at Moscow, said Truman was disappointed that Stalin had not kept his word to get Russian troops out of Iran by March 2. He also told Smith to "urge Stalin" to visit America.

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Provincial Legislature Has Ecclesiastical Aura

TORONTO (CP) — The speaker's chair in the Ontario legislature has an ecclesiastical aura in the present session of the assembly. Both the speaker and deputy speaker are clergymen.

Rev. M. C. Davies, speaker in the 23rd legislature from 1948 to 1951, was reappointed at this first session of the new legislature. Rev. Wallace Downer was named as his deputy.

The similarity does not end there. Both are Anglican clergymen and both were chaplains in the Second World War.

Mr. Davies' reappointment this year brought general approval from both sides of the house. Members of all parties have praised the fairness of the Welsh-born rector of St. George's Church in Windsor, whose chief duty is to preserve order in the assembly's debates.

Mr. Downer's appointment as deputy speaker was also applauded. He is one of only eight members in the house who have been members since 1937. Two of these are in the Liberal ranks; the other five are cabinet ministers, including Premier Frost.

Mr. Davies was first elected for Windsor-Walkerville constituency in 1945 after four years as chaplain with the RCAF. From 1942-44 he was deputy director of the RCAF chaplain service.

Mr. Downer was in Italy during the 1943 provincial election in which he contested the Dufferin-Simcoe riding he won in 1937. It was two days before the news of his re-election reached the 4th Anti-Tank Regiment where he was serving. He later returned to Canada and was sent in 1945 as senior chaplain to Newfoundland.

Mr. Downer has been rector of the Church of the Redeemer at Duntroon, Ont., for 17 years.

Austerity Worries Hard on Housewife

LONDON (CP) — The "little woman" faced with the problem of keeping her expenses within the weekly household allowance has far greater financial worries than the husband, says the current issue of the Houseworker, organ of the National Institute of Houseworkers.

"When money is short, it is always the mother of the family who must sacrifice all luxuries," the paper says. "It is she who must forgo a new coat, a fresh hat and other little luxuries in order that her children will be well cared for."

FAMED ACTRESS
The home of Ellen Terry, great British actress, is maintained as a memorial museum in Tenterden, Kent, England.

OTTAWA (Special to Daily News) — Speaking in the Senate Senator Tom Reid of New Westminster, a life long friend of Pacific Coast fishermen, made a spirited and factual defence of the proposed Canada, Japan, United States Fisheries treaty. He stated his opinion that the campaign opposing the treaty was for the purpose of causing friction between Canada and the United States.

Referring to claims that Canada had given in to the United States, he said such talk "is just rot and balderdash."

He congratulated Fisheries Minister Mayhew and Deputy Minister Bates on the treaty and said that the choice of E. T. Applewhite MP for Skeena was a member of the delegation was a wise and popular one.

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Civil Defence Below Target

But Britain Will Resort to Conscription Only as Last Resort

LONDON (CP) — Although hard-pressed for recruits to bolster Britain's civil defence corps, Home Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe has announced that the government will consider compulsory service only as a last resort.

The corps, organized to meet the possibility of atomic warfare, has reached only about 35 percent of its peacetime target of 470,000 volunteers.

The minister indicated that the response so far has been most disappointing in the auxiliary fire service, a branch of the corps which faced a heavy task in the last war. Air-raid fire damage, especially if atomic missiles were used, would constitute the gravest menace to the home front in event of another war.

"I cannot emphasize too strongly the danger of delay until an emergency arises," Sir David said. "There will be no time then to train large numbers of volunteers."

Meanwhile, steps have been taken to complete the equip-

ment and training of the force already in operation which the minister described as a "going concern." Work is proceeding on such projects as regional war rooms and local control centres.

The country's public air-raid warning system is being re-established and delivery of new and powerful sirens has already started.

Sir David said that special instruments for the detection of radio-activity following explosion of an atomic bomb have been on order for some time.

Eight Cruises By Prince George

Eight cruises to Alaska are scheduled this year for the cruise liner Prince George, flagship of Canadian National Steamships Pacific Coast fleet. The Prince George will inaugurate her summer series of 10-day round cruise to Skagway when she arrives here on June 16.

Seven ports of call are made

by the liner as it sails along the channel. Northbound calls are at Prince Rupert, Ketchikan and Juneau while enroute to Skagway. Southbound calls are made at Wrangell, Ketchikan, Prince Rupert and Ocean Falls.

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands (AP) — Queen Juliana will visit Canada next month, state visit to the United States next month, the queen announced today. She will be accompanied by the prince, Prince Bernhard, who will have a future engagement in the

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