

120,000 WILL SEE TRUMAN TAKE OATH

Israeli Helped By 100 Million In U. S. Loans

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The United States gave a powerful helping hand to the government of Israel last night by granting it \$100,000,000 in loans needed to develop the Jewish state.

The Export-Import bank made \$35,000,000 available for immediate use and earmarked \$65,000,000 more for the Israeli government to spend before Dec. 31.

Israeli Here to Stay

The action was intended to serve as a concrete demonstration to the world that the American government believes that the Israeli nation is here to stay.

The credits were announced a few hours after acting Secretary of State Lovett said the United States and Britain were trying to hammer out a common approach to the Palestine problem.

The loans came as Jews and Egyptians negotiated on the island of Rhodes for a truce in the Palestine fighting. They are the first credits the new Israeli government has been able to obtain from any foreign government since it proclaimed its independence last May.

Jewish sources greeted the announcement joyfully for it gave promise of inducing many countries to grant full diplomatic recognition to Israel.

The \$100,000,000 is to be spent for agricultural equipment, machinery and engineering and technical help needed to boost the output of Israel's farms.

The \$65,000,000 is to pay for projects in communications, transportation, housing, manufacturing and public works.

Government officials said the granting of the loans might have these results:

1. Strengthen the hand of the present ruling regime in Israel, the Conservative Socialist party headed by David Ben-Gurion, prior to the Jan. 25 elections.
2. Help the truce negotiations between Jews and Arabs by showing the Arabs the American government does not intend to abandon its long-standing support of Israel.
3. Possibly persuade the British to review their Palestine policy with a view to granting recognition to the Israeli government.

Laborer Indicted In Steuben Slaying

BATH, (AP)—John Batten, 38, of Dayton Beach, Fla., was indicted on a first degree murder charge yesterday in the butcher knife slaying of Miss Leah Merchant, 33, of Winter Garden, Fla.

Miss Merchant was stabbed in the back Oct. 17 at a migrant labor camp on a farm near Fraillburg, Steuben county. District Attorney Harry K. Morton of Hornell said Batten told him he thought she was to blame for his dismissal from the camp.

Albert A. Kuster of Hornell was indicted on a second degree murder charge in the slaying of Patrick Walsh of Hornell with an iron stove poker and a knife on Oct. 20.



FIRE KILLS MOTHER, SISTERS. (AP Wirephoto)—John Snyder, 18-month-old son of Coal Miner Lawrence Snyder, Windber, Pa., wouldn't be comforted by his puppy at his uncle's home. Johnny lost his mother and three sisters when fire destroyed the Snyder home at Cairnbrook, Pa. John's father and another sister were seriously burned. Only John escaped injury.

10 Coast Guardsmen Die When 2 Vessels Collide Off Coast of New Jersey

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By The Associated Press
NEW YORK.—A pre-dawn collision between the cutter Eastwind and an oil tanker in a fog bank yesterday killed 10 coast guardsmen and set fire to the war-honored coast guard vessel.

Nineteen were injured in the crash, off the New Jersey coast.

Nearly 12 hours after the Eastwind was rammed, 17 of her injured were brought to Brooklyn aboard the rescue vessel Suzanne.

Theodore Eckert Unhurt in Crash Of His Cutter

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Eckert of 218 Merriman ave. received word from their son, Fireman First Class Theodore Eckert, late last night that he had safely reached shore after the collision off the New Jersey coast of his coast guard cutter Eastwind and an oil tanker.

Their son called the Syracuseans from a Long Island city, saying he was uninjured in the collision that took 10 lives and injured 19 other coast guardsmen. Eckert was among 18 crewmen unhurt.

He told his parents he had just reached shore. The youth said he was unable to carry his clothing or personal belongings from his ship.

The Syracusean, 20 on Dec. 13, was a fireman in the boiler room of the cutter. He family reported last night. He was home on a 15-day Christmas leave, reporting to Connington wharf, Boston, Mass., on Dec. 20.

A 1945 graduate of St. Anthony of Padua high school, Eckert worked in the office of Simmons warehouse before entering the navy April 8, 1947. He took boot training in Florida and later was stationed in Groton, Conn.

A brother, Kenneth Eckert, was in the army 5½ years during the war, serving throughout the European campaign.

TWO FOUND DEAD
ROCHESTER, (AP)—The bodies of Elmer Fisher, 60, and his housekeeper, Margaret Reider, 45, were found in Fisher's apartment last night and Coroner David H. Atwater said they had died of acute alcoholism.

Dave Boone Says:

With a million acclaiming him as he rides into office and millions more attending by radio and television, a lot of folks won't be certain whether it's Harry Truman, Bing Crosby, or Bob Hope being inaugurated president today.

Forty thousand marchers will be in the parade, all trying to look as if they had been for Harry the night before election.

There will be frequent stops for rest, as the effort will be quite a strain.

It will be just about the biggest Washington show in years, combining the aspects of a Hollywood preview, a mardi gras, a country fair, an Elks outing and a Fourth-of-July celebration.

Harry will ride in the parade, the first president to do this in a long time. And he won't be hitchhiking like the experts and poli-takers predicted.

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The FBI announced Godbey admitted in a signed statement to FBI agents and officials of the El Paso police department that he was the individual who shot and killed Earl Pruet in Oklahoma City Jan. 11.

Oklahoma officers, in launching a southwest-wide manhunt last week, had said Pruet was slain for vengeance. Godbey was charged with murder after witnesses identified him from photographs as the man who killed Pruet in an Oklahoma City skyscraper office.

Pruet was prosecutor at the time Godbey was tried and convicted at Waurika, Okla., for a \$9 holdup at nearby Jefferson. Godbey received a 35-year sentence. With time off for good behavior, he was released Nov. 12 after serving a little less than 16½ years.

Recalling Godbey's threats at the time some day to kill everybody connected with his conviction, Oklahoma officers have been guarding two other trail figures. They also placed a guard about the Waurika water system after Mayor O. D. Kennedy said he was tipped it might be poisoned.

Godbey apparently referred to Pruet in talking with reporters today. "I should have put potassium cyanide in the water up there," he declared. "I should have carved 'em all up into hamburger meat."

Lewis' Contract Is Held Illegal

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The union shop clause in John L. Lewis' contract with soft coal operators was tagged illegal yesterday under the Taft-Hartley labor act.

But, there is every prospect that congress soon may knock out of the law the grounds on which a national labor relations board examiner ruled against the United Mine Workers.

The Taft-Hartley law allows a union shop clause only when a majority of workers have approved it in an NLRB-supervised election. The examiner, William R. Ringer, pointed out that such a ballot has not been taken.

Further, Ringer said, the UMW's 400,000 members couldn't ask for an election because Lewis has not filed an oath disavowing communism.

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Inaugural Event Today Biggest In U. S. History

Chief Executive Defends Plan of Electoral College

BY ARTHUR EDSON
WASHINGTON, (AP)—In the midst of a spectacular inaugural whirl that would have amazed the founding fathers, President Truman last night came to the defense of an institution those fathers started—the electoral college.

"I'm in favor of letting the constitutional provisions for electors stay as they have been for the last 160 years," he said on the eve of his inauguration.

He spoke at a dinner of the electoral college, where a "Who's Who" of leaders in government and other walks of life gathered to eat breast of capon, quaff fine French champagnes and smoke special Havana cigars.

The president arrayed himself against Democrats and Republicans who have introduced constitutional amendments to abolish the electoral college. They have complained that it is old-fashioned and has sometimes led to thwarting the popular will.

Under the electoral system a candidate who carries a state, even by a small margin, gets the whole electoral vote of the state.

Turning to radio commentators who predicted his defeat, even after the election returns began coming in, Mr. Truman heaped smiling sarcasm on them.

He mimicked H. V. Kallenberg and quoted the commentator as saying on election night that while Mr. Truman was 1,000,000 votes ahead, "we have yet to hear from the country," which would elect Thomas E. Dewey by an overwhelming majority.

At the dinner, the president did a quick change from white tie and tails to a tuxedo, and proceeded to the Washington armory, where a mammoth gala was in progress.

This event saw stars of stage, screen, radio (television and night clubs) do each other to entertain an audience cramming the two-acre auditorium.

The inaugural celebration reaches its climax today. Mr. Truman will keep up and swear he will do his best in the toughest job in the world.

At noon, on the east side of the Capitol, Chief Justice Vinson will give the oath.

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of president of the United States and will, to the best of my ability, protect and defend the constitution."

And the smiling, fighting man from Missouri will become president for the next four years, his first full term.

MAY BE SUNSHINE
The weather, always the main worry at any inauguration, is expected to be in the mid-30s in the morning, in the lower 40s in the afternoon. There also may be some sunshine.

After taking the oath, Mr. Truman will deliver his inaugural address, an estimated 120,000 will be on hand to listen and crane their necks for a

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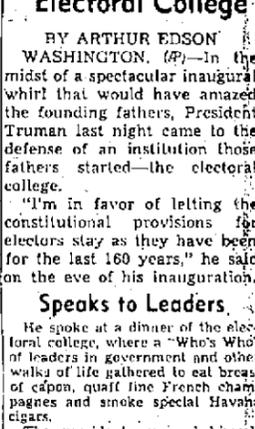
650 Pupils March To Safety in Fire

ROCHESTER, (AP)—Six hundred fifty children marched to safety yesterday afternoon when five broke out in a supply room at the Immaculate Conception parochial school.

A three-two alarm was sounded after a teacher noticed smoke pouring into a classroom.

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After a transcontinental air journey, Mary and Irene Neal, 20-month-old motherless twins, arrived yesterday afternoon at their grandparents' farm in Moravia.

"They've made themselves right at home," said Mrs. Frank McDonald, who had kept a vigil in vain at Syracuse airport Tuesday night when the plane was unable to land due to squally weather and flew on to Rochester.

Airport Welcome
Yesterday morning Mr. and Mrs. McDonald and Mr. McDonald's mother, Mrs. Mary Kelly of Auburn, drove to the airport to pick up the twins.

On the way to their 300-acre dairy farm in Moravia the twins slept and after lunch they took another nap.

"We've raised five children of our own," said Grandma McDonald, but have had no experience with twins.

When their grandfather saw the blue-eyed babies at the airport at 11:30 a. m. yesterday he exclaimed: "Gosh, they're bigger than I thought they'd be," as he greeted them with a welcoming hug and kiss.

"They'll be stunning all over the place," he observed, "and I was thinking they wouldn't be able to walk."

FLIGHT BEGAN MONDAY
The twins, who began their flight Monday from Medford, Ore., will have plenty of room to stretch their legs. McDonald and his wife plan to raise the children on their farm.

Irene and Mary, dressed in blue snowsuits trimmed with white fur, were in the care of Miss Virginia Waller.

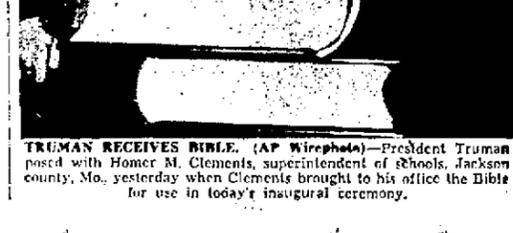
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REUBEN MAXSON DEAD
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TRUMAN RECEIVES BIBLE. (AP Wirephoto)—President Truman posed with Homer M. Clements, superintendent of schools, Jackson county, Mo., yesterday when Clements brought to his office the Bible for use in today's inaugural ceremony.