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"I'd rather have lasting peace in the world than be president. I wish for peace, I work for peace, and I pray for peace continually."

Harry Greenan

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MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2018 was an auspicious year for Truman anniversaries: 100 years since Captain Truman's service in World War I and 70 years since some of President Truman's greatest decisions. These life-changing experiences and pivotal chapters in Truman's story provided the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum with many meaningful opportunities to examine, contemplate and celebrate the legacy of our nation's 33rd president.

In commemoration, we offered programs about World War I, the Berlin Airlift, the recognition of Israel, the desegregation of the military and more. Highlights included:

- The debut of the new Truman Legacy Series with programs featuring acclaimed speakers like David McCullough, Jon Meacham, Michael Beschloss, The Hon. Robert Zoellick, and Ben Stein.
- A full suite of activities recognizing Truman's service in World War I, including the temporary
 museum exhibition, "Heroes or Corpses," programming presented in partnership with the
 National World War I Museum and Memorial, and a special Truman Travelers trip to visit key
 WWI sites in France with 38 Truman enthusiasts.

In addition to sharing the details of these important chapters in American history, the Truman Library's programming also utilized Truman's legacy to highlight the characteristics and values upon which our nation was founded: leadership, decision making, integrity, friendship, and a commitment to country and public service. During turbulent times, there is no better way to share these valuable lessons than through the life and times of Harry Truman at his presidential library.

None of these activities would be possible without your generous support of the Truman Library. Thanks to you, and other donors like you, the importance and impact of our mission to share Truman's story is being recognized by a growing community of patrons across the country. For example, we are honored to have the support of 1,612 members as well as 1,500 donors that responded to national appeals from Truman's grandson Clifton Truman Daniel. Additionally, our efforts are being enhanced by the involvement of noteworthy national partners and dignitaries who are working with us to expand both our brand and programmatic footprint. All of these are encouraging developments as we implement key objectives from our strategic plan and answer the question, *Why Truman? Why Now?*

Thank you for your commitment to our mission and the impact of your patronage. Because of your generosity, more than 100,000 people – including 25,000 students in our core education programs – were inspired, enriched and empowered by Truman's life and legacy this year. Your belief in the lessons that can be learned from Harry Truman and the Truman Library inspires and encourages us to continue with this important work. Thank you!

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TRU LETTERS

"Truman was the right man in the right place, and his courage, wisdom and sense of history and purpose always prevailed. We as Americans were lucky to have had him lead us during those days."

- BRUCE WEINSTEIN

Having been born a year after President Truman's stunning victory over Governor Dewey, I continue to be comforted and encouraged by the Truman legacy particularly during these tense times. He was the right man in the right place, and his courage, wisdom and sense of history and purpose always prevailed. We as Americans were lucky to have had him lead us during those days.

Please continue the great work you are doing to keep his legacy and accomplishments alive in this day and age and for the years ahead.

My best wishes, Bruce Weinstein

I just watched your presentation of the History Happy Hour event "Dear Bess, Love Harry" on C-SPAN, and I wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed it. We took our homeschooled son to your institution as well as the FDR and Hoover Presidential Libraries on a crosscountry trip, and we all felt that the Truman Library was by far the best.

We were particularly taken by the willingness to allow the criticisms of the day to be visited in your exhibits. Keep up the good work and, again, your presentation was first rate.

Scott Foreman Colorado Springs, CO I wanted to take a moment to say how much I enjoyed the excellent White House Decision Center activity as part of the American Association for State and Local History group. What a wonderfully challenging and thought-provoking activity! It's certainly one of the best museum programs I have ever run across.

I also wanted to say thanks to the museum staff who let us stay for the extra half hour after the regular closing time. It was an incredible favor, and I appreciate the extra time they took on a Saturday afternoon for our small group.

You have a wonderful museum, and certainly one of the most interesting presidencies to study, from a turning point in world history. A quick visit has me interested in reading more about President Truman and his legacy.

Thanks again!

Best,

Sean Blinn

American Association for State and Local History Conference Attendee

I would like to thank the Truman Library Institute for their support of the outstanding Truman Teacher's Conference program.

Mark Adams and his team pieced together a first-rate program. The fresh approach, engaging presenters and intriguing topics made for a

constructive and meaningful week of camaraderie.

The work you do to support education is very much appreciated. Moreover, the Institute's support of the Teacher's Conference keeps teachers like me energized and excited about teaching. What a wonderful way to hook my students and share with them a few moments from my week at the Truman Library.

Again, thank you!

Kyle Norwood

Teacher, Grapevine High School in Grapevine, TX

Thank you so much for a wonderful day yesterday. I had such a wonderful time at the Library. I loved going through the museum, meeting the archivist, the gift store — everything. And the talk was a lot of fun also with great questions and a lot of engagement.

Frank Lavin

Author of *Home Front to Battlefront:*An Ohio Teenager in World War I and guest speaker at the Truman Library this fall

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NEWS BRIEFS



Welcome New Board Members

The Truman Library Institute proudly welcomed five new board members to its board of directors this fall, including **Paul Black**, board member and Chief Executive Officer of Allscripts; **Harvey L. Kaplan**, Partner (Ret.), Shook, Hardy & Bacon; **Karen Pack**, community volunteer and former board member of the Jewish Federations of North America; **Jason Parker Ph.D.**, Professor of History at Texas A&M University; and **Thomas R. "Buzz" Willard**, CRE, President and CEO of Tower Properties. Thank you to the entire board of directors, who work tirelessly throughout the year to oversee and provide direction for the Truman Library Institute.



Mardi Gras for Truman

The Rotary Club of Independence decided to dedicate the fundraising efforts of its beloved Mardi Gras event in support of the Truman Library. Please save the date and consider attending this New Orleans-style soiree taking place Saturday, February 16, at Arrowhead Stadium. Proceeds are benefiting a special expansion project at the Truman Library. Tickets are now available. Find details at TrumanLibraryInstitute.org/Events or by calling event co-chair Brad Speaks at 816.807.2484.



Robert H. Ferrell (1921-2018)

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Truman scholar and former Truman Library Institute board member Robert Ferrell this summer. Dr. Ferrell wrote 11 books on Truman's presidency, including *Off the Record: The Private Papers of Harry S. Truman, Harry S. Truman and the Modern American Presidency* and *Dear Bess: The Letters from Harry to Bess Truman, 1910-1959.* Over the years, he spent so much time at the Truman Library that he rented an apartment in Independence. "The first time I worked with Bob Ferrell at the Truman Library nearly a quarter-century ago, I was a nervous wreck because he knew more about my family than I did," President Truman's grandson Clifton Truman Daniel told *The New York Times.* "The nerves didn't last. He was easygoing, interested, engaged and full of good humor. I don't think I'll ever know as much about the Truman presidency as Bob did."



PICTURING HISTORY

Finally president in his own right, Harry Truman was sworn in for the next four years of his presidency at the inauguration on January 20, 1949.



ABOVE: Harry Truman's first inaugural celebration in 1949 brought more than 600,000 people to Washington, D.C., for the inauguration and the parade, a vast contrast to his somber swearing-in ceremony in 1945 following the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt. As the first openly integrated presidential inauguration, President Truman demanded that all people were welcome to attend the events and stay in local hotels regardless of their race.

LEFT: The first televised inauguration, it has been estimated that more people witnessed the 1949 inauguration — in person, on all television networks and on the radio — than all previous inaugurations combined.

Truman's inaugural address has become known as the Four Point Speech and challenged both Democrats and Republicans to assist people around the world working for freedom and addressing human rights. Facing new threats of communism and a continuing need for economic development, Truman launched the next four years of his presidency with a push for democracy worldwide. "The American people desire, and are determined to work for, a world in which all nations and all peoples are free to govern themselves as they see fit, and to achieve a decent and satisfying life," he said.



TRUMAN IN THE NEWS

From forming the United Nations and addressing conflict in Korea to establishing NATO and handling the early days of the Cold War, the issues that Harry Truman faced and the unwavering leadership principles that guided him seem to become more and more relevant every day.

This year national media turned its attention to President Truman and his legacy to interpret today's domestic and global news. Below is a sampling from the last few months of media coverage focused on President Truman and his ongoing legacy:

"The economy grew even faster in Truman's presidency. So what?"

The New York Times

"'They thought black soldiers couldn't fight': The tragic stories behind the executive order that eventually desegregated the U.S. armed forces"

The Washington Post

"How Harry S. Truman went from being a racist to desegregating the military"

The Washington Post

"Need a democratic platform? How about Harry Truman's from 1948?"

New York Magazine

"'He is honest — but smart as hell': When Truman met Stalin"

The Washington Post

"Independence, Missouri: Tribalism, the flag and 4 July in the age of Trump"

The Guardian

"Inside the Senate office: Senator Roy Blunt tours Truman's former office"

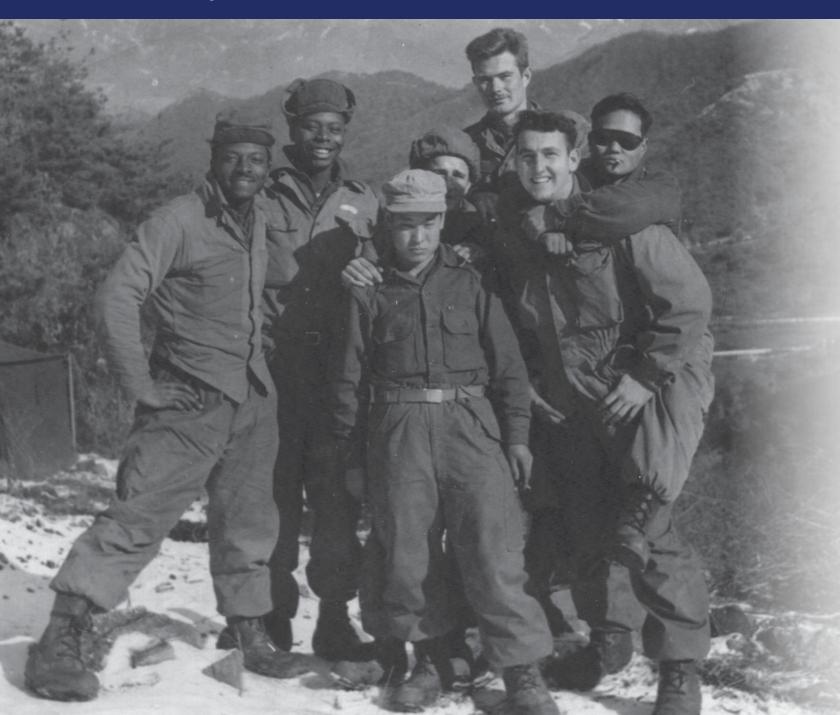
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REMEMBERING A WAR AND THOSE WHO FOUGHT IT*

The Truman Library's New Korean War Collection





Medical kits like this one outfitted Airmen with immediate triage supplies, such as field dressings, safety pins, water purification tablets, razors, and tubes of petroleum jelly used for topical injuries. This particular kit still contains the original materials checklist.



Handmade by Chinese prisoners-of-war held captive on the island of Cheju-do, this intricately made jeep contains fascinating details, such as tire tread, gas and brake pedals and a speedometer needle. The Chinese POWs presented this jeep to Dr. Godfrey Kampner, an obstetrician and gynecologist drafted into service during the Korean War.

President Harry S. Truman's decision to commit American troops to Korea in 1950 remains one of the most crucial, world-changing acts of the Truman presidency. Truman's intervention in Korea ranks high on the long list of the president's decisions and actions that continue to be extremely relevant today.

Earlier this year, the Truman Library dramatically expanded its holdings of Korean War items to reflect this importance when it acquired the entire collection of the Korean War Veterans National Museum & Library after the museum closed its doors. Consisting of 32,000 documents, photographs, artifacts and books, this new collection helps tell the story of the Korean War and those who fought in it.

The Truman Library staff has been analyzing this massive new collection to preserve it for future generations. In addition, some highlights will be incorporated into the museum's permanent exhibition. The majority of the collection consists of military uniforms, including hundreds of uniforms spanning all branches of the military. The Truman Library's curatorial team was able to trace narratives of soldiers serving in the war by categorizing groupings of their belongings together.

One of the most complete collections of artifacts is that of Ernestine "Ernie" Ann Wagner (later Soehrmann), who was one of more than 100,000 women serving in the Korean War. Entering the Women's Air Force in 1949, Soehrmann served at Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina and Brady Field in Japan. Soehrmann's possessions in this collection range from both dress and standard uniforms, a duffle bag, several notebooks full of job notes, a softball glove and ball along with shirts she wore while playing in a Women's Air Force softball league.

The collection also features a variety of medical supplies reminiscent of the props of M*A*S*H, including a stretcher, triage mat, surgical map, first aid kit and more.

Highlights from this new collection have been on display during special previews throughout the last year, and even more will be available to view in the permanent collection in the coming years.

Thank you to the generous members and supporters who believe in the mission of the Truman Library Institute and have made it possible for the Library to obtain this new collection.

Donate today to help preserve important stories from our nation's history and continue President Truman's legacy. Visit TrumanLibraryInstitute.org or call 816.400.1220 to make a gift today.



The most complete uniform in the new collection belonged to Ernestine "Ernie" Ann Wagner (later Soehrmann), one of more than 100,000 women that served in the Korean War.

The first war since President Truman signed Executive Order 9981 desegregating the military in 1948, many of the thousands of photos in this new Korean War collection show the newly integrated military.



Not every high school student would light up at the mention of James Madison and religious freedom, but Riley Sutherland certainly does.

Currently a senior at Liberty North High School, Riley brought home a silver medal from the National History Day competition this summer for her individual performance focused on the tension between church and state in colonial Virginia.

The generosity of the Truman Library Institute donors and members helps fund the regional National History Day program, managed by the Truman Library education staff. In this program, students are empowered to demonstrate their history prowess through local, regional and national competitions in categories like performance, documentary film, exhibit and more. The Truman Library has hosted the regional competition of National History Day for more than 20 years and provides coaching to students and the teachers guiding them through this national competition.

Fascinated by revolutionary America, Riley studied the debate on the interaction between church and state then synthesized it into a dramatic performance. She portrayed James Madison for most of her 10-minute performance, but at times she switched to Patrick Henry to represent the opposition. She derived information directly from primary sources like speeches and written documents then brought them to life in her performance.

Riley got started with National History Day

After earning the silver medal at National History Day, Riley Sutherland served as a Truman Library intern this summer, helping scan archival documents while learning about a career at a presidential library. Riley Sutherland, pictured here with her teacher Kimberly Brownlee, took home the silver medal from the National History Day competition last summer.

as a seventh grader when creating an exhibit entry was a requirement for school. While creating the exhibit was required, actually entering it into the competition was not.

"I got so into my project, so why wouldn't I want to compete and see what historians thought of it?" she said. She went on to enter that project and has participated in the competition every year since then.

National History Day is not a requirement for Riley in school anymore. She explained, "Nobody at Liberty North had wanted to do it for fun, so they all stopped after sophomore year. One of my friends and I wanted to keep going, though, so we started a club at school to support kids in their research and entered the contest through the club just because we love research."

Her English teacher Kimberly Brownlee came on board as the new club's sponsor, giving them the support and feedback the students were no longer getting from a class.

"We're working on expanding the club this year to include more kids and offer more opportunities," Riley said.

National History Day has opened doors for Riley over the last five years, starting with the chance to travel to Washington, D.C., to compete on the national level and meet students from all over the country.

"It's unlike any other experience," she said of competing at nationals. "You're surrounded by kids your own age who are just as passionate as you are."

Riley also loves the opportunity to discuss her passion with historians in the field. For example, National History Day has given her the chance to debate history with the department chair at the University of South Carolina, develop a relationship with leadership at Thomas Jefferson's home, Monticello, and more.



"For every answer I get in history, at least two new questions come to me."

Riley's involvement in National History Day also introduced her to another opportunity to pursue her love of history. Her connections to staff at the Truman Library opened the door for her to serve as a high school intern there this past summer. She put her history skills to work behind-the-scenes, helping scan archival documents, meeting Library staff and learning more about the paths she could pursue with a career in history.

"Every day I go home and tell my parents, 'You're never going to believe what I saw today!"

She worked scanning important documents, including letters between Truman and his classmates, White House menus and more. She enjoyed seeing a deeper, more personal side to the president and his family, and she also appreciated the little surprises she discovered in some of these documents, including a popular White House menu item: "Triscuits!" she exclaimed. "Bess was obsessed with Triscuits! They served the head of the Philippines Triscuits!"

Riley said the internship exposed her to the many options available if she pursues a career in history, which of course she plans to do, "No matter what!" she said. She plans to double major in history and anthropology then eventually graduate with a doctorate in history. "I'm never going to be able to touch the surface on all there is to study," she said.

Riley is also competing in National History
Day one last time this year before she
graduates from high school, tackling
coverture laws in early America and how they
affected women who disguised themselves as
men to fight in the Revolutionary War. There is
always more she is hoping to study and know.

"For every answer I get in history, at least two new questions come to me," Riley said. "When it comes to history, there is always more learning to be done."

Thank you to the generous members and supporters who believe in the mission of the Truman Library Institute and support important programs like National History Day.

Donate today to join this movement and help empower the next generation the to take on the world. Visit TrumanLibraryInstitute.org or call 816.400.1220 to make a gift today.

REMEMBERING OUR H



OMETOWN PRESIDENT

When Harry S. Truman passed away at 88 years old on December 26, 1972, the nation entered a time of mourning and memorializing the 33rd president who guided America through the end of World War II and into a new era.

On January 3 and 4, 1973, 47 Congressmen and 70 Senators offered memorial tributes eulogizing the former president on the floors of the House of Representatives and the Senate, including Senators Robert Dole, Barry Goldwater, Edward Kennedy, George McGovern, Walter Mondale, Stuart Symington, Adlai Stevenson and Strom Thurmond. Republicans and Democrats alike joined together to praise Truman, his decisiveness, his humility and, above all, his service to the American people.

One of the most moving tributes to President Truman came from his hometown paper, *The Examiner*. Whereas other eulogies focused on Truman's presidency, *The Examiner* shone a light on the living legacy of President Harry S. Truman, the cause to which he dedicated his most active years following his presidency – the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum, a site of research, education, reflection and inspiration.

So moving was the editorial published on the day of his passing that the Honorable William J. Randall of Missouri chose to read it in its entirety into the record of the House of Representatives.

TRU Magazine shares it with you now, and invites you all to remember the man from Independence, Harry S. Truman:

The whole world joins us in our sorrow.

Independence was Harry Truman's hometown and a city never had a more loyal citizen. We naturally feel his loss more acutely than any other place could.

But through the years we have shared him with others. First, with Missourians when we sent him to the Senate, and then the nation when he became the 33rd President. And finally with the world as he provided leadership in the post-war years.

And now Harry Truman is dead at 88.

The Examiner extends its sympathy to his wife and his daughter and to his sister, hospitalized herself.

Harry Truman wasn't the kind of president who was forgotten when he left the White House. He wasn't the kind of man who felt his work was done when he retired from the presidency although he was already a senior citizen.

Truman made the presidential library, which he chose to locate in his home city, his personal project, and he, working untiringly, traveled hundreds of miles, and made dozens of speeches on its behalf.

The flag is now at half mast at the beautiful structure on the crown of the hill where Truman spent eight busy, happy years involved in a maze of activities.

"The library will belong to the people of the United States," he said in the legend for one of the cornerstones. "My papers will be the property of the people and will be accessible to them. The papers of the president are among the most valuable sources of material for history. They ought to be preserved and they ought to be used."

Truman wanted his papers available for "furthering the study of free government and of the participation of the United States in world affairs."

And as Truman wished and dreamed, his library has been used by researchers who wrote books, and has been visited by more than two-million history-loving Americans. His beliefs and philosophy are perpetuated there.

And students fortunate enough to visit the library in educational groups in the years when the former president kept office hours will never forget his folksy history lessons.

He told them that their government is the greatest in the history of the world and urged them to study their history and "learn what we have."

Truman made more major decisions in his nearly eight years as chief executive than any other president. Reading, particularly history, a lifelong hobby, gave him invaluable background for his role.

Truman, as no other American president, told it like it was — he said what was on his mind. He was willing to speak up if he felt the occasion justified it, a trait which endeared him to the common man.

Truman, who set out to be a good president, became a great president by doing a good job.

He was willing to fight for what he thought was right. He fought a good fight all of his life, even to the end.

Harry Truman now belongs to immortality.

The Examiner's eulogy was printed in 93rd Congress, 1st Session, "Memorial Services in the Congress of the United States and Tributes in Eulogy of Harry S Truman Late A President of the United States," United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1973.

Join Harry Truman's legacy today by becoming a member. Gifts from our members and donors help preserve the legacy of our nation's 33rd president and ensure that his library remains a resource and inspiration for generations to come.

Donate or become a member today at TrumanLibraryInstitute.org or by calling 816.400.1220.



Truman Library Director Dr. Kurt Graham spoke at the AJC Global Forum earlier this year in Jerusalem, memorializing President Truman, who the AJC called "a heroic friend of Israel." *TRU Magazine* is honored to print an excerpt from his speech:

In April of 1943, a little-known Midwestern senator stood before a stadium rally in Chicago "to demand rescue of doomed Jews." His address was a forceful call to establish the foundation of the post-war order, even as the world war raged on. "We must make sure that when final victory is achieved all men throughout the world will live in peace, free from all oppression."

"Today — not tomorrow — we must do all that is humanly possible to provide a haven and place of safety for all those who can be grasped from the hands of the Nazi butchers..." Senator Truman said. "This is not a Jewish problem. It is an American problem — and we must and we will face it squarely and honorably."

The following year, in July, that junior senator from Missouri found himself being drafted as the Democratic Party's nominee for vice

president — much to his surprise and even against his will. History is full of examples of people being thrown out of office, but the events of this wartime election give us a rare glimpse of someone being thrown into office.

That November, Senator Harry Truman was elected vice president of the United States. Seventy-four days after the election, he watched Franklin Roosevelt take the presidential oath of office for an unprecedented fourth time. Eighty-two days later, Harry Truman took that same oath himself, having met privately as vice president with Roosevelt only twice.

Almost two years to the day of his address at Chicago Stadium regarding the "doomed Jews," Harry Truman now felt the fate of what he called the "ancient" people — and every other people for that matter — resting directly on his shoulders.

But what kind of shoulders were they, and what could the world expect from a Missouri farmer who had failed in business and never even gone to college? As one pundit put it: "The simple fact is that Truman isn't the type of strong man to whom folks turn in times of national danger. The idea of Truman as a 'man on horseback' is just funny."

Now, I fully concede that George Washington, Andrew Jackson, Theodore Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan all looked better on a horse than did Harry Truman. But I further submit to you that the measure of leadership is greater than one's equestrian prowess.

With or without a horse, the man who would come to be known as "Give 'em hell, Harry" inherited a world that was careening, albeit hopefully, towards the end of what had been the most destructive, cataclysmic event in all of human history. But the end of the war did not mean an end to the suffering, dislocation and devastation it had brought about. To Harry Truman fell the task not of waging war, but of orchestrating peace.

Peace for Truman was more than the absence of fighting. It was the presence of justice. As he surveyed the ravaged European continent, Truman was determined to do something for those who had survived what he termed "the mad genocide of Hitler's Germany."

One of the solutions Truman had supported, even as a senator, was the idea of a national Jewish home. For Truman, ancient history, modern history and recent events all pointed to such a conclusion. As an inveterate reader, Truman knew the Bible and other antiquarian texts as well as anyone in public life. The context of a passage like the 137th Psalm, for example, was not lost on him: "By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion."

The history of the World War I era, in which Truman had participated, was also a factor, bringing at least two critical elements to bear on the president's decision-making process. The first was the Balfour Declaration, which promised the Jewish people a homeland — a promise Truman felt strongly should be kept. The second was the formation of his lifelong friendship with Eddie Jacobson. It was the Jewish Jacobson, a Kansas City salesman and erstwhile business partner, who convinced President Truman to meet with Chaim Weismann (which Truman initially pronounced "Cham") in the weeks leading up to the creation of the State of Israel. That crucial meeting likely would not have occurred but for Eddie Jacobson's personal plea to his old friend.

Despite Truman's many personal connections and motives that made support of the newly forming state a reasonable and even logical extension of his perspective and experience, it was not quite that straightforward. As the question of whether to extend recognition came to a head, forces swirled in and around Harry Truman that pressed as few factors ever have on a presidential decision. The persistence of what he called the "problem of Palestine" set Truman at odds with a close U.S. ally, the British. It caused him to be undermined by his own state department. It pitted his closest advisors and friends against one another. And it threatened to jeopardize his upcoming reelection campaign.

But, in the end, it was more than friendship, it was more than faith, and it was certainly more than politics or even foreign policy that brought Truman to the decision to recognize Israel. What stands out for me about this and so many of Truman's decisions is the simple fact that he not only consistently did what he believed to be the right thing, but he did so for the right reasons...

When Truman extended recognition to Israel just minutes after the new Jewish state was declared, reactions varied from elation to devastation, from the highest praise to the deepest criticism. But Truman never wavered. "I had faith in Israel even before it was established," he once said. "I knew it was based on the love of freedom, which has been the guiding star of the Jewish people since the days of Moses." Years later, Truman grew visibly emotional when Rabbi Isaac Herzog told him, "God put you in your mother's womb so you would be the instrument to bring the rebirth of Israel after two thousand years."

No less a statesman than the great David Ben-Gurion said of Harry Truman, "as a foreigner I could not judge what would be his place in American history; but his helpfulness to us, his constant sympathy with our aims in Israel, his courageous decision to recognize our state so quickly and his steadfast support since then has given him an immortal place in Jewish history." If I could be so bold as to augment Ben-Gurion's observation, I would only add that Harry Truman has an immortal place in the history of the world.

Perhaps Lyndon Johnson said it best when he stated, "The American people voted for and loved Harry Truman not because he gave them hell but because he gave them hope."

Those of us who work in what we like to call the Truman business are constantly working to extend Truman's sense of hope and optimism to a new generation... We believe there is no better place in the United States to tell the story of the founding of Israel than the Truman Library. We cannot, and we do not, assume that the rising generation will somehow absorb this important narrative by osmosis. To be learned, it must be taught. Ours is an educational mission, pursued through exhibits, programs and curricula. And we realize that the future of his legacy rests on our collective shoulders, just as the fate of an infant nation once rested on his.

When the destiny of an entire people was at stake, Truman not only recognized their plight, he recognized them. He recognized more than a problem; he recognized a solution — a solution born not merely of diplomacy, but of humanity.

And now, my friends, the tables have turned, and it is Harry Truman who needs to be recognized. He needs to be recognized for doing the right thing for the right reasons. He merits recognition because he always returned to his core values when facing a complex decision. For the character, principles and leadership he brought to the highest office in the land, he deserves to be recognized.

And so, for those of us who work in and support the Truman business, it is now our responsibility, and indeed our privilege, to see that he is.

Join the movement today by donating to or becoming a member of the Truman Library Institute at TrumanLibraryInstitute.org or by calling 816.400.1220.



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Unexampled Courage: Sgt. Isaac Woodard, Judge J. Waties Waring And President Harry S. Truman

PUBLIC PROGRAM

Thursday, February 7, 2019, 6 p.m. Reception | 6:30 p.m. Program Harry S. Truman Library and Museum, 500 W. Hwy. 24, Independence, Mo.

When decorated African-American veteran Sgt. Isaac Woodard was removed from a bus, beaten and blinded, President Harry Truman became outraged and started on the path toward desegregating the military. An all-white jury acquitted the police officer who beat Sgt. Woodward, but the presiding judge, J. Waties Waring, was conscience-stricken and began issuing major civil rights decisions from his South Carolina courtroom. Join us for a program featuring Federal District Judge **Richard Gergel**, who currently presides in the same courthouse where Judge Waring once served and is author of *Unexampled Courage: The Blinding of Sgt. Isaac Woodard and the Awakening of President Harry S. Truman and Judge J. Waties Waring.*

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The President's Kitchen Cabinet

PUBLIC PROGRAM

Thursday, February 28, 2019, 6 p.m. Reception | 6:30 p.m. Program Harry S. Truman Library and Museum, 500 W. Hwy. 24, Independence, Mo.

Commemorate Black History Month with a special program focused on the African Americans who have worked in the presidential food service as chefs, butlers, stewards and servers for every first family since George and Martha Washington. **Adrian Miller**, author of *The President's Kitchen Cabinet: The Story of the African Americans Who Have Fed Our First Families, from the Washingtons to the Obamas*, will introduce us to more than 150 black men and women who have fed our first families in this free public program.

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Save The Date: Special Luncheon With Ken Langone SPECIAL LUNCHEON

Tuesday, April 2, 2019 Marriott-Muehlebach Hotel, 1213 Wyandotte St., Kansas City, Mo.

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January 15, 1953

President Truman's Farewell Address, broadcast from his office in the White House at 10:30 p.m.

My fellow Americans:

I am happy to have this opportunity to talk to you once more before I leave the White House.

Next Tuesday, General Eisenhower will be inaugurated as President of the United States. A short time after the new President takes his oath of office, I will be on the train going back home to Independence, Missouri. I will once again be a plain, private citizen of this great Republic...

In speaking to you tonight, I have no new revelations to make — no political statements — no policy announcements. There are simply a few things in my heart that I want to say to you. I want to say "goodby" and "thanks for your help..."

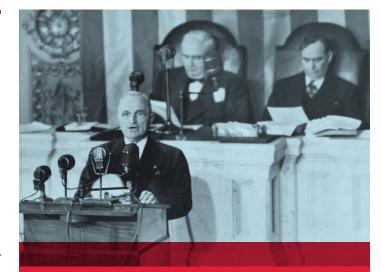
The greatest part of the President's job is to make decisions—big ones and small ones, dozens of them almost every day. The papers may circulate around the Government for a while but they finally reach this desk. And then, there's no place else for them to go. The President—whoever he is—has to decide. He can't pass the buck to anybody. No one else can do the deciding for him. That's his job.

That's what I've been doing here in this room, for almost eight years...

We have made progress in spreading the blessings of American life to all of our people. There has been a tremendous awakening of the American conscience on the great issues of civil rights — equal economic opportunities, equal rights of citizenship, and equal educational opportunities for all our people, whatever their race or religion or status of birth.

So, as I empty the drawers of this desk, and as Mrs. Truman and I leave the White House, we have no regret. We feel we have done our best in the public service. I hope and believe we have contributed to the welfare of this Nation and to the peace of the world...

And now, the time has come for me to say good night — and God bless you all.



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