The Story of

HARRY S. TRUMAN

FARM BOY, SOLDIER, STATESMAN, PRESIDENT

SUCCEEDING TO THE HIGHEST OFFICE IN AMERICA DURING A
CRUCIAL PHASE OF WORLD WAR II, HE MADE THE AWESOME DE-
CISION TO USE THE ATOM BOMB AND THEREBY SAVED UNTOLD THOU-
SANDS OF AMERICAN LIVES. IN THE POSTWAR YEARS, THE MOST
CRITICAL PERIOD IN WORLD HISTORY, HE WAS A WORLD LEADER
FOR LASTING PEACE. THIS IS THE THRILLING STORY OF OUR
THIRTY-THIRD PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
HARRY S. TRUMAN...
In the early spring of 1945, our hard-hitting troops were doggedly at
opps with the enemy on all fronts.

Then, on April 12, just when victory seemed almost in sight, our nation was stunned by a
tense announcement.

Flash! the sad word has just reached us: President Franklin D. Roosevelt, president of the
United States, died suddenly this afternoon.

Oh, what will happen now? How can anyone ever fill his place?

It was at this momentous and solemn milestone in our history that Vice-President Harry S. Truman courageously rose
to the task which fate had willed him.
AND WHAT WAS THE BACKGROUND OF OUR NEW PRESIDENT? FOR THIS ANSWER, WE TURN BACK HISTORY TO THE TIME WHEN WESTERN MISSOURI WAS THE "BROAD-HEAD TO THE WEST." IT WAS THERE HIS FOREFATHERS HAD SETTLED....

AND IT WAS THERE THAT HARRY S. TRUMAN WAS BORN AND REARED ON A FARM....

"KNOW, THAT BOY, HARRY, SURE PLOWS A STRAIGHT FURROW!"

"YEP. THE STRAIGHTEST IN THE COUNTY!"

ON SUNDAYS, AT CHURCH, IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI....

FINALLY, IN KANSAS CITY....

"CONGRATULATIONS, HARRY. WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE YOU AS A CLERK IN OUR BANK...."

"I'M GLAD TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THAT HUNDRED DOLLARS A MONTH!"
As Captain of Battery D, 29th Field Artillery, 35th Division, the courageous officer had many exciting experiences in the Vosges Mountains, 1918...

Captain Truman, thrown from his horse, immediately leaped to his feet...

They're running to the range! Hit the dirt!

Back to your stations... all of you. Catch those horses and hitch them to the guns! The battery will re-form!!

We'll get to the top of the ridge... then follow the mountain-top road.

But, sir... the enemy is already shelling the road to close the trap on us?

What can we do now, Captain? Look, they're firing one round per minute! There's enough time to get one gun through between shell-bursts.

So accurate was Captain Truman's timing that not a man, gun, or horse was lost in escaping the trap!
LATER, IN THE BATTLE ON THE ARGONNE,
CAPTAIN TRUMAN WON RECOGNITION FOR A
QUICK ON-THE-SPOT DECISION...

WE'RE APPROACHING ENEMY LINES, I'LL GO
AHEAD AND ESTABLISH AN
OBSERVATION POST!

BATTERY G, HOLD FIRE...
WE'VE GOT A NEW TARGET. THE
ENEMY IS MOVING IN ON OUR
FLANK! RIGHT GU... SAME
ELEVATION... FIRE ONE...

ON TARGET! THREE ROUNDS, FIRE
THE FASTER YOU FIRE, THE MORE
GERMANS YOU'LL GET!

ELEVATION DOWN TEN... FIRE ANOTHER ROUND!

REGARDSING THIS FEST, THE HISTORIAN
OF THE 1ST REGIMENT WROTE, "HOW
MANY OF OUR MEN OF THE INFANTRY
ONE THEIR LIVES TO THE ALERTNESS,
INITIATIVE AND EFFICIENCY OF CAP.
TAIN TRUMAN... IN BRINGING THEM
THIS UNSEEN SUPPORT."

A FEW WEEKS LATER...

DAILY VIEWS

ARMISTICE

10,000,000 LIVES LOST IN GREAT GERMANY
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OUT AERIAL

REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
AFTER HIS MARRIAGE TO BESS WALLACE, HARRY TRUMAN DID OPEN A STORE WITH EX-SERGEANT JACOBSON. THEN, IN THE EARLY '30s...
WE'RE LOSING MONEY. EDDIE... BUSINESS IS GETTING BAD...
SURE IS A TOUGH BREAK FOR ALL THE GUYS WHO JUST CAME OUT OF THE ARMY...

BESS, THE BOYS AT THE LEGION MEETING TONIGHT WERE TALKING ABOUT HAVING ME RUN FOR COUNTY JUDGE... AS A DEMOCRAT...

SOME WEEKS LATER, HARRY TRUMAN TOOK HIS FIRST PUBLIC OFFICE AS ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF HIS OWN JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI...

THAT'S GREAT! I'D LIKE TO OPEN A CLOTHING STORE IN KANSAS CITY... HOW ABOUT GOING IN BUSINESS WITH ME?

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WHEN YOU GET INTO CIVILIAN AGAIN, CAPTAIN TRUMAN?
Hey, it's our county judge. Can I help?

Yes, neighbor. You can help raise bond money to build better roads. It's time for Missouri to be "lifted out of the mud!"

You know, Harry Truman put over a ten million dollar bond issue to build roads in this county.

He does things in a big way... who makes them work?

Here's appointed a Democrat and a Republican both to see where the roads should go... sure is an honest guy.

And his idea is to give contracts to the feller who'll do the best job and save the county the most money... regardless of politics.

Jackson County's fine highway network, as good as any in America, was the result of Harry Truman's dream and his administrative ability. That made it a reality...

Then in 1934, following the Hoover Administration's catastrophic depression, the people of Missouri overwhelmingly elected Harry S. Truman to the U.S. Senate.

Here we are in Washington, Harry. It's a far cry from the farm to the U.S. Senate.

Yes, there's a big job ahead, Bess, but I'll work night and day to do it right!
THE SENATOR FROM MISSOURI ARDENTLY SUPPORTED PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ON DOMESTIC ISSUES. THEN, WHEN WAR BROKE OUT IN EUROPE AND AMERICA ARMED TO DEFEND HERSELF, SENATOR TRUMAN REMEMBERED THE MISTAKES OF WORLD WAR I.

"IT DOESN'T DO ANY GOOD TO DIG UP DEAD HORSES AFTER THE WAR IS OVER. THE THING TO DO IS TO DUMP THIS STUFF UP NOW AND CORRECT IT."

"THE SENATE ADOPTED TRUMAN'S DEATH THEN...

I HEAR YOU'RE CHAIRMAN OF A NEW COMMITTEE, WHAT'S ITS PURPOSE, SENATOR?"

"WE ARE DETERMINED TO SEE NOW WHILE THE GOVERNMENT MONEY IS BEING SPENT THAT IT IS SPENT WISELY AND NOT WASTED!"

IT WAS THIS GROUP, KNOWN AS THE TRUMAN COMMITTEE, THAT SAVED AMERICAN TAXPAYERS MORE THAN A BILLION DOLLARS FROM 1941 TO 1944 BY PREVENTING INEFFICIENCY, WASTE AND GRIFT.

BUT BEFORE OUR LARGE-SCALE MILITARY PROGRAM HAD REACHED HIGH GEAR, THE DAY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DESCRIBED AS "A DAY OF INFAMY", DECEMBER 7, 1941, HAD ARRIVED. THE JAPS ATTACKED PEARL HARBOR...
I want to volunteer my services, General... as a soldier in the U.S. Army.

Your offer is appreciated, Senator, but the splendid work you are doing must continue. You can best help the American people by serving them in the Senate.

Meanwhile at the Democratic National Convention here at Nome... Senator Harry S. Truman has been nominated for the Vice-Presidency.

Harry for Truman?

Then, in November, 1944... ROOSEVELT TRUMAN IN
ONLY FIVE MONTHS LATER, FATE PLACED UPON THE SHOULDERS OF HARRY S. TRUMAN A NEW AND FAR GREATER BURDEN."

"I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT I WILL LOYALLY EXECUTE THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND WILL PRESERVE, PROTECT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION."'

BOYS, I HOPE YOU FELLOWS WILL PRAY FOR ME... I HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE MOST TERRIBLY RESPONSIBLE JOB A MAN EVER HAD IN THIS WORLD."

IN A MATTER OF WEEKS AFTER HIS INAUGURATION, GERMANY HAD CAPITULATED, BUT THE PERSISTENT JAPANESE HELD ON TERADASAN. FINALLY...

I REAFFIRM THE LATE PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S DECISION THAT JAPAN MUST SURRENDER UNCONDITIONALLY. THERE CAN BE NO COMPROMISE!

IF WE END THIS WAR WITH ONE QUICK BLOW, IT WILL SAVE COUNTLESS THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN BOYS AND WILL BE MORE MERCIFUL THAN THE DEVASTATION OF JAPAN. I BELIEVE, GENTLEMEN, WE WILL HAVE TO USE THE ATOM BOMB?
VICTORY BROUGHT NEW PROBLEMS, FOR LARGE SCALE RECONVERSION WAS NECESSARY.

WE WANT FOOD AND CLOTHES.

OUR HOMES ARE DESTROYED... WE MUST LIVE SOMEWHERE!

CAPITALISM AND WESTERN DEMOCRACY ARE DEAD! GIVE US YOUR FREEDOM AND WE WILL SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS!

IN EUROPE...

WE HAVE TO REBUILD OUR FACTORIES!

WE'LL BE GLAD TO PUT YOUR NAME ON THE LIST!

AT THE SAME TIME, MILLIONS OF SERVICE MEN WERE RETURNING TO CIVILIAN LIFE, LOOKING FOR JOBS AND HOMES...

SHORTLY AFTER THAT...

JAPAN SURRENDERS? READ ALL ABOUT IT! WAR IS OVER?

WE... I HOPE THIS NEW CAR FOR JOE WHEN HE GETS BACK...

...AND I'M GOING TO MAKE A NEW REFRIGERATOR!
But President Truman courageously fought all opposition to world progress, in a short time, here at home...

We have sixty million persons employed and the highest national production, greatest profits, and biggest income in history...

...but there is grave danger of inflation. High prices must be curbed!

Our President’s warning went unheeded...

The emergency is over...now is the time to let things rip.

Take off price controls and we’ll have low prices.

We don’t need a housing program...rent controls are communistic.

Squashed on by big business, the Republican Congress lifted the lid on prices and profits....

About that same time, President Truman put up a last ditch fight in defense of labor...

The Republicans have killed all the bills labor had under Roosevelt and the Democratic Party.

President Truman vetoed the bill and fought hard to sustain his veto, but the Republican labor-haters had too many votes.

The battle is not yet over.
WITH THE C.R.A. KILLED AND THE Taft-Hartley ACT STRANGLING LABOR, THIS IS WHAT FOLLOWED...

"We can't afford meat and butter at today's prices!"

"But, I wish I could have a glass of milk at every meal!"

"When can we afford the movies again?"

"President Truman was right about price controls. Why doesn't the Republican Congress do something about high prices?"

ALL THE REPUBLICANS THINK OF IS BIG PROFITS FOR THE BIG GUY. BUT WE CAN'T SHOW THEM IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS!

MEANWHILE, OUR LEADERS WERE WORKING FOR WORLD RECOVERY.

THE EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM WILL GIVE THESE PEOPLE A CHANCE TO REBUILD THEIR COUNTRIES AND SUPPORT THEMSELVES!

THAT'S GOOD COMMON SENSE. AMERICA MUST LEAD THE WORLD TO PEACE BY HELPING FREE NATIONS. WE WILL PROMOTE PEACE AND PREVENT WAR!
OUR FIRST GOAL IS TO SECURE FULLY THE ESSENTIAL HUMAN RIGHTS TO VOTE MUST BE SHARED BY ALL!

OUR SECOND GOAL IS TO DEVELOP OUR HUMAN RESOURCES BY PROVIDING...

OUR THIRD GOAL IS TO CONSERVE AND USE OUR NATURAL RESOURCES SO THAT THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE MOST EFFECTIVELY TO THE WELFARE OF OUR PEOPLE...

OUR FOURTH GOAL IS TO LIFT THE STANDARD OF LIVING FOR ALL OUR PEOPLE BY SHARING MORE BROADLY THE GOODS WE PRODUCE.

CONSERVATION OF THESE IS PRESERVATION OF OUR NATIONAL STRENGTH!
"Our fifth goal is to achieve world peace based on principles of freedom and justice and the equality of all nations. Then we will hear all peace-loving peoples say...

"Does America stand alone?"
"The Americans are helping us without trying to run our government."
"With democracy we can live in peace."
"Do we want communism?"
"President Truman is right?"
"With American help we can have a prosperous world again."

"This is the hour to rededicate ourselves to the faith in mankind that makes us strong...to the faith in God that gives us confidence as we face the challenge of the years ahead."

"This is the story of Harry S. Truman, a fighting President and his program to build a better America."
"This is the story that every voter should..."

"Remember In November!"

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