

From Harry S. Truman to Bess W. Truman, October 27, 1939

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Dear Bess:- Well we are about to get the bill passed. Mr. Clark had his spasm, and we just skinned him alive. Mr. La Follette had his and got a worse licking. I haven't been to the office since ten-thirty and I guess no letter came. Mildred brought me the letters to sign and didn't bring it, so I guess I'll get two tomorrow.

Ralph Truman came over from Baltimore this morning and we

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went to see Bennett. Ralph is at Baltimore for the National Guard Association meeting. Clark has recommended him for W.P.A. director to take Murray's place. But I'm of the opinion he won't get the job. As I told you yesterday, I think I have Harry Easley lined up for the job. Looks like everybody got rich in Jackson County but me. I'm glad I can still sleep well even if it is a hardship

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on you and Margie for me to be so damn poor. Mr. Murray, Mr. McElroy, Mr. Higgins, and even Mr. P. himself probably would pay all the ill-gotten loot they took for my position and clear conscience. What think you?

I disgraced you last night. Minton, Hatch, and I went to the Gaiety. It was a most rotten show, but there were a couple of vaudeville acts that were worth seeing. We met a couple of

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Congressmen, one from Indiana one from Ohio, with their wives going in. The ladies seemed to be as embarrassed as we were - and they should have been.

I've had an avalanche of Missourians today who wanted in the gallery. They all got in.

Had lunch with Eddie Cantor, the Vice President, Barkley, and a dozen of the elect today. Eddie's a grandpa and Barkley told a Kentucky story - an old fellow who said he didn't mind being a grandpa but he hated to be married to grandma. Kiss Margie. Get your teeth fixed. Harry