

TRUMAN'S GREAT DAY

Washington - gaily bedecked, jammed to overflowing - witnesses what may become a turning point in history. Dense crowds pack Capitol Plaza to watch the inauguration of Harry S. Truman, the one-time haberdasher from Missouri, and now America's thirty-third President. His hand resting on a bible, open to "Blessed are the Peacemakers," Harry Truman closes his Presidential oath with the words:

With the Administration installed, there follows the biggest, costliest, most spectacular inaugural parade in Washington's history. Along Constitution Avenue goes a seven-mile-long parade, with 40 floats and 30 bands. Harry Truman, all smiles, and his Vice-President Alben Barkley, ride at the head - cheered by a million spectators and saluted by a 650-plane fly past.

Forty-thousand troops from America's crack regiments march in this impressive parade which takes three hours to pass the reviewing stand opposite the White House.

Behind this four-day long celebration there lies a deeper significance. For with the inauguration of Harry Truman, a new era begins for the United States. Free men, the world over, look there for good will and wise leadership in the battle to overcome the problems of our age.