

Wednesday April 19, 1967
YMCA.
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Edwards

Honorable Harry Truman,
Former President of the United States,
Truman Library,
Independence, Missouri

Dear Mr. Truman:

Enclosed are my reference letters plus a recent photo. I am a former radio announcer. I have had 2 years of college and I graduated from radio school. I left radio for about six years due to the illness of my beloved mother. My mother died five years ago. I want to return to radio or TV or both. I was talking today to Mr. George Geric, Democratic Boro Chairman, Rankin, Pennsylvania and both Mr. Geric and Mayor Barr of Pittsburgh suggested that I write to you. Mr. Truman would you please contact President Johnson in my behalf. Send President Johnson my letters and photo. I would like to work at any one of President Johnson's radio and TV stations. My car is ready. I can and will go anywhere in the country. If President Johnson wishes to see me in person I can and will be in Washington or Texas. The following wonderful people can be contacted for references:

Mr. George Geric,
Democratic Boro Chairman,
Rankin Boro Bldg., Rankin, Pennsylvania

Father Henry Podowski,
Bishop's Office,
Greensburg, Pennsylvania

Bishop William Connare,
Greensburg Diocese,
Greensburg, Pennsylvania

Father Aloysius Carasella,
St. Vincent College,
Latrobe, Pennsylvania

Father M. Brennen,
President of St. Vincent College,
Latrobe, Pennsylvania

I am sober, mature, dependable. I DO NOT DRINK. I am not afraid to match my background against anyone in all 50 states. Anything you can do for me will be greatly appreciated by me, Mr. George Geric, Mayor Barr of Pittsburgh. Thank you very much. Continued good health to you. God Bless You.

Yours very truly,
Frank Edwards



W. F. B. G.
Altoona, Penna.

To whom it may concern:

This is to recommend Mr. Frank Edwards of 5 Miller Street, Rankin, Pennsylvania, who formerly worked for us as announcer on our radio station, WFBG.

He has a good voice and is a well qualified radio announcer. And he is also experienced in other departments.

It is a pleasure to recommend Mr. Edwards.

Very truly yours,
The Gable Broadcasting Company

George P. Gable
President

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I should like to call your attention to the qualifications of Mr. Frank Edwards of 5 Miller Street, Rankin, Pennsylvania, who has made application for the position of television announcer.

Mr. Edwards' one ambition in life is in this field of endeavor. He has a very pleasing personality, a good voice, is not afraid of work, and has a background of dependability.

I would appreciate it if you would consider him as I feel certain if given the chance his work will prove more than satisfactory to you.

Sincerely yours,



ELMER J. HOLLAND, M. C.

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HARRISBURG

THE GOVERNOR

November 18, 1959

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Mr. Frank Edwards who has worked in Pittsburgh in radio and who is known to me has requested me to write on his behalf.

From My knowledge of his radio work I believe that he would be a good addition to your staff and I would certainly so recommend him.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

David L. Lawrence

Dennis Bilger - Re: Truman Frank Edwards

From: "Grant Cameron" <presidentialufo@presidency.com>
To: "Dennis Bilger" <dennis.bilger@nara.gov>
Date: 01/15/2003 8:38 PM
Subject: Re: Truman Frank Edwards

Dennis

I really appreciate it.

My address is

Grant Cameron
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Grant

----- Original Message -----

From: "Dennis Bilger" <dennis.bilger@nara.gov>
 Date: Wed, 15 Jan 2003 13:55:07 -0500
 To: <presidentialufo@presidency.com>
 Subject: Re: Truman Frank Edwards

> Dear Mr. Cameron:

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 > Thank you for your e-mail message of January 14. We do have a few pages of material in our files relating to Frank Edwards who lived in Greensburg, Pennsylvania in 1967. He was trained as a radio broadcaster and was applying for a position as television broadcaster. For references he gave his local Catholic priest and bishop as well as St. Vincent College in Latrobe, PA. He also had letters from Governor David Lawrence of PA and Congressman Elmer J. Holland. He sent a photograph with his resume. If you send me your mailing address, I will be happy to send copies of this material to you.

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 > Sincerely,

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 > Dennis E. Bilger
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 >>> "Grant Cameron" <presidentialufo@presidency.com> 01/14/03 10:19PM >>>

> On the following page there is a reported photo of Harry Truman and broadcaster Frank Edwards.

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 > Could you tell me if there is any record of

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 > -Harry Truman meeting with Edwards
 > -any correspondence between the two men
 > -if there are any photos of the two like this one
 > -Do you have the post presidential records for Harry Truman that would cover this 1954 period?

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 > I hope you can help.

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 > Grant Cameron

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 > "The right to speak, and the right to print, without the right to know, are pretty empty."

> Harold Cross -the father of the Freedom of Information Act.

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He said he would move now to counter the economic slump and provide jobs for the unemployed by constructing roads, housing and schools. Asked if this might not add to the tax burden, the chairman replied: "If it's necessary to increase taxes to have prosperity, I'm in favor of it."

The Democratic decision to open its campaign now, six weeks in advance of the conventions to nominate candidates for Governor, was to counter Governor Dewey's action in setting a late convention date, Mr. Balch explained.

He asserted that issues were more important than the ultimate candidate and that the Democrats would wage an intensive pre-convention campaign.

Governor Dewey hoped a short campaign would "throw us out of joint," the Democratic chairman said, "and we are not going to let him get away with it."

Mr. Balch also reiterated that the harness racing scandals under the Republican Administration would be a paramount campaign issue pushed by the Democrats and remarked:

"I hear the Republicans are going to change their emblem from an elephant to a sulky."

Neither Mr. Balch nor Carmine G. DeSapio, the leader of Tammany Hall and Democratic National Committeemen, would indicate whom they favored for the Democratic nomination for Governor. But both forecast victory for the nominee.

Meanwhile, Averell Harriman, a leading candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, will make six or seven public appearances, starting today. In addition to being a guest on four radio and television programs, he will speak at a seminar of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, A. F. L., at Unity, Pa., on Tuesday, and will address the Broome County Democrats at Binghamton on Thursday.

ROBBERS MISS \$50,000

Three Get Only \$250, and All in Silver in Uptown Hold-Up

Three robbers executed a quick hold-up of the Carver Federal Savings and Loan Association at 75 West 125th Street yesterday morning but their take turned out to be only \$250—and all in coins.

Two men, one carrying a pistol, entered the institution and ordered Oscar Whitfield of 1254 Fifth Avenue, the teller, to give up the two canvas money bags in his cage. Mr. Whitfield obliged and the robbers left.

Outside the office a third member of the gang drove an automobile in which all escaped. Joseph E. Davis, manager of the association, said the robbers missed \$50,000 which had been taken to another bank a few minutes earlier.



DROPPED BY THE A. F. L. Frank Edwards, national radio broadcaster for the American Federation of Labor, who has been ousted

RADIO AIDE OUSTED BY A. F. L. FOR 'BIAS'

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not with one of its 111 international unions.

The auditing proposal, which was adopted unanimously by the seventeen-member council and will go before the A. F. L. convention next month in Los Angeles, would give the A. F. L. a check rein on the operations of the finances of 800 locals with 200,000 members.

Union welfare funds have recently come to public attention as areas in which racketeers have made inroads. Disclosures to that effect have produced demands that such funds come under Federal or state supervision. At least one prominent labor leader, David Dubinsky, has proposed legislation to halt squandering and misuse of benefit money.

Mr. Meany, commenting on the council's action, said: "It is my hope that this will indicate a method by which our international unions could at least start to supervise local funds."

Traditionally the A. F. L. has kept hands off the affairs of international unions and their locals. But there seemed no doubt that by its action the council hoped to prod some of its affiliates into undertaking closer supervision of affairs and finances of their locals.

Another interpretation of the move was that by it the A. F. L. hoped to soften the impact of Federal legislation dealing with union welfare funds. Some observers even believed the action was motivated by the thought that it could head off Government intervention. In any case, the A. F. L. would be able to argue that little or no legislation was required because the federation was doing the job itself.

Meany's Views on Broadcaster

In announcing the dropping of Mr. Edwards, Mr. Meany insisted there was no question of censoring the broadcaster's opinions. The main problem, he said, was Mr. Edwards' disagreement with an A. F. L. policy directive that "opinion should be clearly labeled as opinion and interpretation."

Mr. Meany said this directive had been worked out two years ago when the late William Green was the A. F. L. president. It was oral and was not put into writing until Aug. 2 of this year. At that time, according to Mr. Meany, Mr. Edwards accepted the policy.

However, early this week Mr. Edwards submitted his resignation, saying he was not in agreement with the directive. He asked that the resignation become effective on Dec. 31. But the A. F. L., exercising an option under the contract with the broadcaster, terminated his services. Mr. Edwards made his last broadcast Tuesday night.

In Washington, Mr. Edwards said he submitted his resignation because Mr. Meany attempted to impose a censorship "to fit his personal ambitions, animosities and prejudices." He objected to the policy directive, which, he said, made Charles Herrold, editor of the program, responsible for the content of the broadcast. Mr. Herrold is an A. F. L. staff member, a former newspaper man and has been working with Mr. Edwards for some time.

"In my opinion," said the broadcaster, "they [Mr. Meany's demands] were an affront to the intelligence of millions of A. F. L. members and other American citizens who listened to my broadcasts."

Mr. Edwards said that because the federation unilaterally altered his conditions of employment, he had asked his attorney to study the "legal aspects of the situation."

Mr. Meany said the A. F. L. had two major objections to the broadcasts. One was that instead

wasn't interested in." The other was that he lumped news and opinion together without saying which was which.

"Opinions were all right as long as they were labeled as such," Mr. Meany said.

"We couldn't be put in a position of putting on a colored presentation of the news," another A. F. L. spokesman said. "News should not be mixed up with opinions. There should be a physical separation so that hearers wouldn't get the idea that the A. F. L. was putting out a biased news report."

Mr. Meany had one other objection to Mr. Edwards. He said the broadcaster violated another section of the policy directive by asking, without advance permission from the A. F. L., that listeners write in telling their views on specific questions.

"One time," Mr. Meany said, "he asked his audience whether they wanted him to continue his nightly broadcasts on flying saucers. We were swamped with mail about flying saucers and flying saucers was not what we were especially interested in."

Mr. Edwards began broadcasting for the federation in 1950. He received \$35,000 a year for his services, and the A. F. L., Mr. Meany said, spent \$500,000 a year on the program. Harry Flannery, a former Collier's Broadcasting System correspondent who is now on the A. F. L. staff, has replaced Mr. Edwards for the time being.

Mr. Edwards was born in Mattoon, Ill., Aug. 4, 1908. He studied at the University of California and had more than twenty-five years of radio-news experience. He is married and lives in Washington, where his broadcasts originated.

In another action, the federation executive council urged the free democracies to "pursue a positive program to aid freedom and peace through building up their own unity and ever greater strength."

PUFF PUT TO DEATH

Killer of F. B. I. Agent Here in 1952 Dies in Sing Sing

Special to The New York Times. OSSING, N. Y., Aug. 12 — Gerhard A. Puff, who killed an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation during a gun battle two years ago in a Manhattan hotel, was put to death in Sing Sing tonight at 11:01 o'clock.

Tracked down in the Congress Hotel by F. B. I. agents after robbing a Kansas bank of \$62,655, Puff tried to shoot his way out and killed one of the agents. President Eisenhower last week turned down Puff's last appeal for a new trial.

Puff, 40 years old, had spent nearly fifteen months in the death house and had been reprieved five times on various appeals. Known in Sing Sing as the "lonely prisoner," Puff never had a visitor during his long wait in the death house.

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