THE RETURNING VOYAGER: Harry Truman is on the high seas homeward bound from his European trip, about which he's been writing for the Hearst Newspapers. I pass along the opinion of my good friend Lord Beaverbrook that Mr. Truman's trip "has increased the friendly feeling of Europeans for the United States." Knowing Lord Beaverbrook to be a tough and discerning judge of men and events, you can accept his judgment that the former President's journey has been worthwhile.

The thing I liked best about Mr. Truman's conduct while abroad was the patriotic plane he operated on and the skillful way he avoided partisan dispute. While his fellow Democrats at home were taking random and unfounded pot-shots at President Eisenhower's foreign policy—it's an election year, remember—the former President had this to say in last week's piece for our newspapers:

"I leave Europe convinced that the free nations of the West are in a much better position today to meet the threat of the Russians than they have been at any time since the war. They are in a far better position, actually and relatively, than they were when the Korean affair began just six years ago last Monday."

How about that, Adlai, Averell and Estes? I hope that President Eisenhower, when he recovers sufficiently from his operation, will invite Mr. Truman to the White House for a first-hand account of his observations and impressions.

IN THE MAILBOX: This week Joe Kingsbury Smith of I.N.S. received the following letter from Boris Polesov, secretary of the governing board of the Union of Soviet Writers and leader of last year's visiting delegation of Communist writers:

"On behalf of all of the group of Soviet journalists who visited the United States I heartily congratulate you and your two colleagues for winning the Pulitzer Prize. It is enough to say that journalists of any country should like to get this high honor which your group got. Having had so brilliant a number of interviews and asking all those questions of the leaders of the Soviet Government and receiving full answers from them, you probably know that those interviews were reprinted at that time by most of the Soviet papers.

"Being an old journalist I am burning with envy because we had less success and no one among the members of the Government of the United States answered our requests at the time we visited the United States. Nevertheless we all congratulate you with getting the award, because the interviews gotten by you were the beginning of big and open conversations between the leaders of our countries which I suppose will continue abroad and lead to full clarity of views and eventually to full understanding and friendship between our people."

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End It Now!

SINCE 1948 one billion dollars of American taxpayers' money has been shoveled into Communist Yugoslavia in military and economic aid, and the return for this huge give-away has been a monstrous double cross.

Yet in the face of this overwhelming evidence the Administration, by some incredible and fantastic process of reasoning, is considering putting the bite on American taxpayers for more millions for Yugoslav dictator Tito.

Not all the specious words Tito uttered on his return Wednesday to Belgrade after a lengthy visit to Soviet Russia, affirming his "independence" and making another pitch for another unconditional American handout, can alter the fact that he is a Communist dictator.

This Red master of duplicity was very careful not to mention the statement of Soviet Defense Minister Zhukov, made in Tito's presence in the Grand Kremlin Palace, that in a future war Russia and Yugoslavia would fight "shoulder to shoulder for the happiness of mankind."

Tito was absolutely right from his own purpose of playing both sides of the street in overlapping Zhukov's statement, for it was at that moment that the Kremlin shackles were locked upon him with a snap that was heard around the world.

We're sure this newspaper and the American taxpayers will not overlook it.

Let's hope the people's representatives in Congress WON'T overlook it, in case the Administration CHOOSES to overlook it.

There is no reason whatever why the Administration should pour more millions of American taxpayers' dollars down the Communist rathole.

Here is a deep-dyed dictator over whose country two United States airplanes were shot down in 1946, with the death of five American airmen. Here is the tyrant who imprisoned Archbishop Stepinac and executed Yugoslavian anti-Communist patriot General Draja Mikhailovich.

Here is a Communist ruler who now has passed from violence to guile, because guile suits his present aims better.

President Eisenhower said a couple of weeks ago that there is need to re-examine further U.S. aid to Yugoslavia.

There is, we would say, an agonizing need to do so, and Congress should play an important part in such a re-examination.