GIVE 'EM HELL HARRY

1975 James Whitmore 95 Min. PG

One man dramatization of the life and career of Harry Truman taped from the stage production. Excellent and entertaining but lacks production values and perhaps more concerned with showing Truman's wit and humor than in illuminating the important events of his time. This worthwhile film is probably best used in short segments

Act I

2:40

Steel strike

Post war demobilization

8:10

Meeting with Herbert Hoover: discussion of the Depression and banking.

11:50

Discussion of the State of Israel.

4:15

Truman on the Senate floor speaking on wealth and greed.

15:45

Discussion with Hoover about relief to Europe.

21:45

Discusses FDR and the decision to drop the bomb.

33:30

Truman remembers WWI and how he got into politics.

43-40

Anecdotal remarks about civil rights and the KKK.

Act II

52:00

Response to critical review of his daughter's music.

58:00

MacArthur and the Korean War. Talks to Marshall about MacArthur.

1:08:40

Seminar Questioning Sequence:

What agreements were made at Yalta between Roosevelt Churchill and Stalin concerning the end of the War and post-war political arrangements?

What events occurred between the Yalta conference and the Potsdam conference which led President Truman to conclude that Stalin could not be trusted and that Soviet help was not needed to defeat Japan?

What factors contributed to Truman's decision to drop the bomb on Japan? What did Truman say his reasons were?

Report topics should set the stage for seminar discussion of Truman's motives in dropping the Atomic Bomb on Japan. The short segment in which Truman discusses this issue is sufficient to dramatize this point.

George Marshall **Douglas MacArthur** Henry L. Stimpson General Dwight D. **Eisenhower** Yalta Conference Manhattan Project **Potsdam Conference** Joseph Stalin **Winston Churchill** James Burns Leo Szilard A. H. Compton **Enrico Ferme** E. O. Lawrence J. R. Oppenheimer

Steel Mills.	
1:09:15	
Truman's philosophy regarding	
dirty politics.	
1:12:00	
Views on Eisenhower.	
1:14:00	
Views on Joseph McCarthy.	
views on soseph wiecuriny.	
1:27:45	
Views on Nixon Kennedy and	
the Constitution	
the Constitution	

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