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(Allan Jackson - L.T. in Alaska)

At his news conference today - President Eisenhower brushed off the ~~best~~ threat to come out of Moscow. The President was asked about - Khrushchev's interview with Averell Harriman. The one in which Khrushchev said - "If you want a war / you can have it."

Mr. Eisenhower obviously isn't taking the threat, very seriously. He answered almost casually - that he considers this kind of talk - irresponsible. No help toward - a peaceful solution of the cold war.

What about Khrushchev's bid - for an invitation to pay us a visit? President Eisenhower said - he has no objections to a Khrushchev tour like those we've had from Mikoyan and Kozlov. As for high level discussions with Khrushchev - Mr. Eisenhower hasn't made up his mind about that.

KHRUSHCHEV

Tonight we have some impressions of Nikita Khrushchev - from our eight Governors touring Russia. So let's take a look at a few American verdicts on the boss of the Soviet Union.

Meyner of New Jersey calls Khrushchev - "a master of dialectics." Hodges of North Carolina says - "smart as the dickens!" Collins of Florida found Khrushchev - "a past master at putting people on the defensive." McNichols of Colorado remarks - "Khrushchev is capable of high level discussion - or fighting in a back alley."

The Governors were speaking - after a three-hour conference with Khrushchev at the Kremlin. X The general picture is this - he wasn't as belligerent ~~to them~~ with them, as he had been with Averell Harriman. But he made it clear - he's still cock-sure about Communism eventually dominating the world. And he wants to accelerate the <sup>process</sup> ~~process~~ - by means of a personal visit to the U.S.A.

KOZLOV

In Chicago, an old steel hand - visited one of our big steel mills <sup>today.</sup> In case you didn't know it - ~~K~~ Frol Kozlov used to be the foreman of a Russian open-hearth crew. Today he showed it - by asking very technical questions of the men on the job. He seemed to know his way around, as he inspected the furnaces - and edged along a catwalk twenty feet above the floor.

Kozlov was displaying his know-how as a steel man.

What about politics? He spent most of his time ignoring questions - about yesterday's set-to with Michigan's Governor Williams. The Governor challenged the Soviet Deputy Premier ~~by~~ saying the satellite nations of east Europe are held captive. Today Kozlov said - "no comment!"

## FOREIGN AID

The Senate has voted a foreign-aid bill of just over three and a half-billion dollars - almost four-hundred million less than the President requested. Attempts to cut it even further - this afternoon - failed, as Senate Democratic leader Lyndon Johnson worked with Republicans ~~inexplicably~~ to halt all new efforts to trim the bill even more - in the final hours of voting.

The President had hinted - earlier - that if that foreign aid measure was cut too much - he might call Congress back into special session later in the year - to increase the total.

## BASES

The decision to pull nine jet squadrons out of France - means that we are losing three major bases. The bases were built at a cost of sixty million dollars - as part of our atomic build-up in Europe. They were considered vital to - Nato.

But President deGaulle has refused to let us stock-pile atomic missiles, on French soil. The difference of opinion, led to - a deadlock between France and her allies.

So no one was surprised - by today's announcement in Paris. General Norstad is transferring - two hundred planes. They'll be assigned to bases - in Britain and West Germany. Nato officials say flatly - the West can't afford to have two hundred fighting planes immobilized - just when Khrushchev is talking loudly about war.

DIAZ

The former head of the Cuban Air Force - is in the United States. Major Pedro Diaz - who flew for Castro during the anti-Batista uprising. After Castro seized power in Cuba - he gave Diaz command of the Air Force. At which time - the Major appeared to be one of Castro's most fervent supporters.

But Just over a week ago - Diaz suddenly resigned. He wrote a stinging criticism / of Communism in the rebel administration. And then went into hiding - / with an island-wide manhunt looking for him. Diaz was accused of everything - from treason to robbery.

Now it's announced in Miami / - that Diaz arrived in a <sup>then</sup> small boat on July First. The former Cuban air ace / - asked to be admitted as a political exile. Permission - granted.

## STORM

The first hurricane of the season - is belting its way across the Atlantic toward the Carolina coast. Tropical storm - "Cindy". The winds have already reached seventy-five miles an hour - and tides are four feet above normal. Small boats have been instructed to stay clear - planes are being flown ~~in~~ inland - as disaster warnings fly from Georgia north to Cape Hatteras.

## EXPLOSION

The tragedy on Denmark's Lake Haderslev - was caused by an explosion. The sightseeing boat "Dam Ende" - was coming in from a cruise across the lake. Suddenly gasoline began to leak - from the motor. Then came / a shattering explosion. An inferno of flame and smoke - tore through the boat. Many passengers were killed or injured - by the blast. The others panicked - and jumped over the side into deep water.

The toll - over twenty known dead. About the same number - either injured or missing.



INTRO. TO RECORDING

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Tonight we have another report from Lowell Thomas -  
up there in Alaska. Lowell, how are things going / in our  
forty-ninth state?

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L.T. -ALASKA  
Contra Coasta

What, if anything, has statehood meant so far, to Alaska? Anything beneficial? The answer is yes. Tourist travel has increased. And this means a lot to Alaskan economy. For this is by far the most scenic state in the Union. Which should not be too surprising, since Alaska, in size, is larger than twenty-one of the other forty-eight states all combined.

The raising of the new flag, the 49th star flag, brought a lot of visitors. Of those I encountered in Juneau, I was particularly interested in two groups: Pan American, in two big stratacruisers, flew a party of 160 up from Contra Coasta, California. That's near San Francisco. They call themselves "The Contra Coasta Sheriff's Posse", and each year they go somewhere to take part in a parade.

They've been doing this for twenty-five years. Twice, riding on their handsome Palomino horses, they

have ridden in presidential inaugural parades. Those of you who saw the Eisenhower inaugural parade on TV will remember them in their handsome western outfits, big white sombreros, and all their silver trappings. They carry five changes of costume. You ought to see the elegant outfits they wear at their banquets. And they always have a banquet. Here in Juneau they gave one in honor of the first Governor of the new state.

But I started out to tell you where they have gone on their annual jaunts. They have taken part in four Indian celebrations and parades at Santa Fe, New Mexico; one Rose Bowl parade in Pasadena; one Rose Carnival at Portland, Oregon, the Calgary Stampede, in Canada, the New Orleans Mardi Gra; the Mardi Gra at Rio de Janeiro. And next year they will be in Hawaii, all 160 of them, in Honolulu, when our fiftieth state flies the fifty star American flag for the first time. What a time they have!

John Miller, founder and head of the Contra Coasta Sheriff's Posse, pinned his gold sheriff's badge - studded with diamonds - on my wife. And the first thing she did was to put me under arrest!

BUNCHE

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An American Nobel Prize winner - has been refused membership in a New York tennis club. Ralph Bunche / who once was offered the position of Under-Secretary of State. He says he and his son tried to join - / the West Side Tennis Club at Forest Hills. And were turned away on the ground / that membership in the club is restricted.

Ralph Bunche insists / he doesn't feel humiliated by the incident. / But he admits he's shocked to find this kind of segregation - / in New York City.

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