

NIXON

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(Allan Jackson - L.T. in Alaska)

Nixon's schedule

Get
Vice President ~~Nixon's schedule~~ for his Moscow visit

includes - a "little summit conference" with Khrushchev. The White House announces that the Vice President will go to Russia - with full authority to speak for President Eisenhower. Mr. Nixon will be prepared to discuss all the major issues - when he calls on Khrushchev at the Kremlin. The Berlin crisis, / disarmament, trade between East and West - / everything.

No one in Washington is predicting - any sensational agreement on these issues. Least of all - Vice President Nixon. But he says he hopes - to get a foot in the door. Meaning - that he may be able to counteract some of the more nonsensical Russian propaganda - about America. And, perhaps / persuade Khrushchev - / not to under-estimate the strength of the West.

GENEVA

Tonight the deadlock at the Geneva Conference - looks like this. The West proposes that the meeting of Foreign Ministers -/be turned into a permanent commission on Germany. The West Germans and the East Germans /would both be represented - but only in /an advisory capacity - leaving the real power still in the hands of the Big Four. Secretary of State Herter ~~says~~ calls this plan - "sensible and businesslike."

But Gromyko doesn't think so. He rejected the proposal today -/as soon as he heard it. The Soviet Foreign Minister then repeated /the Russian demand for an all-German committee - to discuss German reunification. ^{That's} ~~That's~~ the demand the West has turned down so often. Because /it would imply that the Communist regime /really represents the will of the people in East Germany.

KHRUSHCHEV

Western diplomats have two main theories - about why Khrushchev cancelled his Scandinavian tour. The first / health. The boss of the Kremlin is sixty-four -- / weighs over two hundred pounds - / and suffers from heart trouble. So maybe his doctors - advised against the trip.

The second theory is - political. Khrushchev may feel he can't stay away from the Kremlin - that long. The Westerners who believe in this theory point out / the Soviet leader has been saying less recently / about a summit conference. Which could mean - he's feeling pressure, to back off. Pressure, possibly coming from Red China - or from ~~a~~ inside the Kremlin. ~~They~~ Say - from Mikoyan and Kozlov.

The official Moscow explanation is - anti-Soviet criticism in Scandinavia. Anyway, Khrushchev has ^{abandoned} ~~called off~~ - his junket to Denmark, / Sweden, Norway, and Finland.

IRAQ

In Iraq, the government has thrown a screen - around events inside the city of Kirkuk. Premier Kassem admits that fighting broke out last week - but now he minimizes the strength of the ~~red~~ revolt. Claiming - his men are in full control of Kirkuk. A spokesman for the government in Baghdad told newsmen - the situation is returning to normal.

However, reports continue to leak out - telling of civil war in the streets of Kirkuk. Some refugees reaching Baghdad say - the Communists are hanging leaders loyal to Kassem. While street fights continue to erupt - between the loyalists and the Reds.

EISENHOWER

Today President Eisenhower talked to Congress - like a Dutch uncle. Subject / a public works / money bill / to which Congress has added additional funds for new projects.

In his letter to Congressman John Taber of New York - Mr. Eisenhower again criticizes federal spending. And hints that he will use the presidential veto / - unless the bill is modified before it ~~xxx~~ reaches the White House.

BUDGET

reveals

The Treasury Department ~~may~~ that for the fiscal year of Nineteen Fifty-Nine -- Uncle Sam was in the red - by twelve and a half billion dollars. Our government spent that much more - than it took in. But the figure is still three hundred million less - / than President Eisenhower expected - / when he submitted his budget to Congress in January of Nineteen Fifty-eight.

QUEEN

The sad fact about Her Majesty, the Queen - is that she isn't enjoying her visit to White Horse in the Yukon. Canada's monarch still has - that upset stomach. She stayed in bed today - handing her ceremonial duties over to Prince Philip.

Needless to say, it's a great disappointment - to the Queen. And to White Horse - which, as Lowell Thomas told us a few nights ago - has been all spruced up for the arrival of Her Majesty.

INTRO. TO RECORDING

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- who is still in Alaska.

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--(MT. McKINLEY)

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the Forty Mile Kid, from Fairbanks, had virtually carried Arch Deacon Stuck to the summit!

Also - I had known old Doc Cook, the Arctic explorer, who in 1903, had claimed he had been the first to scale Mt. McKinley. Later an expedition made up of Professor Herschal Parker and two friends of mine, Belmore Browne and Merl LaVay, scaled this formidable mountain - they were driven back by a storm when within a hundred yards of the summit. But they proved to the satisfaction of most that Doc Cook's claims were false.

In 1932, two of my friends, Erling Strom and Al Lindley, and two others, were the first to scale both the north and south summits of Mt. McKinley. And then there were the Bradford Washburn expeditions. All building up in me the hope that I might some day see the top of this greatest of all mountains in North America.

Well, I made it today, with pilots Terry McDonald

and Fred Richards, in the cockpit of a Fairchild Turbo-Jet F-27. We were awfully lucky. Usually cyclonic winds make it impossible to fly close to and right over the summit of McKinley. But today the air was perfectly still, and we could fly low over Muldrow Glacier, right up Karsten's Ridge, and back and forth - four times - over both summits, and all the glaciers that descend from this thrilling mountain.

If you ever visit Alaska, and if you have a chance to fly around and over North America's highest mountain - on a clear, sunny day, don't miss it!

LUNCH

53:10

Here's a footnote to today's session of - the Geneva Conference. As the Foreign Ministers broke up, after their lunch at the British villa - the British and French spokesmen were noticed in a ^{conference} ~~tote-a-tote~~ at the door. The newsmen rushed forward - to hear what was being said. Was it about the cold war? Germany? Berlin?

(33) Well, this is how the conversation went. Selwyn Lloyd to Couve deMurville - "I hope it will be better next time." Couve deMurville, in his most diplomatic accents - "Perhaps it needs a little more gravy."


(20) They were talking about - the lunch Selwyn Lloyd had just served to his guests. What ^{" " " "} Herter and Gromyko thought about it ⁽¹³⁾ isn't recorded. The British Foreign Minister presumably was more interested in getting a verdict from an expert on cuisine ⁽⁶⁾ - the man from Paris. Couve deMurville, ^{Don} who knows something about food and diplomacy.

54:00

STEEL

One of our major steel companies - has appealed to the courts. ^{Jones} ~~Johns~~ and Laughlin - which claims that some of its non-union employees are being held prisoner - in their factories. The Company accuses pickets outside - of "intimidation and threats." Jones and Laughlin wants a court injunction - limiting the number of pickets.

Meanwhile - no ^{progress} ~~prospects~~ in the negotiations on the strike. Federal Mediator Joseph Finegan, conferred with both sides today - but a formula acceptable to both, seems as far off as ever.



INCOME

Personal income has hit a new ceiling - according to the Commerce Department. The annual rate in June - almost three hundred and eighty-three billion dollars. Twenty-four billion above - June of Nineteen Fifty-eight. The main reason - more jobs and higher wages. With an assist from things like - rents, dividends, and government benefits.