

NIXON

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(Allan Jackson - L.T. in Alaska)

Vice-President Nixon is off for Moscow tonight.

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His jet liner - making one stop in Iceland - before the last leg of the flight to the Soviet capital. Aboard the Vice-President's plane, thirty-three persons -- including Mrs. Nixon, Dr. Milton Eisenhower, Admiral Hyman Rickover, and George Allen of our Information Agency.

News men found Mr. Nixon - relaxed, and looking forward to opening the American exhibit in Moscow. Reminded that Khrushchev has professed to be puzzled by the Nixon visit - the Vice-President laughed, and said, "I'm puzzled as to why he is puzzled."

At his news conference today - President Eisenhower expressed doubt about any connection between Vice-President Nixon's trip to Moscow - and the attack on America in the Russian press. The attack sparked by - Mr. Eisenhower's proclamation of a week of prayer for the captive nations behind the Iron Curtain. Today the President defended his proclamation. And suggested that the real reason for Soviet antagonism is that the Russians don't admit that they are holding their satellites as captives.

Turning to other subjects - Mr. Eisenhower said the following: He's disappointed by what has happened at Geneva - but as far as he is concerned, the road to a summit conference is still open. He doesn't consider it possible to beat a Berlin blockade again through an airlift. He hopes Congress will pass the legislation he wants - for such things as highways and labor reform. And he's not at all opposed to Secretary Herter's plan - to bring Charles Bohlen into the State Department as a Special Adviser on Soviet affairs.

GENEVA

The only agreement in Geneva today - was to hold another meeting tomorrow. / Gromyko did pledge that Russia ~~would~~ would not take unilateral action against Berlin, / as long as any East-West negotiations ^{2 r f} ~~were~~ were going on. But he stuck to his demand - / for an all-German commission to discuss the reunification of Germany. That is - the Soviet Foreign Minister still refuses to ~~make any statement of~~ state plainly - his willingness to sign a guarantee of the rights of the West / in Berlin.

Secretary of State Herter pointed out in his rejoinder - that the Soviets are proposing to hold West Berlin for ransom. "A whole city / two million human beings" / as Mr. Herter put it.

Selwyn Lloyd and Couve de-Murville agreed with him -- that we cannot do business with the Russians on that basis. And so tonight - the Geneva conference seems on the brink of ~~dissolution~~ dissolution.

KHRUSHCHEV

Nikita Khrushchev - still visiting in Warsaw -
had a word on the Geneva meeting - said - that the
western view - at the foreign ministers conference - may
lead to a new aggravation of the situation - pregnant -
as he put it - with danger to the cause of peace.

At the same time - Khrushchev - made another bid
for a Summit conference - said - that a meeting at that
level undoubtedly would lead to a lessening of tensions.

AID

The foreign aid bill ~~just~~ just passed by Congress -
calls for three and a half billion dollars. The figure is
nine per cent below / what President Eisenhower requested.
But the President gained a partial victory - / because the House
and the Senate had both passed bills / slashed even more.
A House-Senate Committee / drew up this new bill / which is closer
to what Mr. Eisenhower wanted.

COST

The cost of living has hit - another record high. It jumped four-tenths of one per cent, in June / according to the Labor Department. The Department, however, minimizes the importance of this trend / on the ground that it merely reflects the season. / The usual summer increase in the prices of - fresh fruit and vegetables.

PLANE

That fire aboard an Air Force tanker plane / broke out during a routine refueling operation. The plane - a KC-97, loaded with ten thousand gallons of jet fuel. It was on its way to a rendezvous - with a group of B-47 fighters.

Suddenly, flames began to spurt from the tanker - at fifteen thousand feet. The plane turned over, / and went into a steep dive - / before any of the men aboard could bail out. It roared down like a blazing comet / and smashed into a hayfield near Andover, New Hampshire. The explosion that followed - ripped the plane to shreds. ~~windows were shattered - throughout~~ ~~the area.~~ There were no survivors - among the seven crew men.

INTRO. TO RECORDING

For the past couple of weeks - we've been hearing from Lowell Thomas in Alaska. Tonight he gives us - his general impression of our forty-ninth state.

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re: Alaska.

July 22, 1959.

L.T. - (ALASKA)

At Yukon Territory and at White Horse the other day they told me that the tourist travel this year had been increased about three times over. And they blamed it on Alaskan statehood. Actually, here in Alaska I think it's far greater than that. For instance, Merrill Wien was telling me up in the North just the other day that they expect to carry over a thousand visitors on their flight from Fairbanks to Nome and to me that is something that I can't fathom. It's so vast, the change is so great since the old days when I came here and we traveled by dog sled.

When I first came up to this country I made a journey out over the old trail. It was called the Valdees Trail from Fairbanks to Valdees. And it was nothing but a trail and now of course it's an important highway, but who pays much attention to that. Nearly everybody flies up here. More people fly in proportion

to the population of Alaska in this region than in any other part of the world. So, tourist travel has been multiplied and will increase greatly.

As for the economic future of Alaska, I think that's a little hard to predict. However, I would make this guess. That it will take some time before Alaska's growth from an economic standpoint will be huge. It's going to take strong people to open up this region. But it's in about the same latitude as Scandinavia. Much of it has the same climate as Scandinavia, and I believe its resources are even greater. So in time I expect that there will be millions of people living here.

Before I left the States a couple of weeks ago, I had picked up a cold at home. Brought it north with me. And I've been flying almost continuously since then. And sometimes when you fly on top of a cold it does rather strange things to your ears - no serious damage,

but the funny part about it is that occasionally when you speak you can't even hear yourself. And that's exactly the situation I am in at this moment. So right now I am wondering - have I been saying anything - have I said anything worth while - intelligent. I wonder, I doubt it.

FOLLOW RECORDING

Lowell, your series of reports add up to - an eloquent tribute to a new state that doesn't have to defer to the older ones - the great State of Alaska.

They live in Madison, Wisconsin / which has a law that a dog that bites / goes to the pound for a rabies treatment. So when "Chipper" bit a boy who happened to be passing by the law descended on Judge Hardwell's pet.

The Judge appealed / saying his animal had been inoculated for rabies. He argued that the law in Madison is inconsistent / which leaves the city with no legal basis for pulling "Chipper" off to the pound.

Today another Judge - handed down a ruling in the case. Judge Roy Procter / says the law is inconsistent / but says his brother judge must obey it, all the same. Tonight Judge Hardwell is feeling / it's German shepherd - it is the Wisconsin dog pound.

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DOG

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We've all heard many stories about - a boy and his dog.

Well, here's one about / a judge and his dog. Circuit Judge,

Richard Bardwell - and ~~XXXXXX~~ "Chipper", his German shepherd.

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Bardwell is fuming. / His German shepherd - is in the Wisconsin

dog pound.

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CUBA

The charges against Cuba's Ex-President - were filed by a man who calls himself "a private citizen." Dr. Raul Quintero - who accuses Manuel Urrutia of "near treason."

Urrutia was Fidel Castro's hand-picked choice - for President of Cuba. But last week the rebel leader who became Prime Minister - forced Urrutia's resignation. A political switch - now followed by Quintero's demand that the former President be tried - as a traitor.

The accused, if found guilty - could be executed under Castro's recent law covering treason. Ironically, Urrutia himself ratified the law - when he was President of Cuba.

IRAQ

The government of Iraq announces - the end of the rebellion in Kirkuk. The army, loyal to President Kassem - is said to be in full control of the situation - after putting down the violence that went on for nearly a week. Baghdad is asking residents of Kirkuk who fled during the uprising - to return home.

An investigating committee is on its way to the ~~northern~~ northern province of Iraq - where it will make a study of the rebellion. And report back to the Premier - on the best way to control the Communists in and around Kirkuk.