

Eisenhower, Nikita Announce Exchange Of Visits For Fall

IKE HOPES INVITATION WILL SPUR GENEVA TALKS

WASHINGTON (UP) — A dramatic exchange of visits between President Eisenhower and Premier Nikita Khrushchev to "Further the cause of peace" was announced today.

Khrushchev will come to the United States in September. Eisenhower will go to Russia later in the fall, probably in October.

Announcement of the major cold war development was made simultaneously by the President in Washington and by the Soviet Foreign Ministry in Moscow.

Khrushchev's trip — two or three days in Washington and a 10-day tour of other parts of the United States — will be his first visit to this country. The President may accompany him on part of his trip outside of Washington. Eisenhower told a suddenly-summoned press conference his stay in Russia may be a little shorter than Khrushchev's here.

Earlier Trip To Europe — Before these visits take place, the President will go to Europe late this month to confer with the heads of the three allied governments — British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, French President Charles de Gaulle and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

Eisenhower said he and Khrushchev during their visits will "exchange views about problems of mutual interest" but on a non-official basis.

In a formal statement which the President read to reporters, he said both governments hope the visits "will help create better understanding... and will promote the cause of peace."

However, in elaborating on his statement, he stressed that he and Khrushchev will confine themselves to "informal talks" and will not enter into any formal negotiations on East-West disputes. He emphasized that during his meetings with Khrushchev, he has no intention to speak for the other western powers.

"I can be a spokesman only for America and its government," he said.

Chance To Meet People — The President said Khrushchev's visit here will give him opportunity "at first hand" to see the country, its people and to acquaint himself with their life.

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NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV Will Visit U.S.

Big Four Talks Halt Is Sought

GENEVA (UPI) — The West agreed today to seek a recess of the deadlocked Big Four talks on Germany until after the Eisenhower-Khrushchev meetings.

Western diplomats were confident that any risk of a new Soviet move against Berlin was out of the question until the exchange of visits had taken place and probably until after an East-West summit meeting that generally was expected to follow.

As a result, the western foreign ministers decided to call for an indefinite recess when the 9-week-old Geneva meeting winds up Wednesday evening.

Secretary of State Christian A. Herter and the British, French and West Germany foreign ministers met this morning to discuss ways to end the Geneva meeting.

British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd was reported to have discussed it over lunch with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko at Russian headquarters.

With announcement of the long-expected Eisenhower-Khrushchev exchange of visits, Geneva diplomats were convinced the immediate danger has gone out of the Berlin situation.

Fire Blazes In Canyon Near La Grande; 400 Acres Fall To Flames

By NEIL ANDERSEN Observer Staff Writer

Flames roared up the steep slopes of the canon just above the Upper Perry bridge Sunday morning as firefighters battled desperately to control the flames.

Forest Service personnel combined with railroad workers and highway construction crews to battle flames, smoke and the whims of the wind to confine the grass and brush fire that has already burned an estimated 400 acres.

This morning crews still battled the flames in an effort to mop up the fire. Approximately 50 men, four bulldozers and six tank trucks were still at work this morning.

The fire apparently started when someone threw a lighted cigar or cigarette from a passing car according to Forest Service officials. Thirty-five men answered the call which came about 10:30 yesterday morning.

Fire trails were started on the east side of the fire and by 11:30 the men, their eyes red from the smoke, clothes and faces streaked with soot and sweat, had cut a trail about half way up the rock-strewn hill.

Three "cats" were at work attempting to cut a fire trail across the top of the ridge and prevent the fire from sweeping over.

The fire started just below the Bennett property about three-quarters of a mile above the bridge. Flames raced across the top of fir trees lifting a column of smoke into the air that filtered down into the Grande Ronde Valley.

The wind which shifted from south to west and back sent clouds of smoke across the fire area obscuring vision and causing fire fighters to choke on the acid fumes.

The sun, when it was visible, looked like a huge orange ball through the smoke.

Traffic was never stopped although 50 to 100 people stood on the south side of the bridge and watched the firefighters working on the hill side.

At the west edge of the fire a bulldozer was cutting a fire trail and a man was lighting back fires. The wind shifted and flames came roaring back on the driver and equipment. The driver jumped from the "cat" and the flames swept over the tractor with no apparent injury to the equipment.

Elsewhere in the state forest fires burned out of control and hundreds of men battled rugged terrain to try to bring them under control.

One blaze covered nearly 1,500 acres about 18 miles southeast of Baker in Deer Creek Canyon. Another fire had covered about 2,100 acres in Dark Canyon south of Baker.

Bureau of Land Management officials said, after flying over the Deer Creek Canyon blaze, that unless there was a "blow up" the fire would be contained.

Liberal use of Borate was being made on the Deer Creek ridge which was in terrain so rugged that horses could not get to it. About 140 men were fighting the lightning caused Dark Canyon blaze.

Fires in the Vale and Burns districts have been mopped up according to BLM officials. One covered 1,200 acres of rangeland in the Riverside area and two small blazes burned in the Juniper timber north of Juntura.

Fire in Jackson and Josephine counties in southwest Oregon caused some damage to O & C timber. A fire in the Wilderness area which had burned some 900 acres was controlled.

The Reber creek fire in the Willamette National Forest was reported checked.

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T. A. Simard, 71, Hermiston, was killed Saturday when his car was struck by another near the Stanfield junction, state police said. Officers later arrested Robert Daniel Syler, 27, an airman from Fairchild AFB near Spokane on a negligent homicide charge.

LaVerne Fiesterman, Clarkston, Wash., and Mrs. Lester Kiesacker, Toy, Ore., died Saturday night in the crash of a small plane near Troy.

Donald Jerome Hanley, 21, Pendleton, was injured fatally Sunday when the small plane he was piloting crashed seven miles northeast of Stanfield.

Toichi Okawa, 41, Portland, was killed Saturday when a tractor he was operating slid down an embankment and overturned on him.

Daniel Clinton Smith, 4, Bridgeview, was wounded fatally Saturday when a .22 rifle in the back of a pickup truck accidentally discharged in Josephine county.

Rotary Official To Speak Here At Luncheon

W. W. McCready, Governor of the 510th District of Rotary International, will speak at the regular Rotary meeting tomorrow.

While here McCready will also confer with Club President Ross E. Hearing, Secretary Raymond O. Williams and committee chairmen on administration and service activities.

McCready was elected as District Governor of Rotary International for the 1959-60 fiscal year at Rotary's 50th Annual Convention in New York. He is one of 261 District Governors supervising the activities of more than 10,000 business and professional men in 113 countries throughout the world.

Union Man Hurt In Car Accident

Darrell Van Leuven of Union suffered a fractured jaw when his car hit a power pole a mile south of Union on the Union-North Powder highway. The accident happened about 8:15 p.m. Sunday night.

A tourist brought Van Leuven into Union and he was transferred to a La Grande hospital.

Power was cut out at Hotcaset and North Powder for about an hour as a result.



HOT TIME FOR FIREFIGHTERS

Flames roared through the brush and trees on the slope above the Upper Perry Bridge yesterday morning. The fire probably started when someone threw a lighted cigarette or cigar from a passing car according to Forest Service Officials. Fifty men and four cats were still battling the blaze this morning. The fire covered an estimated 400 acres. (Observer Photo)

Roaring Welcome For Nixon

WARSAW (UPI) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon, heartened by a roaring welcome from a quarter of a million jubilant Poles, plunged today into a round of talks with Poland's leaders. The vice president's talks with President Aleksander Zawadzki and Communist Secretary Wladyslaw Gomulka, coinciding with Poland's first "meatless Monday," were expected to include Polish requests for increased credits and shipments of surplus farm commodities from the United States.

Warsaw's usually staid newspapers went overboard today in reporting Nixon's triumphant arrival.

The Communist organ Trybuna Ludu ran a three-column picture of the vice president's arrival at Babice Airbase and a four-column description of the "very cordial reception" he got from the people of Warsaw.

Slowo Powszechne, organ of a Communist-sponsored church group, front-paged a picture of Mrs. Nixon over the caption, in English, "I like Pat."

Nixon has scheduled no formal speeches or press conferences during his stay here. His wife will visit a children's hospital, nursery schools and the headquarters of the Polish Association for the Blind.

The vice president's arrival from Moscow Sunday touched off one of the greatest spontaneous demonstrations that has been seen here since World War II. An estimated 250,000 Poles turned out to shout "Bravo... Long live Nixon... Long Live Eisenhower... We Love Americans!"

Firemen Answer Five Fire Calls During Weekend

The La Grande fire department was called out five times over the weekend. Firemen were called to three grass fires, a barn fire and to shut off a gas stove.

The first call came at 7:08 Saturday night. Firemen were called to the Clark Dairy to put out a small barn fire.

Early Sunday morning the State Forest Service called to report a small fire in the 200 block on M street. When firemen arrived they found a controlled fire and a burning permit had been issued.

At 5:25 a.m. the department was called on First and X streets to put out a grass fire. Almost three hours later another grass fire was reported at 1618 Z Ave. The fire was burning next to a wood shed but firemen controlled the blaze.

The final call came at 5:29 this morning. Firemen were called to the home of Leo Westenskow, 1311 Z Ave., to shut off a gas stove. The handle was stuck and residents were unable to shut the gas off. The fire department has a special wrench to shut off gas stoves.



CALL FOR HELP — Tommy Page of the Oregon State Forest Service looks down the edge of the mountain above the Upper Perry Bridge at the fire that burned throughout the day. Page is adjusting the radio he carries to call to the supervisor at the road. The radio can be collapsed into the small box and carried over the shoulder. (Observer Photo)

Kennedy Is Not Sorry For Irritating Hoffa

SEASIDE (UPI) — Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) told the Oregon AFL-CIO convention here today he had no apologies for having earned the hostility of Teamsters President James Hoffa and assured delegates that the Kennedy labor reform bill is aimed at racketeers and hoodlums, not at collective bargaining. He said he did not blame the AFL-CIO for trying to change some of the Senate floor amendments, because they were understandable and unfortunate.

The danger now, he said, was of a Republican-southern Democratic coalition in the House substituting a measure that would be anti-labor, unworkable and punitive.

Kennedy, who winds up a three-day Oregon visit tonight and returns to Washington, D. C., told the delegates he was gratified that Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.), described by him as "probably the most distinguished labor law expert in the Senate," co-spon-

sored the labor bill both in 1958 and this year.

Kennedy said working on the bill and serving on the Senate Rackets Committee headed by Sen. McClellan (D-Ark.) had not been easy assignments. "There has been a tendency among some people to lump in one confusing indictment both the Kennedy brothers, all the labor bills and all the McClellan committee investigations," he added.

The senator said the press and public should realize that just because "a few bad apples have been found in the barrel," there is no reason to penalize the labor movement as a whole.

The public, he added, also must recognize the employers' responsibility for labor-management racketeering.

Kennedy had a busy round of appearances in Portland during the weekend, including two television shows Sunday and attendance at the Centennial Saturday afternoon.

Congress Applauds Exchange

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Members of Congress generally hailed today the impending exchange of visits by President Eisenhower and Soviet Premier Khrushchev.

However one Republican senator, Homer E. Capehart, (Ind.), said "it looks like we're again being taken in by the Russians." Capehart, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the Russians have not done anything "to warrant all-out friendliness."

In the past we refused to invite dictators who were friendly to us — Peron, Tito and Franco," he added. "Now we've invited the biggest dictator of all."

Senate GOP Leader Everett M. Dirksen (Ill.) said not only this generation but history as well "will applaud the bold move by President Eisenhower to bring Khrushchev to the United States and to return the visit at an early date."

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (Tex.) said "this is a type of exchange which could do much for the whole world."

Emphasizing his belief in an "open curtain," Johnson said the exchange of visits should be encouraged "at every level so that we can know the truth about each other."

Senate Democratic Whip Mike Mansfield (Mont.) said such exchanges of visits are "acts intimately related to the conduct of foreign policy." He pledged his "full support" to the President's decision. Mansfield is a Foreign Relations Committee member.

Earlier, Capehart and Sen. Alexander Wiley (R-Wis.) had urged a "go slow" attitude toward inviting Khrushchev.

Police Note Violations On Weekend

Two La Grande men were arrested for traffic violations over the weekend the police reported.

Jacob Stoltz, 1514 R St., was stopped by police Sunday afternoon for operating a truck with expired license plates.

Bail was set at \$10 and a hearing scheduled for 3 p.m. today.

Robert C. Harris III, 1902 Second St., was picked up by police on Adams Ave. between Fir and Greenwood Streets for violation of the basic rule according to police.

Harris was doing 30 miles per hour in a 20 mile per hour zone the police stated.

Bail was set at \$10 and a hearing scheduled for three Monday afternoon.

Loren Huges, 2118 Oak St., reported to the La Grande police that someone had attempted to break into his store.

A hole was cut through the brick wall in the back of the store. The hole was large enough for someone to crawl through the police said.

A check of the stock revealed that nothing was missing according to Huges.

Jerry Bingnor, 1812 Cedar St., reported the theft of his son's bike to the La Grande police Sunday.

Bingnor told police the bike was taken from in front of the Veterans Memorial swimming pool at approximately 3:30 in the afternoon. The bike was white and had License No. 1815.

The bike was valued at \$60, the police said. A transient was picked up by La Grande police Saturday and charged with vagrancy.

William LeRoy Privett, Ketchum, Idaho, was arrested at 12:15 and lodged in the city jail. Bail was set at \$20 and a hearing scheduled for three this afternoon.



INDIAN MAID — Mary Jane Miles who is a Nez Perce from Lapaway, Idaho, was among many Indians on hand for Chief Joseph Days this weekend. Mary Jane who has short hair wore a braided wig as part of her costume. (Observer Photo)