

McCarthy Snubbed By Ike's Dinners

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Eisenhowers omitted Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy and his wife from the invitation lists for two state dinners this week, the White House disclosed Thursday.

The Wisconsin Republican, who has been increasingly outspoken

in his criticism of President Eisenhower lately, was the only retiring chairman of a Senate committee who did not get a bid to one of the two White House affairs held on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary Jane McCaffree, the First Lady's secretary, said the omission was because of a "decision by the President and Mrs. Eisenhower."

McCarthy laughed aloud when a reporter asked him about it on the telephone, but he declined to comment.

The Senate voted 67-22 last Dec. 2 to condemn some of McCarthy's official conduct. Four days later the Wisconsin Republican assailed Eisenhower in what looked like a burn-the-bridges break with the administration.

A dinner honoring Vice President Nixon was held at the White House Tuesday night and one for Rep. Rayburn (D-Tex.), the new speaker of the house, took place Wednesday night. Senior members of Congress were among the guests.

The absence of McCarthy and his wife on both occasions aroused a good deal of speculation. McCarthy was chairman of the Senate Government Operations Committee during the last session of Congress and also headed its investigations subcommittee.

Kindergarten Pupils Get Safety Instruction
LIVINGSTON, N. J. (UP)—School authorities in this community have taken to heart the warning of traffic experts that safe driving should be learned at a young age.

A course in highway safety is being conducted in kindergarten classes complete with miniature cars and an electrically-operated traffic light.

When youngsters learn to obey the signals, they are issued small driving licenses.

Coconut Milk Under Study

ITHACA, N. Y.—(UP)—Scientists at Cornell University believe a research project on coconut milk may shed light on the mysterious and uncontrolled growth of cancer cells.

They have found that a coconut milk solution makes certain plant tissues multiply 20 to 30 times faster than normal—in a manner similar to the uncontrolled growth of cancer.

In one experiment, the solution made carrot tissues grow to 100 times their normal size within four weeks. On certain other vegetables the solution had no effect, leading the scientists to believe that some plants may contain an "anti-growth factor."

Although the growth factor in the coconut milk has not yet been identified definitely, Dr. Frederick C. Steward, director of the study, reports "we have isolated one factor as being a crystalline substance."

In an effort to identify the growth factors, the scientists have processed more than 700 gallons of coconut milk. They do not expect to apply the results of the study directly to the problem of cancer, but, according to Steward:

"By understanding the cause of abnormal growth in plants, it may help in understanding the fundamental causes of uncontrolled growth in animal tissues."

Report to Dulles



WASHINGTON—Dag Hammarskjöld, right, United Nations Secretary General, reports to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on his trip to Peiping to seek release of American fliers imprisoned by the Chinese Reds. (AP Wirephoto)

Mechanical Mole Used on Dam

MECHANICAL "MOLE"—18-2-PIERRE, S. D. (UP)—A \$300,000 mechanical "mole" is digging outlet tunnels in the huge Oahe Dam across the Missouri river near here.

The rig digs tunnels four to 10 times faster than any other machine yet devised. It was built for the Nitry Construction Co., Los Angeles, Calif., contractor for the tunnel portion of the dam project.

The rig is a locomotive-like device, with drills and vertical augurs on its face which cut the shale and rock to the exact size of the tunnels. The cuttings are carried out from the tunnel face on a conveyor belt. The self-powered rig runs on tracks which are put in place as the boring advances.

Within a 500-mile circle drawn around Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, lies more population and probably more natural and manufactured wealth than in any such radius of any other metropolis in North America.

Jet Plane Can Back Up With New Device

BALTIMORE, Md. (UP)—One of America's fastest jet planes can back up! On the ground, that is.

The Air Force's Air Research and Development Command has announced installation of a "reverse thrust" device in a Republic F-84F Thunderstreak, listed as being in the "650-miles-per-hour-plus" class.

Reverse thrust's real purpose, in the air, is as a brake to permit aerial contact with slower enemy aircraft or to slow a plane during landing approaches, permitting steeper descent. On the ground, reverse thrust can be used instead of wheel brakes or parachutes to stop a plane's roll, thus permitting landings in shorter fields.

ARDC said its Wright Air Development Center, in an experimental project, had designed and built two movable flippers and a series of "cascades" around the jet engine's tailpipe. These can turn the jet of hot gases forward.

Rhine Castles Now Open To Tourists

FRANKFURT (UP)—West Germany's poor but titled families are throwing open their stately homes to tourists to make an honest dollar.

The latest issue of the West German Tourist association's information bulletin offers accommodation in a genuine Rhineland castle for as little as 76 cents a day.

The association said some of the castles prepared to take paying guests "belong to plain knights, others to princely families."

They are advertised as "tourist quarters extraordinary," and the association said that about 30 castles were available to the tourist seeking something different.

Among them is 750-year-old Krop Castle in the Palatinate, where prices range from 76 cents a day for a room to \$1.78 for full board and lodging.

Higher up the titled scale is Jagshausen Castle, the former home of Goetz von Berlichingen, the famous 16th century "knight with the iron hand" immortalized by Goethe as the leader of a peasants' revolt against feudal princes.

No Ghosts
Top rate for castle accommodation is \$5.95 a day for room, bath and board.

So far none of the castles is advertising the family ghosts, but the spectre of dwindling incomes and high taxation is certainly among the reasons for the decision to turn the "stately homes of Deutschland" into hotels with built-in snob appeal.

Since the war Germany's titled families, probably the most numerous in Europe, have fallen on hard times. Many of their money-making family estates have fallen into Russian hands or been "collectivized" by East German Communists. In Western Germany the taxman, currency reform and the aftermath of war have done the damage.

Freiherrns, barons and even counts have found themselves left with little but their aristocratic wits to keep the wolf from the castle door.

'Pumping for Polio'



WASHINGTON—Vice President Richard Nixon, decked out in a gas station attendant's uniform coat, wipes windshields at a downtown service station to aid the March of Dimes drive. Nixon, who worked his way through college as a gas station attendant, helped formally initiate a "pumping for polio" campaign throughout the nation. The service station will contribute its day's profits to the polio fund. Behind the wheel is Mrs. Barbara Larroca. (AP Wirephoto)

Don't Burn Fallen Leaves

BURLINGTON, Vt.—(UP)—A state extension worker believes home owners make a big mistake in burning fallen leaves.

Richard Hopp, assistant horticulturist with Vermont's agricultural experiment station, said it is a sorry sight to see a lot of organic matter literally going up in smoke.

"Many people are so anxious to keep their places looking tidy that they forget how important it is that these leaves be put back into the soil," he added.

Hopp urged home owners to make a compost pile from the fallen leaves.

In addition to increasing the moisture-holding capacity of the soil, organic matter loosens heavy

Airliner Damaged In Iowa Landing

DEXTER, Iowa (UP)—A United Air Lines passenger plane made an emergency landing in a field south of here, 20 minutes after leaving Des Moines airport late Wednesday.

The plane, a two-engine Convair, was badly damaged but the 39 on board were able to walk away.

Light weight birds are becoming more popular, the turkey industry reports.

clay solid and binds sandy soil, he added. Today, when the average home gardener has difficulty in obtaining manure, he should try to add other forms of organic matter whenever possible.

Composted leaves, he noted, contain appreciable amounts of plant nutrients.

Oil Raft Has 12-Story Stilts

LONGVIEW, Tex. (UP)—A \$2,000,000 sea-going platform for tidelands oil prospecting, more than half the size of a football field, is being built for a Texas firm.

R. G. LeTourneau, Inc., of Longview, which is building the platform for the Zapata Petroleum Co. of Midland, Tex., says the platform will be equipped with three electrically driven stilts as high as a 12-story building.

The platform will be assembled at the company's Vicksburg, Miss., plant on the Mississippi River. It will be launched in the summer of 1955 and then will be floated down the river to the Gulf of Mexico and towed to its first drilling site.

In the gulf, the 8,000,000-pound drilling barge will work like a huge elevator. The stilts will be lowered electrically to the ocean bottom, and the platform will raise itself on them to the desired height.

When the well has been completed, the platform will lower itself to the water again, raise the stilts from the ocean floor and be towed to a new drilling site.

WORDY MAN

SELBY, S. D.—(UP)—One of the nation's crossword puzzle deans is 89-year-old Ralph O. Drown, who has compiled his own eight-volume "dictionary" of about 75,000 words often used in the puzzles. The words are all arranged alphabetically and give the meanings, synonyms, and slang and slurs.

SWEET KISS
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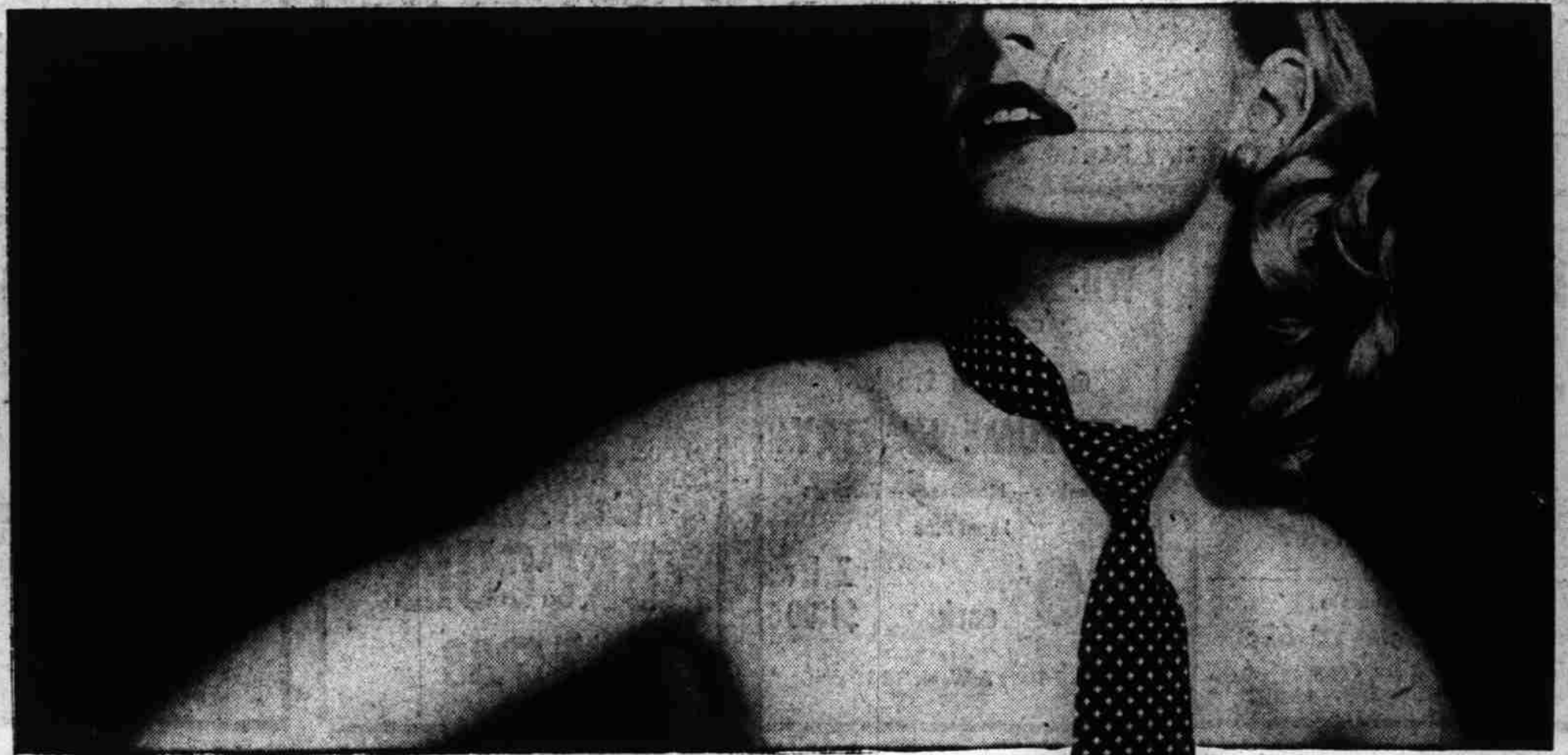
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