

Fellow Hospital Patients Get Cheery Wave From Ike on 65th Birthday Eve

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DENVER (AP) — President Eisenhower, in a "happy mood" on the eve of his 65th birthday, had recovered sufficiently Thursday to sip a cup of coffee and wave to fellow patients from an eighth floor hospital sun deck.

All in all, it appeared to be one of the best days the president has had in the nearly three weeks he has been climbing back toward what his doctors say can be complete recovery from a heart attack.

Eisenhower likes his coffee — black — and has been asking for it. But today was the first time the doctors allowed him any. It topped off breakfast.

For the first time, too, someone other than the family, official visitors and the hospital people got a brief glimpse of the chief executive.

Lifts Right Hand

Near the end of a 35-minute outing on a sun drenched terrace outside his Fitzsimons army hospital suite, the president's bed was wheeled over to the parapet and Eisenhower lifted his right hand in greeting to perhaps a dozen or twenty other red-robed patients clustered on the ground below.

Some of the patients had cameras. So did White House photographers, ready for the first shot of the convalescing chief executive from eight floors down.

Advanced Changes

There was still another first Thursday. A noon medical bulletin said the president's cardiogram, which traces the way his heart is mending, "now shows well advanced evolutionary changes."

Presidential Press Secretary James C. Hagerty was asked whether that was "good news," whether it meant the president was getting better.

"Each day he gets better," Hagerty replied, "and this is better than it was yesterday and the day before."

But he said he wouldn't attempt to interpret the language of the physicians to the extent of saying that the healing process had speeded up.

'Quite Fine'

The doctors said, too, that Eisenhower's "prothrombin time continues to be maintained at the desired level." Hagerty said they told him this means that the medicines they administer to prevent blood clots "are doing quite fine."

It was a clot in a heart artery that sent the chief executive to the hospital Sept. 24.

Both the early morning and noon medical bulletins spoke of Eisenhower's "happy mood."

Asked how it manifested itself, Hagerty told a news conference:

"He was quite cheerful and, well, he was quite happy."

Hagerty grinned and told a questioner that no, the president didn't give his famous campaign salute in waving to fellow patients.

On Sun Deck

Every day, beginning with last

Monday, Eisenhower has been moved onto a sundeck, with its view of the sprawling plains stretching out to the Rockies to the west. As usual, he wore again Thursday a golf cap, pajamas and sun glasses. And as usual, Mrs. Eisenhower was with him.

Friday he will peel the wrappings from birthday packages from the family, high officials of the government and close friends. But

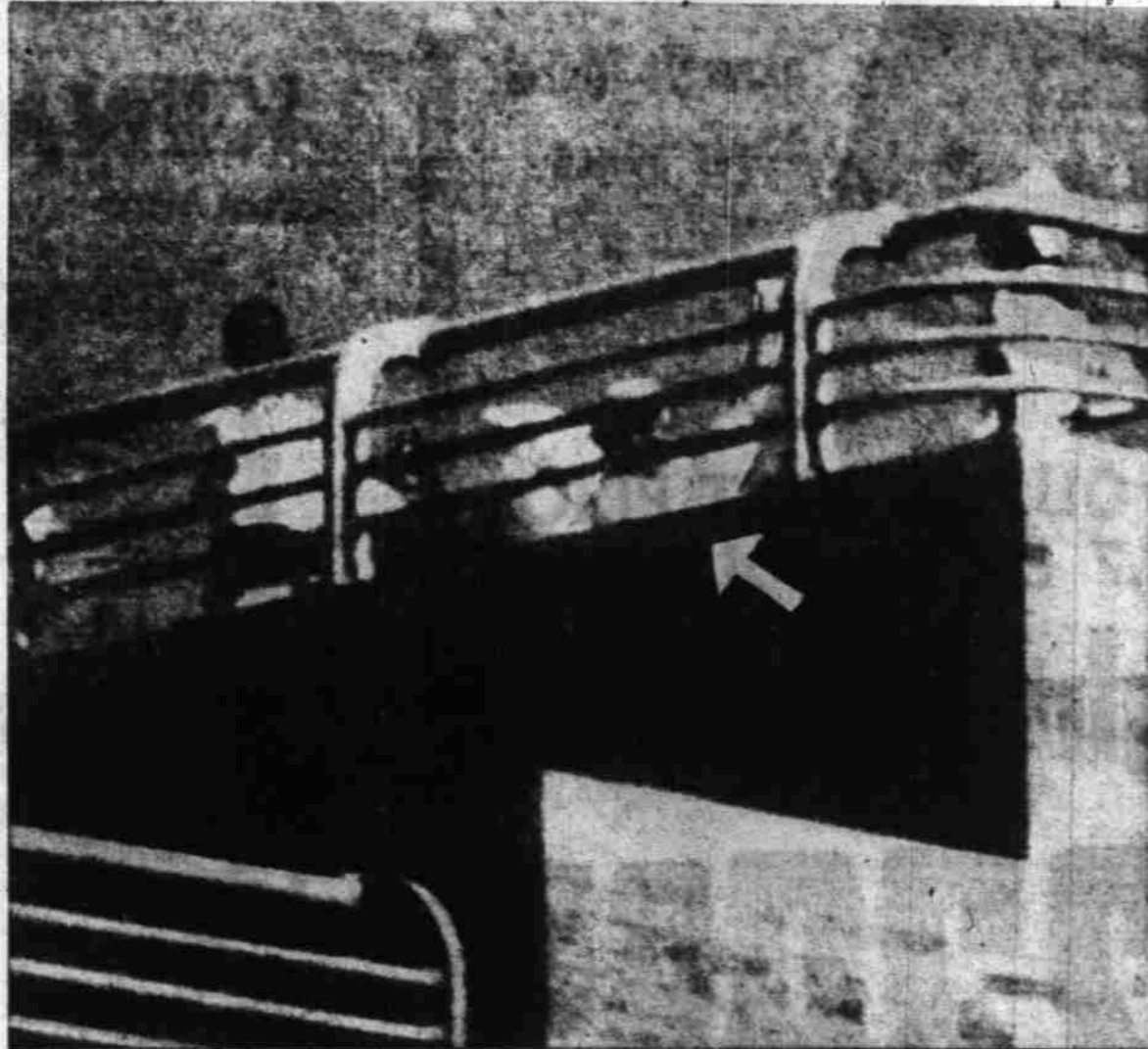
Hagerty said the celebrating will be just a family affair.

The only members of the family here are Mrs. Eisenhower, her mother, Mrs. John S. Doud of Denver, and her sister, Mrs. Gordon Moore of Washington.

Gifts and birthday greetings have been deluging the Denver White House for days. And Friday there will be a birthday party for the

ailing president — on a subdued scale, of course, but still enough of a party to give him a bit of a lift.

Eisenhower's top assistant, Sherman Adams, flew back to Washington to sit in on Friday's cabinet meeting. Adams is the man who examines all the official papers requiring presidential attention and then brings them in for signature or verbal approval.



DENVER—President Eisenhower (indicated by white arrow) waves from his bed on an open terrace at Fitzsimons Army Hospital Thursday. This was the fourth day this week the ailing President's bed has been wheeled on the terrace for him to get sunshine and air. (AP Wirephoto).

Shooting Brings Assault Charge

LAKEVIEW (AP) — Paul A. Furstenberg, 53, was held to the grand jury here Thursday on a charge of assault with intent to kill. Bail was set at \$20,000.

Furstenberg was accused of shooting his former employer, Raymond Fisher, in the arm at Fisher's New Pine Creek area ranch Wednesday. Fisher was in satisfactory condition at a hospital here Thursday.

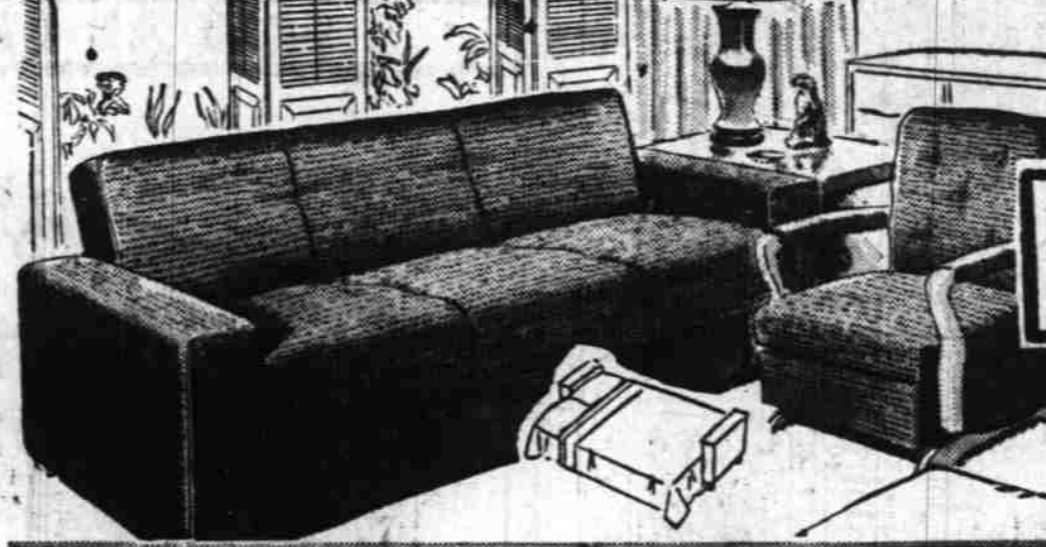
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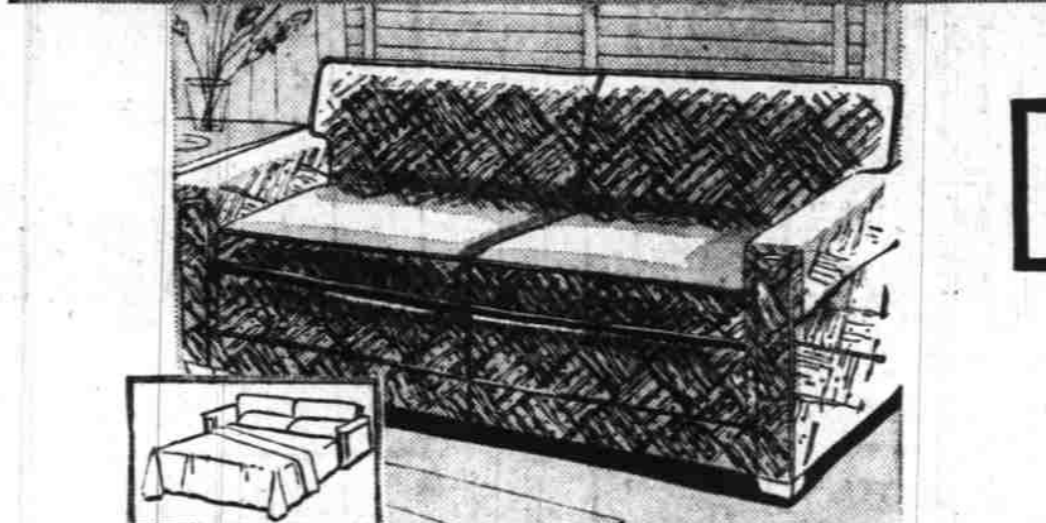
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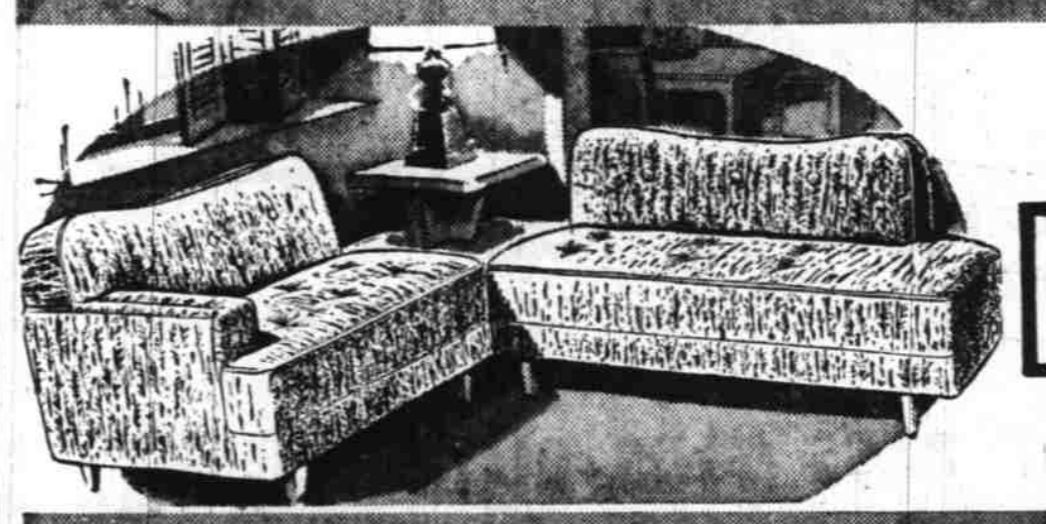
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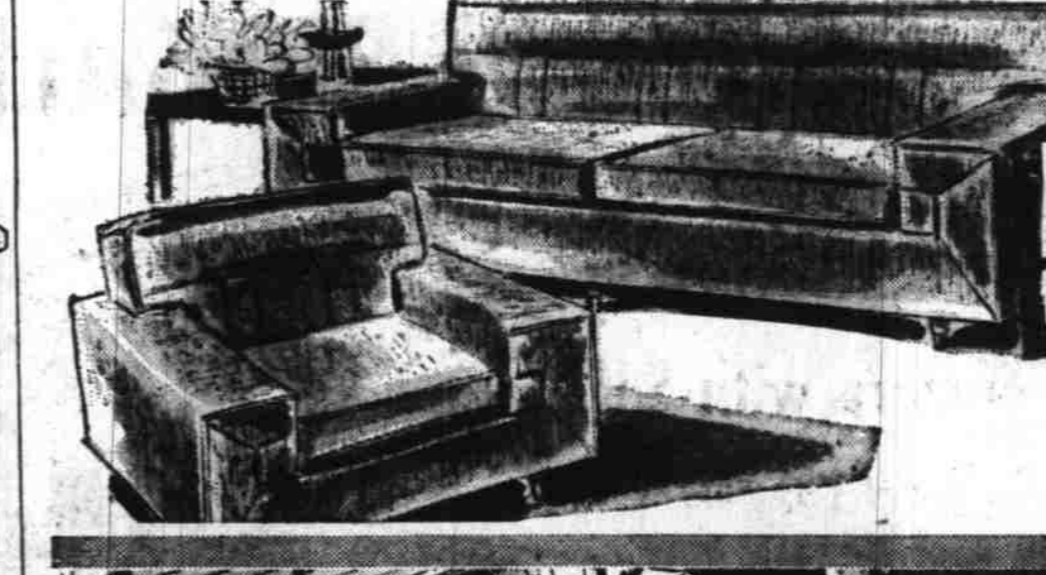
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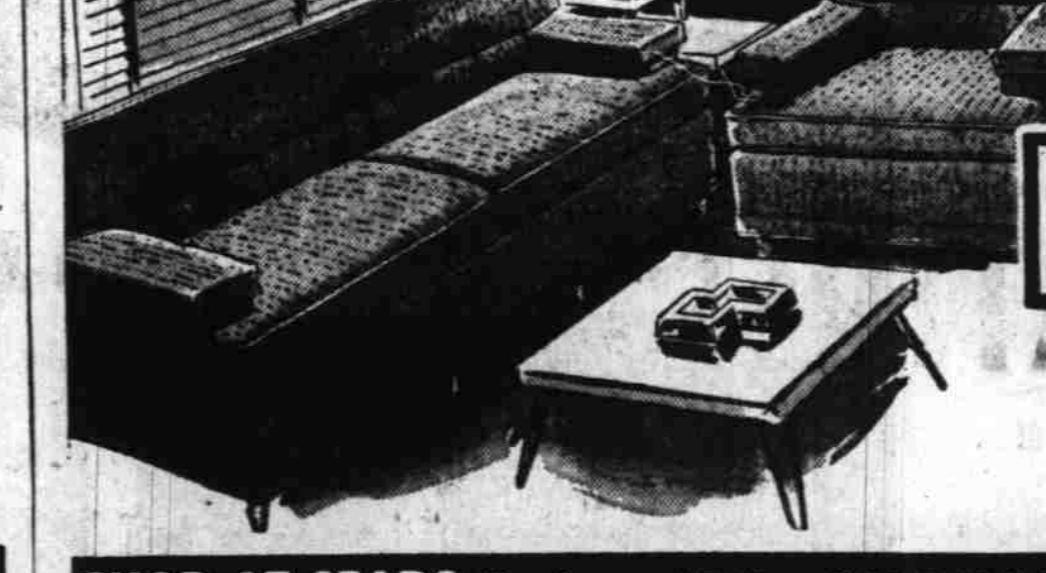
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