

'Interesting' Russ Tour Promised U.S. Air Force Leader by Soviets

(Picture on Wirephoto Page) BY ELTON C. FAY
WASHINGTON — Gen. Nathan Twining, Air Force chief of staff, said Thursday on leaving for Moscow that the Soviets have given him an "interesting" itinerary for visits outside the Russian capital.

Twining also told reporters as he boarded his plane that he would like to ride in Soviet warplanes. He said he was given Wednesday night an itinerary for his visit which made it clear that he and the nine officers accompanying him would get out of the Moscow area after the formal air parade next Sunday. The Soviet government invited him to Moscow for an air celebration.

Asked whether he had an invitation in his pocket for a return visit by Russian air officials, Twining replied, "I do not."

Twining declined to say more about the itinerary except that it was "interesting."

He said he expected the trip to last 10 or 12 days.

Twining said the American officers "are going to see and to listen." When he returns, he said, he will report to President Eisenhower, to his superiors in the Pentagon and after that perhaps "to the American people."

The latter statement suggested he

might make a nationally televised and broadcast speech after his return.

"Full Show"
Twining was asked if he was expected to give the full "show" of Russian airpower. He replied, "I hope so."

He was asked whether he expected to fly one of the new Russian planes while in Soviet Union.

"I do not expect to fly," Twining replied, "but I would like to ride in them."

Asked whether he thought he would find out anything he didn't already know about Russian airpower, the general answered tersely, "probably."

Twining said that the party would spend 24 hours en route visiting a U. S. installation in Europe before going on to Berlin.

Soviet Navigator
In Berlin the Air Force plane will pick up a Soviet navigator and radio operator for the flight into

Russian territory. Expected arrival time in Moscow is about 4 p. m. local time, on Saturday.

The C118 plane (the military version of the commercial DC6) took off at 12:10 p. m. (EDT) in bad weather, with rain pelted down and a low ceiling.

Various Air Force officials and fellow officers were at the airport to see the general off.

Mrs. Twining kissed the general goodbye and carefully wiped off a trace of lipstick which she left on his cheek.

Ranking Officer
The officers accompanying Twining are Lt. Gen. Frank F. Everest, deputy chief of staff for operations; Lt. Gen. Donald L. Putt, deputy chief of staff for development; Lt. Gen. Thomas S. Power, chief of the air research and development command at Baltimore; Lt. Gen. Clarence S. Irvine, deputy chief of staff for material.

Also Maj. Gen. Albert Boyd, dep-

uty commander of the air research and development command; Brig. Gen. William H. Blanchard, deputy director of operations of the strategic air command; Col. Thomas W. Wolfe, who has been assigned to be air attaché in the U.S. Embassy at Moscow; Col. James C. Sherrill and Lt. Col. William H. McVey, aides in Air Force headquarters.

French Solons Okeh Pension Increase Plan

PARIS — The French National Assembly Thursday approved for the third time Premier Guy Mollet's plan for increasing payments to the nation's old age pensioners. In passing the measure the deputies gave the government three new votes of confidence.

The bill now goes back to the Senate, or Council of the Republic where it has once been rejected and once modified radically. The senators must act by midnight Friday and if any changes are made the National Assembly will have to act again. A fourth passage by the deputies would make the bill law.

Passage by the Assembly today was a foregone conclusion. Only about two-thirds of the deputies showed up for the vote. Individual sections of the bill were passed 263-124 and 314-123. The measure as a whole was approved, 341-35.

Only the Pouljadists and one right-wing peasant voiced any opposition.

Woman Sets Fires Aboard U.S. Airliner

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A woman passenger allegedly set two small fires aboard a Cleveland-to-Miami Eastern Air Lines plane early Thursday.

Neither fire caused damage, said Charlotte Police Chief Frank N. Littlejohn.

Littlejohn said a pillow in the passenger compartment was set afire also tissue in the women's rest room. The plane completed its flight to Miami without mishap.

The chief said the woman identified herself as Evelyn Mills, 36, of Cleveland.

Littlejohn issued a mental warrant committing the woman to jail for observation pending contact with her relatives. The chief said a Charlotte physician examined the woman and recommended that she be held.

A Civil Aeronautics Board inspector was en route here from Winston-Salem, N.C., to investigate the affair.

Deschutes Committee Chief Off to Capital

PORTLAND — Rollin E. Bowles, chairman of the Save the Deschutes Committee, left for Washington, D.C., to support a water rights bill amendment proposed by Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore).

The amendment is aimed at stopping construction of Pelton Dam on the Deschutes. The bill would guarantee the states control of water rights on rivers within their borders.

Bowles said he will testify in a Friday hearing before the Senate Interior Committee.

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FATALITY RECORD PERFECT
WASHINGTON — Thirty-six independent airlines had no fatalities to passengers or crew in 1955, the Aircoach Transport Assn. said Thursday. Member carriers will receive the association's winged victory award in July.

Cyprus Fire Takes Life of 20th Briton

NICOSIA, Cyprus — A 20th British soldier died Thursday of burns received Sunday when a vast forest fire in the Troodos Mountains trapped troops hunting for commanders of the pro-Greek Eoka underground.

The search continued meanwhile around the Troodos peaks. The British are trying to round up 10 top Eoka leaders, including the supreme commander known as Digenis. He is believed to be Col. Georges Grivas, formerly of the Greek Army.

In Geneva, a Greek delegation walked out of a conference of the International Labor Organization (ILO) when its worker delegate Andreas Kyriakopoulos was refused the floor to criticize British Labor Minister Iain MacLeod.

MacLeod had made a brief reference to the Cyprus issue in reply to critical remarks made earlier by Greek Labor Minister Leonidas Bourmias. Conference Chairman Mohsen Nash of Iran rapped Kyriakopoulos out of order when he tried to reply.

Phonograph Electrocutes Girl Listener

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. — A 16-year-old girl died unexpectedly while listening to phonograph music with playmates on the patio of her trailer home near here Wednesday.

The girl, Melody Hernandez, was the daughter of Chief Petty Officer Victor J. Hernandez, 28, stationed at the Philadelphia Naval Base.

Bucks County Coroner Thomas Lamb said an autopsy showed the muscles of the little girl's heart were tightly contracted, indicating she was a victim of electrocution.

The coroner said apparently 100 volts went through the girl's body when she came in contact with the metal case of the electric record player and a metal heating register in the floor of the trailer.

Weather Helps Guard Training

FT. LEWIS, Wash. — Washington and Oregon National Guardsmen enjoyed improving weather Wednesday as the 41st Infantry Division's annual summer encampment reached the mid-way point of the first week.

The large recruit battalion will go on the range Thursday to begin marksmanship training with M-1 rifles. The recruits are being trained as a group this week in basic military subjects before returning to their regular units for the last week of camp.

Spring Surprise

THETFORD, Eng. (INS) — The residents of this Norfolk County village have had a rude awakening about the fresh water spring which for years had been said to have healing properties. Workmen recently uncovered the source of the water—a fractured water main.

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