

IN ONE EAR...

By JIM WELCH

ALL DOORS to public places downtown are glass, except at bars and the courthouse. Or rather, except at bars, because the courthouse after 57 years with the same 500-pound solid-oak double swinging doors, has installed glass.

The courthouse doors, installed when the building was erected in 1898, swing both ways and are double, but there was no glass.

RECENTLY, a woman got her nose smashed while entering the courthouse because as she approached the doors, an unseen person on the other side lunged against them.

This illustrates why public concerns, alert to the business

safety, long ago abolished the opaque door—except for bars, as mentioned above, because broken noses there are all part of the merry game.

Is the glass in the courthouse doors an indication of progress?

HOW MANY broken noses did it take to get the glass? One might assume, after a few frenzied battles with those ill-fitting doors, that one nose has been smashed for each 100,000 tries.

Recently, and in the interest of another matter, local lawyers confessed to averaging 364 trips to the courthouse per year. That means the doors were used (in and out) 728 times a year by each of the 68 lawyers. That's 49,504 uses per year for the protectors of our legal rights.

IF YOU assume that the average person uses the courthouse only a tenth as often, and that the average population of the county since 1898 has been 50,000, then the courthouse has been visited 1,995,000,002 times, give or take two. There are two doors, so courthouse front doors have swung 3,990,000,004 times.

Divide that by 100,000, and presto, you discover that 3,990 noses were broken before Lane County learned a lesson and installed glass last week.

There's magic in figures.

WHEN the carpenters were putting in the glass panels in the venerable oak, they must have found that arrow head this column reported a year ago. But, what this column didn't know a year ago was that the arrow wasn't implanted there by injuns storming the old fortress for pale-face scalps or a pay raise. Boy Scouts, encamped last year in the park across the street, finally have admitted losing the shaft in that direction.

SOME philosophers, will grieve that Scouts, not Indians, did that deed, because Scouts mean civilization. And civilization means such absurdities as Ralph Hallin up the street spotted this week. In the Jan. 3 issue of the Internal Revenue Bulletin there is the advice that pre-shave lotion is a necessity and is not taxed. After-shave lotion, the Bulletin continues, is a luxury and therefore bears the white man's latest burden. Hallin notes that this is a new, and almost literal, high in hairsplitting.

Cougar Dam Funds Listed

\$100,000 Allocated For Advance Work

WASHINGTON—The corps of engineers disclosed Wednesday night that it has tentatively allocated \$100,000 for advance planning of Cougar Dam during the coming fiscal year, as well as \$15,000 for the Amazon flood control project and \$10,000 for Hills Creek Dam.

A spokesman for the engineers said these items were included in a lump sum request for five million dollars that is part of President Eisenhower's new budget sent to Congress last Monday. But he stressed that the allocation of the total fund was still regarded as tentative.

ADVANCE WORK
None of the funds would involve actual construction work on these projects, but would permit the engineers to continue advance engineering design work that must precede construction.

The \$100,000 item for Cougar would be in addition to the \$150,000 appropriated by Congress last summer for the same purpose.

Meanwhile, Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore) said he had decided to reintroduce a bill to authorize construction of the Cougar project on a "partnership" basis, under which Eugene water and electric board and the government would share costs.

FLOOD CONTROL
Ellsworth, who got the bill through the House last year only to see it die in the Senate, said his concern for providing added flood control to the delta area between the McKenzie and the Willamette Rivers impelled his decision to try once more. Despite possible opposition to it by Sen. Wayne Morse and others who oppose the "partnership" power policy, Morse favors all-federal construction of the dam, as does Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore).

Ellsworth said the administration had made it clear in the budget message that it would advance construction funds for the project only under a "partnership" arrangement.

Woman Starves

MONTREAL (AP)—Police Tuesday night found the body of a 65-year-old woman chained to her bed in her dirt-floored, two-story home in nearby Point St. Charles. They expressed belief she had starved to death.

Senator Knowland Gives Evidence He Will Remain a Problem for Ike

By JAMES MARLOW
(Of The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON (AP)—Once more Sen. Knowland of California, the Republican leader in the Senate, has given evidence he will remain a problem to the White House.

He expressed disappointment Monday over Red China's failure to release the 11 captured American airmen. Others before him, including Eisenhower, had done the same. It was the way Knowland did it which made the difference.

Eisenhower had asked Americans to avoid talk of "reprisals or retaliation" against the Red Chinese while the United Nations tries to win freedom for the airmen imprisoned on spying charges the United States has termed false.

DIFFERENT REASONS
Earlier, Knowland had called for a blockade of China—a reprisal—if Red China did not free the airmen. That idea of blockading Red China has been in Knowland's mind almost from the time Eisenhower stepped into the White House in 1953, although the reasons have not always been the same.

In Eisenhower's first month in office, while the Korean war was still going on, Knowland urged that Red China be blockaded. Knowland wasn't Republican Senate leader then. He didn't become leader until Sen. Robert A. Taft's death in the summer of 1953.

When Taft became ill, he chose Knowland as acting leader. After the Ohioan died, the Republican senators—not Eisenhower—ratified the choice. Knowland fought hard for Eisenhower on many issues but on some he differed.

A DUAL ROLE

Knowland has said he considers himself in a dual role: He represents White House views to the Senate and the Senate's views to the White House. But so far, he could hardly claim to be expressing the views of the majority of the Senate when he advocates a China blockade. There is no sign of majority support to back him.

Last July, when it was already American policy to try to keep Red China out of the U.N., Knowland said he would resign his Senate leadership and fight to take the United States out of the U.N. if Red China was admitted. This led Eisenhower to say all

over again the United States was opposed to U.N. membership for the Red Chinese.

DENOUNCED COEXISTENCE
Knowland again moved down an opposite path from Eisenhower last November when he denounced the idea of coexistence with communism although Eisenhower had said peaceful coexistence was the hope of the world.

Next, Knowland called for a blockade of Red China to force the release of the captured American fliers. He wanted the U.N. to help but suggested the United States do the blockading alone, if that was necessary.

Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles shortly afterward repudiated the idea of a blockade. Both said a blockade was an act of war.

On Dec. 15, before U.N. Secretary Dag Hammarskjöld had set out for Red China to seek the fliers' release, Knowland said he doubted the mission

would succeed. Again he mentioned the idea of a blockade.

ECONOMIC SANCTIONS
He returned to this theme Dec. 29 when he advocated economic sanctions against Red China if Hammarskjöld failed. And, if sanctions didn't work, he suggested "the other civilized nations join the United States in a blockade."

He said on Jan. 12, while Hammarskjöld was returning from Peiping, that if the Swedish diplomat's mission had failed, the U.N. should blockade Red China.

The only thing thoroughly clear about the statements given out by Hammarskjöld when he reached New York Jan. 13 was that he had not obtained the release of the fliers, at least yet.

Eisenhower expressed disappointment but asked for American patience while there still seemed a chance the U.N. might get the fliers freed. Hammarskjöld said the airmen might be released if tensions were eased, whatever that meant.

Had the Red Chinese put a price tag on the airmen, such as demanding membership in the U.N., Hammarskjöld said there were no deals. But he said it would be "very useful" if the Red Chinese were "directly represented here." That seemed to mean membership in the U.N.

Monday Knowland called Hammarskjöld's mission a failure, and said one obvious Red Chinese goal is a U.N. seat.

Scouts Hold Honor Court

RIVER ROAD—Troop 66, River Road Boy Scouts, held a court of honor Monday night in the new River Road school. Tenderfoot awards were given to Dean Church and Larry Leighton by Assistant Scoutmaster James Brock.

David Nord and Vern Whitaker received second class awards were presented to Gayle Davis, Richard Moos, Randy Boyer and Steve Robinson by Atlee Moos, committee member. Scoutmaster Dean Loge presented Life awards to Tim Yockey and Jim Brock.

Dennis Ruff, Eagle Scout member of the troop, talked on "Parents' Help in Scouting." James Brock demonstrated tying 15 kinds of knots while blindfolded.

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U.S. Bars Russians From Sketches, Photos

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States Wednesday barred Russian citizens from sketching or photographing military objects, railway stations, radio installations or other places or things in this country having possible strategic importance.

The ban is comparable to one which the Soviet Union has imposed on American citizens and other foreigners in Russia.

Secretary of State Dulles gave formal notice of the action in a note to Soviet Ambassador Georgi Zaroubin. It applies to all Soviet citizens in this country except those for whom the United Nations is responsible.

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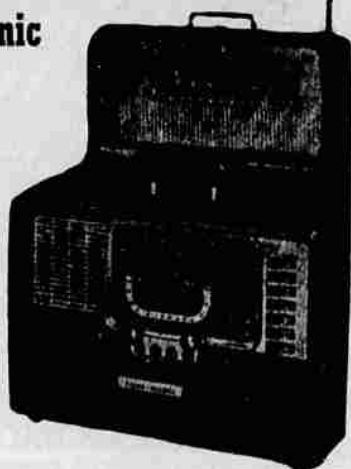
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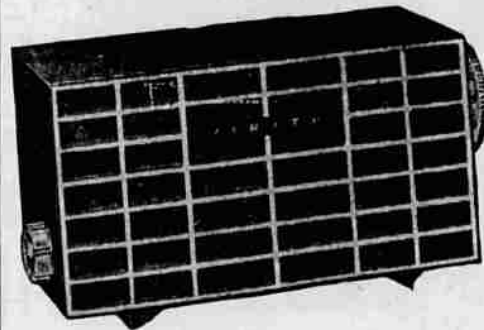
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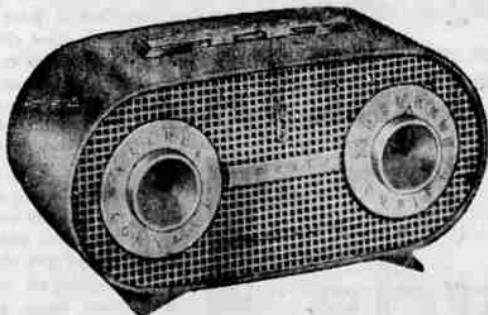
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