

# Ike Reminded By Reactor Of Job as Boy

GENEVA (AP)—President Eisenhower operated an atomic research reactor Wednesday. He sat at the control panel of the reactor at United Nations headquarters shortly before going to the summit conference.

The reactor has been assembled by the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission for display in connection with an international atomic conference next month.

Eisenhower was fascinated by operation of the research reactor, known as the "swimming pool" type. It is similar to one which he inspected last month at Pennsylvania State University, where his youngest brother, Milton, is president.

Eisenhower walked from the "pool" to the reactor control room and sat down at a panel full of pushbuttons.

A guide explained how the reactor operates and invited Eisenhower to put it into action. When the President pushed the starter button bells clanged and indicators in the control room showed the reactor rods were being immersed in the "pool."

"What are we making — plutonium or what?" the President inquired.

The guide said some plutonium was being produced, "but mostly waste fissionable materials."

As he watched the automatic indicators, Eisenhower laughed and said that reminded him of a thermometer he had to watch when he worked in a creamery as a boy at Abilene, Kan.

"If I ever let that thing get a degree too much, oh, brother, I was in trouble," Eisenhower said.

He noted that 24 nations of the free world already have signed agreements with the United States for participation in America's atoms-for-peace program.

## State Labor Official Re-Elected to Post

PORTLAND (AP)—Carl E. Pruitt of Astoria was re-elected president of the Oregon State district council of laborers at the AFL group's quarterly meeting here.

Don Gessner, Coos Bay, was elected vice president; G. W. Royer, Portland, secretary-treasurer and business representative, and Dean A. Norton, Bend, sergeant-at-arms.



**ROCKIN' ROLES**—When these friends get together, they get right into the same bed—a special rocking bed, that is. For Mrs. Frances Huvler, left, and Darlene Calvert, 19, both of Akron, Ohio, are polio victims in need of respiratory aid. The March of Dimes "rocking bed," which each has in her home, makes it possible for them to live at home outside an iron lung.

## Enterprising Soviets Find It's Still Possible to Get Rich

MOSCOW (AP)—There are still tricks that make millionaires in the Soviet Union—especially if one knows how to apply a little private enterprise. But they can lead to prison.

Trud, official newspaper of the Central Council of Trade Unions, exposes a group of slick operators who pocketed two million rubles (\$300,000 officially) by running a little state-owned elastic factory in the Moscow region.

For two shifts daily they marked production for delivery to the state. Then they secretly conducted a third shift whose output went into the black market. The proceeds went into their own pockets.

So profitable was their operation that one partner had to buy his way into the little combine for 75,000 rubles (\$18,750).

The ring prospered for two years before the law caught up with them. Two leaders got 25 years imprisonment each and the other figures went to jail for 20 years.

Trud said when police searched the lodgings of a section foreman of this plant, named Ketsler, they

# Ike's Appeal Called a 'Natural'

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GENEVA (AP)—President Eisenhower's dramatic personal appeal to Russia's Marshal Georgi Zhukov was one of the "naturals" of the Big Four conference.

It had been generally expected that the President would make such a bid to his friend of World War II days. Speculation had centered on how he would go about it.

He could have done it privately in a confidential chat with the Soviet defense minister. And he has done just that on the couple of occasions the two have met under such circumstances since the conference started.

But they have not had, much time, or very much privacy, when they have talked.

The other and less expected way was at one of the formal summit sessions. That was precisely the approach Eisenhower took in his plea that the Soviet Union permit the unification of Germany as a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The President then said that when he accepted the command of the NATO forces in 1951, he did so because he believed the security organization was a true agency for peace.

A soldier for 40 years, Eisenhower declared that he has had enough of war, that he would have rejected the NATO command if he had not believed firmly that peace was the objective.

## Plan to Move Called Unwise

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Norblad (R-Ore) Wednesday protested what he called tentative plans to place jurisdiction over the John Day Dam project in Oregon under the Walla Walla, Wash., office of the Army Engineers.

He wrote Maj. Gen. S. D. Sturgis Jr., chief of engineers, he felt it would be "very unwise" to move direction of the project from the corps' Portland, Ore., office.

Norblad said use of the Portland office would be better for "geographical reasons" if for none other.

"Highway and railroad relocation will be major parts of the engineering work and as the railroad companies' offices are both in Portland and the highway commission offices are located in nearby Salem and Olympia, it is evident that this work could be much easier handled out of Portland," the congressman said.

Norblad said he thought also it would be "unfair" to the 100 or so families living in Portland who would be required to move if jurisdiction over the project is transferred to Walla Walla.

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**AGING GRACEFULLY**—Former silent screen stars Ben Lyon and Bebe Daniels are happy as they celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in their London, England, home.

## Career Soldier's Trial Set For Collaboration Charge

FT. LEWIS, Wash. (AP)—Lt. Jefferson D. Erwin, 37, will face a general court martial here starting Aug. 2, on charges of collaborating with the enemy while a prisoner of war in Korea.

Erwin, a career soldier with 19 years service, has denied the charges and asserts he will prove his innocence at the trial.

The court martial, the ninth of a series involving other Army men in different parts of the nation, will last two to four weeks.

Upwards of 80 witnesses are scheduled to appear, including many who testified at the trial of Maj. Ambrose H. Nugent at Fort Sill, Okla., earlier this year.

Nugent was the first of those tried to be acquitted. Seven others were sentenced by courts martial.

Erwin, a native of Blanchard, Okla., went overseas with the Second Division soon after the Korean conflict broke out. Before leaving he established residence in Olympia, where his wife lived while he was overseas. They now reside in quarters at Ft. Lewis. They have two children. Erwin is the father of two other children, by a previous marriage.

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