

LBJ Starts 2-Day Visit To Tehran

Declares Iran
Vital to Allies

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—U.S. Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson arrived Friday for a two-day visit in Tehran and pledged that Iran's independence and national integrity will not be breached. Johnson's U.S. Air Force jet shrieked in from Lebanon past the snow-capped Elborz Mountains and landed in bright, hot sunshine three minutes ahead of schedule.

"Your country and mine stand together in the common cause of freedom," Johnson declared in an arrival statement. "A free Iran is vital to the strength of the free world."

The vice president was accompanied by his wife, their daughter Lynda and a party of 33 others.

Johnson is the first U.S. administration leader to come to Iran since President Eisenhower's triumphant five-hour stay in 1959.

Iran is one of America's staunchest allies in the Middle East and the recipient of \$1.3 billion in U.S. aid.

In his talks with the Shah, Johnson was expected to review the U.S. role in Iran's defense and economic development.

Premier Assadullah Alam took office July 21 after the resignation of his predecessor, Ali Amiri, partly in protest against a U.S. aid cut.

Johnson came from a one-day "rest stop" visit to Lebanon before his official visits to Iran, Turkey, Cyprus, Greece and Italy. But he did little resting.

Stumping as if on a political campaign, the vice president moved through Beirut with a friendly smile and wink and an outstretched hand for almost everyone in reach.

Sounding the theme "America is your friend" over and over again, he stopped his car numerous times to chat with Lebanese.

Nature Study Meeting Set

A meeting of the western section of the American Nature Study Society in Corvallis next week will include a field trip, bird study trip and a bus trip to the Oregon coast.

Catherine Dunlop of Eugene, president, said all sessions would be open to the public.

The field trip will begin Tuesday at 8 a.m. standard, 9 day-light, in Avery Park, Corvallis. Earlier, at 5 a.m. standard, 6 daylight, there will be a bird trip through Avery Park, with breakfast at the park.

The organization's business meeting will be conducted Tuesday at 7 p.m. standard, 8 daylight, followed by a showing of colored slides.

Wednesday the participants will leave Corvallis in the morning for an all-day bus trip to the Oregon coast.



(AP Wirephoto)

Border Death

Flowers placed beneath wooden cross bearing barbed wire serve as a memorial to a young East German railway policeman shot Tuesday night by East German machine gunners while trying to escape to West Berlin. Communist border guards stand near tank barriers, background, in this scene on the Boese Bridge.

John Nance Garner Says World Chaotic, U.S. Strong

UVALDE, Tex. (AP)—Former Vice President John Nance Garner views world conditions as chaotic but he's stoutly confident the United States remains strong.

Now 93 and troubled by fading vision and poor hearing, Garner made a rare public appearance Thursday at a ceremony designating his former home a state shrine.

Garner has lived in retirement since breaking with President Franklin D. Roosevelt over Roosevelt's bid for a third term in 1940.

Garner talked to newsmen after the ceremony.

"I'd like for anyone to tell me of a flag anywhere that is more potent than the Stars and Stripes," he said. "We live in the greatest country in the world. But the world as a whole is in the most chaotic condition I have ever seen."

"People everywhere are killing other people—you see it on TV—everywhere."

Garner, who also once was Speaker of the House, said he retains a keen interest in baseball. On weekends he keeps two television sets going to watch both major league games.

He mentioned seeing James A. Farley, a longtime friend, on a recent telecast from New York. Farley served as postmaster general and chairman of the Democratic National Committee under Roosevelt.

"Franklin Roosevelt was one of the best friends I ever had," Garner said, repeating a widely quoted remark. "But I broke with him when he sought a third term, and Jim Farley and I went to work and got the law changed so that no president now can serve more than two consecutive terms."

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Soblen's Plea Turned Down

Court Refuses to Free Spy

LONDON (AP)—The British High Court refused again Friday to free fugitive spy Robert A. Soblen so that he can seek asylum from a life sentence in the United States.

Justice John Stephenson turned down Soblen's application for a writ of habeas corpus. The judge rejected the arguments of the fugitive's attorneys challenging Home Secretary Henry Brooke's order to deport Soblen to the United States.

The court's ruling does not mean, however, that Soblen's departure is imminent. His attorneys are certain to take the case to the Court of Appeals. If they lose there, as they have once before, they make take it to the House of Lords, Britain's highest tribunal.

Soblen will remain in the hospital ward of Brixton Prison. The judge said the home sec-

retary, not the deportee, had the authority to choose the ship or plane on which the deportee had to leave Britain. In this case, Brooke has specified that Soblen be placed aboard a New York-bound plane.

Soblen was convicted in federal court in New York of spying for the Soviet Union. He jumped bail of \$100,000 and fled in late June to Tel Aviv, using his dead brother's Canadian passport.

The Israeli government expelled him. While flying aboard a New York-bound El Al airliner July 1, Soblen cut his abdomen and a wrist as the aircraft approached London airport.

That involved the British. He was removed from the plane and given emergency medical treatment, then transferred to the hospital ward of Brixton Prison. His attorneys said Soblen is

dangerously ill and would not live long if confined in a U.S. federal prison.

Atty. Gen. Sir John Hobson said a medical specialist found during a recent examination that the fugitive is in no immediate danger of death and that his condition had not deteriorated. Hobson said Soblen is destined for the medical detention center at Springfield, Mo., where adequate care would be assured.

The health angle did not figure in the court's judgment.

Modern Trawlers

TUNIS (AP)—Tunisia has received five new modern fishing trawlers made in Yugoslavia. Each of the 60-ton boats has radio, radar and sounding devices.

Jackie Extends Sympathy To Victims of Earthquake

NAPLES, Italy (AP)—Geologists said Friday more slight tremors can be expected in the wake of the earthquake that struck with devastating force Tuesday and sent rumbles later over a wide area from Naples to the Adriatic.

The death toll rose to 17. The latest victim was an 87-year-old Naples woman. She died of injuries suffered in a fall down stairs as she sought to flee during Tuesday's quake.

Tens of thousands of Italians still lived outdoors—many homeless, others in fear of new shocks.

Jacqueline Kennedy, vacationing at Ravello on the fringe of the quake belt, sent sympathy to the victims.

"I pray that all who have suffered may speedily be helped in their great need," the American President's wife said in a mes-

sage read on Italian radio and television.

As some victims were beginning to relax Thursday, the earth shivered again. Geologists said the tremors were part of a cycle that started Tuesday, but the strength of the shocks is gradually tapering off.

Heavy rains during the past few days added to the misery. Disrupted water and sewage systems also brought the threat of disease, especially typhoid. Health experts rushed to the area set up special inoculation centers.

Ariano Irpino, a hilltop community of 26,000, has been all but abandoned by its residents. It was one of the hardest hit towns. More than 20,000 people are living in the countryside.

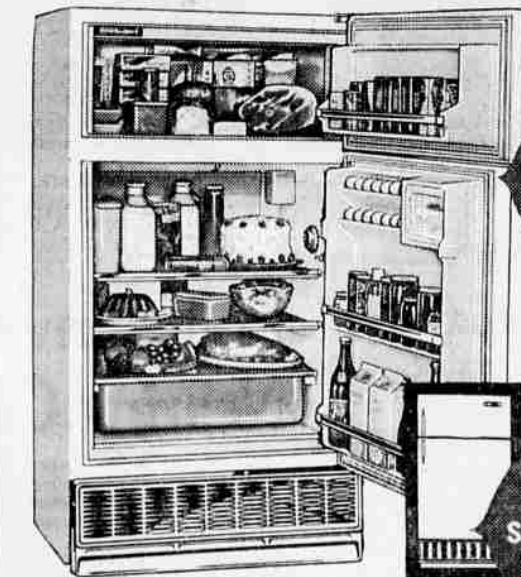
Italian army and Red Cross trucks continued Friday to carry tents, blankets, and food to the earthquake victims.

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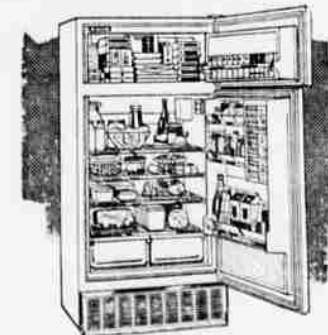
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