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## Sunday Tour

President Kennedy shakes hands with another Sunday tourist during a tour of the Antietam Battlefield. The girls, unidentified, chatted with the Chief Executive during the tour of the battle site where the North and South fought more than 100 years ago. The President flew by helicopter from Camp David to Sharpsburg, Md., and returned the same way.

## Yukon Pilot Returns Home

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Ralph Flores, 42, who survived seven weeks in the freezing wilderness north of British Columbia, arrived to a warm family welcome Sunday at San Francisco International Airport.

The pilot, who shared his 48-day ordeal with Helen Klaben, Brooklyn, N.Y., said "I'm very happy to be back. I want to thank all the people for their concern . . . for their prayers."

But Flores would not talk about how he and Miss Klaben, 21, managed to survive on a meager supply of food and some toothpaste.

The silence was on the orders of his agent, Waldo Marra, who said Flores and Miss Klaben have sold their story to a national magazine, the Saturday Evening Post.

Flores and his wife were met at the airport by their six children, Mrs. Flores' mother, other in-laws and a group of cousins.

He and Miss Klaben crashed in their light plane in Yukon Territory Feb. 4.

Flores, who flew here from

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# 50 Years Ago Today, President Wilson Urged Lower Tariffs

**EDITOR'S NOTE**—A half-century ago today, President Woodrow Wilson spoke to Congress on the tariff and touched off a remarkable period of legislative activity.

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Of the Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There, 50 years ago today, stood Woodrow Wilson, the lean, lantern-jawed college professor turned president, urging Congress to get started on his "New Freedom" program. Not since John Adams in 1797 had an American president addressed Congress.

Wilson took barely 10 minutes to sketch his tariff reduction proposals. But that speech — touched off 567 legislative

days that have left their mark on the nation.

Among the 63rd Congress' landmarks: the first major lowering of the tariff wall in 50 years and the graduated income tax; creation of the Federal Reserve banking system; the Clayton anti-trust acts; establishment of the Federal Trade Commission.

In scope the program was matched only by the pulsating "hundred days" of Franklin D. Roosevelt's first months in office.

Wilson didn't originate the programs. They had been building for more than a decade, their roots running deep in such soil as Populism, the Progressive movement and the crusading

sector of the press. They reflected the rising unrest of those who felt the American dream was more than boom and bust, privileged monopoly and social evil.

Although the Democrats controlled Congress in 1913, Wilson like President Kennedy today faced the problem of a majority party deeply divided on many fundamental issues.

Wilson was able to call on a well-spring of public support for the restoration program he presented.

The day after his inauguration, so-called Wilson Democrats captured control of the party's Senate caucus and set about to weaken the seniority system which would have

placed many committees in the hands of conservative Democrats unfriendly to the Wilson program.

In a few short days, the Wilson Democrats:

- Split the Finance Committee in two and arranged that both new committees would have enough members favorable generally to Wilson's programs to ensure passage.
- Denied Pitchfork Ben Tillman, 65, the chairmanship of the Appropriations Committee, to which he was entitled by seniority, on grounds that he was too old and too ailing to do the job justice.
- Adopted as party policy the right of committees to choose their own chairmen, re-

gardless of seniority.

- Elected John Worth Kern, an Indiana Democrat with only two years seniority, majority floor leader.

The revolt was short-lived. Kern was defeated in 1916 and the Senate went back to its old ways. It hasn't strayed far since.

Wilson didn't doubt that his was the national voice even though he had won little more than 40 per cent of the popular vote in 1912. He set about immediately to present his program and see it through to victory, using every weapon he could find — persuasion, pressure or patronage.

When protectionists launched a major campaign against tariff cuts, Wilson took the offensive

through the press conferences he had inaugurated shortly after taking office.

But most of his problems with his first Congress were with his own party, and could be more easily solved.

Wilson claimed no credit for his major legislative achievements. The tariff and currency measures won, he said, "because the people demanded them and Congress knew it."

But as another student of government, James MacGregor Burns wrote in his recent book "The Deadlock of Democracy," Wilson's "management of Congress during 1913 and 1914 still stands as the classic model of how a strong president drives his program through Congress."

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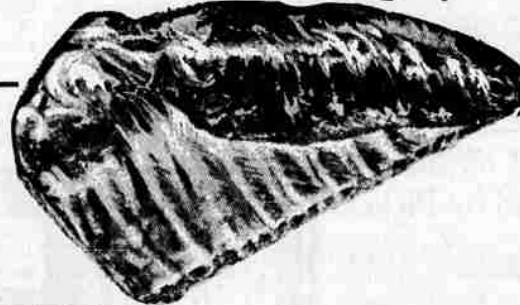
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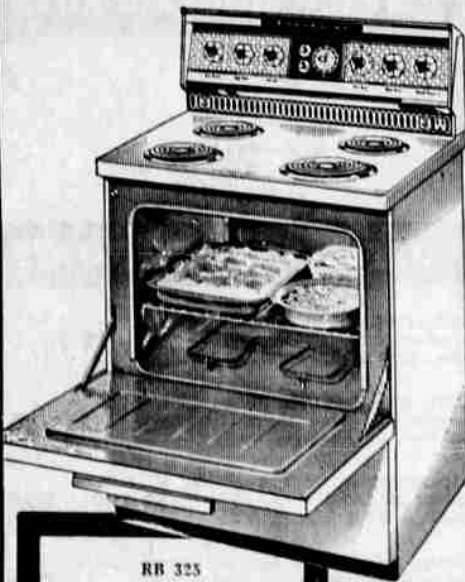
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