

## Days When Diplomacy Was Figured in Simple Terms Gone

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Washington, Jan. 20 (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson must long for the good old days, when diplomacy's triumphs could be figured in simple terms like acres and pennies.

## Yanks Reported In Russ Camp

Berlin, Jan. 20 (AP)—Newly-freed inmates of Soviet zone concentration camps said today they had seen Americans and other Allied Nationalists in the Sachsenhausen camp.

(A U.S. official in Berlin said at least six American soldiers were believed to be in Soviet custody. The official said U.S. headquarters had received reports that American soldiers were in Soviet zone concentration camps, but the reports could not be confirmed. He said before the Americans could demand the release of a soldier, headquarters had to have concrete evidence that the soldier was held.)

The inmates were released this week after the Soviets reported they were closing the three concentration camps in East Germany.

Three women from Sachsenhausen said they saw two uniformed American soldiers being shipped eastward, presumably to Russia, on Nov. 17 with other prisoners. They said at least six more Americans or Britons were at Sachsenhausen when they were released.

Another former inmate, Fritz Schulz, said one Sachsenhausen barrack contained one American, two Frenchmen and several White Russians. He said he had been arrested because he opposed land reform in the Soviet zone.

The women said mistreatment by Soviet guards at the camp was frequent in 1946-47, but ceased in 1948.

## Northwest Naval Air Arm Cut

Seattle, Jan. 20 (AP)—Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, (D., Wash.) reported from Washington, D. C., today that the department of defense had advised him that America's naval air force in the Pacific Northwest has been ordered cut to only 36 patrol planes.

Magnuson said that two nine-plane squadrons of navy patrol wing four now based at Whidbey Island are being decommissioned.

Patrol wing four is responsible for navy air coverage of the Pacific Northwest and Alaska coastlines, the Aleutian Islands, Bering Sea and the Arctic ocean.

The reduction will leave the wing with only four squadrons, one of which is always on three-month rotational duty at Kodiak, Alaska and another of which usually is on leave.

The decommissioned planes already have been flown from Whidbey Island to be put in mothballs at San Diego.

Magnuson said the reduction in the navy's air strength was forced by budget requirements.

## Rivens Receives Check

Woodburn — Mike Rivens of Woodburn is believed to be the first veteran in this area to receive a G. I. insurance dividend check. He received his check, amounting to \$346, Monday of this week.

Outside the auditorium where the conferences are held are a couple of illustrations of the state department's finest hours.

In well-lighted cases are mounted the documents that completed the Louisiana purchase and changed the ownership of Alaska from Russia to the U. S.

The paragraph on the Louisiana purchase is headed: "Three cents an acre." Yes, that's what it cost.

The caption on the paragraph explaining the Alaska deal deal reads: "Seward's folly."

The paragraph hurriedly explains that of course it really wasn't folly. Secretary of State Seward got Alaska for less than two cents an acre.

Understandable transactions, both. But look at diplomacy today.

Acheson opened the conference with:

"I have talked so much this week that I'm afraid I'm talked out." But, he said, he'd answer questions. And he did.

What about that conference of ambassadors? . . . Saar coal mines? . . . Japanese peace treaty? . . . Sale of liberty ships to Chinese Nationalists? . . . Formosa? . . . would we, in case we got a more powerful bomb, change our atomic policy?

For 12 minutes we dizzily hopped, skipped and jumped about the world.

On the way out I noticed a group of students clustered in the rear. Turned out they were from American University here, and were studying government in action. How had they liked the conference?

"Well," said one, and then didn't finish. "I had trouble hearing," said another. Finally one pert miss said, "Frankly, I couldn't tell what it was all about."

There you are. Explain and explain and explain, and it's still hard for many of us to remember the details on, say, the Saar coal mines.

Not a bit like land at two or three cents an acre. Now there, citizens, is something we can get our mental plowshares into.

## 'Show Must Go On,' 'Inside USA' Cast Says

Portland, Ore., Jan. 20 (AP)—It was 12:30 a.m. and cold outside but the cast of "Inside U.S.A." upheld the "show must go on" tradition of the theater and gave an opening night performance to a Portland audience kept waiting four hours.

When stage sets were held up by a train switch at Oakland, Calif., and by weather conditions through Oregon mountain passes, the Mayfair theater management and representatives of the road show version of the smash Broadway hit considered calling off the opening night show. But a spokesman for the cast said, "No, we'll open if it takes all night."

And it nearly did. The show, scheduled to open at 8:30 p.m., finally got under way at 12:30 a.m. Wednesday and finished at 3:30 a.m. The first nighters, most of whom sweated out the opening curtain, were enthusiastic but sleepy.

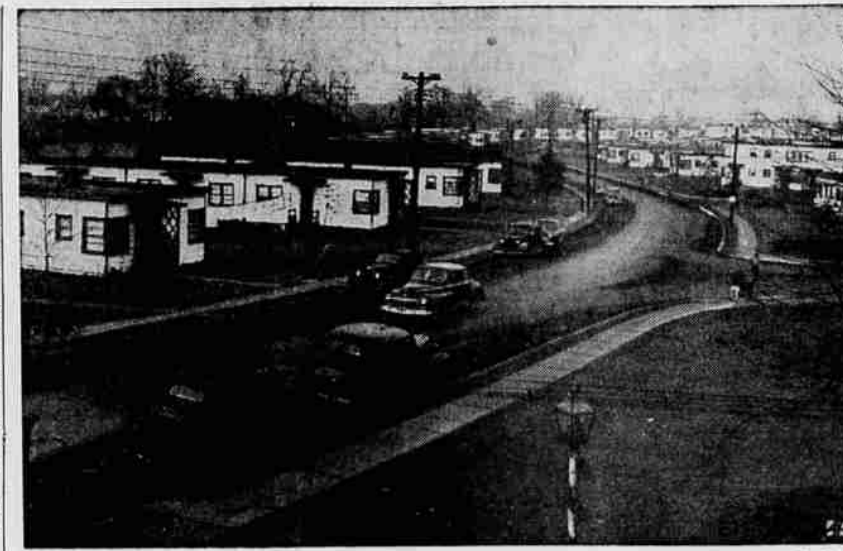
One one-hundredth pound per acre of parathion was found effective against arctic mosquitoes when sprayed from a plane.

## Cleo, the Crocodile, Gets Bottles Removed

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 20 (AP)—Cleopatra, the Cincinnati zoo's 12-year-old crocodile that had its sex straightened out only last week, underwent an operation Thursday and a veterinarian removed six soft drink bottles and 30 stones.

Three of the bottles were broken.

It was the first known operation ever attempted on a crocodile anywhere, zoo officials said.



## Put 'Super Bomb' Problem to Russ?

Washington, Jan. 20 (AP)—President Truman told a news conference today that he is not considering direct negotiations with Russia before deciding whether this country should develop the hydrogen "super bomb."

Mr. Truman was asked about a report published earlier this week which said he is being urged by some of his advisers to make a new effort toward an atomic control plan. The report said these advisers felt the effort should be made before this country commits itself to production of the new weapon.

The President said he is not considering any plan to negotiate directly with Russia.

He also described as untrue another report that Chairman David E. Lillenthal offered to go to Russia and seek an atomic agreement with Josef Stalin.

Mr. Truman firmly refused to discuss prospects of a hydrogen bomb. He also refused to comment when reporters sought an official admission that a new "super" weapon would be constructed.

Other high administration officials involved in the backstage hydrogen bomb discussions have said they are pledged not to talk about them now.

## Return of 'Best Trusty' Awaited After Trip for Father's Funeral

Oklahoma City, Jan. 20 (AP)—Head county jailer John Selkin had faith today that "the best trusty we ever had in the jail" will return to serve a year in the penitentiary.

Norman Wendell Duke, 23, was supposed to start serving the term this week, but he had been delayed in California.

County authorities permitted Duke to go to California for his father's funeral after he was sentenced on a guilty plea to a bad check charge here. Duke, who is crippled by infantile paralysis, promised to return immediately after the services.

Selkin told other county authorities then he thought Duke would keep his promise.

But now Duke has written public defender Charles Moss from jail at Bakersfield, Calif., that his return was delayed when California authorities arrested him in connection with "some checks I had here."

He said he still intends to return to Oklahoma as soon as he is freed in California.

Said Selkin: "10 to 1 he comes back."

## Nome Field Closing Will Be Reviewed

Washington, Jan. 20 (AP)—Alaska's Gov. Ernest Gruening and Delegate E. L. Bartlett said today the air force will review its decision to close Marks Field at Nome.

After a call on Air Secretary Stuart Symington, they said in a joint statement that:

"Mr. Symington gave assurances that the decision to quit Nome would be reviewed at high policy levels in view of representations made by the governor and delegate."

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## Parley Draws Lumber Makers

What's ahead for Marion county lumber manufacturers in 1950? What are informed industry and government leaders predicting? Can increased cooperation and participation by a larger segment of the west coast lumber industry in nation-wide lumber advertising and promotion projects help maintain present high levels of sales and employment?

These and other questions will be discussed when local lumbermen gather in Portland next week with millmen from the entire Douglas fir region for the annual meeting of stockholders of the West Coast Lumbermen's association on January 26 and 27.

Graham Griswold, general manager of the Carlton Manufacturing company at Carlton, is director of the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the northern Willamette valley counties and will head a delegation of lumbermen from Marion, Polk, Yamhill and Washington counties to the annual work and plan session. Griswold said the national lumber promotion campaign of the West Coast Lumbermen's association had attracted nation-wide interest and was responsible in part for the present high position of sales and employment in the Douglas fir region.

Some shrimplike animals live on the edges of the ice near the North Pole; others are found in the boiling waters of hot springs.

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## Leopard-Skin Upholstered Cadillac Convertible Wows

New York, Jan. 20 (AP)—General Motors showed the public its fur-lined automobile today.

It's a yellow Cadillac convertible upholstered with \$5,000 worth of Somaliland leopard skins, complete with a girl in a leopard-skin coat.

"And the girl goes with it," said John F. Gordon, G. M. vice president and Cadillac general manager.

The car is a feature of General Motors' 1950 automobile show, "Midcentury Motorama." The show opened in the Waldorf Astoria hotel Thursday with fashion shows, pretty girls and music. But the yellow Cadillac took the cake.

The custom-built "Debutante" convertible, the most luxurious automobile ever turned out by Cadillac, is tawny yellow buff. The 14 matched leopard skins are rufous buff. The seats are gray nylon satin.

The only catch is that fur-lined automobiles are not scheduled for production by Cadillac.

The yellow Cadillac is the keystone of the 1950 GM "Midcentury Motorama" which stresses luxury, color and price cuts.

Gordon wouldn't set a price on the fur-lined one, but the list price for Cadillac convertibles, without fur, was announced as \$3,465, a price cut of \$36 from last year.

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