

Japanese Government in Jeopardy as Result of Blunder

'Face' Lost By American Refusal To Schedule Talks

Washington — (U.P.) — Diplomatic authorities said today that the government of Japan, one of the United States' staunchest allies in the troubled Far East, is in jeopardy as a result of an international blunder.

The difficulty grew out of Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu's sudden request for an invitation to discuss Japanese problems in Washington. Instead he got an abrupt American turn-down. The result was a serious loss of "face" for Shigemitsu and the entire Japanese government in a nation where "face" is all-important.

Relations Strained
Japan was seething with indignation. The final outcome was difficult to foretell.

But diplomatic experts said the incident has seriously strained U.S.-Japanese relations and could lead to the downfall of the present Japanese government.

Furthermore, the Communists are expected to capitalize on the fuss in an effort to weaken the American position in Japan. The Reds likely will scream that the United States doesn't really care about the future of Japan and that the Japanese should work for closer ties with Communist China and Russia.

Meeting Hinted in Press

The furor had its beginnings when the Japanese began hinting through newspapers that they wanted a high-level meeting with the United States in Washington. Friday Shigemitsu suddenly told U.S. Ambassador John M. Allison his government wanted him to go to Washington almost immediately.

Allison said it would be difficult to arrange a meeting in such short order but agreed to forward the request. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said it would be impossible to work out immediate talks because there wasn't enough time to prepare for them nor was there time on his crowded schedule.

Shigemitsu replied that he understood. But his position at home was seriously weakened.

Suspect Questioned In Slaying of Girl

Detroit — (U.P.) — Police questioned the "best suspect yet" in their hunt for the sex slayer of Barbara Gaca just hours before funeral services for the seven-year-old girl were held.

Final rites for the brown-haired girl, whose mutilated and ravished body was found last Thursday in neighboring Oakland county, were conducted in Assumption Grotto Catholic church where she was to receive her first Communion May 1.

Held for questioning in the girl's slaying was Albert Urbanik, 28, an Oakland county trailer court dweller. He was arrested late Monday for investigation of indecent liberties.

Mario Lanza Misses Las Vegas Opening

Las Vegas — (U.P.) — Singer Mario Lanza, in bed with laryngitis, missed his big comeback opening at the new Frontier hotel last night and the angry management said it would break his contract if the temperamental tenor fails to appear tonight.

The husky singer, pared down to 206 pounds by dint of weeks of training in Palm Springs for the big event, was to receive \$50,000 a week, the highest salary ever paid a performer in this gambling resort.

Stevens Sees No Immediate Far East War Threat

Taipei — (U.P.) — U.S. Army Secretary Robert E. Stevens left today for Washington apparently convinced there was no immediate threat of war in the Far East despite scary reports of a Matsu "invasion threat" in the Nationalist press.

Stevens said he did not believe U.S. ground forces would be needed to defend Formosa and "eventuality" the Navy and Air

Force would bear the brunt of a Red attack.

Red Gunboats Damaged
The Nationalist Air Force said waves of fighter-bombers attacked Communist ship concentrations off the Fukien coast today and damaged four Red gunboats. Two gunboats were shot up at Meichow Bay, midway between Matsu and Quemoy and two others were shot up in an

afternoon attack within sight of Quemoy.

The Nationalists also announced bombers flying out of Formosa crippled two Red Chinese gunboats today near Meichow Bay midway between Matsu and Quemoy. Military quarters said light artillery dueling was taking place in Quemoy.

The English language China News, quoting "well-informed

sources," said that a big fleet of Communist junks and gunboats were concentrating near the Matsu islands and that the Air Force and Navy had rushed units to the area to "stem the possible invasion."

Official sources discounted the reports and Stevens told reporters he did not think war here was "imminent." He declined to elaborate on his belief but said it appeared that Americans were more concerned over the likelihood of war than the people on Formosa.

Major War Scare

The China News reports touched off a major war scare here but Col. Lu Tu of the Defense ministry said he had received nothing on the published report.

Gen. Earle E. Partridge, Far East Air Force commander, ar-

Wife of South Dakota Senator Collects Barbs From Pens of Society Writers

By PATRICIA WIGGINS
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Washington — (U.P.) — "Congressional wives" look like parrots, think like mannikins and act like robots.

"Congressional wives are dull, pale, deprecatory dames at best," Mrs. Karl E. Mundt, once a congressional wife, now a senatorial wife, has created one of Washington's most unique hobbies by saving barbs like these from the pens of local society writers.

The wife of the Republican Senator from South Dakota preserves in a growing scrapbook the very things that most official

wives try to forget.

Blonde, blue-eyed Mrs. Mundt told a reporter today she doesn't save any of the favorable or admiring lines, and there are many, despite the society sisters' notorious lack of restraint. She only gets out her paste-pot for the unflattering comments.

Littered With Wives

Like the words of one fashion reporter reporting on a fancy Washington tea. She commented on the lovely gowns of diplomats wives, described a "stunning" buffet table, ad added, "congressional and senatorial wives were littering up the whole place."

Mrs. Mundt chuckled when

she recalled how this item in her scrapbook dampened her excitement over her first White House reception:

"The congressional reception, if it lives up to its reputation, will be the dullest of the winter season. At best, Congressmen and Senators are a motley lot and their wives are notoriously monotonous in dress. It must be remembered that most of the legislators married these women long before they entered public life."

Mrs. Mundt is more discreet than some of the society writers in that she doesn't disclose the names of the poison pen authors.

No Names

And she won't disclose the name of the cabinet wife who was quoted as saying when asked if she enjoyed one of her own home receptions:

"Dear no. The people I wanted to see didn't come and the people I didn't care anything about came in droves. And did you see the congressmen's wives moving down my tea table like a bunch of locusts over a wheat field?"

Mrs. Mundt said only that it was not a present day cabinet wife.

Mrs. Mundt, whose husband served in the House 10 years before moving over to the Senate in 1948, has another favorite commentary in her collection. This writer wrote:

"Every time one of them (congressional wives) voices an original idea, the Washington Monument bends over in a grand salaam."

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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Snoring is incurable. That is what is frequently claimed. Yet H. L. Mencken, in an autobiographical sketch, said he had been cured of snoring by an operation on his nose. It has also been claimed an organic hearing disorder cannot be cured. Yet Al Schacht, the celebrated baseball figure, now a successful restaurateur, says in his recently published autobiography that he was nearly completely deaf when cured by an operation performed by a New York City surgeon.

Asking

Queries from clients. Q.—What is this country's record for "open all night" restaurants? That is, what restaurant holds the record for being continuously open for business? A.—Couldn't say definitely. However, I know that Drake's Restaurant in New York City was open continuously, twenty-four hours a day for thirty-seven years until closed by a strike in 1937.

Q.—Is Nona an Indian name? A.—It is from the Latin. Means ninth daughter. Octavia means eighth daughter.

Sidelights

It was Oliver Wendell Holmes who said, "own up, pay up, if defeated shut up, these are the virtues of a sporting man" . . . French painter Georges Seurat, founder of neo-impressionism, was unable to sell one of his paintings during his life. Now his painting titled "Le Grande Jatte" is valued at a quarter of a million dollars!

Among the Married

Leon Blum, in offering advice on the subject of love among the married, observed "never forget to make your wife believe you really love her or she may succumb to the natural temptation

to try out her feminine powers on some other man. A woman needs confirmation of her power."

Longshot

John Law, Scottish financier and speculator, originated a bet he made many times and never lost! He offered 20,000 to one that any man who wished to bet on it could not throw double sixes with dice six times in succession. A surprising number of men took this bet. They were aware it bordered on the impossible. But they liked the price.

Asides

Baldness is hereditary. If your father is bald it is probable your son will be bald when he reaches manhood . . . That editorial genius of the yesteryear, Sara Josepha Hale, bitterly objected to the use of "female" in reference to women. Said Sara, "female should be used for animals. For humans, woman or lady."

Briefly

If it is spelled whisky it is Scotch. If it is spelled whiskey, that is with an "E," it is Irish. . . . It was Cicero who advised lawyers as follows, "When you have no basis for an argument, abuse the plaintiff." . . . When Edsel Ford was born his father, Henry Ford, was a \$15 a week mechanic working for the Detroit Edison Company.

Almost Confidential

Am asked if there has ever been a red-haired saint. Answer is that St. Helena was red-haired . . . If the smoke from a cigar is sky blue in color it is a cheap cigar. The smoke from a good cigar is something between gray and white . . .

Coast To Coast

What's the speed record for an automobile trip from New York to Los Angeles? That's what a New Yorker wants to know. I don't know. However, in 1938 Bob MacKenzie made the New York to Los Angeles trip by auto in 51 hours and 58 minutes. The distance is 3,192 miles. That record might be hard to top.

Poker

Are you a poker fan? How are you doing? What is the extent of your knowledge of that grand old game? Do you realize that when you hold a pair and keep it with the hope of getting four of a kind that the odds against your so doing are 359 to 1?

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

rived here for an inspection trip at almost the same time Stevens was leaving.

Stevens visited Japan, Korea and Okinawa before arriving in Taipei Sunday. He planned to fly to Hong Kong before returning to the United States.

Architect Joins Firm Of Ben H. Todd Here

Medford Architect Ben H. Todd, Suite 303, U.S. National Bank building, today announced that William H. Seibert is an associated architect with the firm.

Due to an increased volume of business and an expanding territory, plans are being made for enlargement of the present offices and addition of other new personnel, Todd said.

Seibert is a registered architect in Oregon, Washington and Florida, and is a graduate of the University of Florida. He has more than 20 years of experience in various phases of the profession.

Seibert first came to the Rogue Valley in 1943 when he was stationed with the Army at Camp White. He and his wife, the former Jean Lydiard of Medford, moved here from Florida in 1950. They and their two sons make their home at 1011 South Holly st.

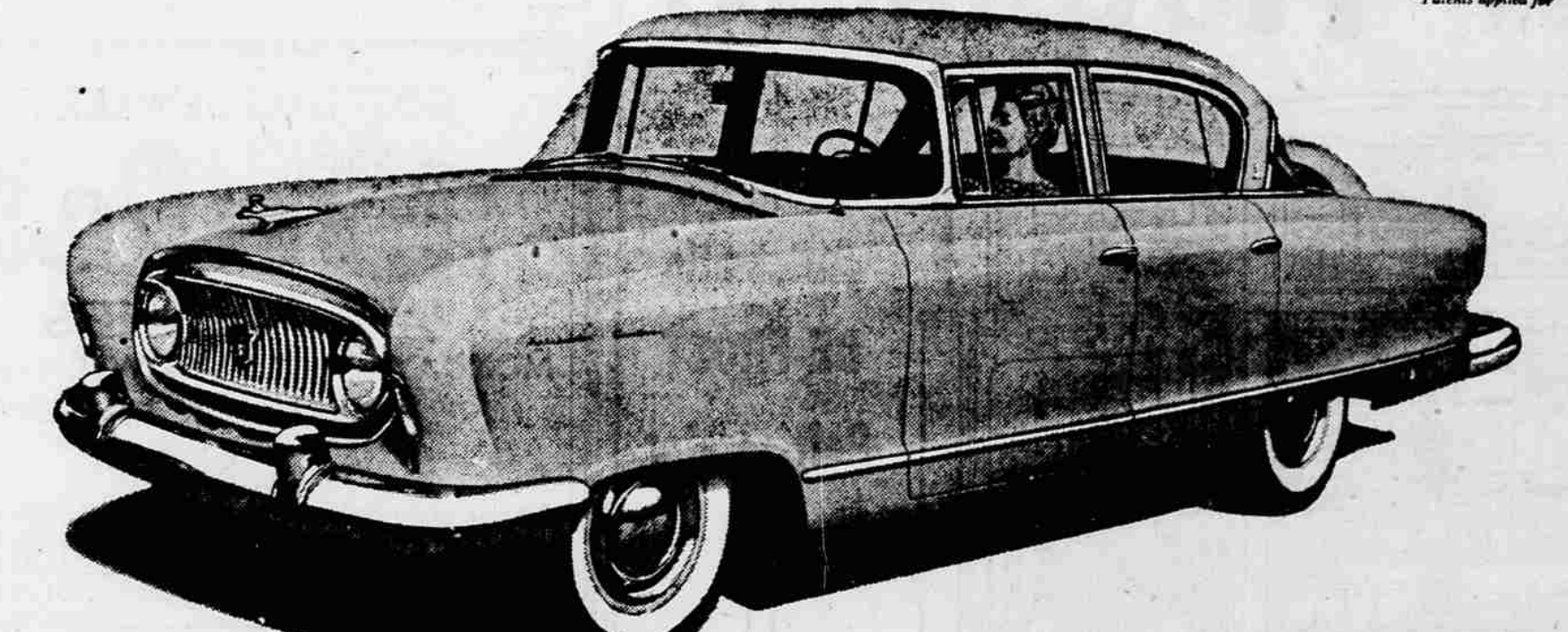
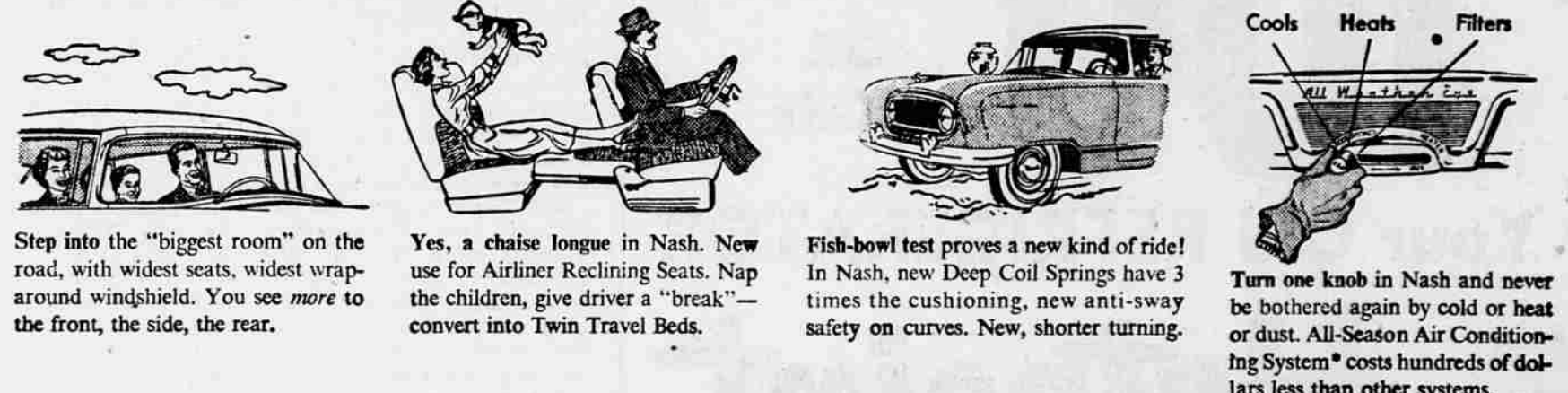
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