



SOVIET CHILDREN HAIL NEHRU—Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru (left) is greeted by a group of Russian schoolgirls in Moscow. Ludmila Butuzova places a kerchief around Nehru's neck as a gift from the young Pioneers as others applaud.

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Sheppard Lawyers In One Last Try

Cleveland (U.P.)—Attorneys for Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard made one last try for a new trial today for the 31-year-old osteopath in oral arguments before the court of appeals.

Sheppard has remained in his cell at the Cuyahoga county jail since his second-degree murder conviction last December after a nine-week trial. He was sentenced to a life term in the Ohio State Penitentiary with eligibility for parole after 10 years. The time spent in the Cuyahoga county jail does not count toward the sentence.

Several appeals made previously for Dr. Sheppard have failed. Today's appeal was based on a defense claim that new evidence indicates someone else killed Sheppard's wife, Marilyn. It is an appeal of a decision by Common Pleas Judge Edward Blythin who rejected the original new evidence.

Army Handbook Designed To Cut Through Red Tape

Washington (U.P.)—The Army today got out a neat little handbook designed to help its people wade through the tangle of military red tape.

A 106-page pamphlet, it is called "Index of Blank Forms" and, of course, it has a number, 310-2.

The booklet is trimly divided into halves, the first part listing by number the thousands of forms that most any Army man has to deal with, the second half listing the forms by title.

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For example, take the iceman



WOWS THE POWs—Brooklyn's Terry King is placed behind bars after being chosen "Miss P-O-W" in New York. The Copacabana dancer was selected to reign over the 8th Annual Convention of the Ex-Prisoners of War in New York's Hotel Governor Clinton.

Conference Approves Car Shortage Study

Eugene (U.P.)—An emergency conference here has approved Gov. Paul Patterson's plan to set up a committee to investigate the current shortage of railroad boxcars in Oregon.

The governor made the proposal to some 300 delegates from railroads, grain, lumber, cattle and seed industries and labor groups.

The governor's proposed committee would be composed of representatives of all industries affected by the shortage.

James Corbett, Southern Pacific executive, said railroads had made a poor guess about 1955 business volume, but were attempting to alleviate car shortages.

North Park Entrance To Open on June 15

Crater Lake National park will officially begin the summer season with the opening of the North entrance road June 15, according to Thomas J. Williams, park superintendent.

Rim road, which encircles the crater, will not be clear until somewhat later, but lodging, dining, transportation, and other park facilities will be in full operation. Trails to the lake and to Sinnott Memorial inside the crater will be opened as soon as snow conditions permit.

Superintendent Williams stated a change in snow removal procedure and several weeks of favorable weather have made possible an earlier opening.

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Truman To Speak At UN Meeting In San Francisco

Portland, Ore. (U.P.)—Former President Harry T. Truman was en route home today to prepare for his next major public appearance—a speech at the 10th anniversary meeting of the United Nations in San Francisco.

Mr. Truman, chipper as ever, left Portland last night after a whirlwind two-day visit to the Rose Festival and a speech to Oregon Democrats.

While Mr. Truman was in Portland, U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold announced that the former president has agreed to address the UN at a special night meeting on June 24.

Dulles' Invitation Declined

Mr. Truman accepted the invitation from the UN secretary-general after turning down an invitation from U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. He explained previously he thought the invitation should come from the UN itself rather than a participating nation.

The UN was organized in San Francisco shortly after Mr. Truman assumed the presidency in 1945. He flew here to address the closing session then.

Mr. Truman declined yesterday to comment on his forthcoming UN speech.

Warns Democrats

Mr. Truman appeared in the Rose Parade Saturday before 425,000 spectators. That night, he warned 800 Democrats in a nationally broadcast "give-em-hell" speech against allowing private industry to gain control of atomic energy development.

He also charged that President Eisenhower is being "used" in a campaign against public power. Departing from his prepared text, he said:

"If you don't watch out, that gang is going to take that (atomic power development) over and exploit it, too."

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FIRE DESTROYS PLANT

Klamath Falls (U.P.)—A pumice block plant about three miles north of here was almost totally destroyed by fire Saturday. Loss was estimated at \$30,000. The main plant, which includes mixer and block-making machinery, was described as a total loss. Cause of the fire was not known.

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