

Back Stairs: Beating Ike To Moscow

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Washington — (U.P.) — Back stairs at the White House: It was at the windup of the recent Big Four meeting in Geneva. Two lower echelon members of the American delegation staff were talking about the efforts of a particularly well-known American correspondent to get a visa to Russia.

"He's probably trying to get the visa in time for President Eisenhower's trip to Moscow," said one of the staff members with a perfectly serious face.

While this would seem to be more facetious than factual for the moment, it still was Mr. Eisenhower, himself, who told America last Monday night that there was "the greatest possible degree of agreement" at Geneva on a greater flow of travel be-

tween East and West.

If the President is so desirous of greater travel between this country and Russia, he could take the lead himself — but probably won't. The Russian leaders undoubtedly would have to visit Washington first. In all of the international meetings of the past on the chief of state level, it has been the American who flew either into or near the Russian orbit.

Colorful figures that they are, if Messrs. Bulganin, Khrushchev and Zhukov decided to visit the United States, they would constitute one of the greatest crowd attractions of many years, just as Mr. Eisenhower would in Moscow.

Mr. Eisenhower must have had the sound engineers half-daffy during his Monday night broadcast. Throughout his 15-

minute speech, he fiddled constantly with his glasses, banging them on his desk and frequently hitting the tips of the ear pieces together as he sought to emphasize particular points.

The President's delivery and performance were convincingly natural, but he seemed unusually "busy" as he played with his glasses, shuffled notes on his desk and kept poking his thumb into a left vest pocket.

The chartered press plane that accompanied Mr. Eisenhower to Geneva did not exactly accompany him back. The big TWA ship, carrying a much heavier load than the President's aircraft, started out on the return from Geneva about 30 minutes late because the plane had to be held for Press Secretary James C. Hagerty.

When the press plane landed at Prestwick, Scotland, for gas, Mr. Eisenhower's plane was refueled and ready to go. The press ship would have been off in a hurry, too, but the truck hauling gas for the plane broke down far on the other side of the field.

Rather than wait all night for a new truck, the press plane then flew to Shannon, Ireland, for gas and on to Gander, Newfoundland, for another refueling stop.

Mr. Eisenhower, meantime, high-tailed it for Bangor, Maine, where he refueled and beat the press into Washington by several hours.

Bank Debits Here Show Increases

Eugene—Bank debits for the southern Oregon area showed an increase of 8.6 per cent for June, 1955, over May, and an increase of 7.7 per cent over June of last year.

The debits, compiled by the University of Oregon bureau of business research, represent the dollar value of checks drawn against the deposit accounts of individuals and business firms. They are regarded as good indicators of current business activity.

The greatest rise in bank debits in the state came from the North Oregon coast area, with an increase of 23.3 per cent over May and a 15.8 per cent increase over June a year ago. Total debits for the state for June were \$1,454,110,480. This is an increase of 7.3 per cent over May and 15.7 per cent over June, 1954.

Court Records

POLICE COURT
Frank A. Wald, failure to yield right of way (involved in accident), \$10.
William Everett Kennedy, failure to stop (lights), \$5.
Frank Hudson, failure to yield right-of-way (traffic), \$10.
Donald V. Hamlin, excessive noise (tires), \$10.
Dwight Holmes Findley, excessive noise, \$10.

DISTRICT COURT
Raymond H. Negle, angling without license, \$10.
Margaret E. Negle, angling without license, \$15.
Gerald K. Perkins, drunk on public highway, \$20.
Richard C. Lehnerr, overweight (two charges), \$15 each; insufficient binder chains, \$10; and overlength, \$10.
Dary M. Johnson, inadequate brakes, \$10.
Robert W. Lillywhite, failure to give hand signal, \$10.
Lauren D. Hardy, failure to stop at stop sign, \$10.
Ray A. McLaughlin, overload, \$89.
Ralph D. George, overload, \$39.
Robert William Colpitts, overload, \$17.
Merle E. Harper, overlength, \$10.
Pete M. Jackson, illegal possession of intoxicating beverage, \$15.
William J. White, illegal possession of intoxicating beverage, \$15.

CIRCUIT COURT
Maxine Langdal vs. Glen A. Langdale, divorce decree.
Aronda M. Frink vs. George M. Frink, divorce decree.
Amy Gail Langston vs. John W. Langston, divorce complaint.
Robert L. Waldron vs. Flora Waldron, divorce decree.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Harvey Hirum Nelson Jr., 18, route 1, box 41, Eagle Point, and Freda Marie Greb, 18, Butte Falls Star Route, box 103, Eagle Point.
Norbert Richard Schieber, 25, route 1, box 137, Ashland, and Leona May Owens, 19, of 186 Washt way Medford.
Delbert Leland Moore, 26, Davis Creek, Ore., and Ida May Williamson, 20, Glendale, Ore.

Dead line Sunday. Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

Nationwide Copper Strike in 5th Week

Denver — (U.P.) — The fourth week of the nationwide copper strike ends today with no sign that the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union is any nearer to a wage settlement with three big producers.

Meetings between representatives of the independent union and Kennecott Copper Corp. at Salt Lake City were fruitless yesterday. Mine-Mill headquarters here had nothing to report regarding negotiations with American Smelting & Refining and Phelps-Dodge.

The processors have asked President Eisenhower to end the walkout with a Taft-Hartley injunction. But the White House said in Washington the situation would have to be weighed to determine whether a national emergency was being precipitated.



TO THE RESCUE—An unidentified resident of Methodist Home for the Aged at Topeka, Kan., is helped out a window of the burning building by volunteer rescue workers. The fire destroyed the four-story building but all 286 residents were removed unharmed.

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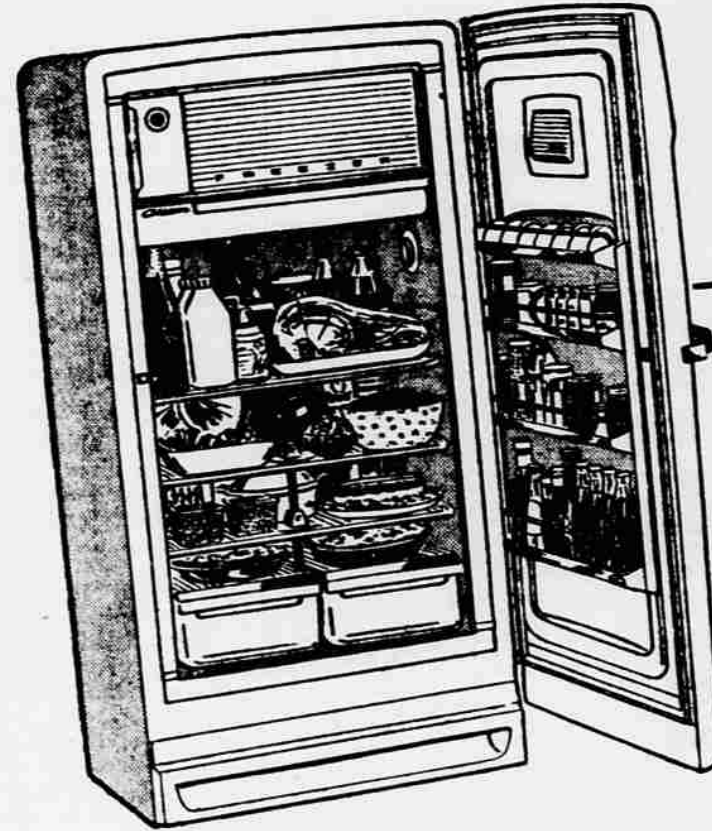
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