



PRESIDENTIAL ASSIST—President Eisenhower seems to be adding a little "body English" to David Eisenhower's swing as David drives one into a practice net at Fraser, Colo. David is also getting a little tutoring in fishing from his famous grandpa.

Benson Meets With Russian Farmers In Washington

Washington — (U.P.)—The No. 1 farmers of the United States and Russia sat down together today for the first time in history to swap yarns about surpluses, shortages, and their other troubles.

The occasion was an unprecedented meeting today between Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson and Vladimir Vladimirovich Matskevich, first deputy minister of Soviet agriculture. A get-together like this would have been unthinkable in the old days of the cold war. But in the present relaxed atmosphere, it's right in style. Besides, Matskevich is getting to be a pretty familiar figure.

He's the head of the 12-man delegation of Russian farm experts who have been touring American farm lands for the last 44 days. The delegation came into town Sunday night from Los Angeles on the last leg of their trip.

They'll get red-carpet treatment while they're here today and Tuesday. Benson interrupted a vacation to take personal charge of the reception.

He met privately with Matskevich, arranged to see the whole group immediately afterward, and planned a lunch in their honor later.

The delegation also will hold a series of conferences with top Agriculture Department experts on everything from livestock production to farm machinery.

They said they will sum up their views on American farming in an appearance before the National Press Club Tuesday. In Berlin Sunday, a group of American farmers who have just completed a tour of Russia reported that Russian farmers have only the "bare necessities" of life but are content because their lot is now better than ever before.

Army Dismisses Three Of Ten Accusations Against Major Alley

Fort Meade, Md. — (U.P.)—The Army today dropped three charges against Maj. Ronald E. Alley, 34, as it opened trial of the 14-year veteran accused of collaborating with the enemy while a prisoner in Korea.

The discarded charges included allegations that Alley had promoted "disloyalty" among fellow prisoners and voluntarily accepted instruction in Communist ideas to advance the enemy cause.

Charged on Seven Counts
The major remained charged on seven other counts which included giving the enemy information about the fire direction of American artillery, urging fellow POWs to give the Communists military information, informing on fellow prisoners, leading propaganda discussion groups, and writing propaganda articles for the enemy.

Defense attorney Ford E. Young Jr. demanded dismissal of the case on grounds that the charges amount to treason and should be heard in a civilian court.

"The charges are ridiculous," Young said, "but if they must be heard, the Constitution requires that they be heard in a civilian tribunal, not by the military."

Alley is the fourth American officer to be tried on collaboration charges. Two others were acquitted and one was dismissed from the service. Eight enlisted men have been convicted of collaboration.

Gallagher Sentenced
The most recent case was that of Sgt. James C. Gallagher, Brooklyn, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in New York Friday for the murder of two fellow prisoners and other crimes while a Korean POW.

In a complaint filed in Federal court in Washington last week, Alley contended:

"The Army, in effect, is accusing him of 'treason'; the Constitution requires that treason be tried in civil courts; and the Army's so-called 'tough policy' on offenses committed in Korean prison camps precludes a fair trial.

The court has not yet acted

Youth Charged With Auto Theft

Jack Eugene Miller, 18, of 120 Oak st., Rogue River, was arrested and jailed yesterday in connection with the theft of an automobile from in front of Bush Furniture company on Highway 99 north, Saturday. The vehicle, owned by Kenneth Howe, 911 South Peach st., Medford, was recovered in Rogue River.

A Nichol's Worth of ... Comment On This and That

Washington — (U.P.) — "Jimmie" Pickel is one Marine who isn't expected to do much fighting. As a matter of fact "Jimmie" is just a nickname and S. Sgt. Virginia Ann Pickel is very much a lady. If she does any fighting at all, it is merely to sass the 100 men who surround her.

"Actually," she told me over lunch, "we get along fine."
"Jimmie" is publicity director of the United States Marine band. It was quite a switch for her when she took over the job on the retirement of S. Sgt. Margie Moore not long ago.

Not a Musician
The new press agents has a distinction no other person in the service can claim in a comparable job. She holds two college degrees neither of which has anything to do with music, although she had heard of the treble clef when she took over.

"Oh," she said, "I used to dabble a little with the mandolin, but I didn't get very far with it."
At Temple university in Philadelphia she majored in athletics and education, and came out with a bachelor of science degree. Later she taught athletics, such as basketball, lacrosse, tennis, track, hockey and other sports.

A Master's Degree
That was after she got her masters degree in education at Northwestern university. "Jimmie" was listening to the radio one day in 1951 and heard there was need for lady Marines. So she joined up.

The oboe player, tuba boys and bassoonists give her no trouble at all. It is not, of course, her job to teach the enlisted bandmen to tootle. That work is left to Capt. Albert Schoepper, who knows his music from "A" to "G" including all of the combinations in flats and sharps.

"Jimmie" and the rest of the Marines are proud of the sit-down or string band which is on call at all times for concerts at the White House and other places. One of the sergeant's duties is to run around to the news-

Two Men Hurt in Eugene Plane Crash

Eugene, Ore. — (U.P.) — A California airman and his brother from Eugene were seriously injured yesterday afternoon when their light plane struck power lines and crashed near Westmoreland grade school here.

M-Sgt. John E. Adams, 30, Oxnard AFB, and Charles Williams Adams, 34, were both taken to Eugene hospital suffering severe cuts and other injuries.

The two men were on a pleasure ride after Sgt. Adams had flown the plane up from California on a week end visit. The crash apparently was caused by failure of the fuel injection mechanism. The craft lost altitude, struck the power lines, nosed into the ground and cartwheelled.

Police said the plane was a total loss.

Eastvold Sees Ike For Another Term

Portland — (U.P.) — Washington state attorney general Don Eastvold told a Republican group here yesterday he was convinced President Eisenhower would seek another term in the White House.

Eastvold told picknicking Multnomah county Republicans that the party must unite to give the president a working majority in both houses for his second term.

He related that at a recent stag dinner at the White House one of the guests suggested the president run again because he was the only man for the job at this time. Eastvold said the president replied that the time must never come when one man thinks he is indispensable or other people think so, too.

Soviet Magazine Hopes Eden Will Visit Russia

London — (U.P.) — The Soviet magazine "News" expressed hope today that British Prime Minister Anthony Eden would visit Russia soon.

Moscow Radio quoted the publication as saying it "hopes the Soviet public will soon have the opportunity to welcome Sir Anthony Eden who has already visited Moscow on previous occasions."

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