

Americans Hope for Good From Visit of B and K in Great Britain

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Washington—(U.P.)—"B and K" is what the British are calling the two Russian visitors who will arrive in London two weeks from today.



They are Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin and Communist Party boss Nikita S. Khrushchev.

American officials have some hope but mighty little confidence that good will come of their 10 days in Great Britain.

The invitation to Bulganin and Khrushchev was issued in the rosy days of last summer's Big Four summit meeting at Geneva.

The invitation to B and K then extended by Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden was for a ceremonial or red carpet visit. Sir Anthony assumed that the urgent problems brushed over so optimistically at the summit would have been dealt with adequately by the time his Russian visitors arrived.

Eden Assumed Badly
Sir Anthony assumed badly. The Big Four foreign ministers conference, which also met in Geneva to carry out the friendly

summit pledges of the Big Four chiefs of state, was a failure. The Russians balked on every issue. Sir Anthony came under a drum-fire of criticism for inviting the Russians to Great Britain at all.

The invitation held good, however, but with a difference. Instead of a mere ceremonial visit for banqueting, tea and empty toasts, Sir Anthony moved for some discussion of hard facts. Such discussion is on the schedule now. The hope of American officials lies in the slight possibility that this discussion will get somewhere. It might, at least, obtain some hints of the real meaning of the Kremlin's recent dismantling of the popular figure of the late Josef Stalin.

By more than any other thing, Sir Anthony was moved to suggest some hard talk with the Russians after the pair swung

through India on their most recent journey outside the Soviet Union. They made their Indian visit a big propaganda show, with special attention to anti-British and anti-American activity.

Talks Primary Object
Eden has scheduled four business sessions with the Russians, April 20, 21, 24 and 25. The prime minister told the House of Commons a fortnight ago that he now regarded these discussions as the primary object and purpose of the forthcoming visit. That was not the object of the visit when the invitation was extended.

The slim margin of hope that the Eden-Bulganin-Khrushchev talks will get somewhere seemed Tuesday to grow slimmer with new word from Moscow on the German question. Khrushchev told foreign newsmen at a diplomatic reception that world peace could be assured without the unification of Germany. The United States position is that the first sure step toward peace in Europe must be German unification.

The advance man for B and K has been Georgi Malenkov, the short-time successor to Stalin. He has been touring Great Britain and winning a considerable public acclaim. Malenkov has been all sweetness and light and the two top men arriving in a fortnight are expected to follow his lead.

Fluoridation Issue Debated
Portland—(U.P.)—Two leaders in the medical profession in the Northwest debated the fluoridation issue here last night before more than 100 members of the Multnomah County Medical society.

Dr. Harold J. Noyes, dean of the University of Oregon dental school, presented the case for fluoridation while Dr. Frederick B. Exner, president of the King County, Washington, Medical society, presented the opposition argument.

Dr. Noyes said that surveys showed that among Oregon high school students 96 per cent either had decayed, filled or missing teeth and as high as 68.5 per cent were in need of immediate dental treatment.

Dr. Noyes added that dental schools cannot produce dentists in the number required to cope with the demand for dental work.

Dr. Exner contended that fluoride poisoning could develop from drinking water containing the chemical.

"The margin of safety with fluoride is so narrow it is probably unwise to use it even in measured doses," Dr. Exner said.

Local Legion Plans Old Timers Night

An old timers night for Medford Post 15, American Legion, is planned for Tuesday, April 10, according to Post Commander M. E. (Bud) Fisher. Festivities will start at 7 p.m. with a reunion and social hour.

The post meeting will be at 8 p.m. with old timers and past commanders in charge of the program. A large crowd of Legionnaires, many of them from out of town, are expected. Fisher said, and the program will include "fun, entertainment, reminiscing, stunts and monkey business."

Don Runyard is chairman of the event, assisted by Morris Leonard and Roland Hubbard. The meeting will be in the Legion building, 531 South Riverside ave.

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Labor Troubles Threaten Circus On Opening Night

New York — (U.P.) — Labor troubles threatened to hinder the opening of the greatest show on earth tonight but circus officials said the show would go on anyway.

Thousands of New Yorkers got an unscheduled preview Tuesday night when a couple of young runaway elephants explored Broadway.

Crown in Row
The most outstanding casualty of the circus's row with union organizers appeared to be Emmett Kelly, the famous sad-faced clown. Kelly is a member of the American Guild of Variety Artists, one of the unions feuding with the circus, and has been ordered by the guild to stay away from the opening performance.

Kelly, who belongs to the union because of his off-season appearances around the country, passed up a television preview of the circus Tuesday night and was not expected to perform tonight.

The circus had elephant trouble Tuesday night when two baby elephants named Cass and Dale took it upon themselves to take a tour of the upper Broadway area around Madison Square Garden. The two escaped from their handlers, jogged around the block and then wandered eastward on 49th st.

Elephants Collect Crowd
Their appearance collected a crowd estimated at up to 2,000 persons. The crowd displayed varying emotions, depending upon how close individuals were to the bewildered nine-foot-tall elephants.

Handlers and police finally corralled them with the aid of two other elephants, who calmed the young ones down, and led them back to the Garden.

Legion Here Asks Hospital Beds for Domiciliary Center
Medford Post 15, American Legion, has asked that 50 beds at Camp White be made available for general medical and surgical purposes.

Camp White is a Veterans Administration domiciliary center, and never has had medical and surgical care for the members, other than for infirmity purposes, although efforts have been made in the past by the Legion and other veterans organizations to have such care provided here.

The Legion, in a resolution passed at a recent meeting, pointed out that modernization plans for the VA hospital in Portland call for a reduction in the number of beds there of about 40. The resolution also pointed out that veterans in southern Oregon and northern California needing medical or surgical treatment must now travel either to Portland or to San Francisco, often at considerable expense to the VA.

Space Available
The resolution declared the facilities could be installed at Camp White, where plenty of space is available, for only a small outlay of money.

It concluded: "Be it resolved that 50 General Medical and Surgical beds be made available at Camp White Domiciliary for use of the members there and local eligible veterans, and that copies of this resolution be sent to our congressmen from Oregon and to the state convention."

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Congressional Farm Experts Debate Bill Behind Closed Doors

Washington—(U.P.)—Congressional farm experts debated behind closed doors today a proposal to increase price supports of feed grains to 85 per cent of parity.

Such props would compare with the present ones of 70 per cent of parity for barley, grain sorghums, oats and rye. These supports now are at the discretion of Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson.

The proposed supports stacked up like this in dollars and cents against those planned by the administration for this year's crops:

Barley, proposed: \$1.12 per bushel; administration \$0.93 per bushel.

Grain sorghums, proposed: \$2.18 per cwt.; administration, \$1.80 per cwt.

Oats, proposed: \$0.72 per bushel; administration \$0.59 per bushel.

Rye, proposed: \$1.40 per bushel; administration \$1.16 per bushel.

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of parity also. The committee last week voted for 90 per cent props for so-called commercial corn grown in the main area for the crop.

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