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Eisenhower Clears Way for Visits by Russian Officials

Same Kind of Visit Would Be Arranged

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower has opened the way to a series of high-level visits between U.S. and Soviet officials if the Russians want them.

Indications are the Soviet bosses would like nothing better. The result could be eventual visits to the United States by Marshal Georgi K. Zhukov, Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Communist Party boss Nikita Khrushchev.

Mr. Eisenhower gave the green light to such exchanges when he told his news conference Wednesday that he would extend invitations to Soviet officials "on a completely reciprocal basis."

Be Ready Soon

That apparently means the United States will be ready soon to invite to this country the Russian counterpart of Air Force Chief of Staff Nathan F. Twining. Twining recently accepted an invitation to attend a Moscow air force show June 24.

The invitation apparently will go to Marshal V. D. Sokolovsky, chief of the Soviet chiefs of staff, who issued the invitation to Twining. However, the United States appeared to be waiting for the outcome of Twining's trip to see exactly what kind of a visit should be planned for the Soviet leader.

The President said he knew when he agreed to Twining's acceptance of the Russian invitation that he would be expected to reciprocate.

Will 'Do Exactly That'

"I will do exactly that," he said.

Mr. Eisenhower added that he would extend "the same courtesies, on the same conditions and conducted in the same way."

Asked if Zhukov, Russia's defense minister and an old war-time friend of the President's would be invited to the United States, Mr. Eisenhower repeated that the United States will act "on a completely reciprocal basis."

Baseball

American	Cleveland	Baltimore	Chicago	Washington	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh	St. Louis	San Francisco	Los Angeles	San Diego	Los Angeles	San Francisco	Los Angeles	San Diego
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thing we have on some spur-of-the-moment deal," Rhea explained.

Interest Grows

Rhea's interest in mining grew gradually from a childhood love for the outdoors. She quit school at an early age because sitting in a classroom made her nervous. Instead, she rode horseback all day in the open air, a practice doctors said was good for her weak lungs and nervousness.

A childless divorcee, and a barber by trade, she dislikes any form of confining housework and feels most comfortable in a loose fitting shirt and overalls.

For jaunts to the mine she carries a .38 caliber revolver and, when necessary, coldly "cuts down" any wild animal or rattlesnake that threatens her safety.

She claims her best protector however, is her six-year-old canine companion, Bob, which is said to be half wolf.

Rhea and her brothers are members of no particular church, yet religion is ever-present in their thinking. Of their apparent good fortune in finding Jackpot, Rhea says: "It's like bread on the water. We've had lots of hard times, but always something good has happened to offset them. Maybe finding gold in this mine was the good God made come to us for helping Casey when he needed that money."



HARD ROCK MINE—Examining ore from a rock mine at Jackpot are, left to right, Walt (Bud) Norton, Rhea (Sis) Norton, two of the three owners of the mine, Sherman Rudd and his wife, Vickie. The Rudds, long-time friends of Rhea's, have been helping with work at Jackpot. Standing in front of the prospectors is Bob, Rhea's six-year-old mining companion said to be half wolf. Third partner in the mine, Charley Norton, is currently working in Hoopa, Calif.

Twice Lost Gold Mine With Rich Ore Found

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A twice lost gold mine on the top of Blizard mountain, up Sardine creek beyond Gold Hill, has once again been found and its contents promise to be among the richest ever discovered in the Rogue valley.

The claim, named "Jackpot Placer mine," is owned by Rhea Norton, her brother Walt Norton, (everyone calls them "Sis" and "Bud") and another brother, Charley Norton.

Venturesome Person
Most of the credit in finding the elusive mine apparently belongs to Rhea, a venturesome individual who dislikes being "cooped up" and attracts friends like a magnet attracts metal.

Rhea, who will be 57 in August and has been "messing with mining" in the Texas and California regions for the past 20 years, one day happened to meet a fellow prospector named "Casey."

Casey, whose real name was K. C. (Kit Carson) Berge, was in trouble. His wife was ill and he needed money. When she sees a friend in need of money, Rhea has a habit of hauling out her wallet, emptying it and casually remarking, "Oh, Well, Brother has a pay-day tomorrow." Thus it was that she provided Casey with vitally needed funds amounting to \$1,600 during his wife's illness and subsequent death.

During the course of their friendship, Casey told her the tale of a mine in the Gold Hill area that was discovered in 1906 by three Alaska prospectors. The trio filed a common miner's quartz claim for 20 acres. They gave \$1,000 to a local rancher, known now only as "Mr. Eldridge," to build a road from his cabin in the valley near Sardine creek to the bottom of Blizard mountain. From there, they planned to run an ariel tramway to the mining site.

Leave for Alaska
Having given the money to the rancher, they left for Alaska, planning to sell their claims there and return to Gold Hill. Their ship, however, hit an iceberg en route and all three were drowned. Eldridge, the only living man who knew the mine's location, had no interest in developing it and it stood abandoned for decades after decade.

Perhaps a restless spirit, or more likely the difficult climbs, were instrumental in Casey's subsequent withdrawal from partnership in the mine. He had defective lungs and a weak heart, Rhea explained.

"Charley and I figured if the mine was big enough for two, it was big enough for three so we brought our brother, Walt, into the deal."

At length, the three of them arranged with a logging outfit working in that vicinity to have a bulldozer clear a road to the mine for a "fair" price. Nortons purchased a jeep solely for trips to the mine.

It seems doubtful that even a jeep could surmount the hurdles of gravity without such verbal encouragement from its owners as, "Come on, baby! Just a little farther! We know you can make it!" At the end of the journey, bruised and skinned occupants hop out of the jeep with such exclamations as, "Yip-e! We made it!"

Not Without Hardship
The Nortons' discovery of Jackpot was not to be without hardship. During torrential rains last winter the walls gave way and Jackpot Placer mine was again lost.

Meanwhile, a close friend of Rhea's, Mrs. Sherman Rudd,

whose acquaintance she had made in 1942 while working in a California shipyard, arrived with her husband. The Rudds joined Rhea and Walt (Charley had returned to his home in Hoopa, Calif.) and another search for the mine got under way. About two weeks ago the four rediscovered Jackpot and their efforts reaped two-fold reward.

From the mine the prospectors chipped huge chunks of ore that were speckled with gold visible even to the naked eye.

"The rocks we took out of the mine a year ago were assayed to have 10 ounces of gold and 14 ounces of silver to the ton and the gold didn't even show," she said jubilantly.

Two Tunnels Made

The Nortons have dynamited out two tunnels each about seven feet high and 25 feet wide. In both tunnels countless "stringers" are evident. Stringers are mineral-filled crevices of varying sizes found in the rocks.

"Some people mine stringers six inches wide," Rhea said. "We have some stringers more than a foot wide." Assays show that Jackpot contains at least 19 different minerals and is especially rich in gold, silver, copper and quartz.

Jackpot's owners plan to set up a processing mill about a mile and a half from Gold Hill. Rhea says they have already purchased a "ball" type mill, which will separate the gold from the ore by a series of electrically powered balls. More work on the road will also be necessary before the ore can be brought from the mine to the proposed mill.

Return to Home

Meanwhile, the Rudds are leaving soon for Louisville, Ky., where they will remain for a few months before returning to work in their friends' mine, and Rhea and Walt left Wednesday for their home in Hoopa.

"Hoppla is an Indian reservation where we have many friends. If you're ever down there and want to look us up, don't ask for Rhea and Walt Norton because no one will know who you're talking about. Ask for Sis and Bud and they'll lead you right to us," Rhea said.

The reason for their return to California, she explained, is mostly for the sake of finances. "After all, we've got a mine to support now," they said. Walt will work in a sawmill until they have enough money on hand to continue development of Jackpot.

The Nortons put their money in a safety deposit box instead of a checking account as many people do. The reason for this, they say, is that a checking account makes funds too readily available. "We can't always just go to the bank and get money when we want to, like on a weekend. This way we have a cooling off period before we blow every-

Washington—(U.P.)—The Army announced plans today to transfer 500,000 reservists from the ready to the standby reserve, freeing them from any call to active duty except by act of Congress.

Army Pares Reservists

An additional 475,000 reservists will be discharged altogether. They are men who served prior to June, 1951, mostly Korean war veterans, whose tour as reservists would soon end anyway.

The Army announced the shakeup in its reserves as a move to "build up a truly ready reserve force" of 1,692,000 reserv-

ists and national guardsmen available for immediate call in war or other emergency. Ready reserves can be called to active duty by presidential order whereas standby reservists are liable only if Congress declares war or a national emergency.

Not Active Participants

An Army spokesman said most of the men affected by the Army plan, which will be carried out during the year starting July 1, have not been actively participating in reserve units.

The Army said the aim of the new screening program is to keep in ready reserve units men who are physically fit, have

necessary military qualifications and will be available for immediate service in emergency. The screening process will remove from the ready reserve men who would be needed vitally in industry, research and activities necessary to national health and safety.

No Volunteers Dropped

No men volunteering for reserve service will be dropped, the Army said.

The Army said the new screening process will be automatic and persons being transferred will be notified in due course.

Lower Columbia Dikes Worry To Flood Watchers

Smith Inspects Critical Areas

Portland—(U.P.)—Dikes in the Clatskanie and Puget Island areas along the lower Columbia river "weathered the night very well" but they continued to be the focal point of attention as the mighty stream inched downward slowly.

A combination of high tide and 20 mile per hour winds caused concern last night in the lower Columbia area but Army engineers said this morning the dikes held. There was some seepage but "no significant increase," a spokesman said.

Protect Farmland

Dikes protect rich farmland on Puget Island where from 1,500 to 2,000 people live. The island is downstream from Clatskanie, where not so many families were threatened.

Russian Po

Got Your Ball, Kid"



Employment in County Increases Last Month

Unemployed in Jackson county as of May 31 was estimated about 39 per cent less than in April and 37 per cent less than a year ago. John J. Patton, manager of the Medford unemployment office, said today.

An estimated 590 persons were unemployed at the end of May, he said.

Business continued on a steady seasonal rise during May, with most firms reporting business good and getting better, Patton said. Occasional stormy weather interfered with outdoor work, he said, particularly in logging operations at higher elevations.

Patton said hiring last month was not concentrated in any particular industry, but was scattered throughout the county. There were no serious and prolonged shutdowns, he added.

Construction and logging absorbed the greatest number of people going to work during the early part of May, he said, but hiring slowed down with frequent rains in the latter part of the month.

Apparent Weak Spot
Patton said the only apparent weak spot in the lumber industry was a drop in plywood prices which caused a few layoffs. In agriculture, most of the activity was haying and orchard spraying, and there was no extra workers required, he said.

"The general outlook for employment during the next 60 days is very good," Patton said. In some skilled occupations, he said, help already has become scarce, and no new source of workers is immediately in sight in the local labor market.

Agricultural migratory workers are beginning to appear, he noted, and college and high school students will be seeking work during summer vacations.

Fear thinning will get under way this month and probably will require considerable help, he said, and lumber mills probably will require additional help when second shifts are started.

Professional, managerial and clerical jobs accounted for 12 per cent of the total number of job placements during May, Patton said, and skilled jobs ac-

Leukemia Fatal To Admiral Joy

San Diego, Calif.—(U.P.)—Vice Adm. Charles Turner Joy, chief U.N. delegate to the Korean truce conference, died Wednesday of leukemia at the San Diego Naval Hospital. He was 61.

The soft-spoken admiral had been ill since he retired two years ago from active duty and last Monday entered the hospital in a final attempt to defeat the incurable disease.

Since his retirement in 1954, the four-star admiral had been living at nearby La Jolla, which overlooks the vast naval installations in and around San Diego Bay.

Although he spent most of his life at sea, Joy won his greatest fame for the months of exhausting negotiations with the Chinese Communists during the Korean peace talks. He served as chief U.S. negotiator in Korea from July 8, 1951 to May 22, 1952 when he was assigned to his last job as head of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

Five Fishermen Believed Drowned in Snake River

American Falls, Ida.—(U.P.)—Five fishermen were believed drowned when their small boat capsized on the Snake river downstream from the big American Falls dam today.

Late News Briefs

ACCUSATION HURLED
Washington—(U.P.)—House Democrats today accused the Eisenhower administration of aiding private utilities in a fight to destroy public power and remove all opposition to "a complete private power monopoly in the United States."

H-BOMB TEST DUE

London—(U.P.)—Britain announced today it will explode its first hydrogen bomb next year.

The decision was announced by Prime Minister Anthony Eden in a statement to the House of Commons.

TITO NOT BOTHERED

Moscow—(U.P.)—Marshal Tito shrugged off as "not important" Wednesday night a congressional move to cut U.S. aid to Yugoslavia and hinted he would like to visit Washington.

POAGE SEES PAYMENTS

Washington—(U.P.)—Rep. W. R. Poage (D-Tex.) said today there is "no doubt at all" that the new farm law provides for soil bank payments to farmers who lost all or part of their 1956 crops to drought, floods or other disasters.

Seize Georgians

Independence Posters Cause Of Soviet Action

First Demonstration Heard in 14 Years

Vienna—(U.P.)—Soviet secret police seized more than 100 persons in Josef Stalin's home republic of Georgia last week, Western diplomatic sources said today. The seizures were made when posters appeared in the capital city of Tiflis proclaiming an "independent" Georgian Republic.

The sources said that on the morning of May 26 factories, plants and official buildings of the city were plastered with posters reading: "Long live the independent Georgian Republic."

May 26 was the 37th anniversary of the proclamation of Georgia's independence in 1919. Workers seized

The reports reaching Vienna said more than 100 workers were seized by the Secret Police in a search for members of an underground organization believed to have distributed the posters.

An additional, but undetermined, number were picked up in a second police raid the next day, the reports said.

The sources said the May 26 demonstration for Georgia's independence was the first heard of in the West in 14 years. Similar independence demonstrations were reported from Tiflis and other Georgian towns when the German army approached the Caucasus during World War II.

The volatile Georgians also demonstrated violently last March over another issue, the Communist collective leadership's decision to downgrade the memory of Stalin, who was born in Gori, near Tiflis, in 1879.

Killed in Riots
Reliable sources estimated that up to 100 Georgians were killed in the riots last March 9 when troops opened fire on waves of pro-Stalin demonstrators who tried to storm the Tiflis post office.

The trouble started March 5, the third anniversary of Stalin's death, when Georgians poured into Tiflis to hold a quiet memorial service.

However, because of the bitter speech at the 20th Soviet Communist Party Congress in Moscow in February in which Nikita Khrushchev violently denounced Stalin, there was considerable confusion.

Propagandists had been sent into Georgia to spread the new party line vilifying Stalin. But, caught between the people's desire to honor their native son and orders from Moscow not to permit any homage to the dead dictator, officials hesitated and the crowds grew in number.

Federal Court to Resume Monday
Federal court sessions here will resume at 9:30 a.m. Monday in the court room in the post office building. Court was adjourned late yesterday afternoon by Federal Judge Gus K. Solomon.

Two cases were decided by juries during the past two days. One decision favored Sears Roebuck and company in a suit brought by Mrs. Alvera E. McDonald. Yesterday afternoon, a jury decided in favor of Montgomery Ward and company, Inc. in a suit brought by Nancy J. Copeland.

Both suits asked damage for personal injuries.

On Monday, the court will hear the case of the U. S. vs. James V. Adamek, Wilbur Merchen and Noble Standley, all concerning internal revenue violation charges.

Weather
FORECAST: Increasing cloudiness tonight. Chances of occasional light showers Friday. Low tonight 45. High Friday 72.

Highest Yesterday 73
Lowest This Morning 47

Our Skies Tonight
Sunrise 4:39 a.m.
Sunset 7:46 p.m.
Moonrise Friday 4:23 a.m.
New Moon Friday

PROMINENT STAR
Regulus, in the west 10:11 p.m. The planet, Jupiter, continues to move nearer Regulus this month and will pass to the east of that star in July.