

Russia Challenged To Allow Twining Close Look at Air Bases

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower has challenged Russia to loosen its guard and let Gen. Nathan F. Twining, U. S. Air Force chief of staff, have a good look at Soviet air bases.

That is the meaning of the President's rejection of a tentative Soviet invitation to all the U. S. military chiefs of staff to visit Russia this month. Government officials said the United States will be happy to send its top military leaders to the Soviet Union later if Twining reports he could see something worthwhile during his forthcoming trip to the Soviet Union.

Wouldn't Be Interested
"If it's just a matter of drinking vodka and getting a stiff neck from looking in the sky at airplanes, we're not interested," one official said.

Twining, with Mr. Eisenhower's approval, late last month accepted a Russian invitation to visit Moscow June 24 for the Soviet air force celebration. He is expected to be in the Soviet Union about eight days.

The White House disclosed Monday that Mr. Eisenhower turned down a subsequent tentative invitation for Twining's colleagues on the Joint Chiefs of Staff to join him. White House Press Secretary James C. Hag-

erty said the Russians were told such a visit would be "impracticable now." But the door was left open for a later visit.

Hagerty said the reply included two important conditions for any future visit:

1. It is "not likely that more than two members" of the joint chiefs would visit Russia at any one time.

* 2. Any visit "would be with the understanding that their schedule within the Soviet Union would be so arranged as to permit maximum time outside Moscow for visits to those activities of special interest to their own services."

Quake Engineering Conference Opens

Berkeley, Calif. — (U.P.) — Engineering experts from throughout the world opened a unique five-day conference on earthquake engineering today at the University of California.

On hand for the convention were recognized authorities on seismology and earthquake engineering from Japan, India, Germany, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, New Zealand, Turkey, Pakistan, Greece, Mexico, Italy and the United States.

The meeting will be devoted to the presentation of technical papers on the latest seismic design and construction practices in all the major seismic areas of the world. Panel sessions were scheduled to discuss design and construction practices in the different countries.

During opening ceremonies today the delegates observed the 50th anniversary of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake-fire.

Mayor Peterson To Testify in Portland

Portland — (U.P.) — Mayor Fred Peterson, District Attorney William Langley and Police Chief Jim Purcell were scheduled to appear today before the Multnomah county grand jury in its current investigation here.

Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said the three had not been subpoenaed but rather had been issued invitations to appear. Thornton said that he considered the grand jury only into the "initial stages" of its investigation.

Troubles Multiply For Rail Engineer

Davenport, Iowa — (U.P.) — Troubles multiplied Monday for Rock Island line Engineer E. Snyder. The first of a series of mishaps occurred near Durant, when Snyder's train developed a hotbox.

He stopped the freight train to unhook the damaged car, but forgot about the 25 cars behind it. Snyder didn't note his loss until he got to Davenport, then had to back up all the way.

Back at the forgotten box-cars, a Des Moines passenger train was delayed two hours until Snyder showed up to collect his property.

Club Announces Catfish Derby Rules

Rules governing the 20th annual National Catfish Derby will be the same as in previous years, according to Curt Butterfield, president of the Medford 20-30 club. The catfish derby will be held on June 17, at Touvelle State park.

Catfish entered may be submitted to the judges between 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. the day of the derby at the judges stand in the park. Butterfield said no pre-registration necessary or entry fee will be required. The derby is not expected to affect the supply of catfish in the Rogue River valley, he added.

The derby is open to everyone and fish entered in the derby must be in good condition.

Prizes will be awarded for the biggest catfish, largest number of catfish caught by any one contestant, youngest contestant entering one or more catfish and the oldest contestant entering one or more fish. The grand sweepstakes trophy will be awarded on the basis of overall ability.

Scoring will be based on number of catfish caught, average length, average weight, general condition and appearance of catfish and originality of costume of contestant.

Alan Ladd, Wife Hurt In Auto Accident

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Actor Alan Ladd and his wife, Sue, were injured slightly Monday when their car collided with another vehicle near the Warner Bros. studio in nearby Burbank, police reported.

Officers said Ladd injured his knee and his wife suffered a bump on her head. Ladd and his wife were treated at home by their physician.

Practice Rockets Fall From Jet Plane

Fairbanks, Alaska — (U.P.) — Six practice rockets fell from the rocket pod of an F89 Scorpion jet here Monday and buried themselves harmlessly in the ground.

A spokesman at Ladd Air Force Base said the rockets contained no warheads and caused no property damage when they landed and buried themselves in the earth in sparsely populated South Fairbanks.

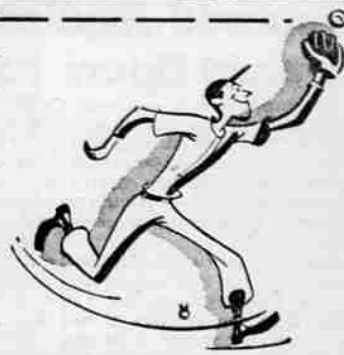
Four planes from Ladd were making rocket runs in preparation for a rocket firing test when the incident occurred. The planes returned to Ladd and a thorough check revealed no malfunctioning of the rocket launching apparatus. The rockets were being fired by means of radar control.

Gen. T. Allan Bennett, commander of the 11th Air Division, said the only possible answer to the incident was in an electronic miscalculation in distance by the controlling radar station.

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