

Back Stairs: Dynamiting in the Catoctins

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Washington — (U.P.) — Back stairs at the White House:

Recently there has been heavy dynamite blasting in the area near Camp David, the presidential hideaway in the Catoctin Mountains of Western Maryland.

Some of the residents of the area have been asking each other whether the government might be building some bomb shelters near the camp which President Eisenhower still uses occasionally for meetings of large groups, although his Gettysburg, Pa., farm is only about 20 miles away.

Another local theory is that the government may be putting in some small dams on the streams running through the federally owned Catoctin recreational area to help improve the fishing.

Some of the president's staff, including Wilton B. Jerry, persons, deputy assistant to the president, and Earl Chesney, administrative assistant, have been fishing in the Catoctin Mountain area recently, but not up near Camp David itself where the fishing generally is poor.

From now until about the end of June is the best time to do any sort of fishing in the Thurmont, Md.-Gettysburg area, particularly in the hilly sections, because when hot weather comes the streams lower a bit and the

water becomes so bright that the fish, mostly trout, remain hidden in the shadows.

Another factor causes a relatively sudden fall-out in trout fishing in the President's neck of the woods. With warm weather, the flies begin to hatch, and the fish, with such an ample supply of natural food on hand, become finicky about going for artificial flies and other lures.

Gettysburg should be in the big news this week end when the President's house guest will be Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, deputy commander of NATO forces in Europe and a World War II comrade-in-arms of the chief executive.

Montgomery and Eisenhower are old friends and probably will devote their week end to old soldier bull sessions and a tour of the famous Civil War battlefield which Eisenhower promised the famous British general some years ago.

Gettysburg is a delightful place this time of year, but even her most loyal citizens admit that the historic town can get frightfully hot in July and August, even into September.

This is why some members of the White House staff groan at a rumor, possibly started as a gag that instead of going to Colorado for his late summer vacation, Eisenhower will spend most of his time on his Pennsylvania farm where the house

is delightfully air-conditioned.

Denver and the Colorado area in general looked like a sure bet for the Eisenhower vacation a few weeks ago, but not so sure now because several of the President's Colorado friends have not been able to get the slightest cue from him.

When they ask him to come to Colorado again this summer, he smiles and says what a swell place it is, but thus far has not tipped his hand on a vacation locale.

If Congress should remain in session much beyond early August the President of course will have to stay here or in Gettysburg until House and Senate decide to quit for the year.



ARRIVING AT HEADQUARTERS, Teamsters Union President Dave Beck (right) and Vice President James R. Hoffa are in jovial mood as they prepare for appearance before ethical practices committee in Washington on charges of improper activities. (International Soundphoto)

North Dakota Convicts Sleep in Cold Cells

Bismarck, N.D.—(U.P.)—Rebelious convicts, who rioted at North Dakota State Penitentiary, spent a cold and hungry night in a cellblock with broken windows.

The 200 inmates tried to sleep on empty stomachs when the mercury spiraled downward to near the frost point.

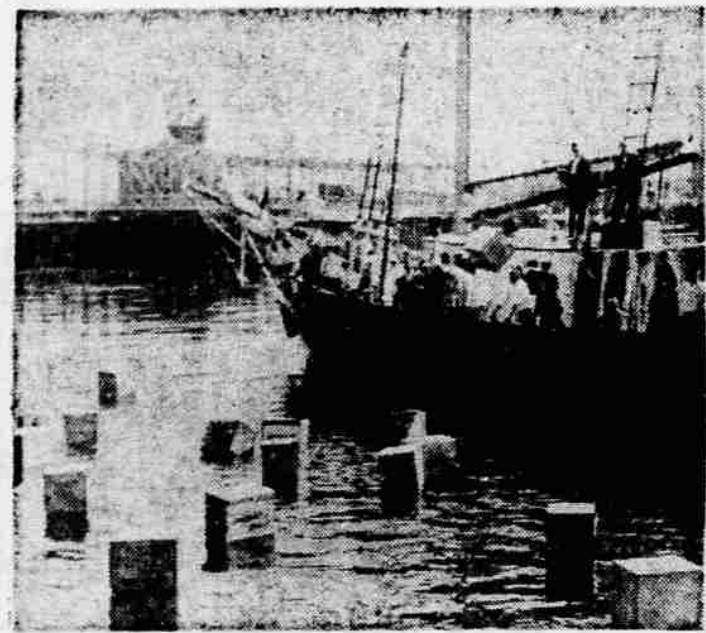
None of the prisoners had eaten since breakfast Tuesday shortly before a sitdown strike in the prison twine factory erupted into a four-hour riot that finally was subdued by a flying wedge of guards with guns blazing.

"There are signs the prisoners are coming around," Warden O. J. Nygaard said. "We are not rushing things." The warden planned to hold

WORK HAZARDS

Boston — (U.P.) — No fewer than 68 occupations have been labeled "hazardous" by the State Labor Commission. Just about everything from charwoman to chimney sweep was represented in the classification of jobs that must be covered by workmen's compensation.

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BOSTON TEA PARTY—Protesting the federal budget of \$71,800,000,000, Bostonians reenact the Boston Tea Party, but without tea. In the same spirit as their 1773 counterparts, they tossed overboard crates marked high taxes, high spending, inflation, federal debt, inefficiency and bureaucracy.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Washington — Teamsters President Dave Beck, on a Senate investigation of his personal use of union funds:

"This don't bother me in the slightest degree. It's all part of the job. The fact of the matter is I'm three and a half pounds heavier than I was three weeks ago."

Washington — Special presidential envoy James P. Richards, on returning from a 59-day tour of the Middle East:

"I was surprised at the confidence of the governments and people in that area as to the high moral purposes of what the United States is trying to do."

Madison, Wis. — Wisconsin state Rep. Alvin E. O'Konski, on a successor to the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy:

"The voters elected Joe McCarthy and his philosophy for six years — there is no one who could represent his point of view better than Jean (Jean McCarthy, the senator's widow)."

Brasoria County, Tex. — National Guard Lt. Darrell Windham, on the reluctance of about 100 families to leave their homes despite flood waters:

"Many of them have water inside their little ramshackle homes but they still won't leave. Some of them are out of food, but they are still hanging on. They say they have to take care of their chickens, a cow, a horse or a pig."

Washington — President Eisenhower, explaining that his recent golfing vacation at Augusta, Ga., helped in throwing off his lingering cold and cough:

"I personally think for the kind of difficulty I had that the sun is the only answer."

Boom Developing For Mrs. McCarthy

Madison, Wis.—(U.P.)—A boom was developing today for the appointment of the late Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's widow to his U.S. Senate seat.

Republican legislators were working to give Gov. Vernon Thomson, a Republican, power to appoint a successor. State law prescribes a special election.

Democrats, led by State Party Chairman Philo Nash, charged that appointment of an interim senator would be "not in the way of a democracy but the way of a dictatorship."

Support for the appointment of Mrs. Jean McCarthy to succeed her husband was led by GOP Rep. Alvin E. O'Konski.

"The voters elected Joe McCarthy and his philosophy for six years," O'Konski said. "There is no one who could represent his point of view better than Jean."

EMBARRASSMENT

Cranston, R.I.—(U.P.)—Imagine Nicholas Cassiere's embarrassment when he discovered in his pocket a letter his wife had given him to mail in July, 1954. Cassiere is a postal clerk.

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Newport, Vt.—(U.P.)—Dr. Louis Piette, who has practiced medicine here for 40 years, recently delivered his 40th set of twins. He has delivered a total of 2,262 babies, including two sets of triplets.

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