



EAST COMES WEST—A group of Japanese singers and dancers arriving at San Francisco International Airport put on an impromptu show on the landing ramp. In the center of the ring is Wilbur Clark, owner of the Desert Inn in Las Vegas, Nev. Clark brought the Japanese entertainers to the U. S. to perform in his night club.

Backstairs: President May Look Sleepy

By MERRIMAN SMITH
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Washington — Backstairs at the White House: If President Eisenhower looks particularly sleepy this morning, the reporters who travel with him will look much worse.

He flew overnight from Oklahoma City after his speech there Wednesday night, as did the news corps. There was one big difference in their planes, however. The President's plane, the Columbine III, is comfortably equipped with sleeping berths. The press plane has nothing but standard commercial airliner seats.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

"Who-dun-it" note on the U. S. missile situation: GOP National Chairman Meade Alcorn charges in Oakland that the Democratic-controlled 85th congress is responsible for cuts in the missile program. He says the Democrats "went along" with slashing \$2.2 billions from the President's defense appropriations request.

A few days ago Ex-President Truman let it be known in his opinion it was the wicked Republicans who messed everything up. He said in effect that "we" had it all set in "my administration," and then the Republicans came along and kicked the milk bucket over.

A THOUGHT: Might it not be MUCH better for all of us in these admittedly confused and critical days if we had more let's-do-its and fewer who-dun-its?

Politics is well enough when all is running smoothly, but when the going gets rough it is STATESMANSHIP we need.

LET'S turn now to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, a woman who has been much maligned and just as warmly defended and who has come through it all with a great deal of personal respect on the part of the American people—who are inclined to feel that where she has been wrong it has been a matter of the head rather than of the heart.

In a talk in Toledo (Ohio) she says that in the educational system of the Soviet Union everything is done under compulsion. Emphasis (meaning COMPULSORY emphasis) is place on

science, mathematics and allied subjects.

"The QUESTION," she says, "is whether we can meet this challenge under our system of free choice."

ASKED if the Russians have any desire for freedom, she replied:

"The Russian people NEVER HAD ANY FREEDOM, and have lived within a framework where they are complacent."

"They merely live the way they do, and therefore are accustomed only to the way of life they have always known."

Mrs. Roosevelt, it should be added by way of explanation, has just returned from a fairly extended tour of Russia.

Gov. Knight Labels Reports Ridiculous

San Francisco — Persistent reports that he had been offered a "high position in the administration" to drop out of the 1958 Senate race were labeled "absolutely ridiculous" by Gov. Goodwin J. Knight Wednesday night.

Newton A. Stearnes, executive secretary to the California chief executive, relayed the reports to Knight in Puerto Rico and said the governor reaffirmed his intention to run for the Senate.

"I said in Washington I would run for the U. S. Senate in the June primary," Knight said. "That is still the fact and will remain the fact."

The rumors cropped up in full force Wednesday after Republican National Chairman Meade Alcorn met in a "friendly conference" with Mayor George Christopher, who is also a GOP candidate for the seat to be vacated by Sen. William Knowland (R-Calif.).

Knight and his wife are in Puerto Rico on a vacation.

Testimony Heard on Possible Revision

Lewiston, Idaho — More than 150 persons testified at a hearing Wednesday on possible revision of a 1948 "master plan" for development of the Columbia river system.

The Washington State Department of Conservation took a strong position in favor of the proposed Nez Perce dam on the Middle Snake river in the face of opposition to the dam from sportsmen's organizations, the Idaho State Chamber of Commerce and the Washington Water Power company.

Col. Myron Page, Walla Walla district engineer, presided at the hearing, one of four being conducted in the Northwest concerning the proposed Nez Perce dam near the mouth of the Salmon river.

The dam would be 700 feet high, have an initial capacity of 1,500,000 kilowatts, and would cost about 340 million dollars. Backers contend it would provide more power and flood control than any other proposed development on the river.

Sugar Beet Checks Are Mailed to State Growers

Nysa, Ore. — Checks in the amount of \$10,395,000 are on their way today to sugar beet growers in the Nysa-Nampa area as initial payment for the 1957 beet crop.

Officials of the Amalgamated Sugar company said the payment covers deliveries to the Amalgamated sugar refineries at Nysa and Nampa during October.



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Potluck Dinner Set For Elk Trail School

A potluck dinner will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday as part of the open house at the Elk Trail school, it was announced.

The sixth grade mothers will serve.

A teachers' reception will follow 7:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and the actual open house will be from 8 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Two films will be shown the children in the gymnasium during the reception and open house, it was reported.

Following the open house the school chorus will conduct a group sing in the gymnasium.

Milton's Words Apply to Modern Age of Air, Space

By CHARLES MOORE
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McMurdo, Antarctica — "They also serve who only stand and wait."

These words of Milton apply in this modern age of air and space to the mother hens of the Navy and Air Force—the men who stand by the radio and radar sets at this Operation Deepfreeze headquarters and sweat out the arrival of planes delayed and feared missing over the vast spaces of the Antarctic.

It happened recently in a storm that sent wind and snow blowing across the air field here and dropped visibility to one-sixteenth to one-quarter of a mile.

Inside the shack that held the air operations center the G.I. clock on the wall read 12:45 a.m. Its ticking was drowned out by the buzz of a radio set and the voice of Navy Lt. Robert M. Epperly, of Enumclaw, Wash.

Calling Plane
Epperly and the preceding air operations duty officer had been calling Air Force 178, a four-engine Globemaster transport, for nearly eight hours without any answer.

At 1 a.m., when the Globemaster should have been back, a radioman turned to Navy Lt. Robert L. Bolling of Davisville, R. I., and asked him to prepare a rescue flight.

And then it came... the week voice of Air Force Capt. Ralph

Garrison, Galesburg, Ill. "Having no trouble," he said, "Just delayed slightly by headwinds and still 100 miles out." They didn't wait for the plane to land.



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