

Khrushchev in First Blunder Since Taking Over as Premier

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Nikita S. Khrushchev has just made his first blunder since he took over as premier of Soviet Russia two weeks ago.

Addressing a mass meeting of steel workers at Stalinvaros, Hungary, last Saturday, Khrushchev said that Hungary could not count on Russian intervention in the event of a new revolt.

His statement seems to have alarmed Hungarian and other Communist satellite leaders. They feared that it might offer encouragement to the workers, intellectuals and students who are becoming more and more restive under Red rule.

So on Tuesday, Khrushchev reversed himself in another speech at the coal-mining town of Tatabanya.

This time, Khrushchev said that Russia would intervene if necessary.

Claimed Distortion

He explained that "bourgeois journalists" had distorted his speech at Stalinvaros. What he really said, he told the coal miners, was that the Hungarian regime should make itself so strong that no revolt would be attempted.

Unfortunately, Khrushchev's original speech was published by the official Hungarian News Agency M. T. I., not merely by "bourgeois journalists."

Khrushchev's blunder, relatively minor in itself, emphasizes the difference in his status since he assumed the Soviet prime ministry on March 7, after ousting Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin.

Bulganin, of colorful personality, was what might be called a "safe" man. It was not necessary for him to back-track on any statements he made.

Can't Pop Off

But Khrushchev, as first secretary of the Communist Party before he became premier, became famed for his

frank, often highly provocative "off-the-cuff" remarks at diplomatic receptions.

As a Communist leader and not a member of the Soviet government, Khrushchev could make such remarks and get away with them.

But if he continues, in his capacity of leader of the Soviet government, to make such statements it will mean trouble both for himself and for the foreign governments with which Russia does business.

There is a great deal of difference between an inflammatory remark made by a Communist Party leader and one made by a premier who is his country's highest-ranking spokesman.

It will be a good thing for Khrushchev personally, for Russia and for the world if he learns that while a Communist Party leader can pop off and get away with it, a premier cannot.

Two Transferred To Portland Jail

Two men sentenced to one-year terms in the county jail were transferred to Multnomah county jail Thursday by sheriff's deputies.

They were Royal Weldon Calkins, 28, of 130 West Main st., who pleaded guilty in district court April 3, to a charge of petty larceny, and Stanley Carlton Schoen, 20, Medford, who was sentenced April 3 in circuit court on a charge of larceny from a person.

Long-term prisoners at the Jackson county jail are often transferred to Multnomah county, where they can take part in the prisoner work program, according to Sheriff Howard Gault.

Cub Scouts

Cub Pack 44 held their annual Easter Egg hunt for their smaller brothers and sisters recently.

At their den meetings they colored eggs and hid them on Saturday morning on the Lone Pine school lawn assisted by Clarence Childers and pack committeemen. Several clubs helped younger egg hunters to collect all eggs.

Mrs. Del Wright was presented a check for her sketching in connection with the printed program for the Kiwanis Kapers. A check for Kapers art work was returned to the club by Bill McCorkle.

Ike Expected To Take Pentagon Plan To People

Washington—President Eisenhower intends to take his case for Pentagon reorganization directly to the American people in an all-out fight against congressional opposition to the plan.

The President, who usually tries to avoid open clashes with Congress, has a fighting mood and will use every means at his command to put his plan over.

In unusually blunt language, he said he did "care how strong . . . or how numerous" his congressional foes might be. He said his defense reorganization proposals "will go swimmingly once people really understand" them.

Plans Broadcasts

To achieve that end, he said, he would appear on nationwide radio and television broadcasts as often as possible to win public support for Pentagon "modernization" that he called "necessary" for the nation's safety.

Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said later the first such appearance would come on April 17, when the Chief Executive addresses American and foreign newspaper editors here. Hagerty said he understood arrangements were being made for nationwide radio-TV coverage.

The Eisenhower plan would give Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy greater power over military spending, organization and strategy.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Antelope 4-H Clothing Club held a meeting at Terry Lee's home on April 5.

Our leaders asked us if we could be finished with our projects by the time school is out. Saturday, April 12, there is going to be a training session for the 4-H girls in Charmingly Yours, Teen-Wise, Sun and Fun and Clothing IV and V at the Jackson county court house from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Our club is to meet at Karen Jossy's home at 9:30 a.m.

We had a discussion about a mother's tea and decided to hold it on May 10. The next meeting will be a workshop on April 19 at Mrs. Anderson's home.

Karen Jossy, Reporter.

Old Will Rogers Movie Found Not Too Far Off From Present Day Washington

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Washington — It's been a tough winter in Washington, any way you stack it up for inspection.

The Weather Bureau says we haven't had so much cold snow since the 1920s, and some claim it goes back to before the turn of the century, about 1870. The Labor Department says we haven't had so much bad news on the unemployment front since the 1930s.

And the Soviets, most everyone here will concede, have been giving us more chills this winter than at any time since the cold war began.

What this tired capital city needed most, perhaps, in this winter of uneasiness was another Will Rogers who might at least keep us smiling, if no closer to the solutions.

So it was with considerable relief that a local theatre this week offered the silent film, "Will Rogers Goes to Congress," a well-worn but still laugh-provoking masterpiece from the days of Calvin Coolidge's administration.

"Do you think we will recognize the Russians?" Will is asked, as today many lawmakers are asked about our relations with Red China.

"Not if they don't shave," remarks Rogers.

During his election campaign, Will is in a public debate with the incumbent, a seasoned politician who duffs his high silk hat long enough to promise the crowd "relief for the poor and justice for the rich."

Forced to outdo this appeal, Rogers gets to his feet and says dryly:

"What this country needs most is . . . rain."

"And I'll do my best to get it for you."

The crowd goes wild, his opponent bawls out his coterie of managers, and Will is elected.

On the train to Washington, Rogers discovers the usefulness of a golfcase properly lettered in goldleaf. After going unnoticed for the budding statesman he believes himself to be, Rogers flashes his briefcase, which says, "The Honorable A. Doolittle, Washington, D.C." It even gets him a seat in the crowded wash-room.

"What do you think will be the result of all them scandals?" one of the washroom crowd asks him, apparently referring to the recent events of the Harding era.

"Probably teach 'em to be more careful," replies "Congressman Doolittle."

Before Rogers was chosen as the party's candidate by a group of solid citizens who each smoked cigars around a small, round table during their deliberations, another man was proposed. A wiser head, recalling the delicacy of certain matters (apparently the Teapot Dome Oil scandal), declared: "Someone might bring up the fact that he once worked in an oil filling station."

When the train pulls into Washington's Union station, the crowd in the theatre got its biggest laugh. The subtitle flashed on the screen said: Washington — the nation's amusement center.

Expecting the president to be down at the station to meet him, Will is not sur-

prised at the crowd as he steps off the train. But he quickly discovers that people in the capital don't pay too much heed to just another "honorable." As he prepares to greet them, the people dash down to the next car to find whom they were seeking, a visiting movie idol in from Hollywood.

Sadder but wiser, Will walks to the capitol and mounts the steps (in those jerky movements that typify the silent movies) for the not-so-glamorous task of representing a people whose scale of values somehow places the public lawmaker some notches below the public lovmaker.

The tough winter is about over. The magnolia trees are blossoming. Business is showing more signs of life. And as for the Soviet challenge, the lawmakers are on the hustings telling the people: "What this country needs most is . . . the moon. And I'll do my best to get it for you."

Seven Years Ruled For Disappearance

Salem — A person who disappears and, despite diligent search and inquiry, has not been heard from for seven years is presumed to be dead, according to Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton.

Thornton said that barring any peculiar circumstances surrounding the disappearance, the time of death is presumed to be the day following the last day of the seven-year period.

Thornton's opinion was given in answer to a query by Max M. Manchester, executive secretary of the Public Employees Retirement Board.

MRS. RUBINSTEIN DIES
New York — Mrs. Stella Rubinstein, 82, mother of the slain international financier, a Russian banker and money lender to Czar Nicholas II.



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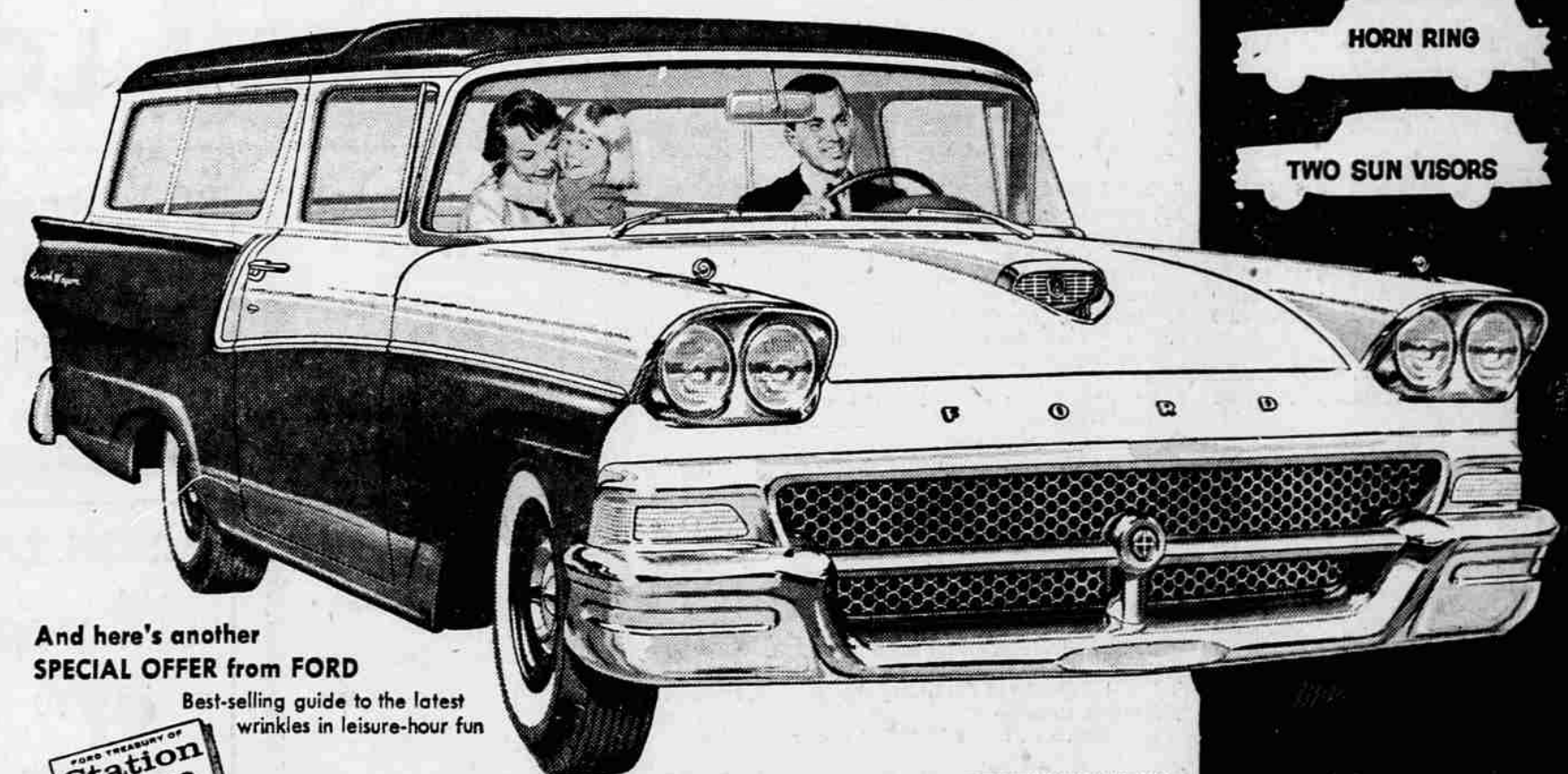
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