

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

A VISIT BY MR. K.?

There is a certain amount of talk, which the President has now encouraged, about inviting Mr. Khrushchev to come to Washington. Some who favor it believe that while the exchange of visits by Mikoyan, Kuzlov, and Nixon, can do something to make Mr. K. understand this country and its attitude, it is one thing to understand a distant and unfamiliar land and another to realize what is it.

There is no substitute, they feel, for seeing the sights and hearing the voices one's self and so to put flesh and blood where there were shadows and abstractions. A personal visit, they hold, is the only way to make Mr. K. realize the size and vitality of this

country, its determination not to abandon West Berlin, and its will to peace.

There are a few others, more sophisticated in power politics, who would like to see an Eisenhower-Khrushchev parley because they have come to think that this is the quickest and most likely way to reach a tolerable compromise arrangement. The argument here is that on the Soviet side only Mr. K. can or will make exchanges of concessions that would seal a bargain, and that he is more likely to do this in a two-power parley than in the more complicated summit talks. On the Western side, the argument is that negotiation is difficult and clumsy between the Soviet Union acting alone and the three powers who are four powers because West Germany is consulted in every stage and is virtually present. Advocates of a two-power parley, such as the "Economist" in London, go so far as

to think of it "as an alternative to the summit."

FROM the American point of view there is amidst all the subtlety and pitfalls of this question one clear and certain rule of conduct. We cannot appoint ourselves to negotiate with Mr. K. on behalf of the Western world, and even an intimation on our part that we were thinking of a two-power parley as an alternative to a summit meeting would be resisted furiously in Bonn and in Paris.

A visit by Mr. K. to Washington has its advantages and its dangers. But if it takes place, it should follow, it should not precede, a summit meeting in which Gen. de Gaulle is present personally and Dr. Adenauer is present by proxy. It is not certain that anything substantial can be accomplished at such a summit meeting. But the Western allies are committed to the idea that this is the right way to negotiate substantial things and that is the only way they can accept. This right way is by four-power negotiation with West Germany in fact though not in form making it a five-power

Crews Extinguish Eight-Acre Fires

Two eight-acre grass and brush fires in Jackson county were being mopped up Saturday morning by crews from the state department of forestry.

One blaze was located along Dead Indian rd. and the other was along the Southern Pacific railroad tracks south of Ashland.

The Dead Indian rd. fire was believed started from sparks from motorized equipment backfiring, and the fire along the railroad tracks was believed started by a train.

This method will have to be tested out by us in good faith at another summit meeting. It requires, as the present Geneva conference has been demonstrating, that the four Western powers must be unanimous not only on the final results, if any. They must also be unanimous in advance on each of the moves during the bargaining process. We must adhere loyally to this procedure through another

summit meeting.

But it will be with the knowledge that this is not the only conceivable way to negotiate with the Soviet Union. It is quite conceivable that we could negotiate directly with the Soviet Union, consulting in advance, consulting whenever the negotiations arrived at some tentative but substantial point of agreement, and, of course, making no final agreement without the consent of our principal allies. There is more latent sentiment in Europe for this type of negotiation than now appears on the surface.

THERE is, also, the problem of an American visit by Mr. K. My view is that it will be imprudent until and unless there is a decided improvement in the general atmosphere. This improvement can come only if there is a provisional agreement on West Berlin—an agreement arrived at by the Foreign Ministers or at a summit meeting later on in Europe. Mr. K. should not come to Washington until there has been eliminated the threat of a blockade and the risk of our having to resist the blockade and to retaliate. There does not have to be a

solution of the whole German problem before Mr. K. comes to this country. But he should not come while West Berlin is in such a dangerous position.

I do not mean to suggest that an agreement on West Berlin should be marked as the price of an invitation, or that an invitation should be treated as a reward for good behavior. This approach is beneath the dignity of both countries. The reason for saying that the visit should follow an agreement on West Berlin is that then only, will it have a good chance of being useful to both sides. Only when the threat of war has been eliminated can we explore successfully the chance of greater cultural and economic intercourse.

MOREOVER, as long as the war clouds hang over Berlin, this country could not protect Mr. K. completely against unfriendly demonstrations.

I found in Moscow that this problem was not well understood. They find it hard to believe that any government cannot keep perfect order if it wants to do so. The Soviet with its police and its docile population can control com-

Tips Given to Reduce Accidents in Summer

Drivers will live longer if they do not permit themselves to be distracted by the scenery as they travel this summer, according to Medford Chief of Police Charles P. Champ- lin.

He pointed out that while no one will ever know just

how many accidents are caused by drivers momentarily distracted by a pretty girl or a choice bit of scenery, no driver should take a chance on an accident by allowing his attention to wander.

Window shopping and driving don't mix in city traffic, he commented, just as looking at the view while driving on the open road can be fatal.

While on the subject of using your eyes in traffic, the chief explained that night driving presents a different problem for drivers, one for which they must compensate if they are to be safe.

This is especially important when going from a brightly-lit city to open country, a time which vision authorities recommend reduced speed.

Another safe-driving tip for night driving passed on by the chief is to relax eye muscles by looking about to prevent highway hypnosis.

Drivers can also reduce night glare by looking to the side of the road rather directly at the source of glare.

Senator Dimick Speaks at Picnic

State Senator Dan Dimick, Roseburg, discussed the importance of voting for and supporting liberal Democrats with progressive records when he spoke at the annual Jackson County Democratic picnic recently at TouVelle State park.

He also criticized Gov. Mark Hatfield for vetoing the sawmill workers' lien bill, which had been passed by the state legislature, and which Dimick said was a needed piece of legislation.

Tom Quimby, national committeeman from Michigan, was introduced. Quimby is on a tour of the nation and will be in California this week.

Bill Dugan was in charge of entertainment, which included The Shadows of St. Mary's and the Craterettes, a baton team. Ralph James, county commissioner, was master of ceremonies. William Deatherage introduced Senator Dimick.

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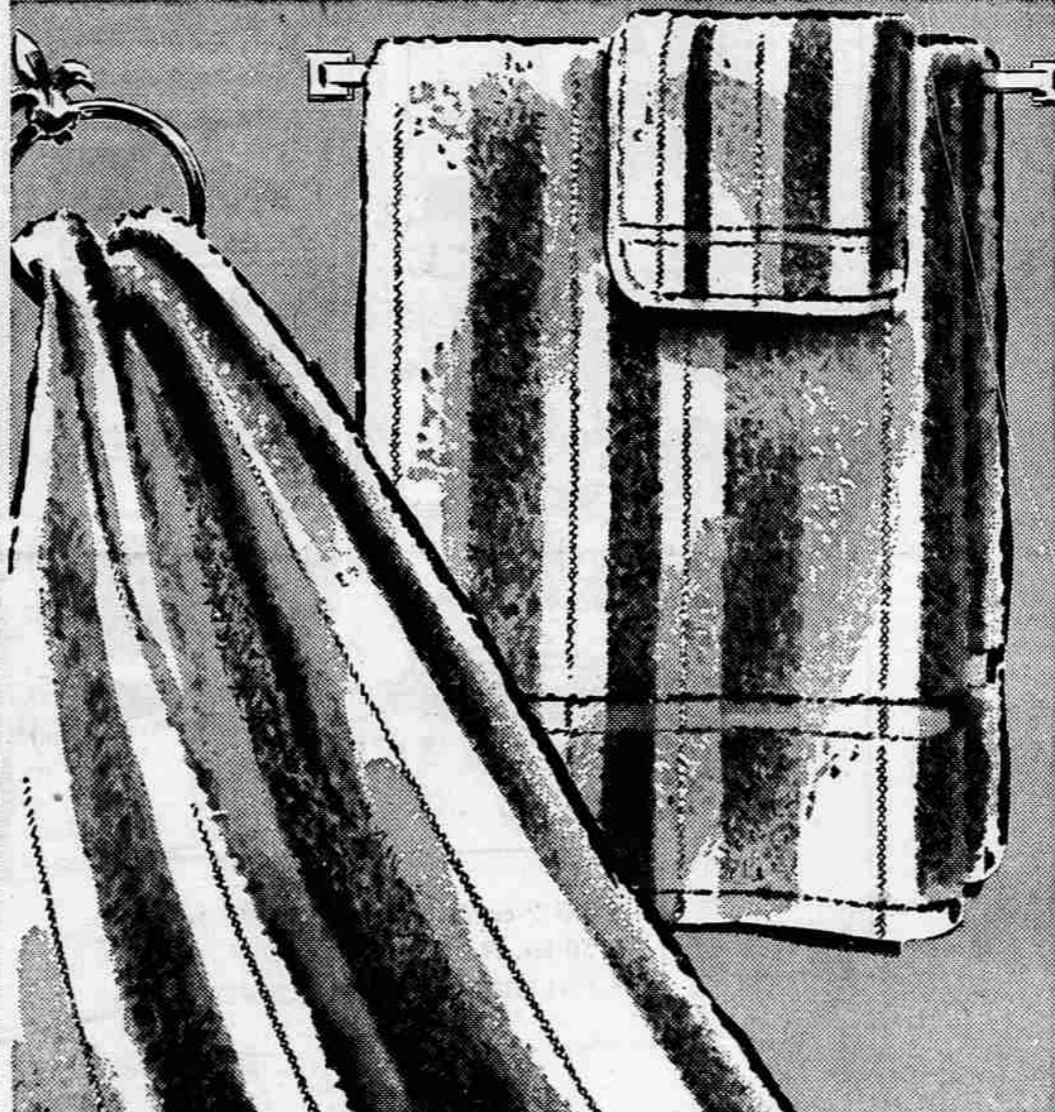


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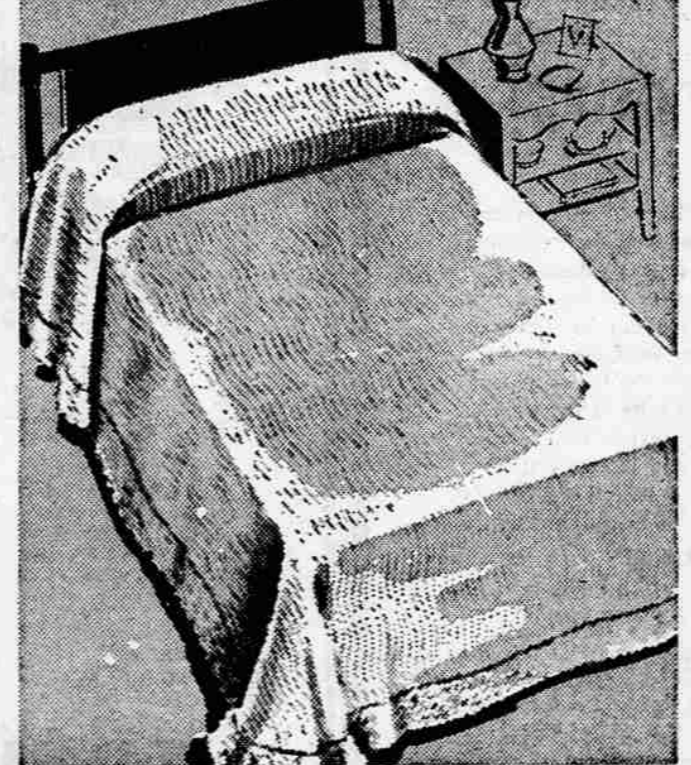
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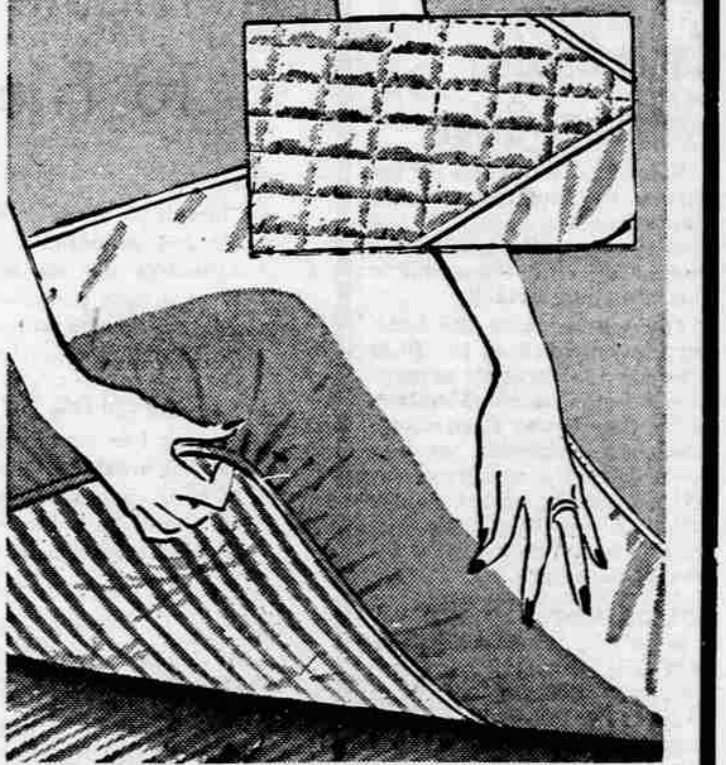


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