



COMMITTEE BRIEFED—Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, left, and Allen Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, leave the Capitol after briefing some members of the Senate foreign relations committee on the American spy-plane incident.

Back Stairs: A Major Indoor Sport

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Washington - UPI - Back stairs at the White House: Attending banquets is one of the major indoor sports of Washington and those who attend these crowded eating affairs seldom realize the planning that goes on in the background, particularly when a President of the United States is the ranking guest.

President Eisenhower last week attended a big dinner given in his honor by two organizations supporting his foreign aid program, the Committee for International Economic Growth and the Committee to Strengthen the Frontiers of Freedom.

Large Staff Assigned

There were about 1,100 guests involved and to keep the proceedings moving as smoothly as possible, the dinner committee assigned a rather large staff, including some beautiful young women to circulate among the arriving ladies and gentlemen, and steer them to their seats.

A formidable memorandum was circulated among the welcoming staff giving advice and instructions on how to cope with the situation. One order said:

"If anyone does not have a ticket, give one immediately, with no questions. Every person inside is supposed to have paid or is a free guest. To avoid embarrassment to free guests, give out tickets freely."

Then the instructions got just a bit more forceful as the committee members worried about how to have the audience in place by the time the President arrived. Said the battle orders for the evening: **Not Discourteous**

"Attention: Hosts and hostesses. Keep pushing people into their seats, urge them to be seated, not to stand at their tables. It is not discourteous to sit while others are coming."

And apparently by banquet standards, it is not discourteous to "keep pushing people into their seats." To heck with Emily Post. The President is on the way and we don't want a lot of jokers standing around in the aisles when the band starts playing ruffles and flourishes.

The banquet orders also considered another situation, drinking. The mimeographed memo said: "Drinks may be ordered at tables (each person paying for his own). Urge people to drink there, not at the bar, they may miss the opening if they go to the bar."

Army Proud

The Army spent an untold amount of money last week staging a show at Fort Benning, Ga., for the President and a large group of defense industry executives. The show was a massive demonstration of new equipment for the Infantry and the Army was exceedingly proud.

Private corporations and

the Defense Department, itself, vied with each other in offering free transportation to Fort Benning for reporters and photographers.

White House reporters went with the President to Fort Benning aboard a commercial airliner chartered by their companies.

But the whole affair turned out to be less than a publicity smash. The President delivered a stirring speech, the Army fired some of its best missiles. Thousands of words were written. Thousands of feet of film were made for television.

But two Army officers who had nothing to do whatever with public relations stepped into the situation, held up the news stories for several hours.

Salem - UPI - Gov. Mark Hatfield has three speaking engagements and a tour of the Georgia-Pacific Plant in Toledo on his schedule this week.

and shipped all the TV film to the wrong airport so that it missed every afternoon newspaper in the country.

There is reason to believe that the White House is far from happy about the results.

Incident Recalls Khrushchev Remark

Washington - UPI - The U.S. spy plane incident recalled a jesting remark by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev during his visit here last September.

Khrushchev met Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency. He told Dulles that he had read U.S. intelligence reports.

Khrushchev then quipped: "I think we have the same agents in the same places. Maybe we should get together and save money by not paying them twice."



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

A Change in the Weather? No, Only Inadequate Memory

"I've lived here all my life and I never saw a hotter summer."

"This is the coldest winter I have ever lived through."

"I never saw it rain so hard before; this is the strongest wind I ever felt."

All these expressions and many more like them have been used so many times they should have been discarded years ago.

These observations do not prove a change has occurred in the weather. They only prove the inadequacy of our memory. The weather is unreasonable constant from one year's end to another. The snow is no deeper, water little higher, or lower; and it won't be much different in the year ahead. Firing an atom bomb hasn't changed the thing at all.

Could Be Correct

We make these remarks perhaps to fill in a break in the conversation or to lead others to believe an unusual condition exists. Of course if the man had said, "This is the hottest day this month," or this the hardest rain ever occurring on August 2 or July 4, he could easily be correct.

Perhaps on some certain date, there was a hot or a cold day that may have established a record, but usually a specific date is never mentioned. The remarks are general and cover an entire year, and they are 99 per cent wrong.

As for the climate of a full season the weather records show a pretty level constancy. The figures average up from year to year, and there doesn't seem to be over seven cents worth of difference. If it is dry during the winter, excessive rain may fall during the spring or summer. There may be even floods, but the level remains pretty constant. Even the temperature range follows a prescribed curve, almost like it was in a long run.

No Radical Changes
The records also seem to

indicate that there have been no radical changes in the seasons since grandma was a small girl. If Aunt Maude claims things are different now than when she was a girl or that she always had snow for Christmas or pussywillows for early April, she has forgotten the times when the ground was bare or when the willows blossomed a little late. It's easier to forget than to remember.

It's going to be hot again. It's going to snow hard many more times. There are going to be hurricanes, tornadoes and sand storms.

And the chances are that after the records are all in, it was not such an unusual season after all. Most of the old expressions regarding the weather are pretty moth-eaten and worn out with too much use. They are about as ridiculous as the ones we certainly can't mean when we say, "I laughed 'til I thought I'd die."

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Youth Pleads Guilty In District Court

Lewis George Nickerson, 19, of 2060 Pardee court, Medford, pleaded guilty in district court to charges of petty larceny, district court officials reported Monday.

Imposition of sentence was suspended six months, and Nickerson was placed on probation on condition that he refrain from drinking and driving.

PLANE KILLS EIGHT

Taipei, Formosa - UPI - A Nationalist Chinese F-86 jet fighter had engine trouble on a training flight Sunday and crashed into a southern Formosa village killing the pilot and seven villagers, and injuring 11 other villagers, the Nationalist air force announced.

Helicopters are dropping utility poles in pre-dug holes, an aid to powerline builders in rough or heavily forested country.

Pear Shippers Ask Assistance

Medford Pear Shippers have asked for volunteers to collect hail samples for the local pear industry's hail research program.

Volunteers are asked to gather hail samples, store them in a deepfreeze and telephone SP3ring 3-4088 to have the samples picked up.

Jud Parsons, field director for the project, has established 235 hail recording stations in Rogue valley orchards and plans a total of 400, it was reported. These consist of thin metal foil wrapped around blocks of styfoam mounted on pear boxes. Dents in the foil indicate the density of the hail stone and gives an indication of size.

The hail research is jointly sponsored by the Medford Pear Shippers, Oregon state experiment station and the National Research Foundation. The foundation has contributed \$18,000 for the pro-

Portland People Held For Grand Larceny

Two Portland people were arrested on charges of grand larceny by state police here Sunday.

Officers said J. D. Tacket, 24, of Portland, and a 17-year-old Portland youth are lodged in the county jail on charges of taking two guitars from a parked car at a Portland tavern last week end. The guitars had a total value of about \$350.

SET UNSEEN

Tokyo - UPI - U. S. Air Force air police said today they have had no luck trying to find a television set stolen over the week end from air police headquarters at Washington Heights.

gram so far this year, but approximately \$30,000 will be expended by the end of the year, it was explained. The Medford Pear Shippers are contributing \$10,000 and the experiment station is also providing some money to the research.

Six states do not specify a definite speed limit for automobiles. These six states say "reasonable."

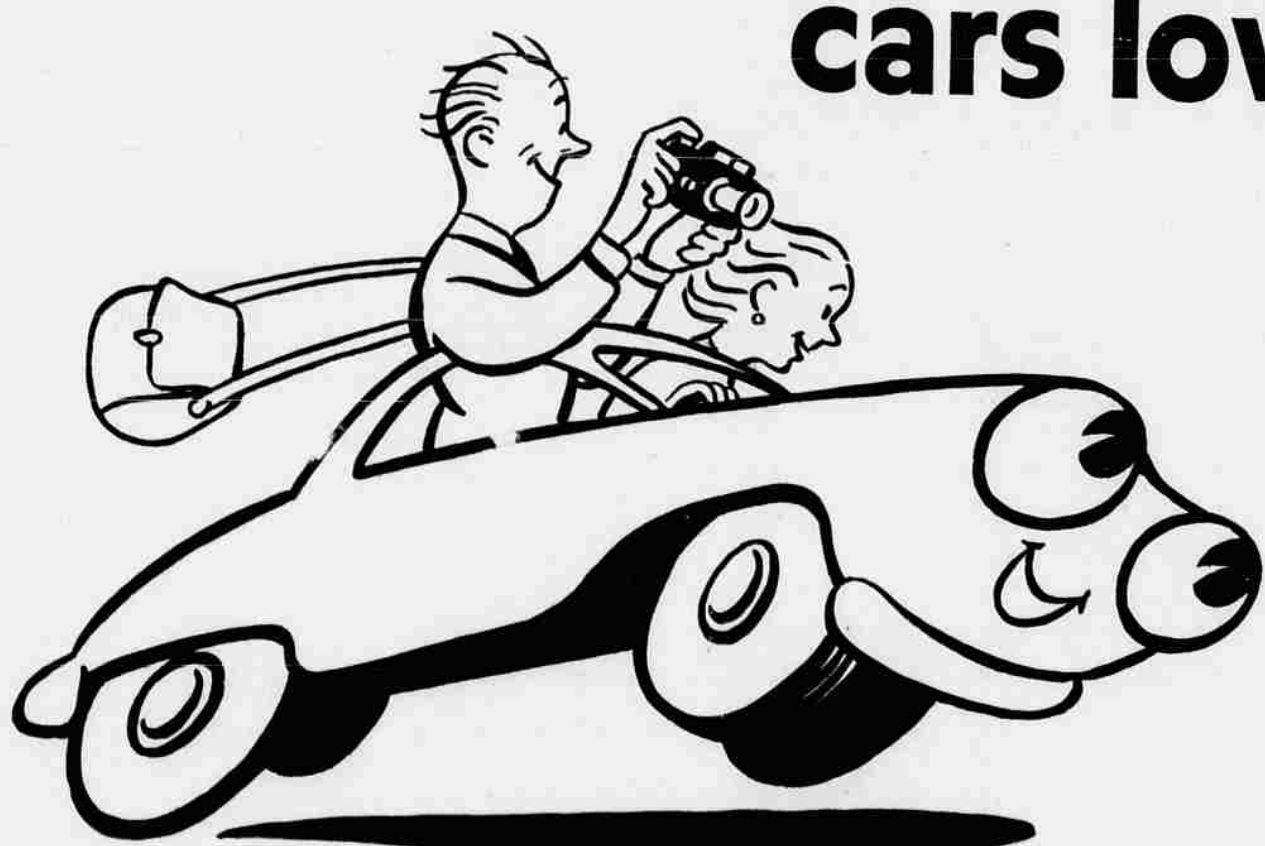
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