

Back Stairs: Embarrassing Situation

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Washington (UPI)—Back stairs at the White House, a mildly embarrassing situation has developed at the White House with the arrival of a bill for former President Dwight D. Eisenhower's Jan. 17 farewell television address to the nation.

It certainly is not the business of President Kennedy's administration which has its own pre-inaugural bills to worry about, but last week the Teleprompter Corp. of New York submitted a bill to the White House for \$412.23 covering "services rendered" for the telecast of the former President.

The bill itemizes such entries as cabs, tips, meals and transportation for the men who operated the teleprompter, an electronic device which unrolls a speech text at a position just above the TV camera lenses.

The corporation made no charge for use of its equipment; just expenses of the operating crew. In addition to the charges, George Kassimatis, New York manager of Teleprompter, enclosed for the Kennedy administration a picture of the Eisenhower broadcast and an advertising newsletter proudly proclaiming

"Teleprompter" lends "intimate" appearance to Ike's TV farewell."

All of which poses a curious situation for the current occupants of the White House. To whom do they send the bill? It is doubtful that it probably will be referred to the local office of the former President. It is doubtful that office has funds to pay the expense because the expense was incurred while Eisenhower was in office. Federal funds for retired Presidents are appropriated for office expenses after they leave the White House.

Thus, if the bill is paid, the money might have to come from Eisenhower's personal funds.

A somewhat unconstructed member of the White House press party checked in for the first time at the Red Fox tavern, the small inn at Middleburg, Va., where the Kennedys have leased an estate. The traveler gazed in awe at an ante-bellum four-poster bed with its high, white and lace canopy and inquired, "Who sleeps in the crazy upper?"

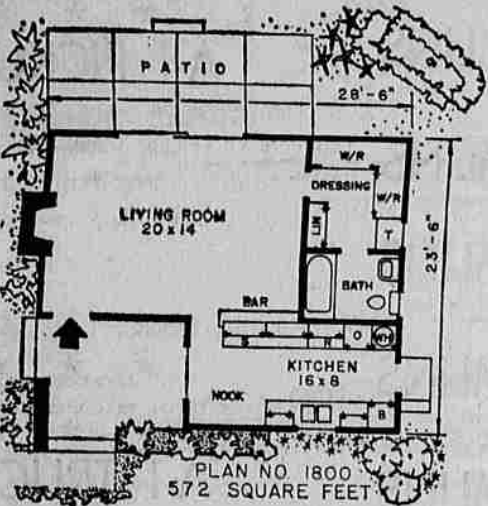
Sunday dinner business at the picturesque and ancient Red Fox was zoomed upward with sightseeing motorists

from Washington and nearby towns driving through the hunt country of Virginia in the hope of glimpsing the Kennedy family. Not much chance, however, because Glen Ora, the Kennedy estate, is off the main highways and reachable only by a narrow dirt road that turns into a deadly car trap with the snow, rain and mud of winter.

Homer Gruenther, a prominent Republican, administrative assistant and congressional liaison man in the Eisenhower administration, has been kept on at the White House by the Kennedy administration.

Gruenther, an affable, smiling man and brother of Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, head of the American Red Cross, currently is acting as sort of a host and White House tour director with headquarters in the East Wing of the executive establishment.

Someone apparently tried to light a fire recently in President Kennedy's office fireplace without checking first to see whether the flue was open. The other day a visitor noticed the neatly laid logs in the fireplace and spotted on one log a primy written note, "Damper is closed—do not light fire until damper is open."



Ranch and Modern Homes

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The "second" home, much like the second car, is fast becoming an established fact of American family life. Whether for lakeside or mountain, desert, winter sports or beach, this new type of holiday home is ideal for vacations, long week ends or for simply getting away from it all.

This "second" home could well develop into a family do-it-yourself project. If so, the cost of construction could be reduced nearly 50 per cent. Some may be interested in building this design for use as a year-round retirement home. Others might be interested in renting the house during part of the year and using it themselves during the "off-season" and in this way, pay for the house in a few years.

Instead of designing a home with a small living room and bedroom, we have combined these two rooms into one large all-purpose room. Sofas that easily convert into beds could be used in furnishing this room. A wide fireplace is on one wall of the "all-purpose" room and will adequately heat the home. For heating during cold spells when there is no such fire, a wall heater has been specified. These efficient and inexpensive heaters are very different from the models used just a few years ago and much more handsome.

A bar is provided next to the kitchen cabinets which face the living room. In addition, there is a good-sized nook in the kitchen. Note that the size of the kitchen is much larger than is usually found in a home of this square footage. It offers all the latest labor-saving devices and built-ins. The dressing room has ample wardrobe space plus a dressing table and a wide linen closet. The bath features an enclosed tub with shower over.

The striking rustic exterior features a stone wall and planter plus wood siding and roofing. If preferred, rock roofing could be substituted when building near the ocean or desert.

Complete working drawings for this plan can be purchased for \$7.50 for the first set and \$5 for each additional set, when ordered at the same time. This plan will be available at these prices until April 4, 1961. Please allow two weeks for delivery. If the above home does not entirely meet with your approval, a new home plan book, Ranch and Modern Homes, may be purchased for \$2. Send all orders for either plans or books to: Hiawatha Estes, P.O. Box 404-T, Northridge, Calif.

Search Conducted for Millionaire Bootblack

New York (UPI)—A nationwide search is on for an almost extinct symbol of the American dream—the bootblack who became a millionaire.

Irving J. Botner, who started his career as a shoe shine boy and is now president of Esquire Shoe Care Products decided to give a dinner honoring other successful men who started in the same way. He could not find a single one.

The National Association of Manufacturers, the Young Presidents Organization and the Horatio Alger Awards Organization all were unable to think of anyone except Botner. Botner is now writing to 1,000 presidents of large companies to ask them if they ever shined shoes for a living. If they have, they will receive a reward—a shoe shine box.

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HOLIDAY OBSERVED

Atlanta (UPI)—Visitors to the British Consulate here Wednesday found the door locked and this typewritten notice posted on the glass: "This consulate will be closed on Feb. 22 in observance of George Washington's birthday."

REPORTS FAILURES

Vienna (UPI)—Hungarian Finance Minister Rezső Nyers announced Wednesday that the nation failed to reach its farm productive quotas last year. He also announced a deficit in foreign trade in calling for a 12 per cent budget increase for the current year.

Fall From Tree Kills Portland Boy

Portland (UPI)—A 9-year-old Portland boy was killed in a fall from a tree late Wednesday.

The boy, Daniel Johnson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Johnson, fell from a tree near his home in southwest Portland.

Young Johnson, a fourth grade student at Meriwether Lewis school, was dead on arrival at Providence Hospital. There were no witnesses to the accident.

The Multnomah County Sheriff's office said the boy apparently climbed into the tree on a stepladder. The nearest branch on the tree, a Douglas Fir, was 17 feet but it was not known how far he fell.

His parents, both cerebral palsy victims and confined to wheelchairs, operate a small grocery store. Daniel was their only child.

Moscow (UPI)—Soviet Union Wednesday observed the 80th birthday of veteran American Communist leader William Z. Foster, now in Moscow undergoing medical treatment.

Central Africa Federation Calls Out Reservist Force

Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia (UPI)—The Central African Federation is on a virtual war footing to guard against possible violence over a white leader's rejection of proposals to increase the voting power of blacks in Northern Rhodesia.

An estimated 3,000 reservists were ordered to active duty in Southern Rhodesia, adding to troops already mobilized in Northern Rhodesia. The two Rhodesias and Nyasaland form the federation, a British territory.

Reservists Called Out

Sir Roy Welensky, the white federal prime minister, called out the reservists after rejecting Britain's proposals for a new Northern Rhodesian constitution. He said the proposals would give effective control to African extremists.

There were fears that widespread African unrest over the constitutional question would erupt into violence in mineral-rich Northern Rhodesia, which borders the turbulent Congo. White and black extremists have exchanged threats during the past week.

Blacks outnumber whites in Northern Rhodesia about 2.2 million to 70,000. African nationalist leaders oppose the proposals because blacks would be denied their demand for a fixed majority in the local Parliament.

Grave Crisis

The situation created a grave crisis for the British government of Prime Minister Harold Macmillan. Opposition Laborites demanded more votes for blacks, while some of Macmillan's conservative colleagues insisted the proposals give them too much power.

The reservists called to duty included four battalions of the Royal Rhodesian Regiment plus several support and supply units.

The plan outlined by British Colonial Secretary Iain Mac-

Leod would increase the number of Africans in Northern Rhodesia's Parliament from 22 to 45 and would extend voting privileges to 80,000 blacks instead of the present 10,000. Voting franchise would be based on property holding, income and level of education.

Welensky said that would give the conduct of elections from responsible to irresponsible voters.

Servicemen

Airman Second Class Wayne A. Zimmers is spending a furlough in Medford with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zimmers, 524 Fairmount st. Zimmers spent the past 45 weeks attending electronics school in Biloxi, Miss. A graduate of Medford High school in 1957, he will be stationed at Mather field, Sacramento, Calif.

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