

Towers Caters to Kings, Presidents

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New York — During the routine working day of a hotel in midtown Manhattan, a casual call came into the switchboard.

"Is the king in?" a man asked.

"Which king do you want?" was the answer. "We have two."

In the small, private world of elegant suites called the Waldorf Towers, comprising the 21st to 42nd floors of the Waldorf-Astoria, it is not too unusual to have two kings around.

Recently, one king (of Laos) and one prince (of Belgium) stopped by and a full-blooded rajah, maharaja, prime minister or plain millionaire may drop in at any moment.

The glamorous, exclusive and expensive apartment hotel is the permanent home of, among others, former President Herbert Hoover, General and Mrs. Douglas MacArthur, Ambassador Adlai Stevenson and Cole Porter.

It is also the place where Nikita Sergeevich Khrushchev got stuck in the elevator and where a Pakistani camel driver named Bashir Ahmad stayed while in town.

Ever since the Waldorf opened its doors in 1931, every president of the United States has spent some time in the towers.

The four-bedroom, four-bathroom presidential suite, numbered 35A and decorated with murals of scenic America, is now unoccupied. Price to those interested: \$200 a day.

It once boasted a rocking chair but President Kennedy has never slept over night, preferring the Carlyle hotel instead.

"We'd love to have him here," said the tall, silver-haired Towers manager, Bulgarian-born Fioravanti Dell'Agnese, who speaks six languages.

"Mr. Dell," as he is known by almost everyone, prefers to say little about present or past tenants who have occupied some of the 118 high-rent (\$12,000 to \$40,000 a year) suites.

He remembered French President Charles de Gaulle as "very simple, not fussy."

"The more important a person is, the easier he is to take care of," he said.

Of course, Dell'Agnese admitted, many important people simply don't have to bother. Evidenced by a slave once

seen sleeping outside a sultan's bedroom. Or an entourage of six — two ladies-in-waiting, a dresser, a valet, a page and a footman, arriving to help Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip up to their suite.

Private Entrance
Located on 50th street, just off Park Avenue, the Towers has its own private entrance, lobby, elevators and special corridor connecting it with the Waldorf.

It was in one of these elevators that in 1959, while here for the opening of the United Nations, that Premier Khrushchev became stalled.

Mr. Dell was the hero of the day. He stood on a stool and boosted himself to floor level to give a hand to his Russian passenger.

The Premier, Mr. Dell recalled, was bemused at the collapse of a "capitalistic elevator." He had been a miner, he said, and was accustomed to things mechanical occasionally going wrong.

Under Mr. Dell's smooth management, very few things ever go wrong.

As a Towers' brochure proudly puts it: "Though other things in the world may change, the Towers remains forever the same."

Flu Outbreak Still Possible On West Coast

By United Press International

A chance of an outbreak of Asian flu on the West Coast is still possible, the U.S. Communicable Disease Center warned today, but the epidemic that felled thousands elsewhere in the nation has waned.

A spokesman for the center in Atlanta, Ga., said the epidemic definitely had passed its crest in the eastern and midwestern states.

"We are watching the West Coast," he said. "There have been isolated cases in California but no evidence there will be an epidemic in that state."

About 200 of the 4,000 elderly patients in a state hospital in San Joaquin county were stricken with an unidentified respiratory ailment. In Northern California, 11 cases of influenza were reported, but the patients were separated as much as 200 to 300 miles.

Los Angeles epidemiologist B. A. Kogan said chances were better than 50 per cent an outbreak of Asian flu would occur in about two weeks. He said, however, there has been no undue outbreak of respiratory ailments so far and an escape from a siege was still possible.

Washington officials confirmed the fourth case of Asian flu in the state Wednesday and studied blood specimens that could be flu. School absenteeism was reported slightly above average by the respiratory ailment.

Asian flu also was confirmed in Arizona.

Idaho showed a big increase last week in the flu. The number of reported patients jumped from 123 the previous week to 633. However, the Idaho Department of Health has not isolated the Asian strain yet.

In Iowa, an outbreak of flu reached epidemic proportions

in the capital city of Des Moines. The outbreak first appeared about two weeks ago. City-county Health Director James F. Speers said, and was expected to last another two or three weeks.

Speers said the outbreak has not been definitely typed as Asian flu but said it undoubtedly was since "it would be kind of egotistic to expect we have something different here when every other city has been having Asian flu."

The hardest hit areas earlier this year were in southwestern Ohio, Alabama and Baltimore, where it was believed the first case occurred in a military camp early in January.

Plywood Group Discusses Market

Portland — Members of the Douglas Fir Plywood association convened Wednesday to hear the trade group's plans for capturing a larger share of the building materials market.

Spokesmen for the DFFA, its members and builders emphasized the market potential for factory-finished plywood.

William Hunt, vice president of Georgia Pacific Corp., told the manufacturers that builders must have materials that do not require maintenance.



PRINCE AT WALDORF — Fioravanti Dell'Agnese (left), manager of the Waldorf stands aside to let Princess Philip of England enter his suite at the Towers. "The more important a person is," he says, "the easier he is to care for." (UPI)

Negroes Step Up Civil Rights Drive In Mississippi City

Greenwood, Miss. — More Negro leaders arrived today vowing to step up the civil rights campaign in this tense Mississippi delta town which has resulted in a series of violent racial incidents.

City authorities in this city of 20,000, which is the headquarters of the segregationist (white) citizens councils, said they would make "every reasonable effort to prevent these Negro racial agitators from provoking race riots."

There were reports the police department, which broke up a march on the Leflore County Courthouse here Wednesday and arrested 11 Negro "ring leaders," was getting police reinforcements from nearby communities.

Shootings Plague Town
Greenwood has been plagued with a series of shootings and burnings which Negro leaders claim were reprisals for their efforts in urging Negroes to vote.

A Negro spokesman told a mass meeting Wednesday night that James Farmer of New York, national director of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) would be here for an address tonight. He said the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and former Negro baseball star Jackie Robinson would soon be here.

"We're going to have a real

revival and before we leave," said the spokesman, James Bevel of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. "We plan to change the political structure of this city."

More than 100 Negroes held a campaign meeting Wednesday morning, then marched on city hall to ask for police protection. Turned away by Mayor C. E. Sampson and other officials, most of them regrouped several blocks away and began marching toward the county courthouse.

Crowd Turned Back
But police met them in a business district two blocks from the courthouse. Using a police dog, officers dispersed the crowd and arrested 11 Negro leaders on charges of disturbing the peace.

The 11, who were singing and praying as they were taken to jail, had not made bond this morning and were still in custody. Only one of them lives here.

Another registration campaign meeting was scheduled for today. A spokesman said there were plans for several Negroes to try to register at the court house following the meeting, but he said no organized march was planned.

Cook Disenchanted With Cat Measure

Salem — Disenchantment with the "cat" bill was voiced Wednesday by Sen. Vernon Cook (D-Gresham).

The bill has been referred to Cook's Senate Military Affairs committee.

Cook said "a total of one hour will be allotted to this bill . . . this is about three-quarters of an hour more than the bill deserves."

The bill introduced by Rep. John Dellenback (R-Medford) would authorize counties to establish domestic cat control programs under supervision of a cat control commission.

The measure passed the House 22 to 26.

Epithel Results In Death for Boy

New York — A casual encounter, a muttered epithet and an angry shove added up to death on Wednesday for Frank Rodriguez, 9.

Rodriguez' assailant told police he and his friend were walking on a Brooklyn pier when they met Rodriguez whom neither had ever seen before.

According to the story told to authorities Rodriguez uttered an obscene name. Angrier, his attacker shoved Rodriguez and the latter fell into the East river.

His body was recovered later in the day.

The name of the attacker was not released. The police said he was 8 years old.

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Kleenex **Paper Towels** Economy roll **35c**

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Granulated soap

Instant Fels Naptha Giant package **79c**

For dishes

Liquid Fels Naptha 22-oz. bottle **59c**

Kotex **Sanitary Napkins** Package of 24 **87c**

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