

Ike Uses Sign Language During Helicopter Trips

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AUGUSTA, Ga. (UPI)—Back stairs at the White House:

When President Eisenhower hops around in his helicopter, he encounters a language difficulty that would stop the government's most talented translator.

The rotors make so much noise that verbal communication is virtually impossible, even between two persons wedged together side by side.

This leads to all sorts of sign language.

Pointing to another person while patting one's own tummy — last seen your seat belt if you don't want to lose your upper fillings when we land.

Pointing upward (this only for the benefit of first trippers) — "See, we're taking off."

Pointing upward for a veteran of helicopter hopping — "I wish the back this guy wouldn't come so close to the TV aerials."

Pointing out window, excitedly — "If your seat was as good as mine, you could see a whale of a football game going on below."

Pointing out window, casually — "Still raining."

These signs, as one can see, are fairly simple. The passenger in a White House helicopter has to be up on current events, however, to understand some of the more complicated communications.

Pointing downward with shrugged shoulders — "Lousy crowd."

Pointing downward with hands rubbing together — "Brother, easily 10,000 in that crowd."

Nodding downward, keeping hands in pockets — "Looks cold down there."

Nodding downward, arms folded — "I'm nearly asleep."

Waving hands excitedly in all directions — "Don't talk to me about Harold Stassen—I've heard enough."

Clapping hand over fellow passenger's mouth — "No smoking."

Slapping self on top of head — "I left my hat on the other plane."

When President Eisenhower's big plane, the Columbine III, touched down here from Washing-

ton last week, the airport crowd of spectators consisted only of about 50 to 100 onlookers. On many arrivals here in the past, the crowds have been appreciably larger.

The local morning paper, the Augusta Chronicle called it "by far the smallest and most undemonstrative gathering attracted by the chief executive since he started vacationing here in 1951."

This, of course, is a matter of judgment. For one thing, the President arrived here 40 minutes earlier than the schedule printed in the newspapers. He came in at 1:50 p.m. when the schools still were in session and a lot of people still at lunch.

Washington reporters who travel with the President in and out of many towns saw little out of the ordinary in his arrival, but perhaps they are jaded. It is true, however, that Eisenhower goes in and out of Washington airport week after week without attracting so much as a dozen spectators — even in the spring when the nation's capital is overflowing with tourists.



"My doll can't get to sleep without HER doll!"

BOOKED

CUSHING, Okla. (AP)—Fisherman Bobby Joy Wilson, 22, was holding four fish hooks between his lips when a friend slapped him on the back. He gulped the hooks and doctors today are pondering the best method of removal.

CHICKEN TURNOVERS

KINGSTON, Tenn. (UPI)—A lot of Thanksgiving menus here may feature chicken rather than turkey. A truck turned over outside of town and its entire cargo of 3,024 live chickens scattered in all directions.

SHIPPING TONNAGE UP

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JUST IN TIME

RIVERTON, Wyo. (AP)—"Want some insurance on that new warehouse you're putting up?" a Riverton insurance man asked Lowell Morfield, a uranium executive. Morfield pondered a minute, then decided he'd better get some coverage. A half hour later a freak twister leveled the framework of the steel building, causing about \$3,000 damage.

High Court Said Bastion Against Discrimination

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—Alabama made legal headway in its school segregation struggle Monday, but the U.S. Supreme Court may prove an invincible guard against racial discrimination.

The high court's face-value validation of the Alabama school placement law, which most Southern officials met with joyful surprise, actually has little racial significance.

In effect, the decision means Alabama has a legal weapon against school integration efforts until a Negro proves he has been discriminated against. Then the law undoubtedly would be held unconstitutional.

The school placement law avoids any mention of race or color, but gives local school boards sole authority to assign students to the schools they want them to attend.

Proof of discrimination was not contended by the four Birmingham Negro parents who appealed their suit to the Supreme Court. They merely claimed the law is designed to subvert earlier Supreme Court segregation decisions.

Consequently, the high court upheld a decision by a three-judge federal panel in Birmingham last May that the law contains no provisions to make it invalid on its face.

But the Supreme Court reiterated the lower court's warning that the act might be put into practice in a discriminatory—and thus unconstitutional—manner.

Without evidence the Negro children had been treated unfairly, both courts rested their decisions on the presumption that the law "will be administered in a lawful manner."

The Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth, Birmingham integration leader, was one of the Negro parents who sought to enter their children in all-white schools. In addition to

claiming the law defies integration rulings, the Negroes contended white schools were nearer than those set aside for their race.

Shuttlesworth, referring to the warning against improper administration, interpreted the court decision itself as an indication that the law "is a scheme to support segregation."

The law giving local boards final authority to assign students includes these points:

Effect of the admission of the pupil on the academic progress of other students, psychological effect on the pupil himself of being assigned to a particular school, and the possibility or threat of "friction or disorder among pupils or others," and the possibility of ill will or economic retaliation within the community.

Other factors which officials are instructed to consider are the pupil's aptitude, intelligence, ability, home environment, morals, conduct and health, as well as the

availability of school facilities and transportation.

IMPROVES WITH AGE

LONDON (UPI)—Lord Boothby, making his maiden speech in the House of Lords Tuesday, said he had just read over the first speech he made in the House of Commons 35 years ago and couldn't understand it.

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