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**Whirling Kremlin Dervish Begins 13-Day U.S. Tour**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Anastas I. Mikoyan, the whirling dervish of Kremlin diplomacy, left on a 13-day coast-to-coast tour today after two days of probing the U.S. attitude toward the future of Germany.

The 63-year-old first deputy premier arranged to head first to Cleveland for a visit with millionaire industrialist Cyrus Eaton. He is due back in Washington Jan. 19 to talk to President Eisenhower.

A Soviet source in Berlin said Mikoyan would propose a compromise solution of the Berlin dispute when he sees Eisenhower. The source gave no details.

In the meantime, Secretary of State Dulles and other top American collected assurances and hints the old Bolshevik scattered about the nation's capital.

It was his impression that Mikoyan was here, not on vacation, as he insists, but to plug the line: Make me an offer.

Although he laid a lot of things fuzzy, they said, he so far has come up with no genuine Soviet concession on the tension-packed Berlin situation. Rather, any change appeared to be one of tone instead of substance, leaving the door open to possible concessions only after some sort of U.S. counter-proposal.

After conferring for more than two hours with Vice President Nixon at the Capitol Tuesday, Mikoyan was asked by newsmen whether the Soviet Union had altered its Berlin policy in any way.

"Why change it?" he fired back. "One does not change a good position."

The State Department was reported particularly mulling over two impressions left by the wily Mikoyan in talks with Dulles, Nixon, congressional leaders, industrialists, union officials and others. These were:

1. That the Soviets might favor formal guarantees of access to Berlin, 110 miles inside East Germany. But it was not clear whether this depended upon acceptance of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's seeming ultimatum. Khrushchev has demanded that West Berlin become a "free city" without Western troops by next May. If that were a condition, any access guarantee would have little meaning, since there would be no Allied troops in West Berlin to have access to.
2. That Khrushchev's Berlin demands were merely to break the ice so that new East-West talks, possibly only between Eisenhower and Khrushchev, could grapple with the whole German question. This would seem to be a slight Soviet shift, since Moscow has been demanding Berlin-only talks in the face of Western insistence on treating the German problem as a whole — to include agreement on reunification, European security and a peace treaty, as well as Berlin's status.

Booked to travel with Mikoyan today were his 29-year-old son, Sergio, Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov, and five aides who arrived with Mikoyan from Moscow Sunday. State Department security agents are assigned to the party for personal protection.

The Mikoyan entourage goes to

Detroit Thursday, Chicago on Friday, San Francisco on Saturday and Los Angeles on Sunday and Monday. It returns East next Tuesday, going first to New York and possibly thereafter to Boston and Philadelphia.

After the conference, Mikoyan offered a direct reply when reporters wanted to know if he had invited Nixon to Moscow. He said instead that he was being well received here and he was sure the same courtesies would be shown American officials who visit Russia.

Mikoyan praised Nixon's Guild hall speech at London two months ago, when the vice president called for economic, not military competition between the East and West. Mikoyan said he was for that, too, and so was Khrushchev.

Mikoyan was a luncheon guest of James B. Carey, president of the AFL-CIO Electrical Workers Union. Carey said it was his idea and not an official AFL-CIO function. He said Mikoyan had been meeting industrialists and he wanted the Kremlin chief to confer with some union leaders. But some members of the AFL-CIO Executive Board refused to attend.

Tuesday night, Mikoyan had a guest to the Embassy for turkey dinner — former disarmament adviser Harold E. Stassen, who stayed five hours. Stassen, now a Philadelphia lawyer, told reporters afterward:

"I told the deputy prime minister it is my impression both the United States and Russia need to make some changes in their foreign policies to improve the prospect of a lasting peace."

Stassen declined to say whether Mikoyan agreed with him. He said he will file a written memo of his talk with the President and the State Department.

**Publication Scoffs Tale**

HAVANA (UPI) — The rebel publication Revolution scooped today at Hollywood star Errol Flynn's report that he was wounded "while operating with Fidel Castro."

That one (Flynn) never saw Castro," said Violeta Casals, a woman broadcaster for the rebel radio, in an article published by Revolution.

Flynn, who said he had been strayed by a government plane while traveling with a band of rebel raiders, showed newsmen here a leg wound which he said was caused either by a government bullet or by a chip of the masonry it knocked off a pillar behind which he had taken cover.

**BERKSON FUNERAL SERVICES**  
NEW YORK (UPI) — Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. e.s.t. for Seymour Berkson, 53, publisher of the New York Journal-American, who died Sunday of a heart attack in San Francisco.

**Columbia River Drop Set In Hopes Of Finding Five**

PORTLAND (AP) — A 50-mile stretch of the Columbia River will be dropped up to five feet starting tomorrow in hopes of finding some trace of a missing Portland family of five.

Beginning at 8 a.m. the pool behind Bonneville Dam, some 40 miles upriver from Portland, will be lowered from 73 to 68 feet.

The graduated drop, which will be completed by 8 a.m. Friday, will extend up the icy channel to The Dalles, Ore.

It encompasses Cascade Locks, Ore. That is the only place Ken Martin, his wife and three daughters are known to have stopped Dec. 7—the day they vanished.

A credit card slip, signed by Martin, shows he purchased gasoline there for the family station wagon.

Martin, 54; his wife, Barbara Jean, 48; and their three daughters, Barbara, 14; Virginia, 13; and Sue, 11, were last seen leaving home to hunt a Christmas tree. They told a neighbor they would return by nightfall.

All along the 50-mile river stretch, yellow crepe paper markers spots where a vehicle could most likely veer out of control into the swirling water, often hundreds of feet down a sheer stone cliff.

A caravan of boats will search the water, helicopters will check from the air and ground parties will scour the shoreline.

The boats will carry sonar equipment to bounce metal-detecting electronic waves off the river

bottom. Divers will check metal objects found.

In addition, the searchers were asked to watch for a light plane that vanished Nov. 22 on a flight through the windy gorge of the Columbia. It was piloted by Lowell Adamson of Yakima, Wash.

The water level of the Bonneville pool will be dropped at the rate of about one tenth of a foot per hour until the level reaches 68 feet, where it will be held until 4 a.m. Sunday.

About 150,000 cubic feet of water per second will flow from the dam as the water level is lowered, compared to the usual flow of 125,000 cubic feet per second. While the water level is raised again at the rate of about three tenths of a foot per hour, the water pouring from the dam will be cut to 43,000 cubic feet per second.

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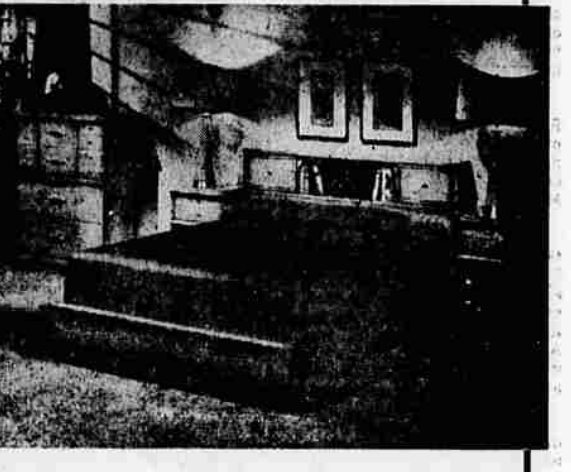
TAIPEI (UPI) — Communist shore guns hurled saturation barrages at the Quemoy outpost islands today, reopening the "war of the Formosa Strait," the Chinese Nationalist Defense Ministry announced.

The ministry said the bombardment, threatened in retaliation for the reported killing of a number of children by a Nationalist bombardment, started at 2 p.m. and went on for at least two hours.

A communique said that by 4 p.m. the Red batteries had hurled more than 12,000 shells at the tiny outpost islands.

Rear Adm. Liu Hoh-tu, the ministry spokesman, declined comment when he was asked whether he thought the barrage was a prelude to a Communist invasion of the islands, except to say that "the Quemoy garrison is prepared to meet any aggression."

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