

Video Newsmen Lose Sleep Covering President's Tour

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NEW YORK (AP) — In Rome, the rain poured steadily, fogging the cameras' lenses, washing out yards of film, reducing crowd sizes and putting President Eisenhower — most of the time — inside a closed limousine from which only a waving hand showed.

In Ankara the weather cleared for the cameras but the trans-Atlantic weather was stubborn, delaying jet planes speeding videotape back to the United States. At all points, the President was on a hurry-up schedule; talks were conducted behind closed doors, and communiques carried little meat for commentators.

These are typical of the problems over which television newsmen are losing sleep during the 11-country goodwill tour of our President.

Both NBC and CBS scheduled in advance a number of special 30-minute shows on Ike's progress and these are the ones that are giving the networks their headaches. This became evident when the first "Journey to Understanding" (NBC) and "Eyewitness to

PNW Power Report Given By Group

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — There will be plenty of electrical power in the Pacific Northwest during the rest of the 1959-60 operating year, according to the water management subcommittee of the Columbia Basin Inter-Agency committee.

The subcommittee reported at a meeting of the committee here Tuesday.

"With most major power reservoirs full," the agency said, "power resources are more than adequate to meet all of the area's loads for the balance of the operating year even under adverse streamflow conditions."

The subcommittee said the demand for power is running below estimates, partly because of the steel and copper strikes.

Harold T. Nelson of Boise, regional director of the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, told the committee that "a long range plan for irrigation development is not feasible for the Columbia River Basin."

"Until there is legislation which will permit application of basin-wide financial assistance to otherwise feasible projects," Nelson said, "future irrigation development will continue on a short-range project-by-project basis."

The chief new development in the years ahead, Nelson predicted, will be expanded use of pumping as a source of irrigation water.

The committee chose Salem, Ore., for its next meeting, probably in February.

LaSalle E. Coles of Prineville, Ore., president of the National Reclamation Assn., said most states are lagging in the reclamation field, leaving it to the federal government.

Talk Barriers Slow Probe

PORTLAND (AP) — Language difficulties continued to slow an inquiry here today as the Coast Guard attempted to determine the reason for a Columbia River ship collision.

The wreck, which occurred at 1:30 a.m. Dec. 4, involved the Japanese refrigerator ship Meiko Maru, and the Coast Guard buoy tender Mallow.

Testimony indicates the Japanese vessel had pulled away from an oil company dock at Astoria and 14 minutes later was rammed on the starboard (right) side by the Mallow. No one was injured.

The hearing has been delayed because the captain of the Japanese ship, T. Fujita, does not speak English and questions and replies have to be translated.

Suit Filed Against Star

MINEOLA, N.Y., (AP) — The ex-cop who married Martha Raye last year has gone to court in a case against her. He wants her \$60,000 Nassau County Home.

Robert O'Shea said in State Supreme Court Wednesday that the comedienne promised it to him if he married her.

The 31-year-old former policeman from Westport, Conn., did marry her after abandoning his first wife and child to become Miss Raye's bodyguard.

After nine months of marriage, Miss Raye, 42, called it quits and said she was considering divorce. O'Shea subsequently brought a separation suit.

History" (CBS) programs were shown earlier this week.

The regular news shows are able to handle the story with more journalistic flexibility.

The Eisenhower tour, unfortunately for the TV men, is turning out to be more like Queen Elizabeth's state visit to the United States than like Khrushchev's. So far, the news shots have been like waving from the back of a limousine, wreath-laying, inspecting lines of soldiers, watching local pageants and shaking assorted hands. It has been formal, scheduled and, frankly, not as exciting as viewing as the trip of the unpredictable Soviet.

As William McAndrews, NBC vice president of news and public affairs, said, "You shoot what you can shoot — the crowds and the people, because the hard diplomatic news just isn't there."

"But I think the American public is interested in seeing the President and the reaction to his being there. For the last five or six years we've had our brains beaten out by people telling us how much we were disliked abroad. This proves at least that it ain't necessarily so. But by comparison, the coverage of the Khrushchev trip was a breeze."

John Day CBS news vice president, says the tour is proving to be "the most difficult thing we've ever undertaken, particularly at the beginning when nothing much is happening."

Of the three networks, ABC — which has only gone slightly overboard on trip coverage — is in the most enviable position: John Daly, network news and special events vice president, decided to have only three special news shows — the first after Ike reaches New Delhi, where he is scheduled to make a couple of speeches. These ought to provide something nourishing in the way of news for commentators.

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Barracks No. 925—World War I Veterans and auxiliary will have their free Christmas turkey dinner at 1 p.m. Sunday, December 13, at the VFW Hall. Men are asked to be there by 12 o'clock for a short business meeting. All members are urged to attend. Any one needing transportation may call TU 4-7153 or TU 2-3637.

Bond Sale Dips

PORTLAND (AP) — Sales of U.S. Savings bonds in Oregon last month were down one-half million dollars from November, 1958, sales, bond officials reported Wednesday.

Last month's sales totaled \$2,437,981. In the same month last year, sales were \$2,974,403.

It is estimated that almost half of all American drivers got their motor vehicle licenses before official tests of vision were required.

Card Party—open to the public, will be given by the Lost River Grange, No. 846, at the hall at Olene Friday, December 11, at 8 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Hospital Survey Fund.

Klamath Falls—Garden Club will have its Christmas festival Friday, December 11, in the Pelican Building between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Christmas wreaths, toys, handicraft items and assorted Christmas decorations will be for sale.

Oldtime Dance—An oldtime dance will be conducted at the Knights of Columbus Hall Saturday, December 12, with good music from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Christmas Party—40 and 8 Salon

members will hold a Christmas party at 4 p.m. December 13. Reservations may be made with Mrs. John Glubrecht or Mrs. Elizabeth Petersteiner.

Cramer Lake—Lodge, No. 211 AF & AM, will install new officers Saturday, December 12, at 8 p.m. in the Scottish Rite Temple, 632 Walnut. A reception will follow the installation ceremonies. The public is invited.

Don't Forget—the Art Association Christmas Art Fair at the new Art Center on Riverside Drive Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 10, 11 and 12, for Christmas gift items and all kinds of Christmas greens.

Mt. Laki—Garden Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Don E. Johnson, 2633 Midland Road at 1:30 p.m. Monday, December 14, for a dessert luncheon. There will be a gift exchange.

Women's Missionary—Council of

the Assembly of God Church will conduct a rummage sale at Clyde and Art's Towing Service, 734 Klamath Avenue, Saturday, December 12, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Secret Pal—group of the Neighbors of Woodcraft will hold its annual Christmas party Friday, December 11, at 8 p.m. at the home of Vivian Floetke, 234 Hillside Avenue.

New Assignment—Capt. Jack D. Cornett, an Air Force man since 1945 whose wife, Mary, is a former resident, recently was assigned with the 56 Fighter Group, AD, ADC, at K. I. Sawyer Air Force Base, Gwinn, Michigan.

Maverick—square dancers have canceled their regular Saturday night dance to have been held December 12 because of the Merry Mixers' open house.

Child Guidance—Advisory Board will meet at noon Monday, Decem-

ber 14, in the Public Health Department Building, Charlotte David, new psychologist working with the organization, will be there.

Merry Mixers—will host open house at their new clubhouse in Pelican City Saturday, December 12, starting at 2 p.m. A free dance will start at 8 p.m. followed by a free dinner. All square dancers and callers are invited. Ladies are asked to take a dish for the potluck.

Lee Fredericks—formerly a resident of 3837 Shasta Way, has sold his home here and has returned to his former home at Rockford, Minnesota. Letters will reach him at the Greehling Rest Home, Rockford.

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