

The Hearst Task Force Reports: Nation Can Be Proud of Tough Nixon

Now Nikita Knows Veeep A Firm Man

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MOSCOW — Americans who are inclined to fidget through the playing of the "Star-Spangled Banner" and regard all manifestations of patriotism as pure corn should have been in Moscow last weekend.

They would have experienced, as did those of us who were lucky enough to be present, the exhilarating sensation of being fiercely proud of our heritage, our flag and an embattled countryman named Richard Nixon.

When The National Anthem was played at Sokolniki Park at the conclusion of the best speech the vice president ever made, the Americans in the audience leaped to their feet.

Many held hats to their chests. The flag ran smartly up the pole, opened its striped arms to the breeze and snapped at the blue sky.

An American newsman named Hearst said:

"I never knew how beautiful she was."

Rooting for Nixon

Earlier in what must have been the most trying day Nixon or any other touring Vice President ever had, we found ourselves inwardly rooting for him and sometimes wildly applauding.

Even the most confirmed Democrat on hand was in Nixon's corner during his unique ordeal.

Diplomacy K'O'd

Nixon came to Moscow thoroughly briefed in all the niceties of diplomatic talk, pious platitudes provided by the State Department, and the expectation of doing on-the-spot research before his scheduled sober-sided Sunday meeting with the Russian prime minister.

His advisers just didn't know Khrushchev. The Number One Russian has no interest in the formalities and pabulum paste of diplomacy than he has in the Union League Club.

He barreled over Nixon's early pleasantries like a steam roller, brushing aside the vice president's modest assertions until it finally struck Nixon that he was in the thick of a battle that challenged him both as a man and as something he was not intended to be during his visit—a spokesman for the United States.

Once he understood the rules, Nixon figuratively got off the canvas and fought back proudly, toughly, brilliantly.

The Toughest Spot

From the time he said "From the way you interrupt and try to dominate the conversation you'd make a good lawyer," and "you don't know everything," Nixon was back in the game.

It was the toughest kind of spot for an American whose mission here had been described by President Eisenhower:

"It is really an exchange of visits between Mr. Kozlov and Mr. Nixon. It is a good will gesture and we wanted to have a prominent American to officiate at the opening of our exhibit."

At the end of a remarkable day the two men knew each other a lot better than most world figures ever will know them or one another.

Like two fighters who had gone all out and earned a draw, they had formed a new regard for the other's ability.

It was evidenced in a number of ways, perhaps most notably by the toast Khrushchev proposed in the Vice President's honor at the Kremlin luncheon.

The political education of Richard Nixon had advanced another chapter, a chapter a few of us were intently proud to share.

Only U. S. Cash Good in Russia

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MOSCOW — American newsmen who will accompany Vice President Nixon into Siberia learned that their money was no good — their Russian money, that is.

Plane fares on the Russian TU104 Jet assigned to the press amount to about \$220 apiece. Those who tried to buy their seats with rubles met with firm resistance at Intourist, the state-owned tourist bureau.

The clerks said: "Only American dollars."



DINNER GUEST: Premier Nikita Khrushchev and Vice President Nixon sit together as guests of U. S. Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson in the U. S. embassy. Toasting President Eisenhower's health, Khrushchev said: "I, like all my colleagues, like your President." The dinner was in Spasso House. AP Wirephotos



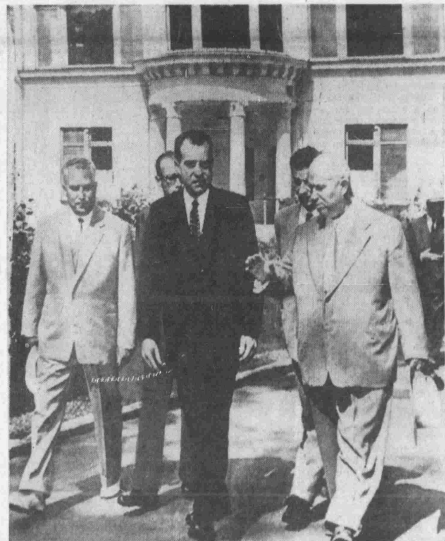
THE KHRUSHCHEVS AND GUESTS at the country home of the Soviet Premier. In the front row (left to right) are Mrs. Mikoyan, Mrs. Kozlov, Mrs. Nixon and Mrs. Khrushchev. In the rear are Premier Khrushchev, Deputy Frol Kozlov, Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan and Dr. Hilda Eisenhower, brother of the President. He is making the tour.



NIXON WAVES TO CROWD AT THE SOVIET EXHIBIT . . . Russians set up display to rival the American's



MOSCOW RESIDENTS LINE UP TO SEE HOME . . . American model has been jammed since opening



NIXON VISITS KHRUSHCHEV'S COUNTRY HOME . . . the estate is 20 miles from Moscow

Khrushchev Likes U. S. Exhib and Free Cola Drink

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MOSCOW — Premier Khrushchev liked our American exhibition in Moscow. He found it pretty, pleasant, and he liked the free Pepsi.

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"It would be a good thing if such exhibitions were held more frequently," he said at the opening ceremony. "But displaying at them industrial products without developing trade between the countries concerned is tantamount to inviting to a restaurant someone whom his doctor has forbidden to eat meat and other kinds of delicious food."

"The man would come to the restaurant and feel the pleasant appetizing smells but would be unable to order. Now why go to a restaurant if you cannot eat the food made there?"

Well, to drink.

Pepsi-Cola's exhibit is set in a refreshing stand of birch trees. It is the first cola drink the Russians have ever tasted and they queue up for it by the hour.

The other day the management ran out of carbonated water momentarily. The Russians happily drank the syrup alone.

Khrushchev was eminently pleased with the Pepsi girls. The eight American beauties all speak fluent Russian. Mr. K. shook hands with each of them and complimented them on their mastery of a difficult language.

Then he accepted, from Don Kendall, Pepsi's international head, a clear plastic paperweight imbedded with Russian and U. S. coins. He gave one of the handsome transparent cubes to Nixon, but the V.P. noticing how much it interested Soviet President Voroshilov, presented it in turn to the Russian.

The American Fair hung fast to the old tradition of fair business: the show must go on even if the place is only half finished.

The informal visit of Vice President Nixon and Khrushchev Friday and their subsequent haranguing and bantering at several points on the grounds at Sokolniki Park, brought work to a complete halt for hours.

Looks as if it might take another two or three weeks to get things in proper shape. But 'twas ever thus.

Nixon wasn't recognized by a single Muscovite during a walk he took alone through the streets near the American embassy Friday morning. Later, visiting a market with secret service man Jack Shearwood, he was recognized and given a nice round of applause as he called out a greeting in Russian.

Emboldened, a market man told him of the troubles people are having buying tickets to the American exhibition. They cost one ruble each, or a dime by the tourist rate. Nixon ordered 200 for that market, as a present, and the nice round of applause became an ovation.

Among the books given the boot by the library of the American exhibition — on request of the Russians — was Herbert Hoover's massive study, "The Ordeal of Woodrow Wilson."

It was felt here that the reason for the unusual action against the former president, who will be 85 years old Aug. 10, was his sharp contradiction of a recent Soviet assertion that U. S. relief forces headed by Hoover in World War I charged the starving Russians for aid rendered.

According to "the Moscow News," the city's English language tabloid, Vice President Nixon's trip to Poland will be for nothing — if he thinks for a minute he can win friends there and influence people.

The paper's report of the homecoming of Khrushchev after his recent Polish tour, and its estimation of the Soviet-Polish ties, make Dick's jaunt sound like a waste of jet kerosene.



MRS. PATRICIA NIXON GIVES A LOLLIPOP TO LITTLE BOY IN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN MOSCOW . . . she was a welcome visitor as she distributed candy and chewing gum