



**INSTRUCTORS TAKE REFRESHER COURSE**

Art Love, chair of the Red Cross Water Safety committee is seen yesterday speaking to three of the Red Cross water safety instructors at a

refresher course held at the Charlottetown YMCA. The course began Monday and continued throughout one week. From the LEFT: Kevin Rana-

han, Borden; Ken McHardy, Slemmon Park and Mrs. Herman Corcoran of Piusville were only three of the 26 instructors who participated in the course.

**Trouble-Fixer Harriman Is Called Phenomenon**

By ARCH MacKENZIE  
WASHINGTON (CP) — When the natives become restless in London, Saigon, Cairo or Rio de Janeiro, President Johnson usually says: "Send Averell."

And Averell Harriman, his trouble-shooting credentials unmatched for access to world leaders, briskly boards another jet.

Harriman is the United States ambassador at large. At age 74 and with no sign he plans to retire, he is a Washington phenomenon on more counts than simple durability.

He has held more senior jobs in business, politics and government than anybody else still active here. State Secretary Dean Rusk says that "makes him Mr. America in dealing with the rest of the world."

In those dealings, Harriman is of course a firm champion of American foreign policy—a man who states the case and takes back the response, usually with his own considerable evaluation.

The New York-born scion of railway millions, educated at Yale, arrived here in 1933 after making his own mark in business and finance. He came to help boyhood friend Franklin Delano Roosevelt launch the New Deal.

Today, he is regarded as possessing more first-hand information about major events of the last 30 years than any other single individual—from the wartime conferences of Quebec, Yalta and Potsdam he attended, through harsh dealings with Joseph Stalin, to the latest American peace feelers in the war in Viet Nam.

**HAS BLUNT STYLE**  
In those years, Harriman

has adopted a frankness of approach in diplomatic dealings—somewhat unusual—that despite his capitalistic background seems to pay off with communism.

Harriman probably will be remembered best by history for negotiating with Moscow and London the 1963 partial test-ban treaty on nuclear weapons. Nobody else in the state department of that day is felt to have been anxious to risk seemingly certain defeat on the issue but Harriman pressed ahead, and it paid off.

Last summer, acting perhaps on his own initiative, he took a "vacation" trip to Moscow which, it was found later, was paid for by the government anyway. Harriman had the first senior American contact with new Premier Alexei Kosygin and apparently helped ensure, at a time when Russia was caught in a bind between China and the Viet Nam war, that neither the U.S. nor the Soviet Union would stumble into a crisis over Viet Nam.

"In dealing with the Russians, I stick to the facts," Harriman has said.

He can be brusque elsewhere too. One former colleague has affectionately called him "The Crocodile" because, he says, Harriman prefers to demolish an argument in one bite.

**TO ADDRESS CP**  
Harriman's foreign schedule is relatively quiet right now. His next scheduled trip is to Toronto April 19 to address the annual dinner of the Canadian Press.

He was on the road as 1966 dawned carrying Johnson's Christmas peace offensive on Viet Nam from Poland to Yugoslavia, Pakistan, India, Iran,

the United Arab Republic, Japan, Laos and Thailand.

That took more than two weeks. Less than a month later, he was off again with Vice-President Hubert Humphrey on another nine-country, 43,000-mile, two-week tour dealing with Viet Nam.

"It is as indefensible for a man who has capital not to apply himself to using it in a way that will be of the most benefit to the country, as it is for a laborer to refuse to work," Harriman has said in spurning any idea of retiring.

"It is the duty of everyone, rich or poor, to work. I love work. I cannot see how anyone can prefer to be idle."

Harriman still stands tall despite a long-established stoop. His features remain handsome and he has a full head of iron-grey hair plus a friendly air which hides some basic shyness. For all his exposure and experience, Harriman still lacks some of the platform polish one might otherwise expect.

**GAUGED RUSSIAN NEED**  
After government work for Roosevelt here before the Second World War, Harriman served as a foreign-affairs adviser to Roosevelt and then to Truman. He accompanied the late Lord Beaverbrook to Moscow in 1941 to gauge the Russian need for aid. He became ambassador there in 1943, and moved to London as ambassador in 1945.

Harriman has said one of his unquenchable memories is of London when Britain stood alone. He has credited Sir Winston Churchill and Truman with some of his bluntness of phrase on occasion — and perhaps Stalin, too.

Harriman, like Churchill,

says he found dealing with Stalin—the toughest job he ever had. He has recalled a U.S. colleague breaking up one session because he felt Harriman and Stalin were coming to blows.

"I told him that was just the usual way we always talked," Harriman recalls.

He became U.S. commerce secretary in 1946 when Truman split with Henry Wallace.

There was a series of senior positions in foreign aid, and Harriman tentatively sought the Democratic presidential nomination in 1952, bowing out to Adlai Stevenson.

**WORKED FOR KENNEDY**  
In 1960, as a solid supporter of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, he came back to the state department and President Johnson has kept him there in a variety of roles from specialist on Asia, then Africa, then at large.

Reporters on his last big trip with Humphrey through Asia recall Harriman as an old-pro jet traveller quick to don baggy old clothes, relax and take 40 winks between capitals.

He stuck right with the fast-moving Humphrey through Punjab grain fields to Saigona humidity and the near-zero temperatures of Seoul in South Korea.

"He usually stayed in the background," one reporter recalls. "But if Humphrey or anybody else said something that Harriman felt was incorrect or needed elaboration, he grabbed the mike."

He had fast recuperative powers, too. Harriman, who likes an occasional scotch and smokes cigarettes, follows with his wife a busy life in the Washington cocktail-party circuit. One relaxation for a man who once rowed and played a good game of polo: Watching football on television.

**U.S. Will Sell From Stockpile**

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP)—President Johnson has signed bills permitting the sale of stockpiled platinum and refractory-grade bauxite to private industry. He said the U.S. will "once again reap new benefits from previous prudence."

Both materials are scarce. The action will release 316,000 troy ounces of platinum and 126,300 long tons of bauxite—at no loss to U.S. taxpayers, Johnson said.

The stockpiled materials originally were acquired to prevent shortages in strategic supplies in time of war or national emergency. When they are needed in the economy and stockpiles are bigger than foreseeable requirements, Johnson said they should be put to work.

Platinum has been extremely scarce in the chemical, electrical and petroleum industries. Refractory-grade bauxite is needed by manufacturers of furnace linings used in producing steel and other metals.

**BOAC-Cunard Has Surplus**

LONDON (AP)—British Overseas Airways Corp. and the BOAC-Cunard subsidiary together made an operating surplus of £20,000,000 (\$60,000,000) in the year 1964-65.

A statement issued here said that these figures, which still are provisional, topped the previous record surplus by £3,000,000.

BOAC Chairman Sir Giles Guthrie, commenting on this result in the current edition of BOAC's house magazine, BOAC News, said it was achieved despite a £7,500,000 (\$22,500,000) payoff to Vickers for the cancellation of 10 Super VC-10's.

"When all provisions have been made BOAC expects to have a profit of something over £8,000,000 (\$24,000,000)," Guthrie said.

**EYE REACHES FAR**

The 200-inch Hale Telescope at Mount Palomar, Calif., could photograph a single candle flame 40,000 miles away.



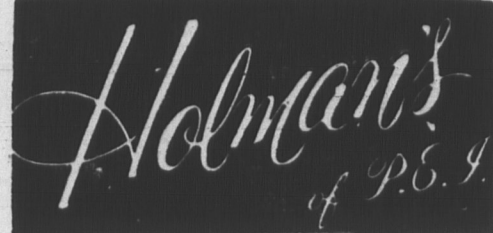
**BATTERED BY ATLANTIC STORM**

Picture received by radio-photo Friday in New York City directly from the Italian luxury liner Michelangelo as she made her way to New York shows a badly battered super-

structure. The vessel's skipper, Capt. Giuseppe Soletti said everything has returned to normal on the 44,000-ton liner. Three persons were killed last Tuesday when the ship was hit

by a North Atlantic wave. Soletti said was 33 to 45 feet high. The ship is due in New York City today. (AP Wirephoto by radio from the Michelangelo)

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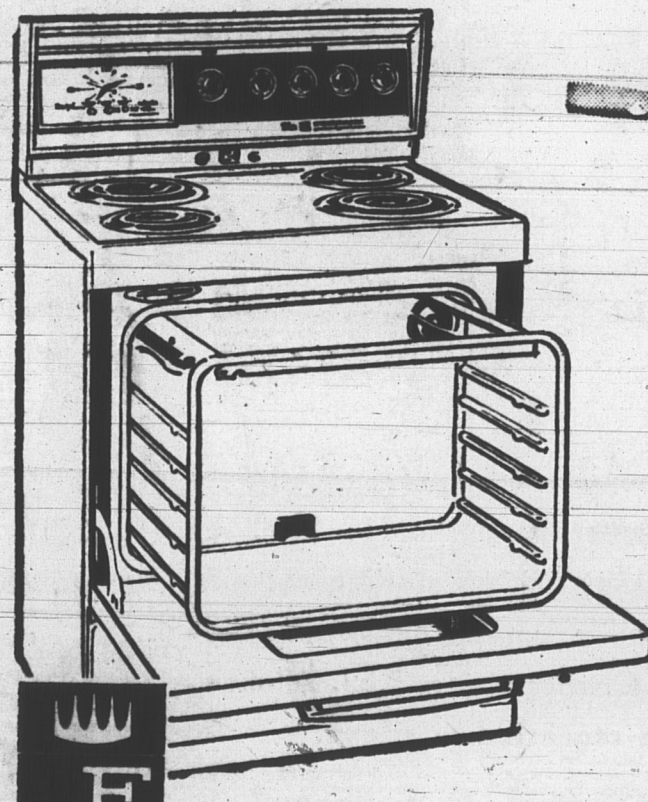
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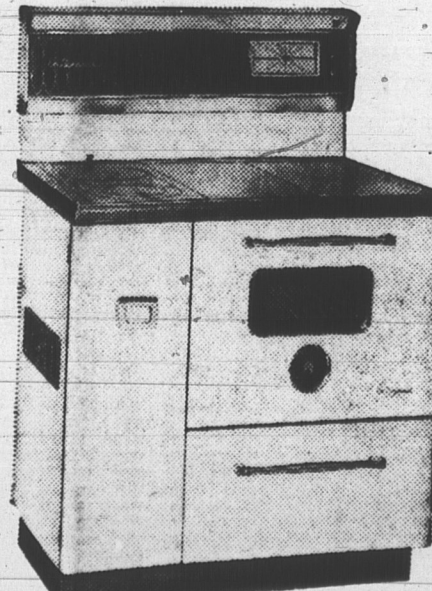


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