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**Summary:**

Information about four US governors visiting Korea, including Johnston Murray, John Sydney Fine, Allan Shivers and Daniel I. J. Thornton.

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MEMO FOR THE PRESS

The following background material on the four governors visiting Korea between May 24-29 is furnished for information of correspondents.

Governor Johnston Murray  
 State of Oklahoma, Democrat

Born: Emet, Oklahoma, July 21, 1902. Parents: William Henry and Mary Alice. Wife: Willic Roberta. Children: Johnston. Background: With small newspapers from 1918-1924 in Oklahoma; farmer and producer in South America, 1924-28; guide, interpreter, tool dresser, truck dispatcher in Argentina and Bolivia, 1928-30, Oil and gas field, 1930-42; Douglas Aircraft, 1942-44; investigator, trial lawyer, 1944-46; private law practice, 1946-48; secretary to commissioner, State Land Office in 1948. Chairman 8th Oklahoma District, Democratic Central Committee, 1932-33. Kay County Democratic Central board, 1941; Oklahoma County Democratic Board, 1948-49; member of Electoral College 1948. Elected Governor of Oklahoma 1950. Military history: Oklahoma National Guard, 1936-39. Home: Oklahoma City.

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Governor John Sydney Fine  
 State of Pennsylvania, Republican

Born: Alden, Pennsylvania, 1893. Parents: Jacob W. and Margaret. Wife: Helene P. Children: John S. Jr and Donald F. Education: Dickinson School of Law, 1914, Trinity College; University of Dublin, 1919. Background: Chairman, 4th Legislative District Luzerne County at age of 23; at 27 became secretary to Republican County Committee, chairman at 29; appointed Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Luzerne County, 1927. Elected to position in 1927 and re-elected to same position in 1939. Appointed Judge, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, 1947 and later elected to same position for ten year term starting in 1947. Resigned judgeship in 1950. Military history: World War I veteran with overseas duty in Europe, 1917-19 as Sergeant. Home: Nanticoke, Pennsylvania.

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Governor Allan Shivers  
State of Texas, Democrat

Born: Lufkins, Texas, October 5, 1907. Parents Robert A. and Easter. Wife: Marialice. Children: John Shary, Robert Allen, and Marialice Sue. Education: University of Texas, A.B., 1931; LL. B., 1933. Background: Practiced law in Port Arthur, Texas from 1931-49. State Senator, 4th Texas District, 1935-46; Lieutenant Governor of Texas, 1947-49. Became governor of Texas in 1949 upon the death of Beauford H. Jester, then Governor of Texas. Re-elected in 1951. Home: Austin, Texas.

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Governor Daniel I. J. Thornton  
State of Colorado, Republican

Born: Hall County, Texas, January 30, 1911. Parents: C.C. and Ida. Wife: Jessie. Education: Texas Tech 1930-31, UCLA 1932-34. Background: State Senator, 11th Senatorial District, Colorado; Governor of Colorado, 1951. Home: Gunnison, Colorado.

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TENTATIVE ITINERARY

- 24 May Arrive at K-16, ROK honors.
- 25 May Eighth Army honors and briefings by Eighth Army, KCAC and UNKRA. Visit UNKRA, KCAC and AF/K activities in Seoul area.
- 26 May Visit I Corps, 1st Marine Division and AF/K projects in area.
- 27 May Visit Fifth Air Force and units in Taegu
- 28 May Pusan
- 29 May Leave for Japan

NOTE: A more detailed itinerary, including times of arrival and places to be visited will be posted on the correspondents bulletin board at a later date.

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