

**Description**

Exterior view with W. Averell Harriman standing bareheaded in the center of the view. This photograph may have been taken while he was visiting a concrete plant located at Rudni (Rudnyy), Kazakhstan. Thayer's typewritten account of the trip states that after they toured the factory they went to "find the square in front of it crowded with several thousand people who cheered Governor Harriman until he climbed on a pedestal with an interpreter and made a brief speech." Charles W. Thayer accompanied W. Averell Harriman as a guide and confidant on the trip which took place May 12 - June 26, 1959. Harriman went as a special foreign correspondent for the North American Newspaper Alliance (NANA). Trip visits included Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, Yalta, etc., as well as areas in Siberia and the Urals, and ended with a meeting with Nikita Khrushchev. Original 35mm negative.

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People Pictured Harriman, W. Averell (William Averell), 1891-1986

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