

L.T.-DELCO. TUES., JULY 30, 1957.
(Given by Walter Cronkite)
(L.T. in New Guinea)

GOOD EVENING, but not from New York - from Detroit,
the Fisher Body Engineering building at the General
Motors Technical Center, where we're covering the
Scholarship Award Program of the Fisher Body Craftsman's
Guild model car competition - awards tonight to the
nation's best model car builders - some hard-working,
ingenious youths winning college scholarships to the
applause of a banquet hall filled with scientists,
educators and prominent industrialists.

CIVIL RIGHTS

An attempt to get a two-day armistice in the Senate's Civil Rights battle failed today - on the objection of Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon. His objection came after all factions in the Civil Rights battle had consented to setting the measure aside tomorrow and Thursday so the Senate could act on the huge defense money bill and other urgent matters.

Democratic Leader Lyndon Johnson, of Texas, had sought unanimous consent to sidetrack the Civil Rights Bill and Morse's lone objection was sufficient to block the plan.

Morse declared that no legislation Johnson listed for action was more pressing than the Civil Rights Bill. He said that "the demand across America is that we act -- the eyes of America are on this parliamentary body."

Just before he made his objection, Morse shouted: "Now is the time to hold the line. Now is the time to say there will be no retreat, no truce, no armistice."

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There are some 175 bills backed up on the Senate calendar - piled up during these last three weeks while the civil rights battle has raged.

And today, politics rearing its ugly head - an implied charge by the Democratic leader in the Senate, Lyndon Johnson, that his opposite number, the Republican leader, Bill Knowland, is playing for presidential votes.

Knowland had said his pro-civil rights forces would stay in Washington all winter to fight through the administration proposal. Johnson, from Texas, says that is just a hob-goblin - and that an effective bill can be passed if - as he put it - we appeal to the best in men. And, apparently referring to the fact Bill Knowland is mentioned as a 1960 GOP presidential

possibilitiy, Senator Johnson added: - "Some people
around here may be more concerned with winning votes
than in giving anyone the right to vote."

VERTIJET

The wonders of the modern world, were displayed again today - this time in front of the Pentagon in Washington, the spectators - top brass and some amazed passers-by.

A machine rose straight up in front of the Pentagon on a searing jet blast, climbed rapidly and flew into the clouds.

It was the "Vertijet," an experimental craft sponsored by the air force and the Navy. Then it followed the route of the final acceptance flight of the first military aircraft, flown by the Wright Brothers this same day in July - but 48 years ago.

That flight from Fort Meyer, Va., over Alexandria and back made military history.

Today's ascent by a jet plane from a standing start did too - in the presence of members of the joint Chiefs of Staff and air officials of all the military services.

The "Vertijet," manufactured by Ryan Aeronautical Co., was flown by the company's Chief Engineering test pilot, Peter F. Girard.

He took off from a contraption that looked something like a hat-rack. Under the nose of the plane, which when in level flight looks like a modern fighter plane, is a metal hook. Giard started with the hook over a metal rack at the top of a mobile platform. Turning on full jet power, Girard blasted off the platform, slowly backed his machine away, turned slowly, then gave it another push of power and took off at high speed.

Upon his return, Girard turned the aircraft's nose upward and slid down, then in that vertical position moved slowly toward the platform and hooked back onto the rack. A new member of the marvelous age.

SHEPPARD

AT THE TOWN OF DELAND, FLORIDA, TODAY DONALD WEDLER READ A THREE AND A HALF PAGE STATEMENT - SCANNING IT CAREFULLY. THEN HE LISTENED, WHILE AN ATTORNEY READ IT ALOUD. AFTER WHICH HE SIGNED THE DOCUMENT - A CONFESSION IT WAS HE WHO KILLED MRS. MARILYN SHEPPARD OF CLEVELAND, THREE YEARS AGO. FOR WHICH CRIME, THE VICTIM'S HUSBAND, DR. SAMUEL SHEPPARD, WAS CONVICTED - AND SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR LIFE.

IN THE STATEMENT, THE TWENTY-TWO YEAR OLD SUSPECT RELATES THAT, ON THE NIGHT OF THE CRIME, A MAN IN A CLEVELAND RESTAURANT GAVE HIM A SHOT OF NARCOTICS - THE FIRST HE HAD EVER HAD. WHICH LEFT HIM IN A STATE OF EXCITEMENT INDUCED BY THE DOPE.

IN THAT CONDITION, HE DECLARES, HE WENT OFF TO COMMIT A ROBBERY - AND BROKE INTO THE SHEPPARD HOME. WHERE HIS ROBBERY WAS INTERRUPTED BY MRS. SHEPPARD - AND HE KILLED HER. AFTER WHICH, IN THE GET-AWAY, HE SLUGGED THE PHYSICIAN.

THE ACCOUNT HE GIVES CORRESPONDS GENERALLY WITH THE STORY TOLD BY DR. SHEPPARD, IN HIS DEFENSE - THAT HIS WIFE HAD BEEN MURDERED BY A PROWLER.

WEDLER GOES ON TO SAY THAT HE TRIED TO KEEP THE CRIME OUT OF MIND - EVEN WHEN DR. SHEPPARD WAS CONVICTED OF MURDER. BUT, RECENTLY, HE FELT HE HAD TO TELL THE TRUTH TO THE SHERIFF - WHEN HE WAS PICKED UP IN FLORIDA, AS A FUGITIVE FROM

SHEPPARD (2)

A ROAD GANG.

DR. SHEPPARD'S LAWYERS DECLARE - THEY'RE CONVINCED THE STORY IS TRUE. BUT CLEVELAND AUTHORITIES WHO QUESTIONED WEDLER, SAY - IT'S A HOAX.

THE PRESENT INVESTIGATION IS SPONSORED BY ^{A FANTASY MAGAZINE'S} ~~THE~~ "COURT OF LAST RESORT," ~~OF ARGENT MAGAZINE~~. HEADED BY MYSTERY STORY WRITER ERLE STANLEY GARDNER. THEY GAVE WEDLER A LIE DETECTOR TEST, AND SAY THAT EITHER WEDLER IS TELLING THE TRUTH, OR IS CONVINCED THAT HE IS TELLING THE TRUTH. WHICH DOES NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SELF-DECEPTION.

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LEOPOLD

An echo of the roaring twenties today - an unpleasant echo, and the sound brought no comfort to the ears of Nathan Leopold.

It was back in the spring of 1924 - thirty-three long years ago - when young Leopold and Richard Loeb committed their crime that shocked a nation. Brilliant graduate students at the University of Chicago, they were. But in their minds something snapped, and just for a thrill, they kidnapped and murdered Bobby Franks. He was 14, the son of a wealthy manufacturer.

It was a cold-blooded affair - their scientific attempt at the perfect crime.

But Leopold and Loeb were tracked down. The famed defense lawyer, Clarence Darrow, saved them from the death penalty - but they went to prison for life. Loeb died there in a prison brawl - twenty-one years ago.

Today Leopold tried once more for freedom. But Illinois Governor Stratton turned him down - refused his

request for clemency, left him behind the bars that have encompassed most of his life.

PALESTINE - ESPIONAGE

A DISPATCH FROM THE ISRAELI SECTOR OF JERUSALEM TELLS OF A RELIGIOUS LEADER - CONVICTED OF ESPIONAGE. THE REVEREND JOACHIM EL-ANTHONY - HEAD OF THE COPTIC CHURCH IN JORDAN. THE COPTS - AN ANCIENT CHRISTIAN SECT, FLOURISHING PRINCIPALLY IN EGYPT. BUT - REPRESENTED IN PALESTINE.

THE COPTIC CHURCHMAN WAS PUT ON TRIAL - CHARGED WITH TRYING TO TRANSMIT MILITARY INFORMATION TO THE MOSLEMS OF JORDAN. WHEN ARRESTED, HE HAD IN HIS POSSESSION DESCRIPTIONS OF ISRAELI MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND MUNITIONS FACTORIES.

THE REVEREND JOACHIM EL-ANTHONY DECLARED THAT HE HAD COLLECTED INFORMATION FOR A BOOK HE INTENDS TO WRITE. BUT THE PLEA WAS REJECTED, AND HE IS NOW LIABLE TO A PENALTY OF AS MUCH AS FOURTEEN YEARS IN PRISON.

PALESTINE - INCIDENT

ANOTHER "INCIDENT" REPORTED ON THE FRONTIER OF ISRAEL AND JORDAN. THE PLACE - JERUSALEM, ONE OF THE GATES OF THE DIVIDED CITY. JORDANIAN TROOPS ON ONE SIDE - FACING ISRAELI GUARDS, ON THE OTHER.

TODAY, THE ARMISTICE COMMISSION STATED THAT, ON JULY 23RD, ISRAELI SOLDIERS THREW STONES AT JORDANIAN GUARDS, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BORDER. HURLED CHUNKS OF ROCKS.

THE ARMISTICE COMMISSION ADMITS - IT WAS "UNUSUAL" TO HOLD AN EMERGENCY MEETING OVER A MERE MATTER OF THROWING STONES. BUT ^{it} ADDS THAT, IF THE STONE-THROWING CONTINUES, IT MIGHT LEAD TO SHOOTING.

LONDON

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO MAKE AN INVESTIGATION TO ANSWER THE QUESTION -- WHERE IS LONDON. THAT IS -- WHERE DOES THE OVERGROWN METROPOLIS END. LONDON HAS GROWN SO BIG, SPREAD OVER SUCH A WIDE AREA -- THAT THEY DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH IT REALLY TAKES IN.

THE CITY HAS BEEN GROWING FOR A THOUSAND YEARS. THERE WAS ONCE A "CITY OF LONDON." BUT THAT, NOW, IS ONLY ONE OF TWENTY-EIGHT BOROUGHES OF THE CITY. (THE "MEDIEVAL CITY" IS ONE OF THE SMALLEST OF THE BOROUGHES, IN FACT.) THEN THERE WAS A "COUNTY OF LONDON" -- BUT THE CITY OUTGREW THAT. TODAY, METROPOLITAN LONDON EXTENDS OVER MORE THAN SIX COUNTIES. AND -- IS STILL EXPANDING.

SO NOW A ROYAL COMMISSION WILL MAKE AN INQUIRY -- TO SEE IF SOME NEW KIND OF POLITICAL UNIT SHOULD BE CREATED. SOMETHING THAT WOULD EMBRACE ALL THAT CAN BE CALLED LONDON.

WHAT'S THE POPULATION OF LONDON.⁷ NOBODY REALLY KNOWS. BECAUSE THE QUESTION DEPENDS ON WHAT BOUNDARIES YOU TAKE. THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DISTRICT WILL GIVE ONE FIGURE -- THE METROPOLITAN POSTAL DISTRICT, ANOTHER. THEN THERE'S WHAT THEY CALL "GREATER LONDON," EMBRACING THE HOME COUNTIES.

HALF A DOZEN YEARS AGO, THE POPULATION OF GREATER LONDON WAS EIGHT MILLION, THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIX THOUSAND. TODAY, LIKELY ENOUGH, IT MAY BE NINE MILLION.

DINOSAUR

France reports a discovery - which would undoubtedly remind Lowell Thomas of a famous headline of science years ago when naturalist Roy Champan Andrews astonished the world - by unearthing dinosaur eggs in the remote land of Mongolia.

Today, French scientists revealed that a large number of dinosaur eggs have been found in Southern France. Several dozen of them - unbroken. The eggs - about six and a half inches in diameter. Believed to be - one hundred million years old. After which length of time, it's unlikely that those Frenchmen will be able to cook up an omelette of dinosaur eggs.

GENERAL

A famous general heard from today - on a matter of taxes.

General Douglas MacArthur is now head of big Sperry Rand Corporation. Today he addressed the stockholders. He said business was good, a modest increase in the company's sales this year.

But, warned the general, socialism could be around the corner - death to the nation as we know it, if something isn't done about taxes. His exact words: "Our tax take is already greater than that of the admitted national socialist countries, whether on this or the other side of the Iron Curtain. And he went on: incentive, ingenuity and integrity are eroding away - and that could change the basic character of this nation."

AUCTION

AT PITTSBORO, MISSISSIPPI, W.A. McINNIS IS RUNNING A RAFFLE -- FIVE DOLIARS PER TICKET. THE PRIZE...McINNIS, HIMSELF. THE WINNER OF THE RAFFLE -- TO HAVE HIM AS AN EMPLOYEE, FREE, FOR A YEAR.

McINNIS EXPLAINS -- HE CAN DRIVE A TRUCK, OPERATE A MACHINE, DO MANUAL LABOR. THE HOLDER OF THE WINNING CHANCE -- TO HAVE McINNIS AT HIS DISPOSAL FOR EIGHT HOURS A DAY, FIVE DAYS A WEEK. IN A SORT OF SERVITUDE-SEMI-SLAVERSY.

A LOCAL PAPER, THE CALHOUN COUNTY JOURNAL, SAYS FRIENDS OF Mc INNIS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO SELL TICKETS. EXPECTING TO DISPOSE OF SOME TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED. WHICH, AT FIVE BUCKS APIECE, WOULD COME TO TWELVE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLIA RS. THIS McINNIS WOULD GET -- AS THE PRICE OF A YEAR OF SERVITUDE. NOT SO BAD -- IN TERMS OF WAGES.

BUT THERE'S ONE CATCH. SOME LOCAL WOMEN HAVE ANNOUNCED -- THEY WANT TO BUY TICKETS IN THE RAFFLE FOR McINNIS. THEY'D LIKE TO WIN HIM FOR A YEAR. WHICH MIGHT BE OKAY, EXCEPT FOR MRS. McINNIS. SHE PROTESTS.

WELL, IT'S QUITE UNDERSTANDABLE. MANY A WIFE WOULD OBJECT HAVING HER HUSBAND SELLING HIMSELF AS A SLAVE TO ANOTHER WOMAN. *Don't you think so, Joe.*

MEXICO

HERE'S A MOURNFUL SEQUEL - TO THE WEEKEND EARTHQUAKES IN MEXICO. CAFE OWNERS - TELLING A SAD STORY.

THE EARTHQUAKE HIT AT A TIME WHEN MANY NIGHT-CLUBS AND BARS WERE DOING THEIR BIGGEST BUSINESS. AND FRIGHTENED CUSTOMERS RUSHED FOR THE EXITS. WITHOUT PAYING THEIR CHECKS - WAIL THE TAVERN OWNERS. THIS, THEY SAY, COST THEM A TOTAL OF SOME TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. FEW CUSTOMERS, APPARENTLY, WENT BACK TO THE DAMAGED BUILDINGS - TO PAY UP.

This is Walter Cronkite, saying for Lowell Thomas -

So Long Until Tomorrow.