HEARING

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Chairman Karl Mundt reiterates that the hearings are not over - even if the presidential directive stands as it is. The Acting Chairman, expects the hearings to reopen on schedule next Monday. In the meantime, Senator Mundt will meet soon with Attorney General Brownell - to see if some way can be arranged to let Administration officials testify about confidential talks. Senator Mundt says he hopes that some new "interpretation" can be found - to get around the obstacle that caused the hearing to be recessed yesterday.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower spoke in Charlotte, North Carolina, today with Secretary of the Army Stevens on the platform. The President making a strong defense of all the armed services. Saying he has complete faith in everyone, as he put it, "from our Secretaries down to the last private!"

Some thirty thousand crowded into Freedom Park, to hear the President. Freedome Park! That's where a Declaration of Independence was signed in Seventeen Seventy-Five! -- a year before the rest of the Thirteen Colonies got around to it in 1776.

Referring to that early Declaration of Independence, the President pointed out that the world will not have true freedom until there is a real peace.

SEGREGATION

Today, President Eisenhower conferred with the three Commissioners of the District of Columbia. The subject - the matinia ending of segregation in the schools of the capital. No announcement about what was said at the meeting. But afterward, one of the Commissioners, Samuel Spencer, said that the President asked to be kept posted on progress toward the ending of segregation in Washington schools.

Other sources say that Mr. Elsenhower is very pleased with the Supreme Court ruling. The President, not saying much - because he wants to wait until his advisers have studied the "vast ramifications" of the ruling. But one point these Washington sources made - the President hopes that the handling of non-segregation in Washington will be a model for the rest of the country.

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But down in Dixie, they disagree with the President. Georgia, in particular - where Governor Talmade has said that segregation will not end in the public schools as long as he's in office. But cynics in Atlanta are pointing out - that Negro children will not enter the White schools for at least a year, and Talmade's term will have expired by then. However, Georgia is getting ready to circumvent the Supreme Court decision. Georgians, to vote on an amendment to the State Constitution - which would wipe out public schools and set up a private school system instead.

Even outside of Georgia, the switch-over will be difficult. For one thing - the Southern states have already put millions of dollars into their "separate but equal" public school systems. And secondly, it's feared that the end of that Hundreds of system - will throw many Negro teachers out of work. Because many Negro schools are staffed entirely by Negro teachers. So the Supreme Court order will be difficult to

implement in any state which has ss segregation. And may prove impossible to implement in the Deep South.

GUATEMALA

Today, State Department spokesman, Lincoln White, told newsmen - that the shipment of Communist arms to Guatemala is a threat to the Western Hemisphere. Lincoln White adding - that action could be taken up under the Rio Treaty. That Treaty pledges us, along with Latin-America - to consider an attack on one as an attack on all. The Rio Treaty, reinforced by the Caracas Resolution - by which we would consult with the other nations of this hemisphere, if one was threatened by a foreign power.

Guatemala was the only Latin-American nation to vote against the Caracas Resolution. Lincoln White does not say that we will ask for consultations under the Caracas duelare Resolution. But other Washington officials of we hope that some other nation will do so - to avoid charges of "Yankee imperialism."

FRANCE

France is ready to join a "Nato" of Southeast Asia even if Britain refuses to join. According to one French official, "British membership is desirable, but not indispensible."

This, a change from the previous position of the Laniel government. Paris, lukewarm to the proposed alliance when Secretary of State Dulles was there last month. But since then - Dien Bien Phu has fallen. The French position in Indo-China is there worse So now, French diplomats apparently hope that a Pacific "Nato" - might be used as a talking point "Therefore at Geneva.

INDO-CHINA

M. Samukile In Hanoi, French officials charge that the Reds have brought a whole division into the Red River delta - by using the highway that was supposed to be restricted to_A casualties of the battle for Dien Bien Phu. That was why the French Air Force staged a major attack on what is called "Colonial Highway Forty-One." The highway runs thirty miles down from Dien Bien Phu. The planes hit it with explosives, bullets, napalm, and thousand-pound bombs.

Meanwhile, the Reds have pulled back from the stronghold of Phu Ly. French planes were out over Phu Ly team without seeing any real targets. The rebels who attacked last week - apprently retreating into limestone caves in the hills near Thu Ly.

The Viet Minh Reds are distributing propaganda

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DIEN BIEN PHU

The airlift out of Dien Bien Phu \tilde{A} still going on, in spite of the French air attack near the Red River delta. Today, helicopters and light planes carried eighteen more cases out of the battle area, **The** - to Luang-Prabang, capital of Laos. From there they were flown to regular hospitals in Hanol.

But the French fear that the evacuation of the wounded may be stopped. So the French sent their representation to Dien Bien Phu, to talk with the Reds. He's now back in

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FRED WALLER

Fred Waller will go down in history as one of the great inventors of all time. For, his CINERAMA has resulted in a complete revolution in the motion picture world. The Governor of Istanbul said recently that it was the top marvel of all that he saw in America. The President of Peru called it the eighth wonder of the world.

For some fifteen years Fred Waller worked on his CINERAMA process. Fifteen long years with the backing of the Rockefellers, the Time & Life group, and others. The heads of the great motion picture companies saw his experiments. marvelled, but didn't guite know what to do with it. And then, the rest of the story is history. Two years ago the Waller process, plus 8-channel stereophonic sound by Hazzard Reeves, in a production directed by General Merian Cooper, was launched on Broadway. Since then it has broken records everywhere. Other processes have emerged - all because of the tremendous Cinerama success. But nothing has even remotely approached it.

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How marvelous it was that Fred Waller lived to enjoy his triumph, a satisfaction denied to so many other men who have given important things to the world. CINERAMA, an entirely new medium - as one write put it:- "More real than real!"

And then there was the Waller gunnery trainer, which during the War was credited with saving several hundred thousand lives.

Fred, with whom I was intimately associated recently and also long years ago, had invented innumerable things. Even the sport of water-skiing; he was the father of that. And, hundreds of devices connected with motion pictures when he was a producer of shorts for Paramount.

Like many inventors, he was a gentle soul, seldom . raised his voice above a half-whisper.

He had been ill for a year, desperately so for the past few months.

Another name to be entered in the Hall of Fame --Fred Waller, creator of CINERAMA.

BALLOON

Near the University of Minnesota, today - they released the world's largest unmanned balloon. A dispatch from Minneapolis describes it as "a helium-filled plastic bubble that would cover a football field." The size of an eighteen story building. Length - over two hundred and eighty feet. Capacity - more than three million square feet. It cost twenty-five hundred dollars, and will be useless after its one ascent - because, it will be torn open automatically when it reaches a certain altitude.

This Balloon is made of a special plastic - about half the thickness of a human hair! Filled with helium, it's expected to go up and up and on up to a hundred and twenty thousand reet, about twenty-three miles. A new record.

The Office of Naval Research, at Minnesota University airport, has sent up cosmic ray equipment. How will cosmic rays affect human beings in space travel? That data to be collected far up, in the atmosphere, they hope. The giant baloon is up there somewhere right now. It will come apart at an altitude of twenty-three miles. Then the instruments will float down by parachute - so the scientists hope!

DANCER

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What is it that drives a man to rob a bank? Well, in Chicago, Samuel Hochstetler says, in his case it was a "suppressed desire" to take dancing lessons. Pretty expensive dancing lessons - and he just didn't have the money for them.

So he participated in a bank robbery - and got part of the thirty thousand dollar loot.

As soon as he had his share, he paid five thousand dollars down payment, for a "lifetime course" at a dancing school in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This gave him the right to any of the instructions, in any of the Company's offices throughout the country. Hochstetler, permitted to swing and all the chair of dance

sway in the schools as long as he wanted.

When the F.B.I. picked him up for the bank robbery, he at once produced his card - showing that the dancing company was satisfied with his lessons. That was when he told the F.B.I. - that he robbed the bank because of his "suppressed desire" to learn to dance. DANCER - 2

Now he says he's very sad - because he's going to jail, where he will have a limited opportunity and limited space for dancing. As Hochstetler puts it: "If I'd only known before that dancing was so much fun! I'd never have robbed that bank!" So, instead of saying: "Shall we dance?" he's going to sit this one out - in a cell.

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POLITICIAN

We all know the duties of a politician campaigning for office - shaking hands, kissing babies, and so on. But here's one politician who actually toted up the statistics about such things.

Briscoe Holt ran for the Republican nomination for sheriff in Jefferson City, Tennessee. After the election, he put an Ad in a paper, to show what he had gone through. Here are his statistics on that primary. He walked more than six thousand miles. He shook more than nine thousand hands. He kissed more than a hundred babies. He gave away six lady's dresses, fifteen baby rattles, and five goats. To help propective voters, he plowed almost two hundred acres of land, dresses, and kindled seventeen fires.

He also attended twenty-six kit revival meetings, and sang in all the choirs. He made love to nine grass widows. And was bitten by thirty-nine dogs. He adds: "I lost two front teeth and some hair - in a personal encounter with a

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supporter of an apponent."

That's what Candidate Holt went through in his campaign for sheriff. And oh! the irony of it! I'll bet you've guessed it: he lost the election! In fact, he got just forty-three votes. Does he say in his ad - that he'll never never run in another campaign again? No! Not a word about that, Harry.

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