

L. T. - DELCO, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1957

(Given by Walter Cronkite)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Governor of Arkansas left his state today - to confer with President Eisenhower in Rhode Island. Governor Orval Faubus, flying from Little Rock to Providence. In his party, is Congressman Brooks Hayes of Arkansas - the go-between who suggested the meeting of Mr. Eisenhower and Governor Faubus.

The Governor will spend the night at a hotel in Providence. Tomorrow, he and his party will be flown by helicopter - to the Eisenhower vacation headquarters on Coasters Island. The crucial meeting - to begin at nine A.M., Eastern Time. The leader of the United States, and the leader of the State of Arkansas - trying to work out some common approach to the problem of desegregating the public schools of Little Rock.

Governor Faubus did not bring along any legal advisers - although Attorney General Brownell will be at the

conference - to represent the Justice Department. And Mr. Eisenhower has called in Gerald Morgan, his special counsel.

NASHVILLE

The F.B.I. moved into that dynamiting atrocity in Nashville - the destruction of Hattie Cotton School, after one Negro child was allowed in. According to Attorney General Brownell, the F.B.I. is turning some information it has - over to Nashville authorities. This information may help them run down the thugs - who set off the bomb.

Meanwhile, the Nashville police are grilling a man just picked up by the F.B.I. in Memphis. He's described as having "some information" about the destruction of the Hattie Cotton School.

Also today, a grand jury indicted segregationist John Kasper. He's accused of insulting public officials - and inciting a riot. He's accused of being a key figure behind the violence in Nashville.

As for the school children of Nashville, they started drifting back to their classes today. In five of the schools, a total of eleven Negro youngsters were on hand. But

absenteeism by white children is still heavy - possibly because their parents kept them home today, on the last day of the week - and will start them off afresh on Monday.

BENSON

In Washington, the "Dump Benson" movement came to a dead stop today. The reference, to criticism of Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Benson. His opponents have been trying to get him out of the Cabinet for a long time. Yesterday, newly elected Senator Proxmire of Wisconsin - sent President Eisenhower a telegram - arguing that the Proxmire victory meant a repudiation of Benson's farm policy.

Wednesday Benson had a long conference with the President. And today, he told a news conference - Mr. Eisenhower has asked him to stay in the Cabinet indefinitely. Benson adding, that of course he consented. This makes Benson almost a permanent fixture in the small group of men around the President - at a time when a number of the others are expected to drop out.

SAUD

President Eisenhower has received a personal message from King Saud of Saudi Arabia. So announced in Washington by State Department Press Officer, Lincoln White. We are not given the contents of the letter, but White told newsmen the King of Saudi Arabia expresses grave concern over pro-Communist developments in Syria. White scoffed at the idea that the letter caused Secretary of State Dulles to take a more moderate view of Syria - earlier this week.

Around Washington, it's believed that whatever the King of Saudi Arabia had to say to the President of the United States - was instrumental in Mr. Eisenhower's decision to speed up the delivery of arms to King Saud, Jordan, and other neighbors of Syria.

BRITAIN

In Britain, the British Labor Party has just won a bi-election - regarded by many as a portent of what will happen in the next general election. The Socialist candidate, running up an eight thousand vote margin over his Conservative rival in the District of Gloucester. The margin, ten times as great as when the Laborites won the same district in Nineteen Fifty-Five.

Tonight the Laborites are saying, the result is part of an anti-government trend that began after the Suez invasion. The Conservatives reply - the entrance of a liberal candidate into the contest divided the vote. Otherwise, Prime Minister Macmillan's man would have made a much better showing.

INFLATION

Our recently appointed Secretary of the Treasury - reveals that the government is launching a new attack on inflation. Secretary Robert Anderson told newsmen - President Eisenhower will hold regular meetings with his financial advisers - with price controls a question for debate. No date has been set for the first meeting. The Anderson announcement, intended to let the nation know in advance what is going on. The point being, to avoid any sudden scare in the financial world - when the experts gather in Washington for their initial meeting.

This is the latest step in an effort to control what President Eisenhower has called, "our major internal problem" - inflation.

HOFFA

The Vice-President of the Teamsters Union asks a Senate Investigating Committee - to recall him within the next four days, or else defer further questioning until next month. The reason - is obvious. The Teamsters Convention will open in Miami on September thirtieth. The main problem on the agenda - to select a president. And Vice-President Jimmy Hoffa is way out in front of his rivals - in the race to grab the seat vacated by Dave Beck. Hoffa wants to be in Miami - when a critical step in his union career is decided. If the Committee calls him next month, it is likely Hoffa will appear as the new head of the Teamsters.

From the Committee we hear, there's little doubt that Hoffa will be interrogated again. Counsel Robert Kennedy recently visited Detroit - to dig up more information about the Labor leader's career. According to Kennedy, his trip to Detroit shows - Hoffa should be asked to explain a number of points that never came up in previous questioning.

FISSURE

Tonight the city of Farnworth, England, faces destruction - by a mysterious fissure that began yesterday as a tiny crack in the middle of the main street. Under the pressure of torrential rains - the crack in the earth began to open. And now, it's forty feet wide - and twenty feet deep. It's widening at the rate of six inches an hour.

So far the crevasse has swallowed twelve houses, crushed three others, shattered the fronts of more than a hundred and left another hundred in dangerous condition. Around five hundred persons were forced to flee from their homes in the middle of the night. And police have evacuated a hundred and twenty families. They roped off a square mile of the Farnworth district - with guards posted to prevent looting.

What caused this strange hole in the earth - in the middle of a British city? One guess is - it's the result of an abandoned coal mine caving in. Farnworth, being in the middle of a coal mining district.

LIQUOR

A dispatch from Madison, Wisconsin, sounds as if it ought to be addressed to our State Department in Washington. It tells how to cut down on errors in diplomacy - of which we've had quite a few recently.

The advice comes from Mrs. H. F. Powell, of Evanston, Illinois. Mrs. Powell thinks our diplomatic defeats are mainly due to - demon rum. She told the Woman's Christian Temperance Union - we send abroad to deal with other nations - too many people who are fond of firewater. The villain of American diplomacy being, in Mrs. Powell's words, "the moderate drinker - en route to alcoholism."

So her advice to Secretary of State Dulles is - appoint only teetotalers to work in our embassies and if he will stick to those who never even sip a glass of beer - he'll have fewer blunders in his Department - according to this lady temperance crusader from Evanston, Illinois.

INTRODUCTION TO L.T.

Tonight, unfortunately, our radio communication with Lowell Thomas has failed, because of technical trouble. But we have still another recorded report from New Guinea, which arrived after much delay. So, while Lowell Thomas is in the Arctic tonight, let's hear a story that he told in tropical New Guinea.

NEW GUINEA

(Sound of a New Guinea drum)

"Nambutu, what are the drums saying tonight?"

"Master, drums say allee workem picture walkabout long Timbooke tonight. Name belong this fella picture "WALK INTO PARADISE".

In my last broadcast I said that in my next I would tell you a little about New Guinea Pidgeon English, which is an important new language. You will encounter Pidgeon all over the South West Pacific, Indonesia, and of course the China Coast; but the most picturesque Pidgeon is spoken here in New Guinea.

Its basic grammar and many of its words, are Melanesian. But it includes words from a number of languages. N r was New Guinea Pidgeon a creation of the White Man. It was here before he came, perhaps for thousands of years.

Native traders, in those days, just as today,

operated picturesque sea going vessels called lakatoirs - great two masted catamarans; ocean going canoes that carried as many as 20 people - Papuan traders who ranged along some 500 miles of New Guinea coast between Daru in the West and Samarai in the East; going out with the Monsoon wind, staying 7 months and then returning when the monsoon wind started blowing the other way. When Europeans began trading in these waters they added European words to the already existing New Guinea Pidgeon. To the newcomer it sounds a little like broken English mixed up with native words. But, that does not explain it at all. The basic grammar is simple Melanesian. Words in different order than we use them, with the verb last, as in German. And with most of the complexities of grammar omitted.

However, in many cases they complicate something that is quite simple in English. For instance one of my favourites is fire fly in New Guinea Pidgeon. The local

expression for something small is lik lik. Anything that flies is a binidang. In New Guinea Pidgeon if you want to say fire fly you say: "Lik lik binidang he got shoot lamp along backside belong him."

And here is a yarn I heard - about an important man, a member of Parliament from Canberra, capital of Australia, up here on a tour. In a speech to several thousand of these stone age natives of the lower Sepik, he was telling them something about white man's civilization, and what they might do to better themselves. In fact he was describing what he called "The Ladder of Success". How you climb the first rung of the Ladder of Success, and then you go to school, work hard and attempt the next rung of the Ladder of Success, and so on.

Well, the next day a big black fellow who looked like a Neanderthal Man, came to the District Officer's thatched home, and handed him a fuse. Fuse out here

means a roll of silver shillings, 100 of them, £5. With this fuse he said, he didn't want to lose any time. He wanted to buy that Ladder of Success. The District Officer tried to explain, but failing called in a young Australian Patrol Officer, told him to round up the people and clear up this matter of the Ladder of Success, so they understand. The Australian Officer's speech to the natives went as follows: "You you kanaka, harim this fella talk; Time most he talk long this fella Ladder of Success. Ladder of Success imi no talk talk literally! Imi talk talk figuratively! tassol."

So you see there he was introducing two new words into Pidgeon, literally and figuratively.

I think I'll now end this as it might be done in New Guinea Pidgeon:

"Now talk talk belong me he finish. Good appynoon altogether. (If it is morning or night or any time of day they always say good appynoon.) Me like kisse Kai Kai now - im tassol".

TITO

The Dictator of Yugoslavia and his Polish guest retreated to the Island of Brioni this afternoon. Tito, to entertain Gomulka at the plush residence of the former Yugoslav Partisan. They'll discuss confidentially - how they feel about "national Communism". Tito is expected to ask Gomulka - for an explicit statement of how he stands with regard to the Kremlin. And Gomulka may have some explaining to do - after yesterday's speech, in which he lavished praise on the Soviet Union.

CULTURE

The Russians have agreed to hold high level talks with this country - about increasing cultural, technical and scientific contacts between the two nations. This, the reply of the Kremlin to a proposal made by our government last month. At that time, we suggested an exchange of radio and T.V. programs.

Today the Soviet Embassy in Washington announced - it's ready to discuss the American proposal. Which some observers take to mean - the Russians are being a little agreeable for a change. Some cynics reply - all the Kremlin has agreed to - is an exchange of ideas. There's no word yet about whether Khrushchev will ever agree to exchange radio and T.V. programs.