

METEORS

L.T. - ~~Oct~~ Fri. Nov. 22 - '57.

Here ~~a dramatic~~ story from the U S Air Force - of how we fired artificial meteors beyond the gravitational pull of the earth. The ~~■~~ experiment, ^{- a month ago -} carried out ~~on~~ October Sixteenth - less than two weeks after the first Russian "Sputnik". The meteors, fired from an Aerobee rocket - fifty-four miles above the earth - at forty thousand miles an hour.

The meteors, the size of ball bearings - so they couldn't be seen, even if they were circling the earth like the "Sputniks". But they're gone for good. Escaping into outer space - pulled toward the sun, more than ninety million miles away. ~~The meteors,~~ ^{to} reach the sun in about a month, and burn up.

The Air Force announces - excellent photographs ^{- the lessons learned -} were taken at the launching. The information, ^{to} be used when we send bigger objects into outer space - bigger than ball bearings.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower presided over two major sessions at the White House today. In the morning, he met with the cabinet - for a full review of our defense budget. In the afternoon, the President summoned the National Security Council - to discuss how we stand now in the missile field. Today's two sessions meaning - one thing -- we are now going ahead on a crash program - of ballistic missiles. Mr. Eisenhower, tying together the technical and financial aspects.

Meanwhile, a house sub-committee is investigating the same subject. The committee, flying to Huntsville, Alabama - for hearings at the Red Stone arsenal. From Huntsville, they'll go on to Cape Canaveral, Florida. And they'll visit Puerto Rico - to see how our missile tracking station works. The chairman of the sub-committee, ^{Congressman} Mahon of Texas, told newsmen - we might produce both the Army Jupiter and the Air Force Thor - intermediate missiles, with a range of fifteen hundred miles.

SPUTNIK

The Air Force was warned about the Soviet "Sputnik" -
seventeen days before it was launched. So ^{we learn from} ~~revealed by~~ the Rand
Corporation in a report just released. Rand warned the Air
Force - that the Soviets were serious about a man-made moon.
Khrushchev, demanding it - for propaganda.

^{people} The Rand predicted that the Russians would make every
effort to send up their Satellite - on September seventeenth.
That date, the hundredth anniversary of the birth of an obscure
Russian scientist - who is regarded in Moscow as the founder of
astronautics.

^{Well} Rand didn't hit the date on the nose. They
predicted September seventeenth, ^{was} "Sputnik" launched on
October fourth. ^{What about it? Nothing, except}
^{that Washington}
~~But the key thing is - the Air Force~~ paid no
attention to the prediction - even though it was based on data
gathered from Soviet scientific magazines.

ATOMIC

Here's a follow-up to a story we had earlier this week. ~~The story declaring~~ ^{That} Britain is ahead of America - in using hydrogen power for peace-time purposes. Today's reply says it isn't so. The reply coming in a joint communique signed by two top experts - Sir Edwin Plowden of the British Atomic Energy authority - and Lewis Strauss of our ^{own} A E C.

^P Sir Edwin has just arrived for conferences ~~at~~ on atomic power.

In his joint communique with ^{Lewis} Strauss, he points out that neither nation can be ahead of the other - because they ~~are~~ share their discoveries. Information, crossing the Atlantic both ways - as soon as it ~~is~~ comes to light. The idea of one being ahead, and the other behind - is, according to Plowden and Strauss - "misleading".

CAPE

There won't be a strike at Cape Canaveral, Florida, after all. The walkout, averted by a last minute agreement between Pan American Airways and the brotherhood of railway clerks.

The agreement was negotiated after an all-night session. The new contract covers six hundred Pan American workers, and four thousand clerical employees. Both groups, now covered by the same benefits - seniority, job security, automatic pay raises, and so on.

The company and the union both say - they made concessions, because of government work at Cape Canaveral. They don't want to paralyze our great missile proving ground.

COMMUNISTS

The conference of Communist leaders that broke up in Moscow today - has one important aspect. All those present agreeing ^{that} Russia is the undisputed leader of the Red Bloc. Even China and Poland accept this.

Mao Tse-Tung spoke to three thousand Chinese students at the Moscow University. The boss of Red China telling them, "The Socialist camp must have a head". Adding, "That head is the Soviet Union."

Representing Poland, Premier Gomulka spoke before the Supreme Soviet. Admitting that the other Communist nations must follow the Soviet Union - Gomulka remarked, "Russia is the leader of equals."

5 The joint communique issued at the end of the conference - was signed by Communist nations - from Albania to China. Conspicuously absent - Yugoslavia. Marshal Tito, refusing to sign the document - because he doesn't want to endanger his relations with the West. After all, he has been

receiving millions in American aid. Why should he cut that off - just so he can acknowledge the leadership of Russia - the nation that once tried to destroy him?

Any reaction to this in Washington?

STATE DEPARTMENT - FOLLOW COMMUNISTS

Our State Department ridicules today's Communist
communique. Press officer Lincoln White, telling newsmen -
it's full of what he terms "vast distortions." Red unity,
a mere pretense. The threats to the West - an old story.
Talk about the happiness of the people in the Communist nations
- contradicted by riot and rebellion. In short, ^{that} this
communique changes nothing. It doesn't mean that the Red
nations have suddenly become a team under Soviet direction.
Nor does it mean that the west ~~we~~ should change its plans-
for dealing with Communist ~~ag~~ aggressions.

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Egypt is facing a new era of abundance - according to the Cairo press. The reason - that Russian loan. The Kremlin, allowing Nasser a hundred and seventy-five million dollars - the largest grant that has ever gone from Moscow to a non-Communist country. The money, to be put into everything from factories to a new drydock.

The Egyptian newspapers say this work will give employment to half a million Egyptians. The result, a rise in the standard of living - the residents of the Nine Valley to have a bigger income - and more consumer goods. In Cairo, they'll even be able to have a telephone installed in one day - instead of waiting six months.

Later this week, Nasser will be briefed by his Finance Committee. After that, he'll decide which project should get priority - in using the Soviet loan.

WHITE

Informed sources in Washington say the head of the new civil rights division - will be Wilson White of Philadelphia. He's now ~~XXXX~~ Assistant Attorney General. His appointment expected to be made public when Attorney General William Rogers holds his next ~~XXXX~~ news conference.

Wilson White helped draw up the administration plan - for handling the Little Rock crisis. His new department is set up - to deal with any future Little Rocks. White, to handle injunctions against anyone who tried to prevent negroes from voting. Also, integration problems.

White won't have to be okayed by the Senate - ~~XXXX~~ which will help prevent a clash. The chairman of the Senate Judiciary committee - Eastland of Mississippi, who has tried to block civil rights legislation. A newcomer to the government would have to be approved by the Eastland committee. But as Assistant Attorney General, Wilson White simply moves into another Department of the administration. So he bypasses the Senate.

BLINDNESS

Is the answer to blindness - electronics? Dr. John Button of East Orange, New Jersey - thinks the answer is - yes. He says a small electronic device worn behind the ear - could take pictures., The pictures, transmitted to the brain by fine wires. The blind person, seeing the picture - just as if he were ~~was~~ using his eyes.

Dr. Button ^{says} ~~admits~~ he's ^{sure} ~~going~~ to be criticized - ^{for} ~~for raising hopes.~~ ^{suggesting anything so seemingly impossible.} But he thinks he's right, because one

patient has ~~been~~ already been subjected to the method - seeing flashes of light by electronics. The doctor thinks all that's needed now - is a lot of money to perfect the device. And then blind people will be able to see.

FIRE

In the San Gabriel mountains of California -
another
a gigantic forest fire, raging out of control. Apparently
started at the camp of a convict road gang - when a portable
stove was overturned. Winds of sixty miles an hour - driving the
flames up the San Gabriel canyon on a two mile front. Already,
twenty-five thousand acres have been burned out. A pall of
smoke and ashes, driving high into the ~~km~~ sky.

A couple of mountain cabins, already destroyed -
with residents of the canyon area - evacuated. More than twelve
hundred fire-fighters are in the line - including a crack team
of Indians from Alberquerque, New Mexico.

The winds, causing havoc - outside the fire area.
Several people were injured aboard a passenger plane - when
it hit a rough spot at ten thousand feet. Navy ships - standing
out in the Pacific - waiting for better weather to dock. In
one place, three oil derricks were blown over - and a house
was knocked ~~down~~ from its foundation.

ACCIDENT

A New Jersey factory worker, killed in a freak accident. William Perry of Far Hills, driving along a curve at high speed. Losing control of the car - crashing into a stone wall.

He wasn't hurt. But the crash dislodged a two hundred pound boulder on the side of the hill. The boulder, crashing down on Perry's car - crushing him to death.

AVIATORS

Four Australian aviators are all set to fly home from Oakland, California. The distance - eight thousand seven hundred miles. The story? - ^{They're} going to do it in the smallest plane ever to fly that Pacific route. Two twin-engine Cessnas - so light, they ^{already have} ~~we~~ been turned back twice by high wind. ^{They are} Ready to take off, the moment the wind veers. Pilots Phil Lightband and Miles King - ^{and} ~~also~~ their navigators, Bill Withers and Art Tapp.

DUEL

A story from Montevideo, Uruguay - like something from an historical novel. But, it still is fairly common in Latin countries. Two men, settling a quarrel - by fighting a duel.

Louis Berres challenged Juan Ribas for the usual reason - this or a woman - because of articles Ribas published. Berres, claiming that his honor had been attacked - and that only sabres would settle his score with the writer.

They met this morning with their seconds - in a clearing near the headquarters of an artillery regiment. Newsmen and photographers on hand - were kept at a ~~sixxxx~~ distance. Only the seconds and the referee - allowed near the principals. Everything done, according to the book of duelling.

Berres and Ribas went at it - lunge and parry. Touche' and all that. The winner - to be the man who first drew blood. Same old idea. But there was no

winner - because they hit one another at the same time. The two sabres coming down together - Berres stabbed in the arm, and Ribas in the hand, Seeing the blood, the referee stopped the duel. The two duelists, refusing a reconciliation - treated by the doctor, who was brought along to take care of the injured. And then they all went back to Montevideo, honor still not satisfied.

MUSIC

In Moscow - a story of musical discord. The "Literary Gazette" - saying some Soviet music isn't harmonious - in a musical sense. There's criticism of song-writers hiring ghost composers - to do the real work. Here's how the system goes. A man who doesn't know much music - invents a tune. He turns it over to a ghost - sometimes just whistling it over the phone. The ghost, taking the melody - surrounding it with a professional score. The song, published under the name of the man - who did nothing but whistle.

According to the Moscow paper - some composers, when the music comes off the assembly belt, don't even recognize their own work. There was one who when asked by a conductor - whether his score called for d or d-sharp; had to call in his ghost - for the answer.

Then there was one genius who asked about "that big pipe over there". He'd never seen a bassoon.

The Moscow paper - Joe - calls for an end to
ghosts - in the Soviet world of music.

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ANNOUNCER: And now Lowell, any more?

L.T.: - The police of Coldwater, Michigan, making a routine check of automobiles, stopped Arnold Ernsberger and found the following in the back of the car: - nine revolvers, five knives, one rifle, a blackjack, and a thousand rounds of ammunition.

The story? Well - Ernsberger says he has no idea ^{the} how/small arsenal got into his car. He never knew a thing about it - until the plice opened the back door - and took a look. Big surprise. Who could have put it there?

And So Long Until Monday.

LEAD.

L.T. DeLoe Mon. Nov. 25-57.

President Eisenhower has cancelled his trip to Cleveland, Ohio, tomorrow - where he was to have made an address. This afternoon, the President suffered a chill - while meeting the King of Morocco at the Washington airport. He first noticed the chill while standing on the concrete apron at the airport, ~~shortly afterwards~~. After which he greeted Sultan Mohammed the Fifth, bidding him - welcome to Washington. Then, with the Sultan, he drove back to the White House - where, about four o'clock, he complained - he wasn't feeling well. ~~Going~~ ~~to his bedroom to rest~~. Whereupon, the Presidential physician, General Snyder - ordered Mr. Eisenhower to bed.

That, at once, forced the cancella~~tion~~ of the presidential plans - to entertain the Sultan at a formal dinner tonight. The dinner - being held. Mrs. Eisenhower - in attendance, together with Vice President Nixon.

At first it wasn't sure whether the President would, also, have to call off the trip to Cleveland tomorrow. But

then later came the word - that was out.

The schedule for tomorrow was a trying one - attendance at a display of research - in rockets and missiles. Also, another radio-television appearance on the subject of "Science and Security." Plus - meetings with various groups.

There's one report that the President's "chill" resembles Asian Flu.

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At last reports, the President was sleeping quietly. The belief is that his illness is not serious - although he suffered a series of chills.