

L.T. - DELCO. FRIDAY, SEPT. 20, 1957

(Given by Walter Cronkite)

It is all over at Little Rock...at least for the time being.

The Federal Court late today issued an injunction, ordering Governor Faubus to remove those national guard troops around Central High.

And tonight, the Governor bowed to the federal authority. He removed the troops and announced by radio to his state that he would exhaust every possible appeal in the courts.

And further, Faubus offered fervent prayer, as he put it, that there would be no violence at Central High...as, presumably, integration begins there Monday morning.

The appeal Faubus promises probably will go

eventually to the Supreme Court, in a classic test of federal versus state powers. Faubus has maintained that he ordered out the national guard eighteen days ago only because of the threat of violence at Central High. And he says the federal government has no right to question such actions of a governor of a sovereign state.

The government maintained Faubus ordered out the troops, in reality, to block integration, in defiance of the integration orders of the Little Rock Federal Court.

Today Faubus defied the government again by failing to show up in the courtroom of Federal Judge Ronald Davies. But two of his attorneys did show up, to contest Davies right to hear the injunction proceeding, maintaining he was prejudiced, and there ought to be three judges anyway. When Davies ruled against them, Faubus' attorneys left the courtroom.

Whereupon Davies issued the injunction.

Tonight at Six Twenty-Five P.M., Little Rock time, the fifteen or twenty National Guardsmen still on duty, answered a roll call, and climbed into vehicles that took them away from Central High...leaving that school free to integrate on Monday morning, and ending for at least a time, an explosive test of states rights in Little Rock.

SIBELIUS

From Finland some sad news for music lovers. The great composer Jan Sibelius is dead. He passed away today - at the age of ninety-one. One of Sibelius' most famous compositions was the stirring tone poem "Finlandia". Which the Russians banned when they were overlords of Finland - because of its intensely patriotic nature.

RADAR

The Air Force today revealed - it has developed a radar system for detecting intercontinental ballistic missiles. Air Force Chief of Staff, General Thomas White says we can now get warning of a sudden long-range atomic attack - almost as soon as it starts. Radar beams, picking up the track of missiles three thousand miles away. Such a warning would give this country at least a little time to prepare. In other words, there is at least a little less fear now - that Americans might suddenly find missiles with atomic warheads dropping out of the sky.

INTRODUCTION TO L.T.

Well, Lowell Thomas is still exploring across the
Arctic regions - still sending back stories about the Frozen
North. Here's his latest report.

L.T.

You would naturally think that from the ice island we would fly on over the Pole and down to Greenland. We could have done that. But to visit Station A on the Polar Sea we had to use a smaller plane that would not carry all our people and all our gear. So, we have flown all the way back to Alaska - 900 miles. With another 440 to go - to Fairbanks; there to reassemble, load our gear aboard that largest of all planes, a Globemaster; and then take off for the 3000 mile non-stop flight to the North Pole and on to Greenland.

For 24 hours we have been held up here on the Arctic coast, at Point Barrow.

In the Top of the World cafe, owned and operated by Eskimo, a Jesuit priest has just been telling me how he won a \$2000 bet. They call him Father Tom. Sir Hubert and Bernt Balchen say he is something of a hero here in the North; has been for twenty years. For years he was with the King Island Eskimo in Bering Sea, also on Big Diomedes and along the coast hyst Ioolisute Siberia. Balchen says he was with the 10th Rescue

Squadron when it made its first experimental landings on the Arctic Pack ice, in 1949 - a year before I was with the Balchen and the 10th making similar experimental landings and take-offs from a much crevassed glacial icefield.

But about Father Tom Cunningham's bet and how he won \$2000 - from an old friend of mine, the well known Carl Lomen of Nome - who married Congressman Volstead's daughter.

The priest dropped in their trading post at Home one day in late October, 1948. The year of the Truman-Dewey battle for the presidency. Said Father Tom: "When I told the Lomen Brothers they were looking unusually cheerful and self-satisfied, Carl replied: "Why not? The Republicans are going to win, and we're happy about that."

"I took out a \$20 bill - all the money I had on me, planked it down and said, 'Here's twenty the Republicans don't win!' Whereupon Carl, or Ralph, or Al, I've forgotten which, made out a check for \$2000. He said: 'O.K., we'll bet you a hundred to one!'"

"I left before election day," added Father Tom, "not to return to Nome for a year. When I did get back in the fall of '49, with Colonel Balchen and the 10th Rescue Squadron, the Lomens handed me the check for the two thousand. I tore it up. But I took back my \$20."

Then he told something else about the incident. He said when he was making that bet with the Lomens, an old-timer, a prospector, overheard him, and said to himself: "This priest seems to have some inside information." Whereupon he went to all the bars in Nome getting all the bets he could. And he won \$4000 when the news was flashed to Alaska that Truman had been elected.

When I asked the Jesuit whose political experience has been limited largely to life among the Eskimo, when I asked him on what he based his hunch, he replied:- "For two reasons - because a candidate once defeated seldom if ever is elected President. Second, because of two speeches by Gromyko and Senator Taft." Said Father Tom: "When Senator Taft said

almost the same things as Gromyko, I figured that would defeat the Republicans." Then he added: "I still believe Dewey would have won - if they had kept Taft under wraps!"

There are four communities here in the Point Barrow -- farthest-north-in-Alaska area. The Eskimo village, called Barrow, with its umiaks, kyaks and double-end whale boats lining the beach. Here live about 1000 Eskimo. A mile farther along the beach is Browerville, a cluster of houses that over the years have been built around the trading post started by Charlie Brower in 1886. Several miles farther along is an area called "The Site." One of the radar installations on the Dew Line. And a mile farther three streets of quonset huts occupied by several hundred civilian and military personnel involved in the construction and maintenance of the Dew Line, the Distant Early Warning radio network that extends all the way across the top of the continent from Bering Sea to Davis Strait, between Baffin Island and Greenland.

So long!

LIONS

A dispatch from New Delhi states that the lions of India have been driven from their home - by mosquitoes. The King of Beasts apparently can't stand the pesty insects - any more than anyone else. So the lions fled from their ~~government~~ reservation into the jungle.

The result - cattle are beginning ~~to~~ disappear from villages in the area. Government game wardens are on the job - trying to control the big cats. But they say there's only one sure fire answer to this problem -- wait for the lions to go back home to their reservation - after the mosquito season.

SHIP

A dispatch from Philadelphia states that one of Uncle Sam's warships has just arrived for repairs. The point of the story - she's the "Olympia" - flagship of Admiral Dewey during the Spanish American War.

Admiral Dewey was aboard the "Olympia" during the Battle of Manila in eighteen ninety-eight. That was the year America rang with the cry - "Remember the Maine!" Well, the "Maine", as we know, was sunk at anchor in ^{Havana harbor} ~~Manila Bay~~ - and that touched off the war against Spain. The "Maine" avenged by the "Olympia" when Admiral Dewey sailed into Filipino waters, and defeated the Spanish fleet in the decisive ^{battle} ~~action~~ of the war.

Today's dispatch tells us that the "Olympia" has just been saved from the scrap heap. The old veteran of our Navy, towed up the Delaware to drydock. She'll be turned into a National shrine. The "Olympia" to be maintained from now on - in commemoration of one of the most colorful scenes from American history - Admiral Dewey at Manila Bay in eighteen ninety-eight. This is Walter Cronkite, saying for Lowell Thomas, who will be back on Monday, So Long Until Then.

LITTLE ROCK

In Little Rock - late today, federal judge Ronald Davies granted a preliminary injunction ordering Governor Faubus of Arkansas to cease interfering with integration at the Central High School. The judge acted, after lawyers representing Governor Faubus - offered two motions, and then walked out of the courtroom when Judge Davies denied them.

Governor Faubus himself - defied the federal authority by refusing to show up in court at all. The first defense motion simply asked for dismissal of the case. The second asked for dismissal - on the ground that three federal judges should be on the bench, instead of one. In rejecting the two motions, Judge Davies made it plain he intends to handle the Little Rock case himself - from beginning to end.

President Eisenhower conferred during the day by telephone, with Attorney General Brownell - about the walkout of Governor Faubus' lawyers from that Little Rock courtroom.

Asked whether there was any Presidential reaction to the

walkout, news secretary Hagerty said: "Yes, there was, but I am not going to say what it was."

MISSILE

We fired the fourth missile within a week - at Cape Canaveral, Florida, today.

The missile was a big one. Long and slim, it took off without any trouble. It zoomed upwards, leveled off - and raced out over the South Atlantic - trailing a streak of orange flame. Observers believe it was either a Thor or a Jupiter - intermediate ballistic missile, with a range of fifteen hundred miles.

UNION

A Federal Judge orders the High Command of the Teamsters' Union - to appear in court next Friday. Judge Dickinson Letts, wants the union chiefs to answer charges - about rigging the coming election in favor of Jimmy Hoffa. Hoffa and his colleagues will be required to show cause - why Judge Letts should not grant an injunction - to postpone the election.

This is an answer to a suit filed yesterday - by thirteen members of the Teamsters' Union. They accuse Hoffa and the other bosses - of trying to assure the election's outcome by hand-picking more than eighty percent of the delegates to the Convention.

GROMYKO

Russia's Foreign Minister spoke at the United Nations today - and he was in his usual form. ^{Poker faced} /Andrei Gromyko, ~~still~~ ~~the Sphinx of International Politics~~ neither smiling nor frowning - during a speech that lasted an hour and a half.

The general verdict on his speech - it was the same old propaganda line. Gromyko, saying that America is a threat to peace and freedom in the Middle East - while his country, of course, has never interfered with the internal affairs of any nation in that part of the world - or anywhere else.

OIL

Our Secretary of the Interior, Hints that the government may take stronger measures - to cut down on our import of oil from abroad. Fred Seaton told his News Conference - President Eisenhower might issue an Executive Order - if the importers continue to bring in oil at the present rate.

Mr. Eisenhower asked for a cut-back - ~~in order~~ to help the development of domestic oil sources. He wants the oil imported - cut by a hundred thousand barrels a day. So far, the industry has only dropped the number of barrels by about five thousand a day. That's why Secretary Seaton wants the oil industry - either to bring its trade closer to the figure set by the President - or else ^{have} ~~start~~ a new program thrust upon ^{it} ~~them~~.