WEST GERMANY

Lowell Thomas - Monday, Oct. 18,1954

Chancellor Adenauer, today, won the unanimous approval of his Cabinet. An all-out okay - for the strategy he'll use in Paris this week. Making final arrangements for West German sovereignty and rearmament.

It Wasn't easy - for the West German Chancellor. The Ministers in his coalition government - in a partisan squabble among themselves. Not in opposition to Adenauer's foreign policy - but factional quarreling among representatives of different parties. Some were threatening to resign - which would cause an awkward crisis, as Adenauer goes to Paris. But he persuaded them to put off a showdown until after negotiations.

The latest that that that to the final talks for sovereignty and rearmament.

DULLES - FOLLOW GERMANY.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was in conference with President Eisenhower today - discussing the negotiations at the Paris conference. The Secretary leaves for **Baris** tomorrow.

Meanwhile, there's word that Premier Mendes-France will press for stronger controls over West German rearmament. The French - still not at ease over the prospect. A German army - once again.

EAST GERMANY

East Germany had an election over the weekend - and "battles of you can repeat all the gags about those Communist" ballots." The Reds - winning a majority of ninety-nine and three-tenths per cent. I wonder who the seven-tenths of one percent might have been. A handful officeroic East Germans voting - Nein.

It was the usual totalitarian affair - the electorate given a single slate of candidates, and no alternative. West German officials declare, quite man needlessly - the election was a farce.

FRANCE

The French espionage sensation goes into new wonderful twisters. Over the weekend - an Army captain arrested, for transmitting a state secret to the French Communist Farty. A most **interesting** interesting secret.

Captain Jean Cazalet was a member of the staff at the military headquarters of the City of Paris. In charge of documents pertaining to the defense of Paris, in case of a surprise attack or insurrection. Which, of course, would pertain to the Communists - possible Red insurrection.

Today, it was disclosed that Captain Cazalet had a at military headquarters copy subordinate / copy for documents relating to the defense of

Paris. Later, the copies were foundat the homes of max in the scandal. individuals, arrested/minut Accused - of transmitting official

secrets to the French Communist Party.

According to the story, it seems - the Reds were given military plans for defending Paris against Red

insurrection.

INDO-CHINA

The Defense Department says - the French did a thorough job of taking out U.S. military equipment. Before handing over Northern Viet Nam to the Communists. They removed thousands of tons of U.S. armament, even such items as the steel matting from airport runways. So, therefore, this time very little American-aid material fell into the hands of the Reds, when they took over.

This tends to negative a statement by Senator Mike Mansfield of Montana - who returned, last week, from a trip to the Far East. He said - the Reds got plenty. But the Defense Department insists that the only heavy loss of American equipment came, not through the armistice, but when gh the Reds captured Dien Bien Phu.

INDIA

People with a fancy for history will meditate over this item in today's news - India gets Pondicherry. **KREE** France - losing her last possession in Hindustan. -Pondicherry on the coromandel coast - tropical India just above the Equator.

Today, the municipal councillors of Pondicherry voted - to join India. France had agreed - the fate of that city of renown, to be decided at a meeting of the councillors. They voted - one hundred and seventy to eight. The decision - also including the town of

Karikal, another tiny French possession in India. Well, it all goes back to the historic days of the Seventeenth Century - when the French and the British fought it out for the domination of India. The French had their stronghold at Pondicherry. In bold military moves, they lined up Indian principalities - making -the fabulous nabobs their allies and puppets. The British played the same game, and there were wars between

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Indian states. The French backing one side - the British backing the other.

Great Britain had the sea power - and also Clive of India. That fantastic genius - who won the victory for England.

When it was all over, the magnificient land of Hindustan was - British India. France retaining - only a few scattered points. The chief of these - Pondicherry - under its famed viceroy, Du Plessis.

I, myself, have a vivid recollection of it. Traveling far and wide in India, Maj. Francis Yeats-Brown, the Bengal Lancer, and I spent a number of days there on the Coromandel coast, in a city where time seemed to have stood still. Boulevards and collonades like those of a French city. Like the Rue du Rivoli. But with the exotic population of Pouth India. Pondicherry - one of those beautiful paradoxical cities that a traveler never forgets.

LIBERIA

Washington paid full honors, today, to President William V.S. Tubman, of Liberia. In the national capital - on a three day visit of state. After which - President Tubman will make a cross-country tour.

All of which gives us a reminder - of an odd page in American history. How, early in the last century - there was a plan to send Negro slaves in the South to their native Africa. One project - actually put into effect. A number of liberated slaves - sailing to the West African coast. Where they founded a republic - American style. A republic - that still flourishes. William V.S. Tubman - its eighteenth President.

Tonight, a dinner of state at the White House for the Liberian chief executive - a guest of President and Mrs. Eisenhower. Substitute LEAD STRINGFELLOW

In Utah, Congressman Douglas Stringfellow is out as candidate for re-election to Congress. Today, he **REXEXE** retired from the race.

This amazing affair created a lot of sympathy for the veteran who still suffers from injuries in the war, when he stepped on a land mine. But it was an impossible political situation - after Stringfellow's confession, that his memodramatic exploits in the "Cloak and Dagger" service were a hoax.

For years, he had been telling the story from coast to coast. How - he headed a desperate mission behind the German lines in World War Two. Accepting applause and honors - for his account of spine-chilling

feats of courage. All

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now, turning out to be mare imaginations.

To me, the astounding part is the Congressman his fictitious outfit of desperados telling how / they captured Professor Hahn, and brought him back / prisoner of the Allies. Hahn, & German atomic scientist, who split the uranium atom back in the late Thirties. The experiment - that was basic in showing the way to the atom bomb.

It has been stated in the news that, at the end of World War Two, Professor Hahn was picked up by the British. At last reports, working on atomic research for the British.

But it sure made a gaudy bit of ornament. The "Cloak and Dagger" seizure - of the German scientist who split the uranium atom.

The Republican State Committee will have to work fast - picking a candidate as a substitute for Congressman Stringfellow. Most prominently mentioned, this evening, is

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George Staples, educator and radio news commentator. A veteran of the Second World War, who lost the G.O.P. mpmfmattenximx nomination in Nineteen Fifty-Two. Stringfellow, beating him out by seven thousand votes.

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CASE

In Washington, today, the Citizens Committee for Eisenhower gave its judgment in the question of Clifford Case, Republican candidate for the Senate in New Jersey. James L. Murphy, Committee Chairman, said - Candidate Case has fully answered the charge that his sister, Adelaide Case, belonged to Communist Front organizations. It was another Adelaide Case - a matter of mistaken identity

Over the weekend, Clifford Case presented his argument on a Radio-television program. And, today, the Chairman of the Citizens & Committee for Eisenhower says, "How ridiculous can it get - when political adversaries, playing to undermine Mr. Case, use mistaken identity as a fraudulent a means to mislead the voter?"

There's a feud on among the New Jersey Republicans, The Committee - calling for the election of Case.

SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court issued a ruling today - according to which Gene Autry and Roy Rogers may have to sponsor perfumes, lipstick or lingerie, in spite of themselves. The two he-men cowboys made an appeal to the high tribunal to keep television stations from using old Gene Autry and Roy Rogers films. Those rootin' tootin' Westerns. They complained about commercials injected between reels of their horse operas. Commercials - advertising sissyfied products, making it seem as if the two mighty cowboys of the movies were in endorsing such flossy girlish fineries. They said, this tends to disillusion their public. Those T V cowboys of ten or twelve.

They took their case, the lower courts, and now the Supreme Court refuses to heed their plea. Even though, the half grown he-men in cowboy suits may growl: "Gene Autry, Roy Rogers! Aw, they're sissies."

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CHILD

In Toronto, they have identified - the Orphan of the Storm. A baby girl - pathetic refugee from the hurricane. For two days, at a Toronto hospital, nobody knew to whom the four months old infant belonged.

The story was confused in the turmoil - when Hurricame Hazel brought havoc to Toronto. Outlying Communities - overwhelmed by the flood waters of the Humber River. In one place, people were being evacuated in frantic haste. Some - swept away by the surge of the deluge.

In that nightmare, a mother handed her baby to a tenn aged girl - just for a moment, it seemed. But, in the panic, they were separated. The girl - with the child, having to climb to a rooftop, to escape the rising water. Marooned imme there, still holding the baby - until rescue came. They were taken off by firemen, and were on their way to safety in a fire truck.

But the truck bogged down, and in that confusion - the girl was separated from the baby. The child - finally taken by a Red Cross driver. And placed - in St. Joseph's Hospital. CHILD - 2

Today, an uncle identified - the waif of the storm.

Nany Thorpe, # daughter of Mrs. Pat Thorpe.

To this a tragic note is added. A few minutes after handing the baby to teen age Sylvia Jones, the mother was swept away - lost in the flood.

(Lanny Ross will use this story)

FLOOD

The Ohio Miver floods receding. The deluge caused by the torrential rains of Hurricane Hazel. Fourteen lives lost in the Ohio Valley over the weekend twenty-five millions in damage. Thousands - homeless. Today - and the worst appears to be over. POLIO

Nine million dollars will be "gambled" on the new Salk polio vaccine. Basil O'Connor, President of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, says scientific tests of the vaccine have not yet been completed. But the Foundation is going ahead - putting up nine million dollars to provide free vaccinations for millions of children.

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CIVIL DEFENSE

At Erie, Pennsylvania, today, the Civil Defense officials announced - another mass evacuation test. Precaution - against the danger of atomic war. They m held one yesterday - but it wasn't any mass evacuation at all. The entire population of one-hundred-and-seventy-thousand to be taken away in a wholesale maneuver. But, when the siren sounded, hardly anybody showed up. The police and Civil Defense workers were on the job - mobilized with four thousand automobiles. But the people of Erie - stayed home.

The reason - it was raining. Yes, it was raining pitchforks - and who wants to get wet, even in case of an atomic attack?

There was another cause, too. Civil Defense officials explaining - the mass evacuation didn't get enough publicity. Because the headlines in Erie are monopolized by a bribery scandal at the City Hall. People more interested in - who got the maney, and why? More fascinating - than atomic war.

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So the Civil Defense was mobilized with its four thousand automobiles, and the siren sounded loud and long. But it was raining hard - and the people stayed home, reading about the bribery scandal.

The City Council of Erie, today, demanded the resignation of Mayor Thomas Flatley. Charged with taking up to five hundred dollars a month from a gambling ring, a multi-million dollar numbers racket. Mayor Flatley is out on bail, and - refuses to resign.

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At Madison, Wisconsin, Assistant Attorney General Roy Tulane, astonished his office force a by showing up x the stuff, and said: "It's milk - tastes exactly like milk."

The Wisconsin Assistant Attorney General beamed and announced - he'd solved the problem of making frozen milk. Processed and packaged - like frozen fruit juice.

Which certainly sounds like an answer to a dairyman's prayer. They've been trying and trying to produce - packaged frozen milk. But it always came out - with a strange taste. Assistant Attorney General Tulane says he has discovered the secret The strange taste came from - heating the cream. So he separates the cream first, then dries out the skim milk. The takes the solids of the skim milk, and adds the MILK - 2

to the cream. Making akind of white mush - which is then frozen.

All of which might seem - an odd activity for an Assistant Attorney General. But Roy Tulane does dairy research, as a sideline.

Some while ago, he achieved a triumph by inventing a square Swiss cheese. As a lawyer, he was working on a Swiss cheese patent argument, \prec and learned, to his astonishment, that the dairymen wished they could make that a square. So Roy Tulane applied his inventive genius to that, and produced - a square Swiss cheese.

And now Gay Avery - and s-1-u-t-m.