### L.T.-DELCO. MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1956

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Let's make this a special baseball broadcast. I assure you I can think of little else tonight. After all, it is our national game - and today was a baseball day of days. Never a World Series game like this one!

With the assistance of my son, I've been covering the World Series lo, these - well, for a long time. And today there we were again.

Today's game was one that will be remembered as long as baseball remains our national game. Seventy thousand fans came away from Yankee Stadium shaking their heads, talking to themselves, or talking to the strangers milling around them.

The first no-hit game in all World Series history!

The first perfect game ever played in a World

The first perfect game that has been played in the major leagues in thirty-four years - since Nineteen Twenty-two!

Not a single Dodger got to first base. In other words, twenty-seven men going down in a row.

All of the above seems almost incredible to those of us who are baseball fans. But, here's one more point, and this one seems completely impossible: Don Larsen, the twenty-seven year old young Yankee pitcher who performed today's feat of prestidigitation and legerdemain, only allowed one Dodger to get as many as three balls -- Peewee Reese.

It wasn't until the seventh inning that people around us, just back in the Yankee dug-out, began saying: "What if he got a no'bitter? Aw, but that's impossible!" And so on.

An ardent Yankee fan sitting next to me, named Seeley, said: "I hope Larsen doesn't get a no-hitter, 'cause, if he does, it'll ruin him!" Meaning, swelled head, and so on. But, by the end of the eighth inning, he was yelling for Larsen louder than anyone else. In fact he said he was afraid

he was going to have a stroke!

Right from the start, it was evident that today Larsen had the Indian sign on those awesome Dodger sluggers. The boy, who is six feet four, and weighs two hundred and twenty-five pounds, began by throwing a big slow hook. He'd throw it so close to the batter, that the Dodger at the plate would fall back, thinking "Ch that's a ball." And then it would hook in over the plate, and the Ump would call "Stee-rike!"

The Yankee Stadium, of course, was in a wild uproar, all during that top half of the ninth, when only minutes remained between a successful game for Don Larsen, or undying What drama! Two outs, one more to go, Sal Maglie at bat. fame. But of course Walt Alston didn't allow Sal to bat. This time he put in a pinch-hitter, a man famous for breaking up ball games. His name, Dale Mitchell. Yankee fans groaned and said :- "He's sure to spoil it! He never fails to get a scratch hit!" But down he went! And on that third strike, Catcher Yogi Berra, without taking off his mask or glove, ran out to the mound.

and jumped on Larsen's neck. It was Larsen who carried Yogi off the field. All was bedlam.

Another sidelight on this lad Larsen. Like so many pitchers, he has, in the past, been accustomed to going through all sorts of gyrations - the big wind-up. But, he did none of that today. He just rocked back, and threw the ball. And down the Dodgers went - one, two three!

As for Casey 3tengel, we didn't see a sign of him. That familiar stooped figure striding out to the mound to talk things over with the pitcher. A familiar sight to every baseball fan. Casey didn't have to walk to the mound today.

Incidentally, here's something that shouldn't be entirely overlooked: Sal Maglie went the distance for the Dodgers. Pitched a great game. Duke Snider in center field made a fabulous shoe string acrobatic catch, one of the most sensational you ever saw. Gil Hodges, Jackie Robinson and Sandy Amaros both <u>almost</u> got homers. From where I sat, it looked as though Amaro's ball had gone fair, into the stands.

Sandy thought so, and stood there on the first base line scratching his head.

And so, a young man named Don Larsen became a baseball immortal - because a long well hit ball veered just a few inches to the right and wasn't a homer.

Oh yes, and in the printed programs, where they have the pictures of all the players, and their biographies, under the picture of Don Larsen, in the text telling of how he came from San Diego, and so on, his biography ended with this line: "At age twenty-seven, Don should improve as he gains experience." How's that?

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I've just been handed a note. It says that today Don Larsen's wife filed suit for non-support.

Such is life.

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And now for a quick look at today's less important

news.

SUEZ

At the United Nations, today, Soviet Russia joined Egypt - in a proposal for a Suez Canal settlement. The plan was presented separately - by Soviet Foreign Minister Shepilov. And - Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fauzi. So What do they suggest? Frank, They say - the Security Council should appoint a committee to work out an international treaty - guaranteeing freedom of passage through the canal. A pact - which would replace the old Treaty of Constantinople, concluded in Eighteen Eighty-Eight.

The Soviets and Egypt think - the committee, named by the Security Council, should consist of perhaps eight countries. The new treaty, which they think would evolve to would be submitted to a meeting of all the users of the Suez Canal.

This proposal resembles a suggestion made by the United States. That - the Security Council should set up "negotiating machinery". For devising a settlement - of the Suez dispute.

### MALTA

The British, having trouble again - with British soldiers. This time, at Malta. Where one hundred and fifty troops of the Grenadier Guards made a mass protest. The Grenadier Guards - an historic regiment. The soldiers in question - largely reservists, called back to the Army in the Suez crisis. Britain has been having trouble with reservists put back in uniform - and, in this case, the protest was against "spit and polish."

The report got around - that a "full dress inspection" was to be held. Which is always - a prime occasion for shining everything up, **willot** "spit and polish". So they held a mass meeting, and sent a delegation to their officers protesting.

All - so serious, that a stern measure was taken. An officier - confronting the discontented mass meeting. And reading - "The Mutiny Act". Meaning Meaning threat threat of prosecution, for the gravest of all military crimes - "mutiny." MALTA - 2

However, those Grenadier Guards were also told that there would be no "full dress inspection." What was intended was - a "show down inspection." Which merely concerns equipment - not so much "spit and polish." IP Upon hearing which - the soldiers went back to duty.

## HOLLAND

In Holland, a new "palace crisis", reported. Because of the faith healer, Greet Hofmanns - under whose mystical influence Queen Juliana is said to have fallen. In the previou "palace crisis", the Queen, they say, agreed - she'd see no more of Greet Hofmanns. But now the word is that she retains the followers of the faith healer - in the royal household. These followers reported to be meddling in the Netherland foreign policy. Which brings about - political repercussions.

### REGISTRATION

The registration in up-state New York has begun at a slow pace. The books have been open for two days - with every large up-state city reporting a drop from the Nineteen Fifty-Two figures. Buffalo, for example, enrolled nearly one-hundred-and-nineteen thousand. Which is nearly twenty-eight hundred less - than for the first two days four years ago. The same trend - at Albany, Syracuse, Rochester.

In the New York City afea, enrollment began today and WHE registration figures will be closely watched in the big town.

In the face of possible political indifference, an army of volunteers has enlisted in a drive - to get out the vote. The two major political parties are cooperating - together with one hundred and forty private groups. For example - a cut-out picture, which I got in the mail today. A Liberty Bell, with the slogan, "Use your freedom to vote." Sent by the Boy Scouts of America. With information - that four million Scouts are going to hang thirty-six million, five hundred thousand of

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these Liberty Bell placards on the doorknobs of American homes, between now and Election Day.

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### STEVENSON - FARM

The manager of Adlai Stevenson's Illinois farm denies that he ever said it. Quoted, yesterday, as declaring that Stevenson was, in the words of the quotation: "Talking through his political hat, when he goes around telling about a depression."

Senator Aiken of Vermont and attributed this to Hudson Burr, manager of two-hundred-and-forty acre farm rented by Stevenson and his sister to Earl Shives, who runs it on a tenant basis, near Bloomington, Illinois.

Farm Manager Burr said he never used any such words as - "talking through his political hat". But he says the Vermont Senator was correct in quoting him as declaring, "If efficient farmers are in trouble, then I'm awfully blind."

Burr adds - that he, himself, is a Republican. And Stevenson - a friend whom he admires.

He also admits - that Senator Aiken was correct

when he said - that Adlai Stevenson, through his tenant farmer, has about fifteen acres under the administration Soil Bank. The Democratic nominee, indirectly at least in that Eisenhower program.

## STEVENSON

Adlia Stevenson, today, did a lot of long distance telephoning calling democratic leaders urging them to make a drive for campaign funds. He said - if they don't get in the money, the Stevenson campaign may "run out of gas".

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The authorities in Boston are pessimistic - in the case of the Brinks robbery. Of course, eight defendants were convicted over the weekend - and are to be sentenced on Tuesday tomorrow. Facing a collective total of a hundred years in prison.

But, the convictions did not answer the question, what happened to the more than one million dollars - in loot? Some of it, of course, would have been spent - by the robbers. But they can hardly have squandered the one million, two hundred and eighteen thousand dollars they stole - in that biggest of cash hold-ups.

Thus far, the convicted men have kept silent - when asked about the money. Which, presumably, has been hidden somewhere. And the authorities believe - they will continue to keep silent.

### MOSQUITOES

There's a county in Mississippi, which is causing alarm - among health scientists. Bolivar County - along the Mississippi River. The villains - the mosquitoes. The scientists having discovered - that the mosquitoes in Bolivar County have become immune to the insecticides - Thexastentistx Commonly used - in destroying them. Real villains, they are anopheles, the species transmitting malaria. Hitherto - vulnerable to the insecticides used against the boll weavil . Protecting - the cotton crep. But now, the anopheles has become resistant, immune to the chemicals. Threatening - a recurrence of that old time evil, malaria. Which, formerly, was a plague in the South.

The scientists emplain that the insecticides have been destroying most of the mosquitoes. But, a few of them have a natural resistance to the chemicals - and survive. Transmitting this immunity - to their descendants. Bringing about - a new race of immune mosquitoes. Which has happened -

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in Bolivar County.

They say - D.D.T. remains effective. But the anopheles, down there, will become immune to that. The scientists invent new insecticides. The mosquitoes develope new resistance. An endless battle, that the human race can never win - with chemicals.

The experts declare - the only decisive strategy is to drain the swamps. Which are the breeding place of the anopheles. The only way we can win the war - of man versus mosquito.

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And now Henry, let's all go back to talking about the big news of the day: - Don Larson, and the first no hit game in all World Series history You know Sal Maglie should have won that game - but!