

At Americus, Georgia, today - Farmer George Mathews may have established a place in history for himself. Farmer Mathews made the first telephone call - by sun-power.

Introducing, ~~maybe~~ - an era of solar energy ^{- maybe.} At any rate ^{Never before,} so far as we know, has anybody ever used sun-power for industrial use - like a telephone system.

Last year, we heard that the Bell Telephone Laboratory had created a solar battery - producing electricity. The gadget - being tried out successfully in the South. Now the practical test work has been completed - and a solar operated line was put into action, today. Ready - for phone calls, in the ordinary course of business.

At the top of telephone poles - a contraption like a frame. Which exposes discs of silicon - to sunlight. The ~~xxxx~~ silicon - having the property of turning sunbeams into volts of electricity. The electrical power - then used in an ordinary telephone way.



The first sun-power phone call - made by Farmer Mathews of Americus, Georgia - with power from a sun battery. What was this historic telephone call about? Typical of Georgia - cotton. Farmer Mathews was merely making a routine call to a cotton warehouse. He didn't know he was a key figure in an historic event.

"How many bales of cotton do I have in your warehouse today?" That was all he said. Whereupon the answer came "I'd say - about sixty-seven".

The sun-power phone call may have been epic-making. But, one thing is sure. Farmer Mathews has about sixty-seven bales of cotton in the warehouse.

EISENHOWER

The medical reports on President Eisenhower are becoming - monotonous. Two, exactly the same today - and they ^are the same as ~~the reports~~ yesterday. Same phraseology: -
"satisfactory progress - no complications - patient relaxed and cheerful."

Reporters covering the Denver hospital are having a hard time - finding anything to say. So little news. ^{And that's} ~~it's~~ mighty good news.

Follow EISENHOWER.

Late bulletin, tonight, states - that John L. Lewis has suffered a heart attack. The news about the seventy-five year old Chief of the United Mine Workers - being much like that about President Eisenhower. John L. Lewis - recovering in good style, no complications. Actually he entered a Washington hospital a couple of weeks ago. His malady - only now revealed.

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GOVERNOR

Here's one that may be of special interest to many of the members of the Overseas Press Club who are here in this room. I am broadcasting from the Overseas Press Club.

There's an angle of the political picture - which is to be tested in the Supreme Court. Among the presidential possibilities mentioned on the Republican side - Governor Christian Herter of Massachusetts. Or - is he eligible?

Governor Herter was born in France. His father an American artist, working in Paris. The son - born an American citizen. But - abroad! Which brings up article two, paragraph four, of the Constitution. Which reads:

"No person, except a natural born citizen --- shall be eligible to the office ~~office~~ of president".

So does that let Governor Herter out - that phrase "natural born"?

Today the Boston Post relates - that Governor Herter's friends and supporters are going to find out. "Their first step", says the newspaper, "will be to

organise a 'Herter-for-President-Committee', and solicit campaign contributions. Then a court injunction will be sought - on the ground that campaign funds are being ~~improperly~~ improperly obtained. In support - of a man who, is ~~it~~ ineligible to be president. Because he was born in France.

The Supreme Court to be asked for a definition of the term "natural born citizen" as used in the Constitution. If the ruling is favourable, the Governor's backers will go right on with a "Herter-for-President" move.

TAMPICO

U. S. Navy helicopters are on a round-the-clock

schedule - at Tampico, Mexico. Taking out people marooned by

the great floods. Tampico - seventy-five per cent under water.

~~only thirty-six blocks of dry land~~

~~whirly birds~~

~~The ~~submarines~~ are based on the U.S. Aircraft Carrier~~

~~Seipan, which lies anchored in the harbor, carrying out a~~

~~mission of mercy.~~

MOROCCO

Guerrilla warfare - spreading in northwestern Morocco.

French military columns - versus tribesmen in the Atlas
and
Mountains, along the border of Spanish Morocco. The first
organized rebellion of the Berber tribes since the great Riff
Revolt, back in the Nineteen Twenties.

In Paris, Premier Edgar Faure has ordered - the
immediate formation of a "council of the throne", to replace the
ousted Sultan of Morocco. This is in agreement with nationalist
extremists - part of a compromise for self government. A plan -
to quiet sedition in Morocco. But now everything is
complicated - by the rebellion of the Berber tribes.


ARABIA

London reports the offer - of an eighty-four million dollar bribe. Which, I suppose, would rate - as the biggest bribe in history. Must have been offered - by somebody mighty rich.

The British dispatch names - the richest man in the world - the King of Saudi Arabia. Monarch of desert and oil. The sovereign of those stupendously rich Arabian oil fields, an ocean of oil. His reported income - a million dollars a day - all from oil.

The eighty -four million dollar bribe - intended to influence the decision of an international tribunal. Which, in Geneva - was considering a dispute concerning the Oasis of Burami. Which is on the peninsular between the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman.

So what's the value of that oasis in the desert? Below the sands of that peninsula lies another enormous pool of oil. Although that area is a British protectorate - Saudi Arabia claims possession of the Burami oasis. Subject - of a long time dispute.



London says - the eighty-four million dollar bribe attempt was manipulated by Arab sheiks at the Geneva Tribunal. When the skullduggery was discovered, the Belgian President of the International Court, resigned. So did the British representative on the Court - Sir Reader Bullard.

Early this year, I was out in that part of Arabia, in connection with a new Cinerama picture we^are making - the "Seven Wonders of the World." ~~and make~~^{We} made - a plane flight across the Rub-al-Khali, ~~the~~ Land of ~~Emptyness~~. Most forbidding of all deserts. Just beyond ^{I flew over} that barren peninsula, on which the oasis of Burami is located. ^{And} ~~Desolate~~ wilderness - ~~but with an incredible wealth of oil.~~

^{Then I went onto}
^I visited the court of King Saud, who is rated as the richest man in the world. Now said to have offered - the eighty-four million dollar bribe.

ARGENTINA

Argentina reports - a new revolt. This one - against the leadership of the labor unions. Which have long been a mainstay of Peron's power as dictator. The labor union leaders - henchmen of Peron.

The new regime of General Lonardi is not interfering with union affairs - but now local union members are taking things into their own hands. Last night, they seized at least a dozen union officers in various places. Storming in - and throwing out the leaders, ~~who had been controlled by Peron.~~

The workers, discontented - because of the way leadership had been forced on them by political power. Also - by the revelations of how Peron's union henchmen ~~have~~ amassed personal wealth.

(~~At the same time, the report is that eighteen generals of the Argentina army have been arrested - followers of Peron. One - General Malina, who was Army Commander in Chief under the fallen regime.~~)

The brother of the Dalai Lama - arrived in New York today. Thubten Jigme Norbu - who expects to become the spiritual leader of the Buddhists in the United States. There are - sixty-three thousand.

He's also called - the "Tagster Lama". Which refers back to a reincarnation - according to the doctrines of Buddhism. The Dalai Lama, spiritual head of Tibet, is a reincarnation of Buddha, himself. His brother, the Tagster Lama - a reincarnation of a monk of the "Yellow Hats". Who presided over northern Tibet - years ago.

All of which makes the Tagster Lama the highest ranking Buddhist leader in the United States. In effect - the spiritual head of the Buddhists over here.

Arriving in New York, he was not garbed in the robes of a monk of the "Yellow Hat" sect. Instead, he wore a grey business suit, with a red knitted necktie. Which is not surprising, because Thubten Jigme Norbu is no stranger to Western ways.

He fled from Tibet when the Reds took over, and came to this country. I met him ^{several times a few} ~~in San Francisco a couple of years~~ ago, and we had a talk about his brother, the Dalai Lama. And about Lhasa - and that amazing palace, the Potala. Later, he went to Japan for a stay. Now - to reside in this country.

SWEEDEN

Over in Sweeden, there was a heart-broken mechanic. Who, having trouble with the wife - decided to end it all, and ger even with her. At - one and the same time. He'd crash an aeroplane into her home - diving the plane right into the roof of wifie's residence.

He had never flown a plane before, but that didn't bother him. Going to a nearby flying field, he swiped a light plane, in which he flew - over the town, a place called Norrkoeping. Once he got the plane off the field ~~XXXXXX~~ he started looking for wifie's house, but couldn't find it. On the ground, he could recognize it well enough - but not up in the air. One roof looked like another.

So he went flying back and forth, buzzing the streets of the town. Scaring the local people - out of their wits. He never did find wifie's house. All he did was run out of gas, and crash on the outskirts. And he was merely bruised and scratched. Now he is in ^{gawc} ~~gawc~~.

BASEBALL

Do you hear ~~that~~ roar ^{it comes from} Flatbush ~~is for~~ - Johnny Podres.

Brooklyn achieving - what for so long seemed impossible.

Winning - a World Series. The first time - in fifty-two years of Brooklyn baseball history. Pennants - yes. Seven times before - but always beaten in the World Series. Until - victory, today.

So who did it? Why, Johnny Podres, the left-handed pitcher.

He had to be good. The Dodgers got only two runs - a slim lead, that had to be held.

Podres was often in trouble. Time and again, the Yankees had the men on bases - threatening to score. Johnny's pitching skill seemed shaky, at times. But his heart - never.

Pitching his way out of a hole. Winning - with a shut out!

Podres ^{had already won} ~~won~~ the third game in the Series - and ^{today} ~~now~~ he clinched the championship, for Brooklyn.

That's why the cheers ring out in Flatbush, tonight - for a very left-handed young man of twenty-three.

END

I'm broadcasting tonight from the Overseas Press Club and beside me are two empty chairs. Reserved for two guests who couldn't come! They couldn't possibly make it. Who? Why, Caesar and Xenophon. Julius Caesar of Imperial Rome. And Menophon - who led the March of the Ten Thousand, so famous in the annals of Ancient Greece.

This party is being held - to celebrate the appearance of a new book "Great True Adventures". An anthology in which I am involved. Although the thrillers I selected for this book are mostly modern they do include several selections from the classics.

Anyhow tonight we are holding two places - for the two most famous men of high adventure, who wrote their own stories. Caesar - in "De Bello Galico". And Menophon - who wrote the "Anabasis".

Although Caesar and Xenophon are not here - I hope you are, Hugh!