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L.T. - Wed. Oct. 27 - '54.

President Eisenhower will make political appearances in Detroit, Cleveland, Louisville and Wilmington, Delaware.

All on one day - Friday. The President on a fast flying tour of four key points in the Republican campaign. He hopes to stir up indifferent voters, and stimulate a big Republican turn out on Tuesday.

At his news conference today, he refused any prediction of the election results - wouldn't pick a winner. He said he doesn't regard Congressional elections as a test of his administration. No vote of confidence - or non-confidence. The President explained - that indications, from all over the country, show that a lot of people will not let their opinion of the Eisenhower administration influence their choice of local Congressmen and Senators.

(The President, today, spoke vigorously - in defense of the Dixon-Yates power contract. Which has been made - a campaign issue. He insisted - that the contract protects the interests of the government completely. The arrangement - for a private company to provide electrical power in the Tennessee Valley. This - in connection with government atomic plants.)

The terms of the contract have not been made public, and the President said he doesn't think they should. Not - until the document has been submitted formally to the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee. Which has the final word - on approval or rejection.)

~~(The President likewise, defended the new administration program - to recruit federal workers ^{through} the Republican Party. This has been attacked - as political manipulation in the field of government employment. It is defended as a way to get the best people for federal service.~~

~~The President ^{saying} said the plan was designed to get the~~

Substitute HARRIMAN.

The political campaign in New York State has been full of heat and excitement all along - and, now, takes a new bewildering turn. Which revolves around a question of a primary election held in Washington in Nineteen Fifty-Two - in the District of Columbia. ^{IP} The Candidate for Governor of New York, Averill Harriman - voted in that primary. In doing so, he stated - he had been a resident of Washington for a year. But the New York State Constitution requires that a Governor shall have been a resident of New York State for five continuous years, before being elected. So, if Harriman was a resident of the District of Columbia in Nineteen Fifty-Two, could he have been a resident of New York - at the same time? ^{IP} This came up in the political campaign, today. The Buffalo Evening News - pointing to this paradox. Tonight, Governor Dewey, stated that, if Harriman were elected, he might not be permitted to

serve as Governor.

The Democrats replied that the Primary election^s in Washington was not legally binding, merely a straw vote. They were choosing delegates to the National Convention of the political parties. ~~Each~~ Each party - making its own rules. The rules on the Democratic side were that a voter in the Primary, must take an oath that he was a resident of the District of Columbia. ~~So~~ Harriman, apparently, took that oath. So how ~~is~~ does that fit in with his position as a candidate for the Governor of New York.

~~The Buffalo Evening News adds - that, when Harriman voted in the District of Columbia Primary, Senator Keefauver of Tennessee intended to cast a similar ballot. But he was warned - against jeopardizing his legal residence in Tennessee. So he stuck the ballot in his pocket, and left the polling place.~~

Harriman states that, at the time he voted in Washington, sample ballots were distributed. Stating - that participation in the Primary would not prevent a voter from voting in his own home state.

GERMANY.

A dispatch from West Germany says - a revolt is brewing against Chancellor Adenauer's agreement with France - ~~on~~ ^{on} the subject of the Saar. The Chancellor flew to Washington, today, to confer with President Eisenhower. Leaving behind him - a mounting controversy.

The Socialist Opposition is denouncing the pact ~~xxxx~~ whereby the Saar is given a sort of International status. And there's discontent - in Adenauer's own Coalition Cabinet. The Right Wing Ministers - declaring that he ~~signed~~ ^{ed} the Saar Agreement without ~~consulting~~ ^{con} the Party Leaders inside his own government.

So the Chancellor, conferring with the President in Washington, will have to reckon with possible political trouble - back home.

MOSCOW

A diplomatic tempest - in Moscow. Concerning - two American Embassy wives. The Soviet Foreign office insisting - that one of the ladies must leave the U.S.S.R.

Mrs. Karl Sommerlatte, wife of the Second Secretary, and Mrs. Houston Stiff, wife of the Assistant Naval Attache - ~~went on a picture-~~ went on a picture-taking expedition in Moscow. Which got them into a jam with the Red Secret Police. Our Embassy charges - they were "mistreated." The Reds accuse them of "hooliganism;" which is a favorite Communist epithet. They claim that Mrs. Sommerlatte slapped the face of an agent of the Secret Police. Would that be hooliganism?

The diplomatic tempest, now so acrimonious - the Soviets delivered a note to the U.S. Embassy. But Ambassador Bohlen refused to receive it. He sent a note to the Soviet Foreign Office, but that message was returned - the Reds refusing to receive it.

The American contention is that the two Embassy wives were entitled to diplomatic immunity, which was violated. The charge of "hooliganism" - false.

In Washington, the State Department says that Ambassador Bohlen is considering - the next move. But they admit that, if the Soviets insist on the ouster of Mrs. Sommerlatte, there is nothing we can do - ~~But~~ - comply.

EGYPT

A state of emergency - proclaimed in Egypt.

Following - the assassination attempt against Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser. Huge crowds acclaiming Nasser when he returned from Alexandria to Cairo, today. Mobs - marching through the streets, with shouts of "death to traitors!" Storming - headquarters of the Moslem Brotherhood, and setting it on fire. The police - in a round-up, arresting top leaders of the fanatical organization, The Moslem Brotherhood - bitterly hostile to Premier Nasser. Opposing - the settlement he made with Britain, ending the Suez Canal dispute.

Today's dispatch gives further facts about the assassination attempt. The would-be killer - firing a whole fusillade of shots, as Nasser was addressing a mass meeting. The wildest kind of aim - Nasser untouched, a couple of officials wounded. ~~But~~ most of the bullets hit electric light bulbs, eighteen inches over the Premier's head. A line of colored light bulbs - knocked out, one by one, as if a

skillful marksman was picking them off.

The would-be assassin - Mahmoud Abdel Latif, a member of the Moslem Brotherhood. A plumber - formerly employed by the British Army at Suez. He has confessed, and we hear - that his attempt was instigated by a member of the Executive Council of the Moslem Brotherhood. ^{Who} ~~he~~ is under arrest tonight.

^{still} Egypt ~~is~~ having trouble over the Suez Canal settlement.

SAUCERS

Flying saucers ~~are~~ in the news/ today... ^{again} ~~with reports~~

~~about the most impressive reports that for the past few days~~

~~our from Yugoslavia. The reports are as follows:~~

The Yugoslav government announces it is making what it calls a "serious investigation" -- of several flights of strange objects, observed on Monday. Discs - described as "ellipsoid." Oval -- in shape. Each -- with a tail, & - a stream bluish in color, trailing behind.

The phenomenon - reported by weather bureaus, airfields and astronomical observatories. Not counting -- hundreds of ordinary people. Scientists at observatories insist ~~that~~ - the oval discs were not meteors, ~~meteors~~ or any sort of heavenly body.

Experts at a couple of weather stations declare they clocked one of the flights. A squadron of the mysterious objects -- speeding for two hundred and fifty miles between Zagreb and Belgrade. Time - five minutes. Which would make the speed - fifty miles a minute.

MOUNTBATTEN

An announcement in London, ~~that the British Government~~

~~had appointed the late Lord Mountbatten of Burma named~~

First Lord of the Admiralty. ~~By appointment of Her Majesty~~

~~the Queen to be the first Lord of the Admiralty~~

~~was the late Lord Mountbatten of Burma~~

~~who had been appointed to the post of~~

~~First Lord of the Admiralty~~

In Nineteen Fourteen, when World War One broke out,
the First Lord of the Admiralty was Prince Louis of Battenberg.

A German by birth - and a relative of the British royal
family. Which was German - in origin. **P** Prince Louis of
Battenberg was responsible, personally, ^{for the fact} that the British

fleet was mobilized, when the war came on. His partner in
this - ~~was~~ young Winston Churchill, then a Cabinet Minister
in charge of the Admiralty. Churchill - an intimate friend of
Prince Louis - his colleague in a decision that probably saved
the British coast from an early attack by the Kaiser's fleet.

~~His~~ Prince Louis, ~~was~~ ^{then} a German. / ~~He~~ changed the family name from Battenberg to Mountbatten - a literal translation. But there was a public outcry against having a German in the post of - First Lord of the Admiralty. So he had to go. Churchill - faced with the disagreeable duty, of dismissing - his friend.

Prince Louis felt the disgrace, bitterly. ~~His name was~~
~~not to be used in British newspapers, and he was equally disgraced,~~
~~and was not to be mentioned in any official document.~~

Today's London dispatch says that Winston Churchill, thereafter, kept his eye on young Battenberg - who, during World War Two, distinguished himself brilliantly. ~~Churchill~~
~~the Prime Minister - promoting his career - Battenberg~~ ^{Ending} ~~ended~~
as Commander-in-Chief in Southern Asia, and was made - Earl Mountbatten of Burma, ~~was~~ later Viceroy of India.

All of which may seem to have been - sufficient vindication of his father's disgrace. But now - the final touch. He becomes First Lord of the Admiralty - the post his father held when World War One broke out, forty years ago.

HOTELS

IN New York, a check signed - for fifty-seven million, seven hundred and eighty thousand dollars. Called - the largest single payment ever made in a real estate transaction. The signer - Conrad Hilton. In part payment - for nine Statler hotels and two office buildings. The total price - ~~one hundred and eleven million, seven hundred thousand.~~

Conrad Hilton already owns eighteen hotels. Nine more, will make ~~him~~ twenty-seven. Hotels throughout the world - with a ~~total~~ total of twenty-seven thousand rooms.

Conrad Hilton grew up in the hotel business - in a way. He was raised in his father's dollar-a-day boarding house, at San Antonio, New Mexico. From an old time Western boarding house - to that check for fifty-seven million, seven hundred and eighty thousand, which he signed today.

With his able ^{grand} wazir, JOE Binns at his side.

DEMAGGIO.

The headline marriage of the year came to a final end - with a divorce at Hollywood, today. Marilyn Monroe - testifying. Telling the Court - how Joe DiMaggio spurned her charms. And famous charms they are.

"My husband," said Marilyn, "would get into moods when he wouldn't speak to me for periods of - sometimes - ten days."

"If I would try to approach him," she went on sadly, "usually, he wouldn't answer at all." "When he did, he would say, 'Stop nagging me.'" **P** So that was the picture given - of the married life of the movie star and the Yankee ~~clipper~~ clipper. Well, Joe was always quiet. With a dead-pan lack of expression. As a husband, something of a wooden Indian, according to Marilyn's description.

Joe used to hit a lot of home runs, but he spurned her charms, says Marilyn.

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BEGGARS. In Chicago, Detective Dennis O'Connor was leaving church - along with others of the congregation. Outside, were two blind men - with tin cups and white canes. The crowd leaving the church was in a charitable mood - and coins were clinking in the tin cups.

The scene of Christian alms-giving - was edifying. Detective O'Connor noticed, moreover, a turn of politeness. A girl dropped a coin in a cup, and the blind man said, "Thank you, Miss." The "Thank you" was all right, but the mendicant would have been cleverer if he had made a mistake and said, "Mr." to the girl.

When the church congregation had gone its way, one of the blind men asked a boy for the direction to the local suburban railway station. The boy was dumb &

BIRDS

The U.S. Air Force has declared war - on those "gooney birds" out at Midway Island. The flocks of these oceanic fowl - the gooneys have been making trouble for the war planes long enough. Too much of a danger, now - in the age of jet.

Midway Island, out there in the mid-Pacific, swarms with "gooney birds," myriads of them. They're large too. A sort of albatrosse, and looks like an ugly pelican. Wing spread - about seven feet.

Midway - their nesting place, for ages. Then a few years before the second World War, those giant birds came - Pan American planes blazing their air trail across the Pacific and around the world. Did they scare the "gooney birds"? Not at all.

That species of albatross took to the ways of aviation. Perching - on the wings of the Pan American planes - and then the same on our air force and Navy planes in World War II. I saw them. And Nelson

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Case who was flying the Pacific then told me stories of how they'd lay their eggs on the runways. And sometimes - getting tangled in the propellers. Military aviation - mixed up with swarms of "gooney birds."

The Air Force took it for a long time, but now jet planes have come to Midway. The fear is that a "gooney bird", with a wingspan of seven feet, will get sucked into the intake of a jet. Which would cause the plane - to explode.

So now, a campaign is on. Two wild-life experts, assigned from the mainland to Midway Island. Philip Dumont and Johnson Neff. They - to tackle the problem. Not - an easy problem. They ought to send out Bill Van Dusenow of Eastern Airlines. He's an old gooney bird expert.

There won't be any shooting of the "Gooney Birds". Midway - a Federal wild-life refuge ever since Nineteen Forty-Six. The trick will be - to get them to some

other part of the Island, away from the flying field.

For one thing they'll try a scheme that worked on Ascension Island, in the South Atlantic. Ascension - plagued by swarms of the "Sooty Tern." There a was was found to keep swarms of birds from hatching their eggs at the flying field. Whereupon the "Sooty Terns" moved off to better nesting places.

That and other ideas to be tried on the "gooney birds" at Midway. If all other schemes fail they'll try electricity, special electrical installations along the runways, to give the "gooney birds" the hot foot. As I welcome Stuart Metz and say s-l-u-t-m.