

L.T. - DELCO. MONDAY, MAY 13, 1957.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The city of Lampasas, Texas, a shambles tonight. Battered by a wall of water, ten feet high, when Sulphur Creek exploded over its banks. Some seventy city blocks flooded. More than a hundred homes, swept away. Larger buildings caving in - their foundations undermined by the rampant waters. Four hundred families driven from their homes. One observer says, "The town square is littered with cars - piled up like ten pins in a bowling alley."

Lampasas, without electricity or gas. No milk, or even water. Water everywhere - but none to drink. Relief agencies tonight rushing supplies.

The Sulphur Creek deluge came so suddenly merchants were trapped in their stores; and had to be rescued through the roofs. Firemen, cutting through to them. In one place, a highway trooper got out of his

car to help a woman and when he turned around - his car was gone - bobbing off like a cork.

**Tonight the weather-man reports - more stormy weather to come - tornadoes building up on the plains.**

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## NEWS

The State Department announces - the score against Secretary of State Dulles - is better than three-to-one. Referring to the ban on travel in Red China by American newsmen. Secretary Dulles has received about ninety letters since March First. From editors, publishers, private organizations, members of Congress, and the public in general. Around seventy of them, opposing the ban.

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## RUSSIA

*Meanwhile,* Washington protests to Moscow - about travel restrictions inside the Soviet Union. A formal note, delivered to the Kremlin by our Embassy in the Russian capital. The note points out that on more than thirty occasions - Americans have been prevented from visiting areas that are supposed to be open to them. They've been kept out of Siberia and Central Asia. ~~They've~~ *Even* been stopped from visiting Kiev in the Ukraine.

The Soviet method - petty annoyances. Americans, advised not to go to these places. Sometimes, an American traveler finds <sup>*ing*</sup> it impossible to get train tickets ~~for~~ or hotel rooms - all of which are handled through an agency in Moscow.

Also, Americans find themselves harrassed - by Soviet officials *constantly wanting* <sup>*their*</sup> ~~who want~~ to see their passports and travel permits.

Today's note says these annoyances - amount to forbidding Americans to travel freely. The note adds, that if Russia will lift these restrictions, <sup>*we in turn will be*</sup> ~~we are~~ willing to allow Soviet citizens ~~an~~ equal freedom of travel in America.

## MACMILLAN

The Prime Minister of Great Britain spoke today - before a silent House of Commons. The silence - eloquent. Because Her Majesty's Prime Minister was announcing - British surrender to Egypt on the Suez Canal dispute. British ships, to use the canal - which will be run by the Egyptians. Britain getting only one concession from Nasser. British ships, to pay the toll in Pounds instead of Dollars. Otherwise, Egypt has won a rather complete victory, because Britain will not further challenge the management of the canal.

Prime Minister Macmillan stated today that Britain had to lift her boycott of the canal - because the Users Association voted to allow member nations to take the Suez route at their own discretion, and that many are doing so, including America. In recent weeks, British shippers have been demanding an end to the boycott. And today, the Prime Minister announced that he is giving way - allowing British ships to use the Suez again -

even though that international waterway remains under Egyptian control.

Does this mean that the Suez issue is entirely settled? Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd told the Commons today that only the problem of navigation remains. In particular, the question of whether Nasser is going to permit Israeli vessels to use the canal.



## IRAQ

The Kings of Iraq and Saudi Arabia had the first of their series of private talks today, in Baghdad. Feisal of Iraq, and Saud of Araba, trying to work out a common approach to the turmoil in their part of the world. The two nations are strongly pro-Western - so the two potentates are expected to agree on a strong stand against Communist penetration of the Middle East. The key point, their attitude toward the Eisenhower Doctrine. But their talks are private, and we won't know their decision - until the official communique is published.

All we know now is that the two middle east monarchs are already conferring - and expect to be joined later in the week by young King Hussein of Jordan.

To those who know the history modern Arabia this Bagdad conference is of special interest because until a few years ago there was a blood fued on between the Hashemite family to which both Feisal and Hussein belong, and the Wahabis, long ruled over by that desert lion Abdul Aziz Ibu Saud, father of the present King Saud.

## VATICAN

In Vatican City - the first visit any French chief of state has made to any Pope <sup>ever</sup> - <sup>that is,</sup> in more than eleven centuries.

<sup>Since</sup> ~~The last visit~~ by Charlemagne, in the Year Eight Hundred.

That was when Charlemagne was crowned Holy Roman Emperor - by Leo the Third. Charlemagne, who ruled over most of Europe - ~~and~~ is regarded by the French as one of their ~~greatest~~ heroes.

<sup>But</sup> In modern times, no French President <sup>ever</sup> visited the Pope - until today. Relations between France and the Holy See - generally ~~very~~ bad, because of anti-clericalism in Paris.

<sup>So</sup> President Coty <sup>himself</sup> made a historic journey today - ~~from~~ <sup>the Republic of France to</sup> ~~out of~~ the Republic of Italy, and <sup>an</sup> into the domain of Pius the Twelfth. The head of the French state, <sup>was</sup> received by a special welcoming party - as he drove into St. Peter's Square. A detachment of the famous Swiss Guards, snapped their halberds to <sup>a</sup> attention. The Pope's bodyguard, still armed as ~~they were~~ in the days when Michelangelo designed their uniform. President Coty stepped from his automobile - to the strains of "The Marseilles", the great song of the Revolution.

The President of France in private audience with the Pontiff, for an hour - one of the longest private audiences in the eighteen year reign of Pius the Twelfth.

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For example, he says that when he was studying at Stanford College, there were 100 students in the same class.

## EDUCATION

I've just finished reading an article called, "The Educational Crisis", in the Alumni Bulletin of Taft, one of this country's top preparatory schools. The author, Edgar Sanford. The contents - a warning to all Americans, to do something about our schools - and do it fast.

We all know about the educational crisis in America - too many pupils, too few teachers, low salaries, and so on. We've heard about the Russians turning out many more scientists than we do.

Well, Taft instructor Sanford notes - another great defect of American education. Too many of our teachers unable to learn their subjects properly - because they are forced to attend courses in education! Courses that, in his works, are "a waste of time - and a humiliating intellectual experience."

For example, he says that when he was studying at Teachers' College, here at Columbia, he was given a

a special problem to solve. The problem - what would he do if his students drew a caricature of him on the front door of the school?"

Another time, he attended a discussion about - how to use comic books as teaching aids. Causing him to become so disgusted - he gave up the idea of teaching in our public schools. A prospective teacher - lost to the public school system. He adds that there are many more like him - college students who would like to go into teaching - but are driven away by ridiculous demands.

What's the answer? Sanford of Taft says: - get rid of unnecessary and absurd education courses. Simply insist that a candidate for teaching know his subject - and that all he needs for that, is the B.A. That if we do this - we can raise the standards of education - by attracting better teachers, and more of them.

Otherwise we will face an "educational crisis" that will grow more and more serious!

## SATELLITE

Tonight we have a new director of our earth satellite program. Defence Secretary Wilson, ordering William Holladay - to speed up the project - that will put a man-made moon into motion in outer space. Hurry up and iron out kinks in the program. Not long ago, authorities in Washington felt sure the earth satellite would be ready by early fall. But the project has somehow fallen behind schedule - and Holliday's job is to make things hum.

Why all the rush? Oh - Russia is trying to beat us to it! And it's a matter of national prestige - not to let them send up a moon before we do! If there's a "Russian moon", there must be an "American moon" to keep it company.

Both of these earth satellites are expected to be way up there - before the end of the geophysical year, which starts July First.

ROBERT E. LEE

Let's all rise now and sing Dixie. Have you heard? There's a suggestion - in fact a barrage of suggestions, that our chief executive take back what he said yesterday. So what did he say? Merely that he would have sacked General Robert E. Lee - for the mistakes made at Gettysburg. All this when President Eisenhower was escorting Field Marshal Montgomery around the Gettysburg battlefield - pointing out the fortunes of war - when the Confederacy reached the high tide of its advance into Pennsylvania. Eisenhower and Montgomery, two old soldiers - agreeing that Lee, and Meade too, who commanded the Union Army - made serious blunders. Especially Lee, when he ordered Pickett's charge - the attack across an open field, that was smashed by Union guns. The repulse of Pickett, the turning point ending the chance for a Confederate victory at Gettysburg.

Well, down South of the Mason-Dixon Line, they

don't mind criticism of Meade - or of any other Yankee, but Robert E. Lee is something else. No one in the South would dream of criticizing - the Confederate hero of the War between the States. But wait a minute, isn't President Ike a Southerner? Or are you when you are born in Texas? At any rate some Southerners are annoyed by the Eisenhower remark -that he would have sacked Robert E. Lee!

Says Mrs. John Harper of the Atlanta Ladies Memorial Association: Says she: "an uncouth statement." With others responding in similar vein.

As for Field Marshal Montgomery, he's scheduled to speak in Alabama. Today the Field Marshal asked the newsmen: "That is to the South, isn't it?" He was assured that Alabama is to the South - and that he's likely to hear a lot about this Gettysburg matter when he gets there! If he goes by way of Virginia, - Henry - the old Dominion, - home state of Robert E. Lee. Monty



will hear plenty before he gets anywhere near Alabama,  
don't you think so, suh?

END

(Thomas's)

Announcer: And now, Lowell Thomas recalls.

L.T.: The weekend - was interesting in baseball. Milwaukee and Cincinnati - tied for first place. Both - winning double

headers, yesterday. The ~~Brooklyn~~ <sup>now</sup> Dodgers in third place - after winning one from the Giants, <sup>after a losing</sup> ~~yesterday. Which ended a~~ ~~losing streak of four straight.~~ <sup>streak of four,</sup>

*Here's what I recall*

~~But what~~ about this time last year? ~~Well, the~~

*Q* weekend ~~then~~ ~~was~~ distinguished by a no-hitter, pitched by Carl Erskine of the Dodgers - against the New York Giants.

Which, in a way - set a theme. Old Sal Maglie/ <sup>months later</sup> - pitching a spectacular no-hitter for the Dodgers, as the season ended.

Then - that "perfect game" ~~pitched~~ by Yankee Don Larsen against the Dodgers, in the World Series.

And So Long Ur ..l Tomorrow.