

L.T.-DELCO. FRIDAY, SEPT. 13, 1957.
(Bc. given by Walter Cronkite)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

A dispatch from Madison, Wisconsin, sounds as if it ought to be addressed to our State Department in Washington. It tells how to cut down on errors in diplomacy - of which we've had quite a few recently.

The advice comes from Mrs. H.F. Powell, of Evanston, Illinois. Mrs. Powell thinks our diplomatic defeats are mainly due to - demon rum. She told the Woman's Christian Temperance Union - we send abroad to deal with other nations - too many people who are fond of firewater. The villain of American diplomacy being, in Mrs. Powell's words, "the moderate drinker - en route to alcoholism."

So her advice to Secretary of State Dulles is - appoint only teetotlers to work in our embassies and consulates. If he will stick to those who never even sip

a glass of beer - he'll have fewer blunders in his
department - according to this lady temperance crusader
from Evanston, Illinois.

BENSON.

In Washington, the "Dump Benson" movement came to a dead stop today. The reference, to criticism of Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Benson. His opponents have been trying to get him out of the Cabinet for a long time. Yesterday, newly elected Senator Proxmire of Wisconsin - sent President Eisenhower a telegram - agruing that the Proxmire victory meant a repudiation of Benson's farm policy.

Wednesday Benson had a long conference with the President. And today, he told a news conference - Mr. Eisenhower has asked him to stay in the Cabinet indefinitely. Benson adding, that of course he consented. This makes Benson almost a permanent fixture in the small group of men around the President - at a time when a number of the others are expected to drop out.

INTRODUCTION TO L.T.

Tonight, unfortunately, our radio communication with Lowell Thomas has failed, because of technical trouble. But we have still another recorded report of his from New Guinea, which arrived after much delay. So, while Lowell Thomas is in the Arctic tonight, let's hear a story that he told while in tropical New Guinea.

SEPIK RIVER

When we started up the Sepik River the other day, accompanied by an Australian Patrol Officer and three native police, that sounded like considerable protection. But since then I have discovered something mildly disturbing. That our Australian patrol officer never carries a loaded gun. That the rifles the police boys have are merely like a badge or something of that sort. They have no cartridges, and no training in shooting a gun. But that's the way the Australians are trying to make friends and influence the Stone Age people of New Guinea. They believe it is the best way, even though it does cost the life of an Australian official now and then. Two were killed in one of the villages we are heading for - in what is called uncontrolled territory.

Yesterday we passed a village called Swagup, where the inhabitants will have nothing whatever to do with missionaries, or any Whites. Last week a patrol officer

stopped there, and when he went ashore the inhabitants vanished into the bush. On other occasions they have stayed, and told visitors, in no uncertain terms, to get out. Some times threatening them with their spears.

Wanting to get pictures of some of these Swagup people, we took one of our double canoes in near shore. For several hours before we got there the native boys who were operating the dugouts indicated in no uncertain way that they wanted to go back down the river, wanted to go home. All morning they had trouble with their outboard motor. And when they found that excuse didn't work they became ill, and said said they wanted to go to a hospital. Although, normally you can't get them near a hospital. When they found themselves face to face with a few of the Swagup tribesmen they tried to hide behind the crates and camera cases on board.

As for the Swagup people, we didn't know what they thought. But, as they sat in their canoes, each

man kept his right hand at his side, ready to go into action with his bow and arrow.

Before the White Man came, village fought village. There was endless war, taking of heads, and cannibalism. Evidently it had been that way for thousands of years.

To the south of us is Mount Hagen, one of the highest peaks on the island. Not long ago fighting was going on between two large tribes, each with 5 or 6,000 people. A tribe nearly always has a sacred zone, where they stage ceremonies. In this valley, in the sacred area, the tribesmen plant a big shrub called the "Tanget". Their superstition is that as long as their Tanget trees flourish in the sacred enclosure so long does the tribe flourish. If the tanget tree withers, the tribe dies.

One tribe in fighting the other, ringed all the Tangets in the sacred area of their neighbors. This caused consternation among the people of that tribe, all of which was solved in a most ingenious way by the

patrol officers who were sent in, Bob Daugherty and Dennis Faithful. Faithful suggested they try tree surgery. They patched the ringed parts of the sacred trees, taped them all up, with the result that they did not wither and die. A striking example of the way in which the Australians are attempting - and succeeding - in wiping out head-hunting and the old tribal wars of New Guinea.

SAUD

President Eisenhower has received a personal message from King Saud of Saudi Arabia. So announced in Washington by State Department Press Officer, Lincoln White. We are not given the contents of the letter, but White told newsmen King Saud expresses grave concern over pro-Communist developments in Syria. White scoffed at the idea that the letter caused Secretary of State Dulles to take a more moderate view of Syria - earlier this week.

Around Washington, it's believed that whatever the King of Saudi Arabia had to say to the President of the United States - was instrumental in Mr. Eisenhower's decision to speed up the delivery of arms to King Saud, Jordan, and other neighbors of Syria.

HOFFA.

The Vice-President of the Teamsters Union asks a Senate Investigating Committee - to recall him within the next four days, or else defer further questioning until next month. The reason - is obvious. The Teamsters Convention will open in Miami on September Thirtieth. The main problem on the agenda - to select a president. And Vice-President Jimmy Hoffa is way out in front of his rivals - in the race to grab the seat vacated by Dave Beck. Hoffa wants to be in Miami - when this turning point in his union career is decided. If the Committee calls him next month, it is likely Hoffa will appear as the new boss of the Teamsters.

From the Committee we hear, there's little doubt that Hoffa will be interrogated again. Counsel Robert Kennedy recently visited Detroit - to dig up more information about the Labor Leader's career. According to Kennedy, his trip to Detroit shows - Hoffa should be asked to explain a number of points that never came up in previous questioning.

FAUBUS.

The Governor of Arkansas left his state today - to confer with President Eisenhower in Rhode Island. Governor Orval Faubus, flying from Little Rock to Providence. In his party, is Congressman Brooks Hays of Arkansas - the go-between who suggested the meeting of Mr. Eisenhower and Governor Faubus.

The Governor will spend the night at a hotel in Providence. Tomorrow, he and his party will be flown by helicopter - to the Eisenhower vacation headquarters on Coasters Island. The crucial meeting - to begin at nine A.M., Eastern Time. The leader of the United States, and the leader of the state of Arkansas - trying to work out some common approach to the problem of desegregating the public schools of Little Rock.

Governor Faubus did not bring along any legal advisers - although Attorney General Brownell will be at the conference to represent the Justice Department. And Mr. Eisenhower has called in Gerald Morgan, his special counsel.

INFLATION.

Our recently appointed Secretary of the Treasury - reveals that the government is launching a new attack on inflation. Secretary Robert Anderson told newsmen - President Eisenhower will hold regular meetings with his financial advisers - with price controls the sole question for debate. No date has been set for the first meeting. The Anderson announcement, intended to let the nation know in advance what is going on. The point being, to avoid any sudden scare in the financial world - when the experts gather in Washington for their initial meeting.

This is the latest step in an effort to control what President Eisenhower has called, "our major internal problem" - inflation.

BRITAIN.

In Britain, the British Labor Party has just won a by-election - regarded by many as a portent of what will happen in the next general election. The Socialist candidate, running up an eight thousand vote margin over his Conservative rival in the District of Gloucester. The margin, ten times as great as when the Laborites won the same district in Nineteen Fifty-Five.

Tonight the Laborites are saying, the result is part of an anti-government trend that began after the Suez invasion. The Conservatives reply - the entrance of a liberal candidate into the contest divided the vote. Otherwise, Prime Minister Macmillan's man would have made a much better showing.

NASHVILLE

The F.B.I. has moved into that dynamiting atrocity in Nashville - the destruction of Hattie Cotton School, after Negro children were allowed in. According to Attorney General Brownell, the F.B.I. is turning some information it has - over to Nashville authorities. This information may help them run down the thugs - who set off the bomb.

Meanwhile, the Nashville police are grilling a man just picked up by the F.B.I. in Memphis. He's described as having "some information" about the destruction of the Hattie Cotton School.

Also today, a grand jury indicted segregationist John Kasper. He's accused of insulting public officials - and inciting a riot. He's accused of being a key figure behind the violence in Nashville.

As for the school children of Nashville, they started drifting back to their classes today. In five of the schools, a total of eleven Negro youngsters were

on hand. But absenteeism by White children is still heavy - possibly because their parents kept them home today, on the last day of the week - and will start them off afresh on Monday.

TITO

The Dictator of Yugoslavia and his Polish guest retreated to the island of Brioni this afternoon. Tito, to entertain Gomulka at the plush residence of the former Yugoslav Partisan. They'll discuss confidentially - how they feel about "national Communism". Tito is expected to ask Gomulka - for an explicit statement of how he stands with regard to the Kremlin. And Gomulka may have some explaining to do - after yesterday's speech, in which he lavished praise on the Soviet Union.

FISSURE.

Tonight the city of Farnworth, England, faces destruction - by a mysterious fissure that began yesterday as a tiny crack in the middle of the main street. Under the pressure of torrential rains - the crack in the earth began to open. And now, it's forty feet wide - and twenty feet deep. It's widening at the rate of six inches an hour.

So far the crevasse has swallowed twelve houses, crushed three others, shattered the fronts of more than a hundred, and left another hundred in dangerous condition. Around five hundred persons were forced to flee from their homes in the middle of the night. And police have evacuated a hundred and twenty families. They roped off a square mile of the Farnworth district - with guards posted to prevent looting.

What caused this strange hole in the earth - in the middle of a British city? One guess is - it's the result of an abandoned coal mine caving in. Farnworth,

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EISENHOWER - LITTLE ROCK

From the vacation White House at Newport, Rhode Island - a counter-blast, replying to a weekend connonade from the Democrats. The Democrats blamed President Eisenhower for not having exerted leadership in the Little Rock integration crisis. The President, they say - "failed in his duty."

That's answered by a statement from Presidential Secretary Jim Hagerty, who says: "I think it would be funny, if it were not so pathetic - to see the Democratic Advisory Council trying to play politics in Little Rock. The President is concerned with solutions, not political speeches."

ATOMIC

Today's atomic explosion on the Nevada desert was visible as far away as San Francisco - three hundred and fifty miles distant. The mushroom fireball soared up to thirty thousand feet. The explosion - twice as powerful as the blast at Hiroshima.

Meanwhile, the Atomic Energy Commission announces a new series of tests in the Far Pacific. Eniwetok - in the Spring. Probably for Hydrogen bombs.

BRITAIN - FLU

The Asiatic flu has hit the naval maneuvers of Nato - in the Atlantic. Two British warships - withdrawn because of the epidemic among the crews. Two submarines - aboard which one-third of the sailors were stricken. The crews of other British warships - affected in a lesser degree. A total of some four hundred of the Queen's navy - down with the flu.

All of which draws newspaper criticism in London - blaming the government for not protecting British naval personnel with anti-flu vaccine. The way - U.S. navy men are protected. A powerful force of American warships are in the big maneuvers - and they're not bothered by the Asiatic flu.

GERMANY

Final figures from the West German election confirm the magnitude of Chancellor Adenauer's victory. The Christian Democrats take two hundred and seventy seats in the new Bundestag. The opposition Social Democrats - one hundred and sixty-nine. Two remaining minor parties - fifty-eight seats. Giving Adenauer a clear majority over all other parties in the Bundestag.

In the popular vote, coming to a total of twenty-nine million, the Christian Democrats, ^{WIN ALMOST} ~~took nearly~~ fifteen million votes. The Social Democrats - a little less than nine and a half million. Actually, the Socialists got a million and a half more than in the last election. The huge Adenauer gain - having been made at the expense of minor parties. The neo-Nazi party - polling a mere one per cent. The Communists were not on the ballot - but other splintered groups, including Left Wingers, were virtually wiped out. All of which gives West Germany - pretty much of a two-party system.

~~The election campaign was fought on a basis of~~

CITY COUNCIL

Briefing some of today's other headlines:

The Army-Tulane football game, originally scheduled for New Orleans, is going to be played in West Point instead. The Army called for the move, because Louisiana's segregation seating laws would embarrass Negroes in the Cadet Corps.

An experimental rocket engine exploded at a Naval test station near Dover, New Jersey, today. One man was killed, and six were seriously burned.

And the Air Force fired off a rocket missile from its Florida testing grounds - no details but spokesmen said it was not a long-distance job.

And the nationwide telephone strike, that began this morning, continues with no end in sight. Most local services are functioning, but long distance is subject to delays.

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is in the south, isn't it? He and his eighteen companions - men of the Air Force, and civilian scientists - were out to meet us.

The first thing I asked him was - how thick was the ice on which our plane had made such a smooth landing? He said it averaged about 14 feet; that their camp of a dozen huts and tents was in the middle of one solid piece of ice some 4 miles square. Joined on all sides by more pack ice from which they were separated by pressure ridges, hummocks thrown up by the crunching of one floe against another, and open leads.

They keep the air strip smooth with a bulldozer. But walking to mess hut, a quarter of a mile away, we were in new snow one-half up to our knees. The 17 quonset huts are at distances of 100 yards or so from each other. The mess hall is a double - used for kitchen, dining and general gathering place. The others are, the Colonel's headquarters, a maintenance shop into which they can drive a weasel for repair; a communications center; behind that a supply tent, and another quonset for the men; a double lab building, and a quonset for the scientists;

a weather bureau quonset and a radar dome; lawundry, shower and so on. A powerhouse; warm storage and cold storage; a tent over the hydrogen generator where they make gas for their weather balloons; the hydrographic building, and a few more.

The Russians, as you may have heard, are also camped out here on the ice of the Polar Sea. They have at least three to our two. Our other being T3, ninety miles north of Greenland. No they don't talk to each other, the Soviet scientists and our people. But they hear each other's radio signals.

While the area where we are is simply a part of the Arctic ice pack, our Ts camp is on glacial ice, 150 feet thick, that at some time broke off from an icefield - shelf ice, in Markham Inlet on the north coast of Ellesmere Land.

Station A where we are, within an ~~xxx~~ hour's flight to the Pole, T3, 500 miles east southeast of us, and the ice where the Russians are, is constantly moving. Since this camp was established last May, these 4 square miles of ice floor, have drifted almost due north - on a zigzag course - for 360 miles.

Maybe it will drift right over the top of the world, to the other side of the Pole, where the Russians are.

What are our scientists doing up here? I'll have to give you that report in my next.

All of these fellows out here on the ice are young men. The oldest being the Colonel, who is about 40, and an Austrian glaciologist, Dr. Norbert Untersteiner from Obergurgl, who is in his thirties.

We brought some large, thick fresh steaks up to them, and while they were eating them I studied their faces. Nearly all had the beards that young men like to raise when they go on expeditions. They all looked like they had spent their lives in the Arctic. Thinking our top brass would select hardy young men from Montana and North Dakota for this assignment I started round the table asking where they were from. The first one, Sergeant Hornsby, said, "Sir, I'm from Alabama." Sgt. Fred Stubbs replied, "Atlanta, Georgia." As the cook poured me a cup of coffee I said, "Booth, are you from Louisiana?" "No sir," he replied, "I'm from Brooklyn!"

CEYLON

At Colombo, the capital of Ceylon, today, U.S. Ambassador Maxwell Gluck met the Prime Minister of Ceylon - and rattled off his name, with a flourish. Solomon W.R.D. Bandarnaike - I'll bet Ambassador Gluck pronounced it better than I do. No relation to Lowell Thomas', Dr. Untersteiner of Obergurkle.

It was only to be expected that he'd have been practicing the name - after the uproar when, before a Congressional Committee, the Ambassador couldn't name the Prime Minister of the country to which he was accredited.

Today, the Prime Minister thanked the Ambassador - for that incident, saying: "It gave Ceylon a lot of publicity."

This is Walter Cronkite saying for Lowell Thomas,
So Long Until Tomorrow.

CRASH

In last night's New Bedford, Massachusetts, plane crash, the death toll stands at ten - of the fourteen injured, five still on the danger list.

OVERSEAS

In Thailand, the pro-western government of Prime Minister Pee-Boon-Song-Kram faces a crisis, with demands from opposition leaders, including military strongmen, that he step down.

In London, Prime Minister MacMillan has taken steps to bolster his faltering conservative government. He has appointed a hard-hitting, half-American party tactician, Viscount Hailsham, to the twin jobs of Lord President of the Council, and chairman of the Conservative Party. That makes Hailsham a uniquely powerful figure in modern day British politics. More will be heard of him.

WEST GERMANY - POLAND

West Germany, tonight, recalled its Ambassador from Belgrade - in protest against a declaration made by Yugoslav President Marshal Tito. Who gave his formal endorsement - of the present border between Germany and Poland. A line, drawn by Soviet Russia - which deprived Germany of fifty thousand square miles of territory.

~~Tito has been having conferences with Polish Communist Premier Gomulka - and joined him in saying that the Oder-Neisse should be "the final Polish-German frontier."~~

The West German government is expected to make a stiff protest - and, meanwhile, has recalled its Ambassador from Belgrade. The announcement says - "for consultations". But it could mean - a break in relations between West Germany and Yugoslavia.

WALES

Here's a story of a Welshman and a Scot. A dispatch from the old city of Cardiff, in Wales, tells how a Welshman had a souvenir - a counterfeit five pound note. For some reason or other, he treasured that example of spurious money.

The Scot, named Murdock Campbell, stole the counterfeit five pound note - and was brought before a magistrate. So what was his explanation?

"Your Honor," said he, "I thought it was genuine."

He was asserting, I suppose, that no Scot would ever steal anything worthless.

ISRAEL

~~The~~ story from Israel tonight is melodramatic - the sort of thing that you often find, when the Soviet Secret Police is the villain. ^{An Israeli} ~~In Israel~~ diplomat - threatened with extinction, unless he became a spy for the Communists.

The story was told by an official of the Israeli Foreign Office, today. The diplomat - Elyahu Hazin, ~~who~~ was on a vacation trip in south Russia. When the Secret Police grabbed him - and tried to force him into espionage. Saying - that, unless he agreed, he would never see his wife again. His wife - who was ill.

^a ~~The~~ Soviet Secret Police officer is quoted as saying, "You will suddenly disappear and your bathing suit will be found on the beach. It sometimes happens that people who go swimming in the sea do not return."

That happened on September Seventh.

Then, some days later, the diplomat was permitted to return to Israel. Threatened - with "physical liquidation", if he told the story. But he did - and the Israelis have made a strong protest to the Soviet Foreign Office.

TELEPHONE STRIKE

The telephone strike is on - a nationwide walkout of telephone installers. Local service - not affected. But there might be a tie-up of long distance - if telephone operators refuse to cross the picket lines, as they've already done in some instances.

Adenauer's policies - the rearming of West Germany and the maintenance of a firm alliance with the West. And the Chancellor, today, has pledged himself to those policies more than ever. The eighty-one year old statesman was beaming, after his landslide victory - one of the greatest ever.

In Newport, Rhode Island, President Eisenhower expressed his gratification - over the West German election. *He's sending*
~~He sent~~ Chancellor Adenauer - a personal message of congratulation.

RUSSIA - METEORITE

Radio Moscow reports a rare event - once in a million. At a town in the Yukon, the home of a railway station agent - was hit by a meteorite.

Of course, we know that meteorites, often in the form of shooting stars, strike the earth's atmosphere - incessantly. The vast majority - burning up long before they reach the ground. But some get through - as for example, in Siberia, in Nineteen Eight. When a giant meteorite plowed up a huge section of Arctic forest. No casualties, because it was far from any human habitation. But suppose a giant meteorite should hit a big city!

Today's dispatch states that, in the middle of the night, the sky ^{*of the Ukraine*} was illuminated - by the brilliant shooting star. Which landed on the house of the railway station agent. A small meteorite, but blazing hot - and the house caught fire.

No casualties, apparently, but it was an astounding thing - when a shooting star, a meteorite from outer space, crashed into a family home.