

L.T. - DELCO. MONDAY, SEPT. 30, 1957.

(Given by Walter Cronkite)

France's government has fallen.

The four-month-old cabinet of Premier Maurice Bourges-Maunoury was voted out tonight by the National Assembly.

Bourges-Maunoury put his government at stake in a vote of confidence on his program for more home rule for Algeria. He told the assembly that France could not hold Algeria by military force alone.

But when the vote came, a majority disagreed with Bourges-Maunoury. Only two hundred and thirty-five deputies voted with him. Two hundred and seventy-nine voted against.

So now, again, France goes through the turmoil of a cabinet crisis. Again the parade of hopeful would-be premiers will be called to the president's palace. Again they will seek to patch together a coalition that can rule in France's multi-party political chaos.

EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower, today, ended his vacation at Newport, Rhode Island - returning to Washington, this afternoon. It wasn't much of a vacation, anyway - not in the sense of an uninterrupted, carefree, sojourn from the job. The President had hardly been established for a rest at Newport, when the Little Rock school crisis hit. Which called him back to Washington three times - and required him to make a ~~REAR~~ grave decision. That - of sending federal troops into Little Rock.

The President returns <sup>ED</sup> to Washington for conferences ~~with~~ with Southern Governors, tomorrow - <sup>REGARDING</sup> ~~for a discussion of~~ ~~withdrawing~~ the soldiers <sup>AT</sup> ~~in~~ Little Rock, <sup>AND</sup> ~~together with~~ other questions of school integration.

Originally, the White House conference was to have been with <sup>FIVE</sup> ~~four~~ Governors - but now it's only <sup>FOUR</sup> ~~three~~ Governor Griffen of Georgia announcing, today - that he <sup>will</sup> ~~would~~ not attend. He explains that he ~~had~~ <sup>on the assumption</sup> agreed, originally - that the discussion would concern the ~~a~~ soldiers in Little Rock, nothing else. But the President has made it clear - that he'll take up other

aspects of school integration.

The other three Governors on the Committee are Hodges of North Carolina, Mc^eldin of Maryland, Clement of Tennessee and Collins of Florida. One report is that Governor Clement has, what is called, a "positive plan of action" for ending the deadlock in Little Rock.



FAUBUS

In Washington, government officials are expressing doubt about a plan to stop racial integration at Central High School, in Little Rock, by closing the school. Governor Faubus is considering this. The method would be to call a special session of the state legislature - to withdraw state funds from the school. Which, of course, would make it close - and then Central High might reopen as a private school.

Today, Governor Faubus told reporters in Little Rock - that he has not yet made a decision for any such action.

*P* However, the legal experts don't think it can be done <sup>ANYWAY.</sup> Because turning Central High into a private school would be an evasion of Constitutional rights of the Negro children already enrolled there. ~~It~~ Arkansas, they argue, ~~it~~ could abolish its entire public school system to avoid integration. But they doubt the state would ever take such a drastic measure.



## LITTLE ROCK

Once again, today, things were quiet around Central High - the nine Negro pupils attending class without incident. The guard of soldiers of the One Hundred and First Airborne Division was reduced - with fewer than a hundred soldiers in the neighborhood of the school. Barricades across the street in front of the school were taken down, and traffic moved freely.

And when school was out this afternoon, the negro students went home without their armed escort. They rode in an army station wagon, but the manifestation of force was ~~absent~~ absent. There were no ~~incidents~~ incidents.

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Judge Ronald Davies, the federal judge who three times ruled for integration in Little Rock, is not going to the bench there.

Judge Davies was there on temporary assignment, while also filling his regular post in North Dakota.

Tonight it was announced that Davies, now back in North Dakota, will not return again to Little Rock. Judge Roy W. Harper of the Missouri district, will take

Judge Davies place.

Judge Davies was criticized by Arkansas' Governor Faubus as an "imported judge." It was Davies who issued the injunction which reopened Central High to the negro students.

It is understood tonight that the replacement of Davies in Little Rock was at the North Dakotan's own request. Associates said he had a heavy backlog of cases in his own North Dakota district court.

## TEAMSTERS

At the Teamsters Convention, Miami Beach, there's a move to form a united front - against Hoffa. Several candidates are running against him - and, today, one of these withdrew. Congressman John Shelley, of California - long a member of the Teamsters Union. He urged ~~that~~ the anti-Hoffa opposition <sup>to</sup> ~~should~~ form a coalition - and get behind one single candidate. The Congressman - asking his own supporters to back one of the three rivals, remaining in the field against Hoffa.

But the boss of the mid-western Teamsters remains a favorite ~~for~~ for election to the presidency of the country's biggest union. He received a huge ovation, today - when the convention opened. He may be accused of racketeering practices, but there's no doubt about his popularity - among the nineteen hundred delegates.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court is being asked to issue an injunction - forbidding the Miami convention to elect a Union president. Thirteen rank and file members of the Union, charge that the convention has been rigged - so as to



bring about the election of Hoffa. They got an injunction in a lower court - but that was set aside by a Federal Court of Appeals. So now they want the Supreme Court to reinstate the order - to block the election of James Hoffa as President of the Teamsters Union.

The high tribunal is in summer ~~re~~ recess, and the case will be handled by Chief Justice Warren. Indications are - that a decision will be handed down tomorrow.

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And tonight Arkansas' Senator McClellan revealed that his Labor Rocket investigating committee has evidence that fifty percent, or more, of the delegates to the teamsters convention were improperly selected.

For union officials, he listed 24 locals where he said evidence indicates the delegates were not properly chosen. McClellan did say the information has not been fully confirmed by the committee staff.

## SATELLITES

Ambitious Russian plans for space travel <sup>were</sup> - outlined in Washington, today. Where Soviet Scientist A.A. Blagonravov is attending a conference on rockets and satellites. He said - that one purpose of the Russian man-made moons would be to promote plans for travel to the moon and planets. He explained - that the Russians expect the artificial satellites to provide new information about swarms of tiny meteors, and larger objects, which glide around through space. / <sup>Objects</sup> like projectiles - which could pierce the shell of an interplanetary rocket ship.

"The meteoric danger," said Professor Blagonravov, "is of the utmost importance for future planetary travel."

But he didn't give any specific time - for the launching of the Russian artificial satellite. Merely saying - that this would happen some time during the International Geophysical Year. Which ends - December First, Nineteen Fifty-Eight, some fourteen months from now.

American scientists hope that they'll be able to launch their man-made moon - some time in the Spring.

## JAPAN - CRASH

Japan reports an air crash - an airliner forced down, and exploding. With fifty-five persons aboard, the plane had just taken off from Osaka, when an engine caught fire. The Japanese pilot - making an emergency landing in a rice paddy. All fifty-five aboard were able to get out safely - just before the airliner exploded in a mass of flames.



## WRECKS

The news tells of ~~plane~~<sup>train</sup> wrecks in distant parts of the world. At least forty lives lost, in Pakistan - when a passenger train collided with an oil tanker car. The accident occurred at a small railway station in a remote part of Pakistan.

And in Nigeria - the figures, today, show a death list of thirty-five, with many others missing. After a train plunged down an embankment in that African country. Crowded coaches - toppling into a river.

## HERO

At Baltimore, they're hailing Donald Maler, sixteen years old, as the hero - of a strange episode of rescue. Which occurred when a ten year old, John Powell, was playing around on top of a freight car. Running along, he struck an overhead electrical wire. Shocking him badly enough - to leave him semi-conscious, in a sitting position, on top of the freight car.

At that moment, the train began to move - and, just ahead, was the St. Paul Street bridge. A low bridge - and the sitting, semi-conscious boy would be hit and knocked off.

So that was when Donald Maler went into action - climbing quickly to the top of the freight car, and pulling down the ten year old. As the car - passed under the bridge. Then - entering a two and a half mile tunnel. Donald Maler, all the while - holding down the ten year old. Who emerged - without further injury.

INTRODUCTION TO L.T.

Lowell Thomas, before taking off for Venezuela, left a recorded account pertaining to that previous trip he made to the Arctic. A report - with a geographical angle.

~~(Note for Mr. Cronkite: The tape runs three thirteen.)~~



L.T.

This is the story of a land that never was!

Commander Gene McDonald, President of Zenith Radio, phoned me just as I was leaving for South America, and said: "Lowell, when you flew across the Arctic, you and MacMillan, together with Sir Hubert, Bernt Balchen, and Lowell Jr., I hope you erased Bradley Land!"

First, a word about Bradley Land. When Doctor Cook returned from the Arctic in Nineteen Nine, claiming he had been to the North Pole (but he hadn't been within five hundred miles of it), he also told about discovering a new land in the Polar Sea, which he named Bradley Land. For upteen years Commander McDonald of Zenith, has been worried about this.

Eskimo, along the Alaskan-Arctic coast, and Eskimo in Ellesmere Land, in years gone by, told of seeing land far out in the Arctic Ocean. Whalers returning from the Polar Sea told similar stories. Nor was that all. Peary, the man who was the first to reach the North Pole, as far back as Nineteen Hundred and Six, had returned from Grant Land, at the extreme top of

Ellesmere Island, saying he saw a land to the north. He even said he took observations with his instruments, and established that it was about a hundred and twenty miles north of his own Grant Land base. Peary named it Crocker Land. And it was even placed on the maps of that period.

A scientist in Washington, D.C., Dr. Harris, in the winter of Nineteen Eleven and Twelve, announced to the world that there must be land in the Arctic Ocean because of the behavior of tides in the Polar Sea. He said there was so much interference with the tides in the ocean around the North Pole that only masses of land could account for this.

However, in Nineteen Sixteen, Donald MacMillan of Peary expedition fame, led a party north on what he called "the Crocker Land Expedition." Mac drove his dog teams out over the pack ice of the Arctic Ocean to a distance of one hundred and fifty miles north of Grant Land, and proved that both Cook and Peary had made a mistake. MacMillan believes they were fooled by an Arctic mirage, caused by what we now know to be

massive ice islands.

Later, Sir Hubert Wilkins made his great flight across the Arctic Ocean from Point Barrow, Alaska, to Spitzbergen. The object of that flight was to find land, if there was any. He found none.

And now our own recent flight. We visited an ice island near the North Pole. Then, later we flew over the area between the North Pole and Ellesmere Land. I have just been discussing this on the phone with Admiral MacMillan, and he assures me that it is okay to inform Commander McDonald of Zenith radio that we have, once and for all, erased Bradley Land. We - and airmen of the U.S. Air Force. It isn't there. What Doc Cooke and the others too, imagined they saw, must have been ice islands similar to those on which our own scientists, and the Russians, are now encamped, taking observations in connection with the International Geophysical Year. Bradley Land isn't there. It's the land that never was.



## SYRIA

Another incident - on the border of Syria and Israel. This one - of an unexpected sort. Two U.N. observers, and an Israeli army officer, kidnapped inside Israeli territory.

This happened at a post on a hill overlooking the Syrian demilitarized zone. The U.N. officials - Major Basil Lott of Australia and Lieutenant Frederick Woodrow of Canada. The Israeli officer - not identified.

Shortly after ten o'clock, today, armed Syrian raiders came streaming across the border - and surrounded the post on the hill. They seized the U.N. officials and Israeli officer - and took them back into Syrian territory.

A report on this was made at once to an official of the U.N. Armistice Commission - who, thereupon, contacted Syrian officials. He was told - the three men had been taken to Damascus. Adding - that they would be returned. Later they were sent back, after being held for eight hours.

There's no explanation for this raid across the border - and the kidnapping.

## QUEEN

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