

L.T.-DELUO., TUESDAY, OCT. 14, 1958.
(Given by Walter Cronkite)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

President Eisenhower celebrated his sixty-eighth birthday today - with a bit of politicking. The President and Mrs. Eisenhower were entertained at a birthday breakfast - given by six hundred Republican campaign workers. Mr. Eisenhower told the group he was - "feeling fine for sixty-eight." And then he called on the members of his Party - to go all out in the coming elections. The President, insisting that the Republican Party has no reason for pessimism.

Later, the President of the United States paid his respects to the memory - of the late head of the Catholic Church. President Eisenhower attended a requiem mass at Washington's St. Mathews ~~MATTHEW~~ Cathedral.

CONCLAVE

In Rome, they're getting ready for the election of a new Pope - amid all the panoply of art and history. The art comes out - in the place where the conclave will be held.

Carpenters are now sealing off the Sistine Chapel - where the Sacred College of Cardinals will sit. And the Sistine Chapel is one of the glorious things in the whole history of art.

Decorated with the titanic figures of Michelangelo - with the creation on the ceiling, and the Last Judgment on the back wall.

Appropriate reminders for the ecclesiastics - who will choose one of their number to become the ^{next Pope.} ~~spiritual leader of millions.~~

A bit of history came out today - when the Cardinals met the diplomatic corps assigned to the Vatican. It was an open meeting - so that no diplomat would have a chance to sway the vote of any Cardinal. This open meeting stems from the time - when the European powers brought pressure to bear - in order to get a favorable Pontiff.

DULLES

At his news conference today, Secretary of State Dulles expressed his gratitude to - former President Harry S. Truman. Secretary Dulles was asking for a bi-partisan foreign policy - with such problems as Formosa - kept out of election oratory. That was when he paused and mentioned Mr. Truman - as a Democrat who has defended key points - in the administration's foreign policy.

What about Quemoy and Matsu? Secretary Dulles said today - we won't surrender the off-shore islands - to buy peace from the Reds. Nor, he said - in what seemed to be a reversal of previous statements - nor would the U.S. urge the Nationalists to reduce their garrisons on Quemoy and Matis.

BOMBINGS

Those explosions in Jewish synagogues in Atlanta, Georgia, and Peoria, Illinois - were probably not connected. No unified conspiracy to commit the atrocities - say the police.

The Atlanta blast seems to have been well planned. It shattered the temple. But in Peoria - the damage was negligible. The bomb - a crude, home-made affair -- of black powder stuffed into a length of metal pipe.

The two bombings, just another strange twist - in the lunatic fringe of anti-Semitism.

JUSTICE

The Supreme Court has a new Justice tonight. But no one seems to know whether Potter Stewart - will join the liberal wing or the conservative wing - of our highest tribunal. He jumped to the Supreme Court from a Circuit Court of Appeals. According to the experts, that's not enough to tip us off - about his legal philosophy.

BUILDING

The Labor Department reports - the biggest September building boom - in eight years. The report shows that last month work began on more than a hundred thousand - homes and apartments. This figure, twenty-eight per cent higher - than in September of Nineteen Fifty-Seven.

INTRO. TO RECORDING

Lowell Thomas, tonight, attends a church service,
and, in the South Seas.

(Recording, 2:10)

L.T.

I hope you could understand us. For a moment I was afraid I had upset my host, the Chief of Visasay, when I asked him if his people had eaten those first missionaries. But he admitted it frankly.

In fact when I asked him what the drums were saying - had today been the same as in the old days those drums would have been saying: "Come to the feast! We are about to put an American radio newsman in the pot!"

But times have sure changed. The giant frizzy haired Fijians sing hymns instead of attend cannibal feasts. 170,000 transplanted scrawny people from far off India now comprise half the population of Fiji. Brought here to work on the sugar cane and coconut plantations.

I wish I could describe this scene to you. My host, the chief, is a giant Fijian. Most of them are tall men. We are sitting outside his spacious home, surrounded by palms and breadfruit trees. In a few hours we fly on from

Melanesia to Plynesia - from Fiji to Samoa. Before we go let's listen again, for a moment, to these descendants of the most feared of all cannibals, as they sing another Methodist hymn.

(Rock of Ages)

So long!

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TOWER

Now here's a question - for globe-trotters. Where is the Eiffel Tower? Well, the answer isn't necessarily Paris. It might be - Tokyo. Because today workmen finished a television tower - in the Japanese capital. And it looks pretty much like the Eiffel Tower, and already it is being called, unofficially, The Eiffel Tower of the Orient.

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EXPLORER

A dispatch from Adelaide, Australia, states - that one of the world's great explorers is dead. Sir Douglas Mawson - famed pioneer of the Antarctic. Sir Douglas led his first expedition to the South Polar regions - back in Nineteen Seven, when it was quite a feat just to get there. Before he gave up exploration - he had claimed two million square miles of ice and snow, for Australia. Sir Douglas Mawson helped fill in the map of Antarctica - and made his country a power, down there, at the bottom of the world.