

PINEAU

L.T. Deleo. Wed. Nov. 20 - '57.

From the tone of today's dispatch from Washington, you'd surmise - that the visit of French Foreign Minister Pineau has been - highly successful. The dispatch stating that the United States and France, apparently, have reached an informal accord, ~~for~~ establishing, in France - bases for U.S. intermediate missiles. Which would be preliminary to a formal agreement, when President Eisenhower - attends the top level Nato conference in Paris.

Foreign Minister Pineau came ~~to this country~~ ^{here} to discuss that matter about which the French were so angry - British and American weapons for Tunisia. The French fearing - the guns might get to the Algerian rebels. The State Department says - that Foreign Minister Pineau and Secretary of State ~~John Foster~~ Dulles reached "an understanding in principle" on that ticklish subject.

~~was~~ The feelings of the French must have been soothed ~~by~~ ^{with} the Foreign Minister ^{going} ~~west~~ on to an agreement concerning American missile bases in France.

Secretary of Defense Neil McElroy told a Congressional Sub-Committee, today - that this country is in ^{quote:-} "good shape", so far as intermediate range ballistic missiles are concerned. Also - that our development of the long range rocket, the intercontinental ~~intermediate~~ ballistic missile, is "on schedule." He gave no indication - of when this country might expect to have an I.C.B.M.

Secretary McElroy, likewise, took up the fascinating question - of an anti-missile ~~missile~~ missile. The kind of rocket - that might be able to detect and knock out long range missiles coming our way. He said - he wants a "firm program" for research into the problems of an anti-missile missile. To which he added: "There is a good deal we need to know" before we could get into production of the miracle weapon.

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Later word:- The Defense Dept. announces the creation of a new office to direct the development of atomic power - atomic power for airplanes and missiles.

DEW LINE

The United States and Canada have taken some of the secrecy off - the Dew Line. "Dew Line" - standing for distant early warning. That belt of far northern defense - along the Arctic Ocean. A network of radar and air stations - through which no plane can penetrate, without being detected.

The removal of secrecy consists - ^{- in revealing} ~~in spotting~~ the location of some of the Dew Line radar stations. No, we're not told exactly where they are. But - information is being published, giving the locations of twenty-one main airstrips, which serve - the Dew Line bases. Of course, the actual radar stations are not far from the airstrips.

This is for the ~~the~~ benefit of pilots who fly in those northern regions. Navigation aids - for commercial airline flights across the polar regions. Also - "bush pilots". They may use the airstrips, in case of emergency.

Canadian ^{and American} ~~and~~ officials declare - this partial removal of secrecy will not hurt the security of the Dew Line.

Recently, we made an Arctic tour, visiting some of

the Dew Line stations - procuring material for our next television feature. The next of the series of - "High Adventure." One interesting point - a new interpretation of our line of northern defense, ~~in~~ the light - of new developments in the field of missiles and rockets.

SPACE

A Russian scientist claims - the Sputniks have proved that interplanetary space is not a vacuum. But ^{is} filled with particles of matter. Which science has known previously - on theoretical grounds. Now - proved experimentally, ~~according~~ ^{— say} the Russians.

There's a further statement that Sputnik number two has revealed a concentration of electrons at a point where the orbit of the satellite is farthest from the earth.

WRITER

A week or so ago, the government issued a report, called - "Education in the U.S.S.R." Showing, among other things, that Russian students get a lot more mathematics and science than American students.

But now, the author, Mrs. Eleanor Lowman, a specialist on Russian education, complains - that the report was marred by "suppression, inaccuracy and distortion."

She claims a lot of what she wrote was left out. Including the statement - that all education in Russia is free. From the first grade - on through post-graduate work.

In reply to this, the statement is - that Mrs. Lowman's manuscript was revised, for greater clarity, accuracy, and objectivity.

Everybody is talking about the deficiencies of American education - ~~for~~ the development of science. So here are a few figures - to ~~bring~~ prove it. Former President Herbert Hoover - giving the data at a meeting of the United Engineering Societies.

He said - that, in our high schools, fewer than twelve per cent of the pupils are taught the elements of algebra and geometry, ~~Notwithstanding~~ - the fundamental importance of ~~a~~ mathematics to modern science.

Fewer than nine per cent - take elementary chemistry.
Less than five per cent - study physics.

"In my view," says Herbert Hoover, "there's a fundamental weakness ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ the ~~too~~ prevalent high school system ^{of} allowing a thirteen or fourteen year old kid to choose most of his studies." ^{Then he adds, -} "A youngster's first reaction in school is to seek the soft classes - not the hard work of science and mathematics."

EGYPT

The United States - giving Egypt six hundred thousand dollars in economic aid. The first U.S. financial assistance - ~~was~~ since Nasser seized the Suez Canal, last year.

All of which indicates - a possible move to counteract Soviet offers of economic aid. Which Bulganin promised in Moscow, last night - at a reception for the Egyptian Minister of War. ~~However~~, Today's dispatch from Cairo says there's no indication that the Soviets have made a specific offer, to back up the Bulganin talk.

An ancient Jewish city just discovered in Arabia. That sounds unusual. Samuel F. Pryor, of Pan American Airways, today received a radio message from his protege and colleague, the young millionaire archaeologist and organizer of expeditions, Wendell Phillips. Phillips, who is in Southeastern Arabia, as the guest of the Sultan of Muscat and Oman, tells of finding what he calls an ancient Jewish Capital in Arabia. A Jewish city of more than two-thousand years ago, in the Oman mountains.

He also says that a hundred and fifty miles north of Muscat he came upon the city of Sohar, once visited by Sinbad the Sailor. Then he tells of a third discovery of a vast pre-Islamic Cemetery with more than a thousand huge tombs, in the Oman Mountains. And, two hours further, on the summit of what he refers to as an almost inaccessible mountain, he and his party came upon an ancient walled city of an unknown period and an unknown people.


His message concludes with the statement that the Sultan of Muscat and Oman has granted him permission to bring a full-scale expedition, to explore this region, this winter.

I've been asked about a selection I made for Newsweek magazine of ten great adventures. One - the return home of Richard the Lion Hearted. You'll seldom find that on a list of great adventures, and I'm asked - why did I include it? The list in this week's Newsweek is of adventures that are rather personal.

History relates that, after his exploits in the Third Crusade, Richard the Lion Hearted was captured on his way home - by the Archduke of Austria, a personal enemy. Who kept him - a prisoner.

The English king had made an enemy, not only of the Austrian Archduke, but also the King of France.

Of course, there was a sea route, via the Atlantic. Not so practicable in the Thirteenth Century.



Richard
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decided - he'd try, secretly, to make his way through Austrian territory. ~~He was~~ Shipwrecked on the Dalmatian coast, ~~then~~ *he* traveled in disguise, ~~as a peer sort of person~~. But - was recognized, and arrested.

Then there's the legend - how Richard's faithful minstrel, Blondel, found the castle in which the King was imprisoned. How, at one castle after another, Blondel would stand outside - and sing a favorite song of Richard's. Until, at one castle, the King's voice answered - singing a refrain of the song. After which - Richard was ransomed, and then returned home.

~~All - explaining why I put the story on the list~~

~~in NEWSWEEK.~~

GANGSTERS

New York police activity continues - in the case of the meeting of sixty-five gangsters at the quiet little ^{up state} town of Apalachin, last week. The gathering ~~is~~ called - a conclave of the Maffia.

Today, U.S. Attorney Paul Williams declared - that three of those who attended the underworld pow-wow -- have been under investigation, ~~on~~ charges - of racketeering in the garment and trucking industries. The U.S. Attorney says - "That these men were present at the crime convention, confirms our information as to their activities."

He adds that there'll be an investigation of income tax returns of all sixty-five - who came visiting the mansion of the local beer distributor, Joseph Barbara.

In Albany, the Superintendent of State Police announces - that he's investigating all angles of the Apalachin meeting. At which the state police rounded up the racketeers - then released them. *Gov. Averman tonight ordered a full investigation of the gangland convention.*

TOUHY

Terrible Tommy Touhy, headline gangster of the prohibition era - has won a commutation of his prison sentence. Governor Stratton of Illinois, today - making it possible for him to be released in a couple of years. Actually, the whole thing is a complication of long prison sentences - running concurrently. Which makes it sound like a fantasy - of years and centuries.

Terrible Tommy Touhy was convicted in Nineteen Thirty-Three for the Chicago kidnaping of "Jake the Barber". an international confidence man. For which he was given - ninety-nine years in prison. In Nineteen Forty-Two, he was in a scheme to escape, and got an extra one hundred and ninety-nine years for that.

He'd have to be Methuselah himself, to serve the total - ~~two-hundred-and-ninety-eight~~ years in the cooler. But sentences ran concurrently - and, recently, Governor Stratton reduced the escape-sentence ^{all the way down} to three years. And now -

commutes the kidnap sentence, so that the Terrible Tommy can get out of serving a little more than twenty-five years.

ALASKA

The U.S. government is opening - twenty million acres in Alaska. Where people may now stake mining and mineral claims. Giving them access - to the mineral wealth.

These public lands are in northern Alaska near - the twenty-three million acre petroleum reserve, belonging to the Navy. There may be oil - on the lands new to be thrown open.

Secretary of the Interior, Fred Seaton, today said - the decision was made after a series of meetings with Alaska Governor Mike Stepovich.

At the same time, the Department of the Interior has temporarily set apart - nine million acres in northeast Alaska, for future use - as a wildlife range. The belt - extending from the Canadian border to the Canning River. And - from the Arctic Ocean to the slopes of the Brooks Range. Making this, Joe, the largest wildlife preserve in the Western Hemisphere, I believe. Full of grizzly bear, polar bear, wolverine, Arctic sheep, and caribou.

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ANNOUNCER: And now Lowell, are we ready to wind this up?

L.T.: - Hold everything, Joe, Here's something to give you a touch of nostalgia:- A statue - to be put up in New York. Ground breaking ceremonies, today - with Song Writer Oscar Hammerstein, Second, presiding. Location? Times Square - Broadway and Forty-Second Street. A statue - honoring George M. Cohan. Known those years ago - as "Mr. Broadway."

All of which seems to bring back that old George M. Cohan song:

"Give my regards to Broadway,
Remember me to Herald Square.
Tell all the boys on Forty-Second Street,
That I will soon be there."

And, So Long Until Tomorrow.