

Mollet Seen Likely To Become Veteran as Premier of France

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Guy Mollet, France's mild-mannered Socialist premier, seems likely to become a veteran in his job.


 Mollet leads one of his country's weakest post-war cabinets. His four-party coalition lacks a majority in Parliament.

During his eight months in office France has been beset by constant trouble in North Africa. The Suez Canal dispute has made things worse.

Now Mollet is facing his many critics in a new session of the National Assembly.

But it is indicated strongly that Mollet will ride out any attacks on him in the immediate future. He has already exceeded the average seven months in office of a post-war premier. It has happened that France's position in world affairs has been strengthened since Mollet took office Feb. 1 as his country's

22nd post-war prime minister. Mollet's own position has been strengthened also.

Oddly, the canal dispute has helped to strengthen France in international councils. France and Britain have been drawn more closely together because of their sharp differences with the United States policy in the Suez situation. Britain is turning toward the continent, with France as its partner, in a growing tendency toward unity among the countries of Western Europe.

The prospect also is for closer cooperation between France, Britain and Western Germany in the unity movement.

Reach Agreement

France and Western Germany ended the last of their own disputes last week end when Mollet and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer reached final agreement on the future of the Saar coal area. Adenauer has called in the strongest terms for stronger Western European cooperation.

As regards France's own problems, Mollet is trying to work out a new program for Algeria, where a costly rebellion is nearing the end of its second year.

The open ambition of President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt to make himself the leader of all Arab countries, and his aid to the Algerian rebels, has made France draw back on its plans to give Algeria a large measure of self government.

New Plan for Algeria

But Mollet still hopes to crush the rebellion and then to offer Algeria a plan for limited independence which will nevertheless leave it, as it is now, a part of France politically.

Morocco and Tunisia, which have won their independence, were French colonies. Algeria is not. It is regarded as a part of metropolitan France and is represented in the French Parliament.

There is talk now that Sultan Mohammed of Morocco, a moderate man, may be called in to help France get an agreement with the Algerians. There is talk also of forming a sort of North African federation, with Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia as its members and the sultan as its leader. This might go a long way toward defeating Nasser's ambitions.

Final Arguments Due in Brink's Case

Boston — (U.P.) — Prosecution and defense lawyers present final arguments today in the trial of eight men accused of robbing Brink's Inc., of \$1,218,211 six years ago.

However, the defense was expected to call at least one rebuttal witness as trial moved into its 43rd day.

The defense rested Wednesday after police Lt. James V. Crowley's boomerang testimony on the alibi of defendant Anthony Pino.

Crowly testified he saw the 250-pound defendant at "about five minutes to eight" on Jan. 17, 1950, nearly an hour after the time the robbery occurred.

The statement apparently shattered Pino's claim that he was "buying a bottle" at the time masked bandits crashed the Brink's money vaults.

HITCH-HIKER

Holland, Mich. — (U.P.) — Art Sas, a 30-year-old sports car driver, was stopped by several miles before he stopped to check the strange sounds coming from under the hood. A cat was lying inside next to the motor.

In County Schools

WASHINGTON SCHOOL

The student body of Washington Elementary school elected the following officers Friday, Sept. 28: president, Rodney Wolf,

Search to Begin for Two Fliers in Forest

Birmingham, Ala. — (U.P.) — A massive aerial search will begin if weather permits today for two fliers believed lost in a soggy forest.

Low-flying banks have halted air operations for two days and ground parties have been unable to find a trace of two airmen believed to have bailed out of their crashing T33 jet trainer Monday night.

The missing fliers are Marine Corps Col. Jen C. Aggerbeck Jr., 43, a student at the Air War College at Maxwell, and Air Force Col. Philip C. Hawes, 43, a college faculty member and pilot instructor. Both are from Los Angeles.

Air Force authorities held hope that the airmen were still alive.

vice president, Mike Neathamer, secretary, Janet Wong, and treasurer, Martha Wolfe. An assembly was held Friday afternoon to introduce new officers to the student body. At the same assembly Norman Buvick, representative from the Kiwanis club, spoke to the pupils about the Kiwanis Kid Night, Oct. 5, and the "Get Out The Vote" contest for 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th graders which is being sponsored by the Kiwanis club.

At an assembly Wednesday, Oct. 2, the student body officers were installed in their offices by Robert Sage, principal. Prior to the installation, Sage read the preamble of the student body constitution.

President Rodney Wolf presided at the following student body meeting during which try-outs for yell leaders were held. In the election following the student body meeting, Wendy Hunter, Carol Hile, and Pamela Cox were elected yell leaders.

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Human Murmur Seen of Little Effect on Influence of Behavior

By DELOS SMITH

United Press Science Editor

New York — (U.P.) — Harvard University psychologists have put brakes on the growing popularity of a scientific theory that you or anyone else can influence the behavior of other human beings by interrupting their talk in proper places with a murmured, "mm-hmm."

Technically that is "selective verbal reinforcement" and it has become the well-loved of psychologists since 1951 when Dr. J. Greenspoon revealed the results of an experiment which indicated that the "reinforcement" need be only a neutral murmur, like "mm-hmm."

He got college students to reciting every word they could think of. Each time they gave off a plural noun, he said, "mm-hmm."

Youth Drive Goal Set at \$14,300

Ashland — Plans have been completed for this year's Ashland-Talent youth drive and the goal has been set at \$14,300, according to Ken Jones, chairman of the board.

Heading the campaign for funds this year will be Allen Harris, Ashland, with Mrs. Jean Polk, co-chairman.

Theme of this year's campaign, Harris said, will be brevity and a full coverage with a view to eliminating duplicated collection efforts by the recipient organization.

Date for opening of the Ashland-Talent youth drive is Monday, Oct. 15. The campaign will be concentrated in a two week period, according to Harris.

Size of the budget and detailed plans for the annual appeal were worked by the board of directors last week.

hmm." The students responded by giving off with more plural nouns. They had been "reinforced;" their behavior was influenced.

Experiment Contradicted

In reporting a contradicting experiment to the American Psychological Association, Donald C. Hildum and Roger W. Brown of Harvard remarked that the implications of Greenspoon's work were unpleasant. "This is learning without awareness," they said.

"For those interested in such things there appears a glittering new prospect for human manipulation; for others only the quiet pleasure to be found in any new proof of human stupidity."

Meanwhile, George Mandler and Warren K. Kaplan, also of Harvard, were reporting another contradictory experiment to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

They had repeated Greenspoon's experiment, with some added features. They found out that each 28 students with whom they experimented had been aware that the experimenter had murmured, "mm-hmm," now and then. Moreover, the 28 had interpreted this so-called neutral sound to mean something.

Some thought it meant they were doing okay; they were encouraged and so they gave with more plural nouns. But others thought it meant they were reciting the wrong kinds of words and down went their plural noun production.

Power Unquestioned

Mandler and Kaplan had no doubt of the power of "verbal reinforcement," which, indeed, is something well known to many people, particularly the concoctors of TV and radio commercials. But they said it was how human beings interpreted the "verbal reinforcer" which made it work or not work.

Hildum and Brown, in their experiment, extended this line of reasoning. They phoned 40 students and asked them what they thought of the Harvard program for general education. Some of the responses they broke into with the word, "good," now and then.

They said they influenced their subjects with "good" but not at all with "mm-hmm." They explained Greenspoon's opposite results by remarking that when anyone is kept reciting every word which comes to mind for 25 minutes, "he may be expected to search rather desperately for some indication from the experimenter as to the purpose direction to take." But in ordinary situations, people pay little attention to "mm-hmm."

Demo Accuses Press Of 'Double Morality'

Traverse City, Mich. — (U.P.) — Sen. Paul Douglas (D-Ill.) has accused the American press of "creating a double political morality."

Douglas, speaking at a Democratic rally here Wednesday, said the press tends to treat Democratic slips as "mortal sins" but that the same slip committed by a Republican is regarded as "a mere slip of the flesh."

"Most Democrats and most Republicans are honest although you find a few rotten apples in both barrels," he said. Douglas said that "some of the press is very fair but by far the majority is decidedly Republican and that includes the three Detroit newspapers."

The senator paused here to point at three empty seats which had been occupied earlier by reporters from the three Detroit dailies but who had left.

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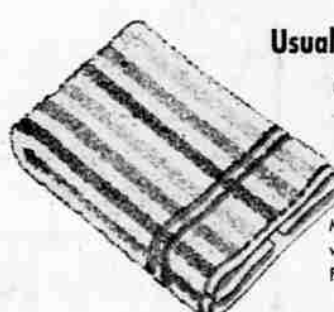
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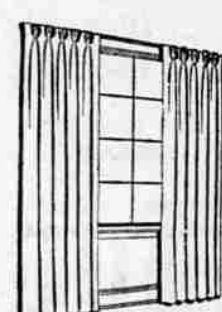
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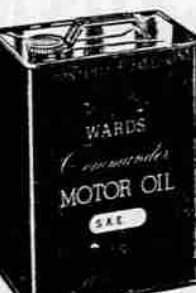
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