



WHAT'S NEWS IN SAN FRANCISCO now is important to New York Giant stars (from left) Whitey Lockman, Bobby Thomson and Willie Mays. Daily papers from their new hometown are familiar sights in the Polo Grounds' dressing rooms. (International)

Europe's Most Important Election Due in Germany Next Month

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Bonn — The most important election in Europe since World War II comes up next month in West Germany. On its outcome hangs the fate of the western world's plan to build a strong defensive military machine on the European continent capable of deterring a Communist ground attack. Thirty-five million Germans will choose on Sept. 15 between keeping Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democrat regime or turning the government over to the powerful opposition Socialist Party. The Socialists have said that if they win they will pull West Germany out of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, banish atomic weapons on the soil, halt conscription and scrap plans for a 500,000-man army and strong air force. Then they will bargain with the Soviet Union for the reunification of East and West Germany.

Ways Of Downfall
The 82-year-old Adenauer, fighting the most critical battle of his career, has warned that Socialist victory would mean the "downfall of Germany." He has said that keeping its alliance with the West is his nation's only means of halting Communism and eventually restoring a whole Germany. The latest indications are that Adenauer will win a third successive four year term but it may be by a narrow margin. Public opinion polls report that support for the Christian Democrats has risen from 39 to 46 per cent of the electorate since November. Socialist strength has dropped from 44 to 33 per cent in the same period. Political experts estimate that about 80 per cent of the voters already have made up their minds. The campaigns of all parties are now being directed at the 20 per cent "floating vote" which will be decisive. There will be at least 494 Bundestag seats at stake, half of them by direct election in the constituencies and the remainder by proportional representation. One of the smaller parties, the free Democrats, may emerge holding the balance of power and forcing West Germany into another coalition government.

Reuther Says GM Stalls on Proposal

Chicago — Walter P. Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers Union, has charged General Motors Corp. with stalling on his proposal for automobile price cuts. Reuther, speaking Thursday night at the annual convention banquet of the AFL-CIO American Federation of Teachers, denied his proposal was a public relations maneuver, as charged by G.M. President Harlow H. Curtice. "All they have to do is say yes," Reuther said, "and we'll do our part." The auto chief proposed earlier that the "Big Three" auto manufacturers cooperate to prevent inflation by lopping \$100 or more more off 1957 models. In return, the UAW would take such action under consideration when presenting 1958 contract demands. Curtice responded with a counter-proposal, that the auto workers extend their present contract two years as a "real contribution to the economic stability of the country." Reuther said G.M. made a profit last year of \$2.93 "for

Volunteers Save Life Of Two-Year-Old Boy

Big River, Sask. — Volunteers, using the technique that saved the life of little Benny Hooper, Wednesday night rescued a 2-year-old boy from the bottom of a 12-inch wide well shaft. The boy, Kimdale Smith of Saskatoon, was taken to a hospital after his five-hour en-

Brewster Sentenced On Contempt Charge

Washington — Frank W. Brewster, West Coast teamsters chief, drew a one-year jail sentence and a \$1,000 fine Thursday for contempt of Congress. The sentence was imposed by Federal Judge John A. Sirica, who had convicted Brewster June 26 on 31 counts of contempt at a juryless trial here. Brewster announced in advance that he would appeal the sentence. He was released in \$1,000 bail pending disposition of his appeal. tombment. His condition was reported to be satisfactory.

Small Barn Destroyed Near Kings Highway

A small barn containing five tons of hay at the Melvin Fader farm, 1897 Kings highway, was destroyed by fire about 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, city firemen reported. They said that the hay was damaged by water and that a small adjacent shed was damaged. Firemen stated that children playing with matches set fire to the hay. The rural pumper-tanker and the east side pumper, which was being tested at the Solar

DIPLOMATIC REPORT
Los Angeles — The state Department of Corrections, in its annual report, explains athletic programs at prisons this way: "The institutions field teams in the major sports, competing with outside teams, but all are 'home' games."

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