

Integration of All Southern Schools Real Issue at Stake in Little Rock

Editor's note: Veteran Washington correspondent Louis Cassels has covered the Little Rock story from the start. The following is his analysis of the present deadlock and his predictions of what may happen next.

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Little Rock, Ark. — The real issue in Little Rock is not

the admission of nine Negro students to Central High School. It is whether, when and how all of the public schools of the South shall be integrated. Both sides know that this has become a test case which will set a precedent of far-reaching importance. The reason why

President Eisenhower and Gov. Orval E. Faubus can't agree on terms for withdrawing federal troops is that they have exactly opposite ideas of what the precedent should be.

Eisenhower believes Little Rock must demonstrate the readiness of the United States Government to use whatever force may be necessary to prevent violence from blocking the final decrees of a federal court.

Faubus believes the nation will learn from Little Rock that the "forcible integration" of a southern school can be accomplished only by sending federal

troops to the scene and keeping them there for a very long time. He thinks the White House will find it impractical to pay this price.

Faubus Waiting
That is why Faubus is playing a waiting game, making no move to renew negotiations with Eisenhower for troop withdrawal. He is convinced that time is on his side, and that federal authority cannot claim a victory in Little Rock unless or until Eisenhower finds a way to get the troops out of this city.

Eisenhower realizes, after two abortive attempts to negotiate

with the governor, that Faubus has no intention of giving one pledge that would permit the early withdrawal of federal forces.

That pledge would be to use the National Guard, when it is returned to state control, to protect the nine Negro youths from any violence as they attend classes at Central High.

Counting on Moderation
The President now is counting on the forces of moderation, now being mobilized in Little Rock by church, business and civic leaders. He is hopeful that their efforts, including a city-wide

prayer service to be held next Saturday, will create a climate in which local authorities, backed up by the majority of law-abiding citizens, can cope with any threat of violence.

Once Washington is persuaded that moderates are in control of the situation, the paratroopers of the 101st Airborne Division may be sent back to Fort Campbell, Ky.

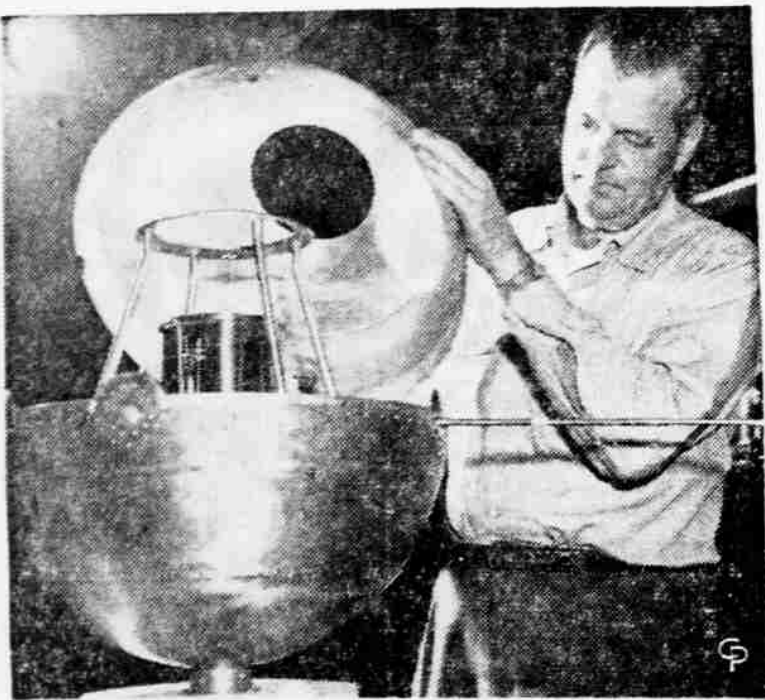
The Arkansas National Guard could be held under federal control for a while after the paratroopers leave with some of its units mobilized at nearby Camp Robinson on quick call.

FBI 'Army'
The departure of troops from Central High would not mean that the federal government was pulling down its guard entirely. There is another army in Little Rock—a multi-clad army of FBI agents, possibly the largest group of them ever assembled for an assignment of this kind. They will keep a close watch on Central High school long after the troops are gone.

If trouble develops, the government will move swiftly in the federal courts to obtain injunctions against the mob leaders.

Anyone who violated such an injunction could be arrested and imprisoned for criminal contempt. A federal judge can try a criminal contempt case very quickly; no jury is necessary.

This is Washington's present strategy, according to competent sources here. Like all strategy, it may be upset by what the other side does. Its most vulnerable point would appear to be the assumption that Little Rock's moderates, belatedly organized, will be able to clamp the lid on the pandora's box of racial passion, which has been opened here.



PUTTING FINAL TOUCHES on American satellite to be launched next spring is Edwin Brady of U. S. Naval Research Laboratory. Launching site is Cape Canaveral, Fla. It weighs only 21½ pounds. (International Soundphoto)

Calling Hawaii From Area Now Is Quicker, Cheaper, PT&T Says

Calling Hawaii from Medford will be quicker and cheaper now that the new submarine telephone cable between the United States and Hawaii is in service. The 2,500-mile underwater cable system, costing \$37,000,000, was placed in service at midnight Tuesday, October 8, according to Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company manager Jack Creager.

Now that the cable system is working, telephone operators will be able to place long distance calls directly to telephones in Hawaii without the help of an overseas operator in Oakland, Calif.

Rates Reduced
At the same time the station-to-station daytime rate on such calls has been reduced from \$7.50 to \$6 plus tax for the first three minutes. The rate for station-to-station calls at night and on Sundays and holidays has also been lowered from \$6 to \$5.25 plus tax for the first three minutes, Creager said.

In placing the calls to Hawaii, telephone operators will follow the practice now in force for most long distance calls in the United States. When the operator has the number of the telephone being called in Hawaii she will dial a three-digit code—in this case it is 808—and then the number being called.

Over special circuits, the call will go to Pt. Arena, Calif., where the mainland terminus of the submarine cable is located, and then via the cable to the island of Oahu. Ninety-five per cent of Hawaii's telephones are located there.

Hawaiian telephone operators will be able to dial calls from the island to about 6,500 communities on the mainland, Creager noted.

Cooperating in System
Cooperating in establishment of the underwater cable system were American Telephone and Telegraph, the Hawaiian Telephone company and the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company. It was a venture that required three years of planning and construction.

Two 2,400-mile long lengths of cable were laid along the bottom of the Pacific ocean between the island and the mainland. The cable system is capable of carrying 36 simultaneous conversations.

The cables are similar to those used in the Alaska and Atlantic systems. They are of the coaxial type, especially designed to withstand the tremendous pressures of the ocean bottom. Sturdy flexible repeaters are built into the cables about every 40 miles to boost the strength of signals when they reach the fading point along their deep-sea course.

The Hawaiian cable system will augment the 14 radio-telephone circuits that have been in use previously for long distance calls between the mainland and Hawaii, Creager said.

No Laughter Seen On Trip To Russia

Washington — Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt told an American women's "Congress on Better Living" Wednesday night that during three weeks in Russia she never saw anyone laugh. "I have a feeling the Russians have sold their souls for a little economic security," she said.

Mrs. Roosevelt also said she "never saw a well dressed man or woman" during her tour. The Soviet people, she said, "have no idea what the rest of the world is like."

They consider it normal for a family of three to live in one room, for five families to cook in one kitchen and for 18 persons to share a bathroom, she said.

Mrs. Roosevelt renewed her suggestion that the administration admit more Russians to the United States. She expressed doubt that the Russian government would allow many of its people to visit America, and said the U. S. could gain a propaganda advantage through offering to allow more Russian visitors.

Oregon State College Will Study Raindrops

Corvallis — Oregon State college meteorologists anticipate no lack of raw material this winter when they start studies into the shape of raindrops.

The scientists said they have equipped a special trailer and have obtained a unique camera designed specifically to take pictures of raindrops.

Resemblance To HST Costs Punch

Grand Haven, Mich. — Pharmacist John Poest took it on the chin Wednesday because he resembles former President Truman.

Poest said he was flagged down by a motorist who looked at him closely and asked, "You're Harry Truman, aren't you?" "Yes," replied Poest as he stuck out his hand, "and how is the Democratic Party out your way?"

The motorist answered with a punch in the nose.

Poest quickly rolled up the car window. But the motorist kept pounding on the door and windows until Poest drove off. Poest reported the incident to the Ottawa county sheriff's office and Pascal Catron, 36, an itinerant farmer from Cincinnati, was arrested a short time later.

Sheriff Gerald Vanderbeek said he was holding Catron for a mental examination.



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