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Week of November 22, 1956



At the White House, President and Mrs Eisenhower join their grandchildren for Thanksgiving dinner. Before dinner, they attended late morning services at the National Presbyterian Church, where they heard the minister declare the spirit of freedom will never be extinguished by Russian "tyranny or tanks."

Soviet Deputy Prime Minister V.M Molotov is appointed Minister of State Control. In Washington though, they think Molotov, an old-time Stalinist - was actually demoted.

The XVIth Olympiad opens in Melbourne, Australia as bright sunshine replaces rain. More than 110,000 people packed Melbourne Cricket Ground. In addition, hundreds of thousands line city streets to salute the Duke of Edinburgh in the opening ceremonies.



It was four months ago that Egyptian Dictator Nasser seized the Suez Canal, bringing about a crisis in the area. The canal remains closed - with ships having to take the long way around the Cape of Good Hope. Gas rationing is in force around Britain and the rest of Europe and losses continue.

In Toledo - Elvis Presley and 22 year-old Lewis Ballint get into a brawl, with police arresting Ballint. Says Presley; "This guy walks up to me and says you *%#@, my wife carries a picture of you in her wallet, but doesn't carry one of me - lets step outside." The singer was sitting at a table with his manager and others

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at the Shalimar Room of the Commodore Perry Hotel. Presley says he doesn't want to press charges. Later, a judge sentences Ballint to a \$10 fine and \$9.60 in costs, plus he is sent to a workhouse to serve seven days. Nobody was hurt in the fight.



Bandleader **Tommy Dorsey** (51) dies under mysterious circumstances at his home in Greenwich, CT. A medical examiner says Dorsey suffocated after becoming nauseated from something he had eaten or drunk - "personally, I don't think he committed suicide." ... Later the examiner officially said the entertainer choked to death accidentally. Dorsey's ABC-TV was the first network show to book Elvis Presley earlier this year.

Actor Gyllyn Ford legally changes his name to Glenn Ford. He had been using the name professionally since 1939.

The American Cancer Society says that while cigarettes are a health hazard - the final effect of smoking lies with the individual. In their pamphlet, "Were We Stand Today" published this week - "The American Cancer Society has no plans for a campaign against cigarette smoking ... the final decision on whether to smoke cigarettes rests with the individual who will probably make up his mind in consultation with his doctor."

Hours after announcing her impending engagement, actress **Anna Maria Alberghetti** (20) slams down the phone from a transatlantic phone call from boyfriend Italian Count Alberto Mochi. "He called me a 2am from Rome - woke up the whole household. He wants me to give up my career, he said he has plenty of money and I should come to Italy to live after our marriage. How can I give up my career when it's just getting started?"



Captain **Eddie Rickenbacker** (66) is named Grand Marshall to the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, CA. Rickenbacker, a WW1 hero, is chairman of the board of directors of Eastern Air Lines.

Dore Shary has his contract terminated as production head of MGM in a shake-up. Shary had been associated with the studio since 1948.

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At the mart - Applesauce - 16oz can - .10 ... Ground Beef - .29lb ... Log Cabin Syrup - 12oz bottle - .25 ... Comet (2)-14oz cans - .31 DASH - all purpose detergent - regular pkg .37

Bestsellers - "Peyton Place" - Grace Metalious, "Jericho's Daughters" - Paul I. Wellman, "Don't Go Near The Water" - William Brinkley, "The Tribe That Lost Its Head" - Nicholas Monsarrat, "A Certain Smile" - Francoise Sagan, "The Nun's Story" - Kathryn Huime, "The Unicorn And Other Poems" - Ann Morrow Linbergh, "Men To Match My Mountains" - Irving Stone, "Profiles In Courage" - John F. Kennedy, "The Outsider" - Colin Wilson.

Pop music this week in 1956

- "True Love" - Bing Crosby & Grace Kelly, "Love Me Tender" - Elvis Presley, "Don't Be Cruel" - Elvis Presley, "Singing The Blues" - Guy Mitchell, "Just Walking In The Rain" - Johnnie Ray, "Honky Tonk (part 2)" - Bill Doggit, "The Green Door" - Jim Lowe, "Friendly Persuasion (Thee I Love)" - Pat Boone, "A Rose And A Baby Ruth" - George Hamilton IV, "Gonna Get Along Without You Now" -

Patience & Prudence, "I Walk The Line" - Johnny Cash, "Cindy, Oh Cindy" - Eddie Fisher, "Two Different Worlds" - Don Rondo, "Since I Met You Baby" - Ivory Joe Hunter, "Hound Dog" - Elvis Presley, "You'll Never Never Know" - The Platters, "Hey! Jealous Lover" - Frank Sinatra



Desi Arnaz, Lucille Ball, Vivian Vance and William Frawley tour Florida for the next 10 days for charity events and other events.

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ABC and **Frank Sinatra** sign a 3-year deal. ABC doesn't say how much they'll pay the singer, but they did agree to a heavy investment in Kent Productions - owned by Sinatra.

Films of the Olympics from Australia are being shown on U.S. television in certain markets. It takes a few days though - the film has to be processed in Los Angeles before it gets shipped out to stations.

Desilu will produce its second series for National Telefilms Associates for its 112 stations. The series is "Official Detective."

The FCC sets a February 15 deadline for the holders of 83 UHF television construction permits to explain why they are not on the air. To the FCC, it appears that they have made a "voluntary decision to postpone construction" of their stations. UHF stations are for the most part, losing money and the commission hasn't acted on the problem. Most television receivers don't include UHF channels.

Monday Night TV - CBS - Robin Hood, Burns and Allen, Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts, I Love Lucy, December Bride, Studio One ... NBC - Nat King Cole Show, Sir Lancelot, Stanley, Can Do, Robert Montgomery Presents, Douglas Fairbanks Presents ... ABC - Bold Journey, The Danny Thomas Show, Voice Of Firestone Concert, Bishop Fulton Sheen, The Lawrence Welk Show, Dr Christian

I Love Lucy - The gang is in Florida and gets stranded on an Island after Lucy and Ethel scheme not to have Ricky and Fred judge a beauty contest. Guest stars Claude Atkins.

Debut - Can Do - quiz show hosted by **Robert Alda**. Guests - Dave Garraway, Sal Mneo, Rocky Graziano, Gypsy Rose Lee and Polly Bergen



NBC, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis settle their contract problems after the pair split up this year. NBC says future shows will have them operate as separate units. They'll split two (2) hour shows the first half of next year and eight (1) hour shows per year for the next four years after that.

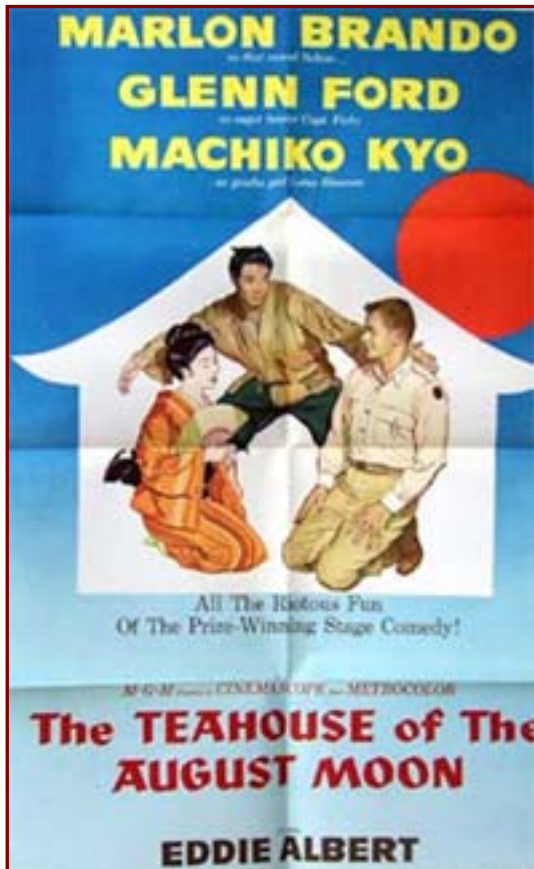
The Tonight Show - Ernie Kovacs hosts with guest Robert Maxwell

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At the movies –

High Society - Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly, Frank Sinatra



Love Me Tender - (introducing) Elvis Presley .. w/Richard Egan, Debra Paget

The Teahouse of the August Moon - Marlon Brando, Glenn Ford, Machiko Kyo, Eddie Albert

You Can't Run Away From It - June Allyson, Jack Lemmon

Back From Eternity - Robert Ryan, Anita Ekberg, Rod Steiger,

The Ten Commandments

War and Peace - Audrey Hepburn, Henry Fonda, Mel Ferrer

The Mole People - John Agar, Cynthia Patrick

Curucu, Beast Of The Amazon - John Bromfield, Beverly Garland

Friendly Persuasion - Gary Cooper, Dorothy McGuire.