WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

Funeral for wife who shot herself

WASHINGTON

Requiem mass was offered Wednesday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for Mrs. Claudia M. Dunnington, 24, wife of an Army sergeant, who fatally shot herself Saturday.

The husband, who is stationed at Ft. Belvoir, told police that he was awakened by a shot in the second-story bedroom of the family apartment, 2305 Hartford St., SE.

Mrs. Dunnington was lying on the floor with a bullet wound in the chest and the pistol beside her, he said. The .38 calibre revolver was his.

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THE DISTRICT coroner ruled the death a suicide. Mrs. Dunnington died in D.C. General Hospital about three hours after the fatal shot was fired.

"She had been worrying over bills," the husband told police. The shooting occurred while their two boys, 2 and 4, slept in an adjoining room.

A member of her bereaved family said, "She had a nervous breakdown. We never heard her make complaints of any physical ailments. It seems that she worked herself down."

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MRS. DUNNINGTON was a demonstrator for a home products company. The couple had been married six years. She was a Cardozo graduate.

Burial was in Arlington Cemetery. Robert G. Mason Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Other survivors are her mother, Mrs. Ethel Williams, three brothers and three sisters, all of Washington.

GUILFORD, N.C. — An Indian student at Guilford College, **Miss Hesa Halder,** recently was chosen to be listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," the only foreign student to be so honored this year. She is majoring in psychology.

Rufus Nimmons

Funeral services will be held today, Friday at 1 p.m. at Payne Memorial AME Church for Rufus Nimmons, 33, 2832 W. North Ave.

Mr. Nimmons, a World War II veteran, died at Ft. Howard Hospital Monday. He had been ill over six weeks.

A former laboratory technician at the Veterans Administration, Mr. Nimmons was a Dunbar High School graduate and took extension courses at Howard University.

Mr. Nimmons has been a member of Payne Memorial AME Church since birth.

He is survived by his father Henry Nimmons; his mother Mrs. Ethel Nimmons; and four brothers, Thomas, Talmadge, William and Thaddeus Nimmons, and a sister, Mrs. Beatrice Chambers.

Rev. John I. Henry, former evangelist

WASHINGTON

Funeral services for the Rev. John I. Henry, father of the Rev. John L. Henry, pastor of the 10th Street Baptist Church, were held Monday at the church, 10th and R Sts., NW.

The elder Rev. Henry succumbed suddenly last Thursday. He was 76.

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BORN IN Patuxent Md., The Rev. Mr. Henry for most of his life was an evangelist, traveling the country with his four sons, Nathaniel G., Earl S., Wilbert W. of Birmingham, and the junior Rev. John Henry. They were known as the Henry Brothers.

The senior Rev. Mr. Henry who resided at 748 Princeton Pl., NW, is survived by his four sons; three daughters-in-law, Sally, Marjorie, and Annabelle, and many other relatives and friends. Interment was at Harmony Cemetery.

Senior hobby show

The Senior Citizens Hobby Show will be presented next spring, Thursday, April 2 through Sunday, April 5, 1959 at Memorial Stadium. It will be sponsored by the Junior League of Baltimore, and it will be similar to the show put on by the Baltimore Council of Social Agencies in March 1957 for exhibitors 60 years of age.

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City Councilmen

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wish to say thanks to our many friends who are thinking of us during the illness of Mrs. Hurt, and wish for them a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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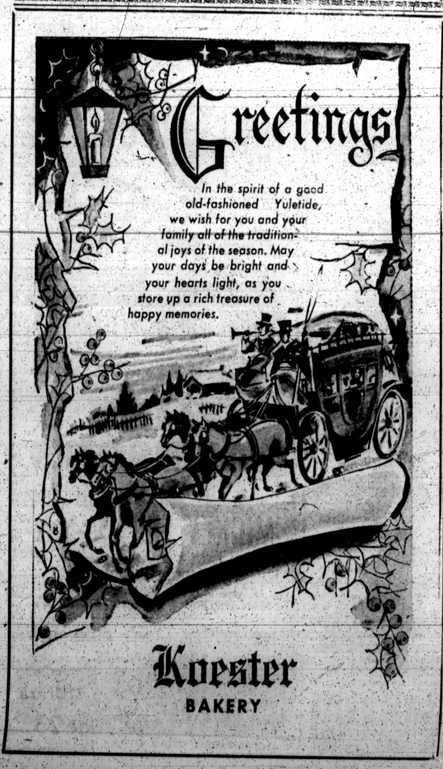

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EDITORS LIST 'BATTLE FOR EQUALITY' TOP '58 STORY

Mackay Sees Issue Continuing In 1959

By CLIFF MACKAY
Editor-in-Chief
AFRO AMERICAN

The continued struggle over public school desegregation highlighted by the unprecedented special term of the United States Supreme Court unquestionably is the No. 1 story of 1958.

It appears that it will also be the top story of 1959.

The historic decision coming from the high tribunal's special session closed more evasion rathole to the Confederates and pointed up to unsuspecting Southern parents how futile were the efforts of the politicians in whom they had placed their faith.

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FURTHER, it called the bluff of Southern governors who had sought to frighten Federal judges by threatening to close public schools if desegregation decrees were issued.

The orders were issued and for the first time white parents found out that "massive resistance" really meant no schools.

There has been a noticeable softening of attitude even among segregation extremists.

The other nine top stories might be rated in this order:

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2. THE KNIFE attack on the Rev. Martin Luther King by a crazed woman in a New York department store, followed by his miraculous recovery.

3. Rep. Adam Clayton Powell's sweeping victory over Tammany Hall in a bitterly fought primary and the deal he made later with that Democratic organization.

4. The brazen defiance of the Federal Civil Rights Commission by Alabama registration officials tied by Governor-elect John Patterson.

5. The admission of Alaska as the 49th state over the bitter opposition of Southern members of Congress.

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6. THE CHICAGO school fire in which 93 lives were lost.

7. The organized dynamiting of schools and synagogues by Southern segregationists, who expanded their targets from colored churches and homes to white institutions.

8. The emergence into world prominence of newly freed nations of Africa, coupled with the rivalry for leadership between Ghana's Nkrumah and Egypt's Nasser.

9. Rising unemployment and at year's end slow improvement in the nation's economic situation.

10. The unbelievable victory of aging Light Heavyweight Champion Archie Moore over young Yvon Durelle after being knocked down four times in the first round.

CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN
Enroute to court, Sept. 11, 1958

NAACP LAWYERS are shown entering the Supreme Court Building on Sept. 11, the day the historic argument of the Little Rock case was heard. They are (left to right) William Taylor, Jack Greenberg, W. T. Coleman and Thurgood Marshall, NAACP chief counsel.

MRS. PHILLIPS PUTS.

Rev. King No. 1 spot of '58 list

By B. M. PHILLIPS

In selecting the 10 best stories for a year, one must examine the meaning of the word "best."

I selected these stories in the following order because they caused the most excitement in our newspaper city room.

With that in mind, number one on the list was the story of the near-fatal attack on the Rev. Martin Luther King, dynamic minister and Montgomery, Ala., boycott leader.

There was disbelief, truly shocked disbelief among hardened newspaper men when the newslip of the attack came in our newspaper office.

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THE SAME was true when news came of the near-fatal auto accident which paralyzed Brooklyn Dodger star Roy Campanella and the indefinite imprisonment of two Monroe, N.C., boys, 8 and 9, for playfully kissing a seven-year-old white playmate.

Here are my 10 best stories—"best" being defined in terms of which caused the most excitement in our newsroom:

1. Assault on the Rev. Martin Luther King.
2. Roy Campanella's accident and successful fight to save his life.
3. Jailing of two small boys for a playful kiss.
4. Victory of Congressman A. Clayton Powell against boss politics.
5. Battle for integration in Little Rock, Virginia, Tuskegee, Ala., and other Dixie areas—particularly as it related to the uphill battle of colored citizens to exercise their right to attend public schools near their homes and vote in city and state elections.
6. Alaska's admission as the 49th state of the Union, and the fact that Alaska has many of the problems we have here at home as explained by AFRO foreign writer Herbert Frisby, whose stories appeared in this newspaper.
7. Death of Pope Pius and the election of Pope John as his successor.
8. The Democratic landslide in the November elections throughout the country.
9. Leadership of Prime Minister Nkrumah for African independence and his visit to the United States.
10. Death of W. C. Handy, father of the blues, who wrote the immortal "St. Louis Blues."

Events abroad, at home linked

By JOSEPH A. SHEPHARD

At home, the year of 1958 was one of increasing tensions.

It saw the South's skirmishes of legal evasion consolidated along a battlefront of lawlessness and defiance.

Abroad, the continuing cold war for the minds of men threatened to boil hot in Lebanon and shells arched between the Chinese mainland and the archipelagic islands of Matsu and Quemoy.

The 10 top stories of 1958 follow. Few were isolated incidents. Most are parts of the continuing struggle for peace and freedom, at home and abroad.

(1) South's war against Federal authority.

(2) Continuing struggle between East and West.

(3) Guinea votes for and gets freedom.

(4) Death of Pius, "the Pope of Peace," succeeded by John XXIII.

(5) School closings in Little Rock and Virginia.

(6) National elections result in Democratic sweep and strengthening of liberal bloc in Congress.

(7) Civil Rights Commission holds hearing in Alabama on vote denials.

(8) Stabbing of Dr. Martin Luther King.

(9) Death of W. C. Handy, "Father of the Blues."

(10) The critical injury and gallant comeback battle of Dodger catcher Roy Campanella.

No top '58 stories, all stem from 1957

By SAMUEL HOSKINS

None of the "big news" stories of the past 12 months were original with 1958.

All were but continuing versions of the "big news" of 1957.

Some stories became bigger, more acute and of added dramatic tensions, thereby producing the illusion of having originated with 1958.

Here are the 1957 stories, bought up to date as the top 10 of 1958:

1. The continuing battle for equality.

This was the '57 'Battle over Little Rock' spreading over the South, over the nation.

2. The Nov. 4 elections and the Democratic landslide.

Basically, was the political manifestation of shifting alliances, economic upheaval and bankrupt coalitions.

3. The stabbing of the Rev. Martin Luther King.

In the warped mentality of Rev. King's attacker, the minister was the personification of the Montgomery Movement which she opposed and tried violently to stop.

4. The economic recession.

The roots of this maladjustment go back as far as 1956.

5. Feats of U.S. atomic submarines and the lunar probes.

Remember the two Russian satellites of 1957?

6. Re-election of Adam Clayton Powell and his triumph over Tammany Hall.

This was a continuation of Powell's 1956 bolt to support President Eisenhower and his 1957 criticism of Dixiecrats.

7. Increasing African nationalism.

This goes back to the 1957 independence of Ghana and the struggle for freedom in Kenya and other African countries.

8. Students' March on Washington.

Here was a junior version of the 1957 pilgrimage to Washington.

9. The Mid-East crisis.

Here was simply another ramification of earlier trouble over the Suez Canal.

10. Roy Campanella's fight for recovery, Althea Gibson's heroic defense of her title, and Archie Moore's heart- and-guts victory over Yvone Durelle.

All right, let's face it. How else should champions perform?

TOP 10 STORIES IN A NUTSHELL

Here are the 10 top stories of 1958 as selected by the AFRO's editorial board:

1. The continuing battle for equality.
2. The Nov. 4 elections which resulted in the Democratic landslide victory.
3. Stabbing of the Rev. Martin Luther King in New York City.
4. Economic recession which resulted in joblessness for millions.
5. The death of Pope Pius XII and the ascension of Pope John XXIII.
6. Feats of U. S. atomic submarines.
7. Re-election of Rep. Adam Clayton Powell in New York and his defeat of the Tammany Hall machine.
8. Sweep of nationalism in Africa and the consequent movement for independence and for freedom.
9. Students' Washington March in support of school desegregation.
10. The Chicago fire which resulted in the death of over 90 school children and nuns.

Year's 'Big Stories' stem from civil rights fight

By ART CARTER

The popular journalistic pastime of picking the "Ten Best Stories of the Year" is becoming increasingly difficult. Any way you look at it, the BIG story year in and year out since 1954, has been the continuing conflict of the Federal government and the defiant southern states over the desegregation issue.

In one phase or another, this seemingly never-ending legal tussle, with occasional violent disturbances, has occupied the major headlines of 1958.

Many of the secondary headlines, too, were related to the desegregation issue or the outgrowth of movements connected with it.

Thus from the impact it produced, the significance it has and the historical importance of its meaning, the special session of the United States Supreme Court and its decision on the Little Rock desegregation order gets my vote as the No. 1 story of 1958.

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NEXT WOULD be the attack on the Rev. Martin Luther King by an apparently "upset" woman in New York City. No. 3 on the list is the victory of Rep. Adam Clayton Powell in the New York election, in which he defeated the powerful machine of Tammany Hall.

Fourth on my list is the depressing and unbelievable long-time jailing of two boys, 8 and 9 years old, for allegedly asking a 7-year-old white girl to kiss them playfully in Monroe, N.C. This added to the many injustices perpetuated in the South and already depicted around the world, was a shocking example of how far certain elements in the South will go to punish colored citizens.

In fifth spot is the courageous fight of Roy Campanella, who slowly is fighting his way back to health after a tragic auto accident which paralyzed him and ended his brilliant baseball career.

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THE VISIT of Ghana's Prime Minister Kwama Nkrumah to the United States and the spectacular fight he and other African leaders are waging for complete independence is next on the list.

Seventh, eighth and ninth in order my choices are stories of the death of Pope Pius XII and the subsequent election of Pope John XXIII to succeed him; the march of 10,000 students and friends on Washington in a plea for school integration, and the record-breaking gridiron feats of Jim Brown of the pro Cleveland Browns.

For the tenth spot, I list the arrest of the Birmingham, Ala. ministers in connection with the bus protest — an act which may result in the big story of 1959.

'Recession' new term for depression

By JACK L. HODGE

The top story of 1958, as I see it, was the "recession," a new, fancy synonym for "depression," created to keep from alarming those affected.

Starting in January, the recession reached its peak with a staggering 5,500,000 unemployed by June — only beginning to level off in August.

Ranking close behind the recession was the battle between the integration and segregation forces.

Although there were some gains in civil rights, Governors J. Lindsay Almond of Virginia and Orval Faubus of Arkansas shocked the nation and world by closing the class rooms to over 10,000 children.

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3. DEMOCRATIC landslide at the polls on Nov. 4.

4. Bombings in the South.

5. The Chicago fire which claimed the lives of 90 children and three Nuns at a Catholic school.

6. An attempt on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King in a Harlem department store by Mrs. Izola Ware Curry.

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7. MOHAWK Airlines hires Miss Ruth Carol Tyler, 25-year-old registered nurse of Queens, N.Y., as America's first colored airline hostess.

8. March on Washington by some 10,000 colored and white school children, protesting segregation.

9. Civil Rights Commission finally goes into operation in June, after 15 months inactivity, with a skeleton staff.

10. The death of Pope Pius XII after a reign of 19 years and the elevation of Angelo Cardinal Roncalli, born of peasant parentage, as Pope John XXIII.

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Democrats high on this list

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

There are so many things that humans do within the span of 365 days.

Trying to isolate the 10 most important stories is about as difficult as trying to place the Atlantic Ocean in the Hudson River without first removing the Hudson.

Well, for better or for worse, here are my selections for the top 10 news stories of 1958.

1. Integration was the biggest news story of the year. Under this heading comes the closing of schools in Virginia and Arkansas, the bombings in the South.

2. The Democratic landslide in November was the biggest news on the political front. The Republicans and there are some still left in the country despite the results of the election, were soundly trounced.

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3. ADAM CLAYTON Powell's smashing defeat of the Tammany Hall machine in New York.

4. In Africa the natives kept getting freer and freer with a number of countries shaking off the bonds of their colonial masters.

5. The Milwaukee Braves broke many a heart and pocketbook, when they had the Yankees down two to nothing in the World Series and couldn't administer the coup-de-grace.

6. The death of Pope Pius brought to an end a glorious career. Here was a man who believed in Christ's teaching that all men are equal. He used his power to make this belief a reality in this temporal world.

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7. AMERICA AND Russia kept the cold war going through another year.

8. The tragic Chicago school fire in which some 90 children lost their lives was perhaps the most tragic story of the year.

9. Backlash produced quite a story in the Rev. Eugene Grove who stood up in the pulpit of the Grace Memorial Baptist Church and confessed that he had committed an indiscretion with a feminine member of the congregation.

10. How can you possibly write a story about the top ten stories without mentioning the hula hoop craze?

There you have my list and it looks like I am stuck with it.

Integration and recession in photo finish—Lacy

By SAM LACY

Two stories hold equal significance in this writer's evaluation of news breaks of 1958.

They would be the national recession and the over-all study of integration.

There are many reasons why these would take precedence over others.

Chief among these reasons are the very obvious facts that I am a colored person and an American citizen; that is, insofar as colored persons can boast of citizenship in some sections of the country.

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THE RECESSION, which is nothing less than an Administration coinage to escape use of the word "depression," had a tremendous effect on the economy of the nation.

And any time the economy is affected, any time there is widespread unemployment and heavy use of the breadline, the colored man is prominent in the picture.

Some aspect of the integration story has held the front pages of the country every week of the 52 in the year passed.

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THE REAFFIRMATION of the 1954 decision by the Supreme Court, the bull-headed stubbornness of Southern diehards in the face of continual setbacks, and the reprehensible closing of schools to avoid admittance of colored children, are only a few of the many stages through which the integration story passed.

Archie Moore's heart-throbbing defense of the world light-heavyweight title, Jim Brown's smashing of the all-time yardgaining record in pro football in only his second year, and Ernie Banks' acquisition of the "most valuable player" award despite playing on a second-division team in the National League.

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THESE WERE the third, fourth and fifth ranking stories in the eyes of this observer.

Sixth, seventh and eighth in importance were the progress made in nuclear study (problems of outer space and unveiling of atomic submarines), the bombing violence which victimized schools and places of worship, and Althea Gibson's second consecutive sweep in world tennis.

Listed ninth is the heart-warming story involving the tremendous comback battle waged by Roy Campanella from the brink of total paralysis.

And No. 10, was the victory scored by Adam Clayton Powell in the first head-on clash between a colored man and New York's famed Tammany Hall.

High Court tops Wells' '58 list

By RUFUS WELLS

RICHMOND, Va. — My choice for the ten top news stories of 1958 is as follows:

1. The U.S. Supreme Court's reaffirmation and clarification of its 1954 school desegregation decision.

2. Rep. Adam Clayton Powell's decisive defeat of Tammany Hall.

3. The stabbing of Dr. Martin Luther King.

4. Employment of hostesses and other personnel by some airlines.

5. The vest pocket war on Formosa.

6. The crisis in Lebanon and landing of U.S. Marines there.

7. The economic war being waged at Tuskegee, Ala.

8. Alabama defiance of the United States Supreme Court.

9. Violence by juveniles, as exemplified by bathtub double murders in Richmond, Va., and drownings of playmates by a boy in New York City.

10. The growing nationalism sweeping African nations.

Perhaps the most significant story of the year was the long-awaited announcement by the United States Supreme Court. This served notice on the world that there would be no backing down from the momentous decision of 1954. It was encouragement for democracy-loving people all over the world.

The military crises—Lebanon and Formosa—are important because they could have easily ignited a world-wide nuclear war.

Powell's victory in Harlem dramatically demonstrated the power of the ballot and proved that political machines are not invincible.

Three stories tie for 1st place here

CHESTER M. HAMPTON

The first three of my "top 10" stories are actually tied for first place.

I think that they are equally important. The biggest news anywhere, anytime will be the colored American's winning full citizenship.

Any major events contributing to this end are proportionately important.

The first three events listed below will, I feel, contribute a great deal to the fight for freedom by dispelling some of the disinterested apathy that most persons in the country seemed to be living under until this fall.

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THE CLOSING of the schools in Arkansas and Virginia awakened more interest in the nation than anything before. It also stirred up national indignation.

The bombing of schools and synagogues (instead of "merely" efforts at persons' homes and churches) opened the eyes of the nation to the true nature of the southern "massive resister" — "rule or ruin."

Finally, the mule-headed defiance of Federal authority by the Alabama officials further pointed up the kind of persons we're dealing with.

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By causing a wider interest in the basic question of civil rights, these three events will result in a growing demand by the nation for firm handling of such cases by the federal government.

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MY TOP 10 stories are:

1. Virginia and Arkansas closed schools rather than integrate as ordered.

2. Segregationists bombed schools and synagogues, causing loss of property not confined to colored persons.

3. Alabama officials refused to surrender vote records to Civil Rights Commission investigators.

4. African nations are throwing off the yoke of colonialism. They envision a "United States of Africa" — a federation of free African nations.

5. Colored persons are advancing politically. There are 100,000 registered to vote in Baltimore. There is a south-wide registration drive sponsored by the NAACP aimed at procuring 3 million voters.

6. The cold war between the West (principally, the United States) and Russia continues —object: the millions of "uncommitted" Asians and Africans.

7. The United States "shoots for the moon" and uses atomic motive power (in the Submarine Nautilus) for the first time.

8. Marian Anderson broke United Nations precedent by telling the Assembly that the words she spoke were those of the United States Department of State — not her own. (On the question of colonialism in Africa.)

9. Dr. Martin Luther King was stabbed by a mentally unbalanced woman.

10. Colored athletes who this year have raised their sports to new standards of excellence: Althea in tennis, Archie Moore and Sugar Ray in boxing, and a host of tan players in football, basketball and baseball—college and professional.

Dixie violence rings bell

By BAKER E. MORTEN

Reactionary and violent opposition to school integration and deplorable manifestations of anti-semitism, marked by school, church and synagogue bombings, is the number one story of 1958.

The following are the nine other selections.

1. The rejection of a French constitution by Guinea.

2. The Dec. 8 probe by the newly created Civil Rights Commission into alleged vote purges in Alabama.

4. The death of Pope Pius XII and the ascension to the papacy of Pope John XXIII.

5. The November elections in respect to the number of colored and liberal candidates chosen, was a most significant development in 1958.

6. The Youth March on Washington this year in protest of public school segregation figured high in events of 1958.

7. The closing of schools in Arkansas and Virginia to circumvent integration in disobedience to the courts stands out as the acme of defiance to law this year.

8. Roy Campanella's heroic fight for recovery.

9. The arrests and intimidation of ministers in the South.

10. And of course, the recession.

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