



SAVE AND HAIRCUT prices don't effect these rugged Pennsylvanians who started a friendly rivalry in 1942 when razor blades were hard to get. Since August of that year neither Joe Kindig (left) nor Karl Ort have been to a barber shop. They claim that this is as long as their hair will grow.

Vietminh in Indo-China Not To Be Taken Lightly

Depending upon the turn of events at Geneva next week, Indo-China may be barely outside the grasp of international communism. That was reported by William L. Ryan who today discusses the strength of the Vietminh military forces which spearhead the Communist campaign. Ryan toured Indo-China this month, then returned to Singapore to write his findings free of censorship.

By WILLIAM L. RYAN

SINGAPORE (CP)—A cluster of Tonkinese peasants watched stolidly as our jeep drove by. Their faces were inscrutable under their big, round, pointed straw hats.

"These people," said a French officer, "maybe they are Vietminh. Maybe they are not. One never knows."

"Who are the Vietminh? Where are they? Who knows? They are everywhere."

HEAVILY GUARDED

That is why, in the Tonkin delta area of north Indo-China, everything that might possibly be damaged by sabotage is heavily guarded by armed wire and watched by armed guards.

The French admit that inside Hanoi, capital of Tonkin, there are at least two armed battalions of Vietminh in hiding, ready to rise when and if the signal is given.

The French nominally control all the delta area, an expanse of swampy ricefields and dense forests surrounding 5,400 villages and harboring 7,000,000 persons. But Gen. Rene Cogny, French commander in north Indo-China, an outstanding and colorful officer, says the Vietminh in this area has 30 battalions of regular troops, 15 "regional" battalions, 100 "district" companies

and about 50,000 guerrillas.

VILLAGERS TERRORIZED

They hold more than 2,000 villages in the delta and terrorize at least another 2,000.

The Vietminh has forces scattered all through Viet Nam, though almost none in the neighboring associated states of Laos and Cambodia. Saigon, a comfortable modern city which you'd hardly guess from a glance is the nerve centre of a nation at war, often experiences "attente" attacks on its outskirts, particularly in the heavily Chinese area of Cholon. An "attente" attack is simply a foray to show the Vietminh are still around.

"The Viet is a dam good soldier," a tough French parachute troop noncom said. "He can march harder and longer than any soldier in the world and on less food."

Total mobilization has been enforced in the areas controlled by the Vietminh. The army is organized in a sort of ladder. At the top are the regulars, the main striking arm. These are the best trained and best equipped. There are seven divisions of regulars in all, or about 110,000 men.

Some French authorities say the Vietminh has reached the maximum number it can recruit in this way.

The Vietminh are having other troubles. They have a problem of supply. Heavy weapons and supplies for the Dien Bien Phu assault have been coming by trucks. Molotov trucks shipped down from Russia through China. But soon the rains will be coming, the steady pelting monsoon rains of Southeast Asia. Already it has been raining in the northwest. In a few weeks the rains will become torrents and will cut roads much better than air attack could.

Not Even McCarthy's Enemies Willing To Bet Against Him

By PAUL PETT

MADISON, Wis. (CP)—After all the furious debate, how strong is Senator Joseph McCarthy in Wisconsin today?

He will not come up for reelection until 1958. But, if he were running this year, could he win again where it counts most, among the people who already have given him two Senate terms?

Seeking the answers I talked with political figures, editors and people on both sides of the McCarthy fence. I found no one, even among the senator's bitterest opponents, who was ready to bet that he couldn't win reelection this year.

At a recent meeting, at which organizational plans were made for the "Joe Must Go" movement, reporters found that a heavy majority of the 500 people present were Democrats to begin with. Many people believe that if anyone is going to lick McCarthy in his own state, it will have to be a Republican, in a primary.

'52 PRIMARY DECISIVE

In the 1952 Republican primary, McCarthy won in a six-man field with 515,489 votes. His nearest Republican opponent, Leonard F. Schmitt, got 213,701 out of a total Republican vote of 759,000. The total vote in the Democratic primary, with only two men running, was 181,000.

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Pair Facing Murder Charge

VANCOUVER (CP)—Two men were charged with murder Monday night in connection with the fatal beating of a 55-year-old man in the skidroad area of the city during the week-end.

Charged are Alex Nisbet, 38-year-old miner and 54-year-old laborer Neil McFarlane both of Vancouver.

Victim of the brutal slaying, in which police allege a bottle was used to inflict fatal head injuries, was Leger Grosjean, 55, of Vancouver.

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BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD



Habitual Suit-Switchers Will Not Win Many Games

After some weird bidding, Miss Brash got into a four-heart contract. And after some weird defense, she made it.

Here is another example of what you may expect if you have the habit of switching suits every time you gain the lead.

There is no criticism of Mr. Muzzy's choice of the four of spades as his opening lead. With a good four-card trump holding it is often advantageous to open your longest suit. This is done in the hope of forcing declarer to ruff until his own holding in trumps is no longer than yours.

WINS FIRST TRICK

Miss Brash promptly won the first trick with dummy's ace of spades. She returned the queen of hearts and let it ride, Mr. Muzzy winning with the king.

Now Mr. Muzzy figured Miss Brash for a singleton spade. If he led another spade and she played the ten from the board, it appeared that she could ruff out Mr. Abel's king and set up the queen for a discard. True, another spade lead would have given Miss Brash a trick. But it would not have given her the contract.

MUZZY SWITCHES

A small heart or a club return also would have been safe. But

North dealer
Neither side vulnerable
North (Mrs. Keen)
S-A Q 10
H-Q 10
D-K 6 3 2
C-A K Q 7

West (Mr. Muzzy)
S-J 9 7 4 3
H-K J 4 3
D-Q 9
C-8 6

East (Mr. Abel)
S-K 8 5 2
H-6 2
D-A 10 4
C-9 5 4 2

South (Miss Brash)
S-6
H-A 9 8 7 5
D-J 8 7 5
C-J 10 3

The bidding:
North East South West
1 C Pass 1 H Pass
2 NT Pass 3 H Pass
4 H All Pass

with that optimism which is a part of every chronic "switcher's" make-up, Mr. Muzzy unfailingly turned to the diamond suit. Partner might have ace, jack, ten. He led the queen, the king covered and Mr. Abel's ace won.

The four of diamonds was returned and Miss Brash won with the jack. She entered dummy with the ace of clubs, led back the ten of hearts and took the finesse. Again Mr. Muzzy was in and again he switched—this time, back to spades. He had somehow formed the conclusion that Miss Brash had a second spade after all.

This was fatal. Dummy's ten forced out the king and Miss Brash ruffed. She took two rounds of trumps and was then able to get rid of both of her losing diamonds—one on dummy's fourth club and one on the queen of spades.

Restaurant Men To See Bonner

VANCOUVER (CP)—A delegation of Vancouver restaurant men plan to visit Attorney-General Bonner in Victoria later this week.

A spokesman said they plan to seek clarification of the mixed up status of liquor regulations announced Col. Don McGugan, head of the liquor control board. Col. McGugan told cafe men that they would get only dining-room licences entitling them to sell beer and wine with meals.

The restaurant men want to know where they stand in the issue of licences for the sale of cocktails.

When the Liquor act was passed, it was generally believed restaurants would be granted licences to serve cocktails.

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Sloppy Pilots Getting Goat If Careless

NORTH LUFFENHAM, England (CP)—Careless pilots at this RCAF jet fighter base in Rutland get the commanding officer's goat-literally.

Duchess, a small, white goat of serene nature and enormous appetite, is ceremoniously presented at the end of each month to the squadron with the highest accident record. For four-weeks the squadron is charged with her care and feeding.

The station commander, Group Capt. J. D. Sommerville of Toronto, devised the scheme for keeping Luffenham's three squadrons on their extra caution to avoid receiving "the highly derogatory order of the goat."

A basic rule is — at Duchess must be grazed outside the quarters of the offending squadron's commanding officer.

One of Duchess' recent hosts complained:

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