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Rebel Guns Plaster Fortress; French Renew Allied Aid Plea

U.S. Help Depends On Alliance

PARIS (AP)—France canvassed her major allies for fresh aid to stave off defeat at Dien Bien Phu today.

The best it could do was a reported possibility that the United States might consider sending forces to Indo-China if the proposed southeast Asia alliance is formed.

LONDON (AP)—Admiral Arthur Radford, chairman of the U.S. joint chiefs of staff, flew unexpectedly to London today for talks with Prime Minister Churchill and Britain's military high command on the Indo-Chinese situation.

The London talks came on the heels of a reported French plea to Britain and the United States for urgent military help in Indo-China.

Canucks Learn Battle Tactics

SOLTAU, Germany (AP)—Infantrymen and tankmen of the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade are learning battle co-operation in this former Wehrmacht training area in the British zone of Germany.

A troop of four Centurion tanks from D squadron, Lord Strathcona's Horse, a company of infantrymen from the 2nd battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, this week held the first of a series of field exercises to be undertaken by the brigade during the next month.

Thirty-Three Die in Plunge

LIMA, Peru (AP)—Thirty-three persons were killed and nine badly injured when a truck carrying 47 persons plunged over a 100-foot cliff into the swollen Santa river. The driver leaped to safety a moment before the truck began its fatal plunge.



OLD JOHN WRIGHT makes friends with 30-year-old whistling swans and Miner Bird Sanctuary at Kingsville, Ont. Established by the late Jack Miner internationally known sanctuary enters its 50th year this spring. It was one of the sanctuaries in North America.

at's First Budget Forecasts Expenditures of Nearly \$1,000,000

Developments yet to be undertaken. The district of Kitimat—site of the Aluminum Company of Canada's new smelter—was incorporated a year ago and a municipal council elected.

First year operation was based on loans from the provincial government. "These estimates bear little or no relationship to last year's expenditures," Mr. Henderson told council.

He said the budget had been prepared to meet the need for rapid development, bearing in mind "action, flexibility, and economy."

"There is today a major and urgent task ahead of the municipality in starting up—in building, in providing services and operations, in changing... from a construction camp to an urban community."

Major capital expenditures include purchase of new equipment and construction of streets and utilities.



WHAT NEXT! — First it was automobile windshields; now it's spectacles that are being peppered with mysterious pock marks. The rash of "glasspox" alleged to have left pock marks on hundreds of windshields across Canada spread to William Vandewater's glasses. The North Vancouver electric company foreman claims the incident occurred while talking to fellow workers. Several theories for the phenomenon have been advanced, but the mystery remains unsolved.

WEST CO-EXISTENCE... SAYS MALENKOV

(Reuters)—Premier Georgi Malenkov made an surprise speech in the Supreme Soviet today in which he expressed his belief in the co-existence of communism as well as increased trade between the two nations.

to the Council of Nationalities, he declared there should be certain lessening in world tension as a result of peace-loving peoples.

also attacked the European Defence Community, which was aimed at a revival of German militarism. He urged the adoption of Russia's proposal for collective security.

Castlegar Project... Lumber Production

Substantial work has been made in the region by Celgar Company, West-coast president and vice-president and said here today.

Small independent sawmill operations with their timber holdings and licences were purchased and now provide long term employment security and stability for the area.

Lumber production, despite poor condition of the lumber market, was doubled since Celgar applied for a forest management licence.

Analysis of freight rates, water, available power and fuel was made and various types of suitable manufacturing plants have been studied.

Case Saturday

Leask, charged to remain at the residence, was released Saturday at the residence, Mrs. Willa Leask appeared before D. Vance to ask for the accused's release. The charge was the sideswipe from 99 Taxi late



THAT'S LIFE—Emmett Kelly, the famed clown who never found life very funny, seems to be allowing tiny Roy Fredonia a peek into his sunny world. Maybe it's nothing that deep, but the eight-month-old youngster—the son of circus acrobats—pays polite attention, anyway. Roy's mother and father joined the Ringling Brothers & Barnum and Bailey Circus after emigrating from Germany. Roy was born in Toledo, Ohio.

West Pessimistic Despite Favorable Start at Geneva

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP)—Pessimistic western foreign ministers faced the communists today for their first big power conference with Red China. Most of them were reported expecting little progress toward settlements either for Korea or Indo-China.

After a 20-minute session, the conference adjourned and Foreign Secretary Eden of Britain announced: "All the procedure is agreed. We meet tomorrow to start."

Before the historic meetings began in the old League of Nations building, Eden and Foreign Minister Molotov had come to a surprise agreement on one phase of the delicate question of the status of Red China at the conference table.

Russia has insisted the Peiping regime be treated as an equal of the Big Four but the United States has adamantly opposed giving communist China that status.

The agreement worked out by Eden and Molotov was to designate Prince Wan of Thailand to take the chair at the opening session. Molotov will preside Tuesday, Eden on Wednesday,

after which the three will rotate the chairmanship.

Eden described the agreement on procedure at this afternoon's brief conference meeting as "very good."

"You can all smile and be happy," he told correspondents. A Canadian delegate said that the swift agreement on chairmanship is an indication that delegates are eager to get down to business as quickly as possible.

The chairmanship arrangement was approved at a meeting among the countries which took part in the Korea war against the communists. Canada was represented by External Affairs Minister Pearson and Chester Ronning, Canadian minister to Norway and Iceland.

The decision to rotate the chairmanship among three countries neatly skirts possible conflicts. If the chair had been shared by the big four, communist China would have been offended. If China had been included, making a big five, the United States would have objected.

As things stand, Britain and Russia both are represented, while Prince Wan is considered to be acceptable to the Americans.

Quake Jolts Wide Area In California

WATSONVILLE, Calif. (AP)—Central California's strongest earthquake in nearly two years jolted a 150-mile stretch along the coast Sunday, frightening thousands, causing widespread minor damage to buildings and temporarily blocking a highway east of here.

A panicked crowd of some 500 rushed for the doorways of a dog show at the fair grounds five miles north of here, bruising an unidentified 16-year-old girl. She was the only injury reported.

Defenders Prepare For Death Struggle

HANOI, Indo-China (AP)—Dien Bien Phu reeled under violent Vietminh bombardment today but the French said the rebels still held off their long-expected third mass assault to engulf the battered northwest Indo-China fortress.

The tightly-packed French Union defenders, driven into a cluster of fortifications less than a mile and a quarter across, were in an "extremely serious but not desperate" position, the French reported Sunday night. Today they said the situation is "unchanged."

Informants in radio contact with isolated encircled plain said the morale of the garrison troops was "sky high" as they braced themselves for the bloody hand-to-hand fighting they hoped desperately would hold back another all-out enemy attempt to sway the Geneva conference on Asian problems.

The rebels levelled their heaviest mortar and artillery fire on the northwestern corner of the shrunken Dien Bien Phu redoubt. This was an attempt to rip bigger holes in the crumbling defences in the northwest, opening a floodgate for the masses of Vietminh infantry waiting to sweep down from the surrounding hill.

The French command said the rebels maintained their "pressure" on their new defence line in that sector, establishing about 300 feet due south of the rebel trenches. But, the French said, the attackers had not been able to infiltrate the line Sunday night and were still 600 yards from Brig-Gen. Christian de Castries command headquarters.

A Vietminh broadcast heard in Hanoi said the opposing forces will be "face to face very soon" in a death struggle.

Chief Asks Co-Operation On Burning

Fire Chief Earl Becker issued his annual plea for residents who wish to burn rubbish outdoors to phone the fire department and ask permission.

The request came in the wake of two more grass fires Saturday afternoon which sent the fire department hurrying out in answer to alarms. First was at 1 p.m. Saturday afternoon when firemen were called to the 500 block of West Ninth avenue to a spot where it is believed that youngsters had had a small camp fire burning. The fire had been left and it had spread to dry grass. The second call, which came just as the fire truck was returning to the firehall, came from the home of T. W. Brown, 407 West Fifth avenue, where a rubbish fire had also got out of hand.

Chief Becker said that if people wishing to burn rubbish would ask permission, firemen would be forewarned. Saturday's grass fires brought to six the number attended by the fire department in the last week.

CPA, Union Ships On Daylight Time

Canadian Pacific Airlines and Union Steamships Ltd. are both operating on Daylight Saving Time or city time, it was announced today.

The CPA flights, which are now scheduled for seven days a week leave at 10:45 a.m. city time and arrive in Vancouver at 3:50 p.m. DST. The return flight leaves Vancouver at 8:30 DST and arrives back at Seal Cove at 1:45 city time.

The two regular Union Steamship vessels, Camosun and Coquitlam which arrive Thursdays and Saturdays, sail from here at 8 p.m. city time on both days. However, the Chilcotin which will arrive here May 31 on its first Alaska cruise will operate on standard time.

Pair Rescued When Tuna Boat Explodes, Burns

VANCOUVER (AP)—A fisherman and his 18-year-old daughter were rescued from their flaming tuna boat Sunday after a battery explosion set it afire off the Fraser river mouth.

Taken off a life raft alongside the Molown No. 2 were W. C. Rideout and his daughter Pat, of Vancouver.

They were rescued by the two-man crew of the fishboat Vicky May.

Father Seeks Missing Son



JOHN EDWARD HUDDLESTON

The 20-year-old youth shown above has been missing from his Vancouver rooming house since December 20, 1953, according to information received from his father, Edward Huddleston of Lantzville, Vancouver Island. Mr. Huddleston says that his five-foot eight-inch son has dark brown hair and weighs about 135 pounds. The youth may be suffering from loss of memory and perhaps working in this district under another name. The father asks that anyone with knowledge of the youth's whereabouts get in touch with the RCMP, the Missing Persons Bureau, Vancouver or E. Huddleston, in Lantzville, phone Nanaimo 772-R3.

New Zealand Relaxes Curbs For Imports

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (CP)—The New Zealand government today announced a slight relaxation of control on imports from Canada and the United States and importers saw the move as a hopeful sign for eventual resumption of full-scale trade with the two countries.

Commerce and industries minister J. M. Watts announced that funds allocated for dollar imports have been increased by 20 per cent for the current year to approximately \$20,000,000 for use in either the United States or Canada.

This means Canadian salmon will re-enter the New Zealand market in competition with Russian and Japanese supplies.

The allocations included approximately \$600,000 for canned fish and it is expected to be used almost entirely for Canadian salmon, a favorite on the New Zealand market before the second world war.

Substantial supplies of salmon have been entering the market recently from Russia and Japan.

Police Chief Defends System Of Promotions

VANCOUVER (CP)—Police Chief Walter Mulligan of Vancouver has defended his promotion program for the city's 637-member force against union charges that his policies have caused the lowest morale in years.

The question of promotion was the main issue at a continuing arbitration board hearing on a 1954 contract.

The union is asking pay increases, equal pay for police-women, city paid coverage under a medical plan and more holidays.

When union chief Fred Dougherty charged that men with seniority often found themselves taking orders from junior men, Mulligan said promotions are based on reports sifted through by himself, the assistant chief, four branch superintendents, and brought to the commission for approval.



TELEVISION STAR J. FRED MUGGS samples some of his birthday cake after decorating himself with it while appearing before the TV cameras. Mr. Muggs was celebrating (and how!) his second birthday.

WEATHER

Forecast

North coast region — Clear along the mainland and a few clouds elsewhere today and Tuesday. Little change in temperature. Wind northerly 15 except northeast 25 gusty in some mainland inlets. Low tonight and high Tuesday at Port Hardy, 32 and 48; Sandspit, 34 and 46; Prince Rupert, 30 and 46.