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## Pincer Attack Launched By Rebels In Indo-China

### Vietminh Forces Enter Cambodia

By LARRY ALLEN

HANOI, Indo-China (AP)—The Vietminh today threw thousands of fresh troops into a two-pronged pincer attack on besieged Dien Bien Phu, smashing repeatedly at both the northwestern and southeastern approaches to the heart of the French Union Indo-China bastion.

A brief French communique said the defenders had "violently counter-attacked" against the Communist-led rebels each time they rushed at the two corners of the hill-encircled plain 175 miles west of Hanoi.

There was savage hand-to-hand fighting as the French forces repeatedly beat back the rebels trying to break through into the plain's headquarters centre.

An Agence France-Press dispatch today said regular Vietminh troops have crossed the frontier from Laos into Cambodia in Indo-China and that fighting is going on between the Communist-led rebels and Cambodian forces.

Results of the fighting are not yet known, the dispatch from Phnom Penh, capital of Cambodia, said. The report said this was the first time Vietminh regulars had penetrated Cambodian territory.

As the second major Vietminh attempt to overwhelm Dien Bien Phu raged on its third day, the fighting was so furious that the French had no chance to estimate the losses on either side. They had said earlier that the rebels lost some 2,000 of their estimated 40,000 attackers in the first 48 hours of the renewed assault.

The attack on the northwest was the first in that sector of the current drive on the fortress, though the rebels in their first mass frontal attack on the plain three weeks ago had taken two posts in the centre of the

northern defence perimeter. The French admitted Thursday night that they had lost three eastern outposts, but said the heart and main arteries of the bastion were still intact.

In today's assaults, the Vietminh followed their usual pattern of widely screaming charges, hurling grenades, firing rifles, pistols and machine-guns and swinging long-bladed knives in hand-to-hand combat with the French Union defenders.

### Brown Queries Wicks' Worth As Minister

VICTORIA (CP)—Bruce Brown (L-Prince Rupert) wants to know if Labor Minister Lyle Wicks thinks he is worth the \$13,500 he earned last year.

Speaking during the discussion of the minister's salary in the legislature, Mr. Brown said the minister had received two indemnities of \$3,000 each for two sittings of the house last year plus a salary of \$7,500.

"Does the honorable minister think he's worth it?" he asked.

The question was greeted with cries of shame from the government benches.

"That's pulling politics down to a new low," cried one member.

Chairman A. S. Matthews instructed the member to withdraw the question because it was not suitable.

### Labor Minister Under Fire; House Hears Plea on H-Bomb

VICTORIA (CP)—The government Thursday got a taste of what it can expect when it introduces its new labor acts in the legislature.

During the debate on the minister of labor's salary in the legislature opposition members fired question after question at Labor Minister Lyle Wicks and debate got heated in several instances.

Premier Bennett unexpectedly adjourned the debate at 10:30 p.m., early compared to most of the night sittings of the last two weeks, and after the sitting charged the opposition with "obstructionist tactics" and said the house would likely sit after Easter.

Earlier CCF Opposition Leader Arnold Webster made a forceful plea for the end of hydrogen bomb tests.

Leo Nimsick (CCF-Cranbrook) wanted to know if the Labor Relations Board had issued certifications for unions in Kitimat that had no members.

MADE MISTAKE  
Liberal Leader Laing criticized the part-time labor relations board and said the government had made its greatest mistake in changing it from the full-time board which had the confidence of the people.

CCF members criticized as undemocratic the government policy of appointing labor members to the Industrial Relations Board without first referring to labor.

### RCN Receives New Flagship

VICTORIA (CP)—The Royal Canadian Navy bought its newest and most modern ship Wednesday.

After several days of trials and a full day of severe tests by high ranking naval officers, the mine-sweeper HMCS Comox was turned over to the navy by officials of the Victoria Machinery Depot where it has been under construction for more than two years.

The Comox will become the flagship of the Pacific coast's new minesweeper squadron and will be under the command of Cmdr. J. V. Steele, who will also command the 2nd Canadian minesweeping squadron to be based at Esquimalt.

### U.S. Rapped For Rebuff To Russia

LONDON (AP)—Two leading British newspapers criticized the United States state department today for haste in rebuffing Russia before consulting the Western Allies on the surprise Soviet bid to join up with NATO.

The editorial comments followed a debate in Parliament Thursday in which Foreign Secretary Eden echoed the U.S. rejection of the Soviet offer and Labor member Herbert Morrison demanded that the Western Allies get together in the future before taking decisions on Russian offers affecting them jointly.

The Times agreed that the Russian bid, contained in identical notes Foreign Minister Molotov handed in Moscow to envoys of the U.S., Britain and France Wednesday, was a further attempt to wreck the proposed European Defence Community.

But the independent paper added: "The automatic rejection which Mr. Molotov's note drew from the state department is no substitute for consultations among all governments concerned. In his more temperate comment yesterday in the House of Commons Mr. Eden showed such consultations were expedient."

### SHOT FROM HIP

The News Chronicle, a Liberal paper, said the state department "shot from the hip" and "did so apparently without much thought to the alarm and resentment this sort of technique must create among the North Atlantic treaty powers at a time when some of the implications of the lone American journey with the H-bomb are already straining Western nerves."

France has issued no official comment on the Soviet bid yet, but high-level sources have echoed the British and U.S. feelings about the aims of Molotov's note. One French source said the offer was "like a pyromaniac wanting to become a fireman."

### Judges Name Finalists In Oratory Test

Pat Lemon and Georgina Mitchell were named finalists in the Rotary-sponsored public speaking contest staged yesterday in the Booth Memorial High School activity room, in which six students competed.

Pat and Georgina will compete in finals at the Rotary Club luncheon next Thursday, with the winner receiving an expenses-paid trip to Ottawa.

The two Grade 11 finalists in the "Adventures in Citizenship" speaking contest, both chose the history of Prince Rupert as their topic.

Other competitors were Barbara Doumont, Grade 12, speaking on history and development of Rupert; George Henry, Grade 12, importance of extra-curricular activities in high school; Elsa Insulander, Grade 11, the story of cellulose; Madeline Sklapy, Grade 11, importance of extra-curricular activities in high school.

Judges were W. H. Hankinson, P. F. P. Bird and R. G. Moore, all of the Rotary Club, and Fred Aston of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

OTTAWA (CP)—The Duchess of Kent and her 17-year-old daughter, Princess Alexandra, will visit Canada in August and September. Government House announced today.



## RCAF 1924-1954

### Thirty Years of Progress

TIMES HAVE CHANGED since 1924 and nowhere is that more apparent than in the field of aviation. Celebrating its 30th birthday April 1, the RCAF shows some of the old and some of the new in Canadian flying. UPPER LEFT, standing well back, crewmen are ready to start one of the old-time flying machines, using a long "rope-starter" tied to its wooden propeller. UPPER RIGHT, Air Marshal C. Roy Slemmon, one of the original members of the Air Force, as he looks today as Chief of the Air Staff. ON THE LEFT, a comparison of flying suits with the old woolen type of the open-cockpit day contrasting sharply with the latest in RCAF "G" suits. LOWER LEFT, worn by jet-fighter pilots. LOWER RIGHT, the RCAF's powerful all-weather fighter, the CF-100 Canuck gets a tune-up before taking off on a patrol flight in Canada. From an original strength of less than 400 all ranks, the RCAF today has a peacetime strength of more than 45,000 men and women serving from coast to coast, and in France, England and Germany.

### Air Cadet Advantages Outlined

Fathers of Prince Rupert air cadets were given a first-hand account of the training that their boys are receiving when the squadron held its first father and son banquet last night. The occasion marked the 13th year of air cadet activities in Canada and the 30th anniversary of the RCAF.

To the large number of men and boys present, the squadron's commanding officer, Flying Officer Douglas McLean, described the training syllabus and the numerous opportunities for

advanced cadets to go on to leadership instruction. He pointed out that each year the squadron recommends a few boys for flying training scholarships. Those who are successful receive 30 hours of free flying instruction, which locally is carried out in conjunction with the Aero Club. They are then eligible for their private pilot's licence.

Last year two boys in the squadron, Stan Kaardal and Ron Black, were awarded these scholarships and have since received their squadron wings for completing the course. This year six more Prince Rupert air cadets have been recommended.

F/O McLean pointed out that another opportunity of special interest is the senior leaders' course, which last year was completed by air cadet Roy Pedersen. This involves seven weeks of summer training designed to prepare cadets for future positions as squadron officers and instructors. Successful cadets receive a bonus of \$100 in addition to having all their normal living expenses taken care of while on the course.

Summer camp and overseas exchange visits were other attractive features of the air cadet movement described by F/O McLean. He emphasized that the Prince Rupert squadron is training hard to make a good showing and complimented the boys on their efforts. In addition, he

paid tribute to the training staff composed of F/O Stan Petrow, F/O R. Goodlad, F/O Norm Hayward, Sid Collins and Doug Haig.

He explained that plans were being made to obtain separate quarters for the squadron and urged fathers to give all the assistance they could in this direction.

Among other speakers, Senior Cadet Pedersen gave an account of his experiences in the senior leaders' course.

"I am glad I joined the squadron," he said. "I've enjoyed the work, and the fun that goes with it. If there are any other fellows who are thinking of joining, I suggest they go right ahead and do it."

Chairman J. F. Magor pointed out that two of the fathers present each had two boys in the squadron. They were Tony Toth, with his sons Steve and Tony, and Erling Pedersen with his boys, Roy and Robert. Mr. Magor drew attention to the fact that whether or not air cadets go on to enlist in the RCAF, their experience in the squadron will always be to their advantage.

Pat Deane, a member of the sponsoring committee, described the work of the Aero Club which provides flying training for the cadets. He expressed the hope that a good number of those recommended for flying scholarships this year will be accepted.

Don Ritchie led the group in songs, with Cadet-Roy Seiber at the piano.

### ADD CENT FOR EVERY 20 TO FIGURE NEW SALES TAX

VICTORIA (CP)—Here's an easy way to remember what sales tax to charge on taxable purchases—add one cent for every 20 cents starting at 15 cents.

The tax on 15 to 29 cents is one cent; from 30 to 49 cents, two cents; from 50 to 69 cents, three cents; from 70 to 89 cents, four cents; from 90 to \$1.09, five cents; from \$1.10 to \$1.29, six cents; and so on.

The tax on purchases from \$1.30 to \$2.10 is 10 cents; on \$2.10 to \$3.09, 15 cents; on \$3.10 to \$4.09, 20 cents and from \$4.10 to \$5.09, 25 cents.

### Sians Great Bid Ban

ON (AP)—Moscow said today the bomb has increased the need for an international ban on atomic

cast, quoting the party organ Pravda, the surprise bid to North Atlantic Treaty to "the fact that the power of the atom is incessantly increasing in addition to this, the power has surpassed the power of the atom."

now broadcast said raised key questions of international relations whose most important element is universal preventing a new war and represent under circumstances a partner to the peoples." "S.R." it added, "will insist upon the necessity of a substantial reduction of armaments and armed forces for reaching an agreement which would ensure that energy is not used for destruction and mass death of people. The international efforts to be made."

today there was a Prime Minister cabinet will consider any motion asking the government to take a high-level delegation to the peoples of Britain, the United States and Russia to discuss the control of nuclear weapons.

himself has repeatedly still wants an international ban on atomic weapons—but at the time he will address the Commons Monday on the H-bomb. The debate on the H-bomb will be held on the H-bomb. The debate on the H-bomb will be held on the H-bomb.

### Sioux Arrives in Port Bringing Three Navy Boxers

of three tours in the Canadian HMCS Sioux arrived at the port harbor and departed afterwards this at the CNR dock.

captained by Cmdr. OBE, (CD) RCN, a routine training exercise with it three boxers who are to take part in a technical competition in the Civic Center tomorrow night.

are Able Bodied Seaman Ketcheson, and Orman Art Ryan and Ketcheson, Canadian champion will be entertained by the 1954 Golden Gloves titleholder in the event tomorrow night. The technical competition will be held in the Civic Center tomorrow night.

are Sports officer and trainer Jerry Ward, who are in charge of the boxing team. They will meet the 1954 Golden Gloves titleholder in the event tomorrow night. The technical competition will be held in the Civic Center tomorrow night.