

GIs-to-Indochina Question Churns Up Senate Debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Nixon's remarks on the troops for Indochina question churned up a round of heated debate in the Senate Monday.

Falling Ash Described as Radiolarians

VICTORIA, B. C. (AP) — Radiolarians were described Monday as possibly responsible for the mysterious grey ash that has been associated with reports of pock-marked automobile windshields in Canada and the United States.

The radiolarian theory was advanced by two scientists here Monday, but they carefully avoided mention of the pock-marking phenomenon itself and gave no explanation of how radiolarians might damage glass.

Several motorists in British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest United States have blamed the grey ash for small pock-marks discovered on their windshields in recent weeks.

The scientists examined a mysterious grey ash composed of tiny pellets and reported the pellets are possibly the skeletons of tiny single-celled animals called radiolarians. They live in countless billions in the oceans of the world.

They are spherical and net-like and made of silica. When they die they sink to the bottom of the ocean and form layers of so-called "radiolarian ooze."

The theory is linked with the H-bomb blasts in the Pacific. "Any tremendous upheaval such as that caused by the H-bomb blast would throw these minute skeletons high into the stratosphere," said biologist Paul H. D. Parizeau.

Wilson Terms Special Pleas For GIs 'Rare'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Defense Wilson and the armed service secretaries have informed Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) that of the many thousands of letters and calls they receive from congressmen each year it is "rare" for one to ask special favors for individuals in uniform.

The secretaries said it is not Pentagon practice to monitor telephone calls except occasionally when a stenographer's help is needed to insure accuracy and speed, particularly where facts and figures are involved.

The service chiefs all said they have no special facilities for handling inquiries by congressmen. McCarthy raised these questions in a letter to the Pentagon last week. He asked the service secretaries how many requests they had received from members of Congress and government officials since the start of World War II for "special assignment and treatment" of military personnel.

He also asked what facilities the Defense Department had for handling such requests and whether conversations with congressmen and representatives of government agencies were recorded or monitored in any way.

The senator's questions were asked in connection with his fight over Army charges that he and his aides used pressure in an attempt to get special treatment for Pvt. G. David Schine, who was drafted while serving as an unpaid staff member of McCarthy's Senate investigations subcommittee.

Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.) accused Nixon of "whooping it up for war in Indochina" and on the subject of what he called "Mr. Nixon's war." Johnson declared: "I am against sending American GIs into the mud and muck of Indochina on a bloodletting spree to perpetuate colonialism and white man's exploitation in Asia."

Late in the day, Chairman Saltonstall (R-Mass.) of the Senate Armed Services Committee said he has been assured by both the State and Defense Departments there is "no change" in U. S. policy toward the Indochina fighting—that is, there is no plan to send American troops there.

Secretary of State Dulles arranged to meet with congressional leaders of both parties Tuesday to give them a late report on Indochina and other matters likely to be discussed at the Geneva conference opening next Monday.

"Off-the-Record" The present controversy stems from a supposedly off-the-record talk by Nixon to the American Society of Newspaper Editors last week.

Johnson, in a senate speech, said he heard the vice president "whooping it up for war in Indochina" at a recent private meeting of Democratic senators.

"Then, I thought he was expressing a private opinion," Johnson said. "Now that the editors of the nation have exposed his off-the-record war in the jungles speech, I feel free to speak."

Resistance by People Sen. Flanders (R-Vt.) also spoke out on the Senate floor, declaring only "active resistance" by the people of Indochina will stem the Communist tide there.

"It is impossible to win in this kind of war and this kind of territory if the people are opposed or even if they hold themselves neutral," Flanders said.

Saltonstall said he talked with Secretary of Defense Wilson twice Monday about the possible sending of American troops, and told his colleagues he was assured there has been "no change in policy, so far as the Defense Department was concerned, on sending men to Indochina."

Wife of Spy Rejects Reds In Australia

(Story also on page one)

DARWIN, Australia (AP) — Mrs. Vladimir Petrov, wife of the Soviet diplomat who switched to the West and handed over a bundle of spy data last week, dramatically turned against Soviet authorities Tuesday and left the plane on which she was being escorted home.

When her plane reached Darwin, last stop in Australia, at 5 a. m., a dozen police in addition to security police swarmed aboard.

Two Russian couriers were overpowered and relieved of the .32 calibre pistols which they were carrying in shoulder holsters, despite their resistance. During the struggle police put a headlock on one of the Russians.

While the men were being searched, Mrs. Petrov was separated from the rest of the Russians and R. S. Leydin, Northern Territory government secretary, talked with her nearly three quarters of an hour.

At the end of the interview Leydin announced that she would leave the plane and stay in Australia.

The plane, with the two Russian couriers and the embassy's second secretary aboard, then resumed the flight and Mrs. Petrov telephoned her husband in Canberra.

The stocky 45-year-old Petrov, former third secretary of the Russian embassy in Australia, may be one of the most important officials to switch allegiance to the West since the code clerk, Igor Gouzenko, deserted Communism in Canada in 1945 and handed over secrets that uncovered a Soviet atom spy network.

Being Evaluated The mass of data which Petrov turned over to Australian officials last week is still being evaluated. A royal commission has been set up to check on it.

It has been reported to name 30 or more Australians and possibly others who were listed as cooperators or contacts in spy work.

After the Petrov story broke last week, Mrs. Petrov told newsmen in an interview at the Russian embassy: "I don't believe my husband would go to your country like this. I am sure he has been kidnapped."

She showed signs of having been crying. About 35, she and Petrov were married comparatively recently. They have no children.

Employed by the embassy as a stenographer, she apparently occupied a much higher station in reality. She was known as the best dressed woman at the embassy.

When she was taken to the Sydney Airport Monday there were indications that she was being removed to the Soviet Union against her will.

Object of Struggle She was the object of a tug-of-war between about 1,500 struggling, screaming bystanders on the one hand, and the Soviet officials who were dragging her up the ramp and police who fended off the crowd.

Weeping and bedraggled, Mrs. Petrov was pushed for 200 yards around the air strip and up a gangway to a British Constellation plane.

In the crowd hundreds of persons shouted that she had said repeatedly in Russian "I do not want to go. Save me."

Dragged Up Gangway After two Russian officials dragged her up the plane gangway, the crowd pulled her away from the plane to prevent her from boarding. Some in the crowd threw stones at the aircraft. Three men and a woman, including a Russian embassy official, were knocked down in the struggle at the foot of the gangway.

At one time firemen ran up hoses to quell the riot, but did not use them.

When the gangway was pulled away, Mrs. Petrov, her two Russian guards and two airport officials balanced for a minute on the narrow swaying platform 15 feet above the ground before police could push back the ramp.

Justice Brand Home After Hospitalization

Justice James T. Brand of the State Supreme Court returned to his home here Monday after nearly two weeks in a Salem hospital receiving treatment for stomach ulcers.

Physicians said his condition was satisfactory but it would be several days before he returns to his desk.

'Hit-Run' Case Said Linked To Burglary

"New" police developments Monday attempted to link the name of Fred Lindsay, 41, with the early Sunday morning burglary at the Bishop Building, city police advised.

The announcement followed the serving of John Miles Avery, Salem, with a Marion County warrant charging burglary not in a dwelling and holding him in lieu of \$2,500 bail. Avery had previously been arrested Sunday on a drunk charge and held in lieu of a \$15 fine.

Lindsay had been picked up in the street by Willamette Ambulance Service a half block from Bishop's two hours before discovery of the burglary. He told ambulance men that he had been struck by a hit-and-run auto and he was admitted to Salem Memorial Hospital with a fractured right ankle.

Police Captain Glen Bowman explained Monday that Avery implicated Lindsay, with whom he was rooming at a local hotel, in a statement signed sometime Sunday night, but release of the information was withheld by police in the hope they could talk to the man at the hospital first. However, Lindsay underwent surgery Monday morning and could not be questioned.

Bowman said police expect to file a warrant against Lindsay soon. No new statement was taken from Avery Monday.

According to Avery's statement, Lindsay was injured when the pair was attempting to enter the Bishop Building through a skylight in the roof. He said Lindsay dropped through "about a 25-foot drop" and that was the last he saw of him.

Police said blood tracks in the building indicated the burglar dragged himself around an upstairs room looking for an open door and then made his way downstairs, out a door that bolted shut from an inside night lock when closed and into the street. Avery, who said he entered through a back window was apprehended about two hours later by ambulance men, driving nearby, who heard glass break from a front door at Bishop's Store and saw Avery running down the street.

Lindsay will probably be confined to a hospital bed for three or four months doctors say. Should he be served with a warrant the city would probably have to post a constant guard on him.

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Windshield Pox Fades

One variation of the windshield-pitting scare, currently fading from the Northwest scene, was reported to The Statesman Monday by a citizen who said a picture window on the south side of his house was covered with "flying ash."

Paul Schwynoch, 4645 Dallas Rd., reported Monday night that three cars parked at his home, located about three miles west of Salem, had the windshield pox and a house window was covered with ash.

"I'm going to leave the ash on it and see what develops," Schwynoch explained. So far there had been no pitting as a result of the ash, he said.

Associated Press reports indicate that the pitting scare seems to be fading away in Western Oregon as it did in Washington. A comparison was drawn between the Portland and Seattle incidents during which periods numerous reports of windshield pitting are followed by scientific tests debunking any theory of "something" in falling ashes—and subsequently no further reports.

Rites Today for Cunningham Baby

INDEPENDENCE — Graveside services for Bruce Allen Cunningham, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Cunningham, Independence, will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at Hill Top Cemetery under the direction of the Smith Mortuary. He died Saturday in a Salem hospital a few hours after birth.

Surviving besides his parents are grandparents, Mrs. Ethel L. Cunningham and Mrs. Mary Chase, both of Independence, and John Cunningham Sr.

Marine Corps Office Adds New Recruiter

Sgt. Forrest L. Peters, Marine Corps recruiter at Eugene for the past year, has been ordered to the Salem recruiting office and will report here Wednesday.

A veteran of 3½ years service, Peters was assigned to the Salem recruiting office for nine months prior to going to Eugene. He also served with the 1st Marine Division in Korea for a year.

With the new assignment the Salem office becomes a two-man substation with the new recruiter working with M. Sgt. Alexander Zielinski, S. Sgt. Robert Wilson, recruiter here for the past year, is awaiting a new assignment.

State Hospital Open House Planned May 2

The Oregon State Hospital will hold open house May 2 in conjunction with National Health Week. Dr. Dean Brooks, assistant superintendent, announced Monday.

Guided tours will be conducted through the hospital's wards and treatment departments from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. for all visitors over the age of 16. The film "Break Down" will be shown continuously through the day.

Open house in previous years has been held during the week. Dr. Brooks explained, but this year the event is scheduled on Sunday so more persons can attend.

U.S. Calls World Atom Scientists' Convention

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, announced Monday night plans for a conference of the world's leading scientists later this year to search for peaceful uses of atomic energy.

Strauss said President Eisenhower will ask a national U. S. scientific organization to arrange the gathering—the first of its kind in this atomic-hydrogen age. No specific date was indicated for the session.

The purpose of the meeting, in Eisenhower's words, the AEC head said, will be "to hasten the day when the fear of the atom will begin to disappear from the minds of people and the governments of the East and of the West."

Strauss disclosed plans for the international conclave in a speech prepared for the Los Angeles World Affairs Council. He mentioned it only briefly in telling of progress made on Eisenhower's proposal for setting up a "world atomic bank" for peacetime uses of atomic power.

The AEC chairman said the President's idea "has been formulated into a concrete plan," hinged around private conversations with "certain friendly governments." Following the Big Four foreign ministers meeting in Berlin in January, he said, the plan was handed to the Soviet government one month ago.

Presumably, Eisenhower's plan would be a central theme of the

proposed gathering of scientists. The plan was outlined by the president in a speech to the United Nations on Dec. 8. He called on the world's atomic powers to reverse "the fearful trend" of the atomic arms race and to set up under the agency to develop the peaceful potential on the atom.

MOTOR OVERHEATS

An overheated motor Monday night in a washing machine at the home of James Walton, 140 E. Superior St., was disconnected by city firemen with no damage reported. Some smoke had been reported coming from the Walton basement as a result of the hot motor and firemen were summoned.

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