

Secret Service Checks Threat On Life of Ike

WASHINGTON (AP)— Secret Service Chief U. E. Baughman said Sunday night his agents "thoroughly checked" a report there would be an attempt on President Eisenhower's life Sunday. "I'm satisfied there was nothing to it."

Baughman said the report was that there would be an attempt to assassinate Eisenhower at Fredericksburg, Va.

The President visited Fredericksburg Sunday afternoon to place a wreath at a monument honoring Mary Ball Washington, mother of the nation's first President.

No Incident

The Mother's Day ceremonies went off without incident, but the Fredericksburg Police Department put 60 officers on the job to watch for any possible trouble.

Baughman told a reporter he was informed by A. G. Kendall, police chief at Fredericksburg, that an attempt on the President's life might be made.

Kendall told newsmen after the

President left that a "reliable" Negro man reported being offered \$500 by two other men, possibly Puerto Ricans, to help them "knock the President off." The officer said he and aides laid a trap, with the help of his informant, but failed to catch the two men at a rendezvous point early Sunday morning. Kendall declined to name his informant.

Gets Report

The chief (Kendall) did get such a report containing certain information as to an alleged threat against the President's life," Baughman said. He added: "Our agents thoroughly checked into it and questioned the source of the report."

"It's a question as to the reliability of the source because the information could not be verified by our agents, and as you know, nothing happened at Fredericksburg."

"The point is that the men who reportedly were planning to show up did not do so."

Collective West Action in Asia Sought by U.S.

GENEVA (AP)— The United States Sunday called anew for collective action by the free world to stem the surging tide of communism in Southeast Asia. The Geneva Conference appeared stalemated on both Korea and Indochina.

Walter Bedell Smith, undersecretary of state and chief of the American delegation here, emphasized Washington's desire for Western unity in a formal statement summing up his impressions after a week's work.

The Indochina talks between East and West seemed stalled by Soviet, Red Chinese and Vietminh demands for a voice for "governments" in Laos and Cambodia which France has described as "phantom" regimes. The Korea talks were equally snagged on conflicting plans for elections.

"See Clearly"

"We in America," said Smith, "see clearly that our own future, our own prospects of remaining at peace, are directly related to a basic principle—collective security."

The significance of Korea and Indochina is worldwide. Powerful forces are behind the complex influences that make these two areas the focus of potential war."

Smith said Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' plans for a Southeast Asia security pact were forced upon the U.S. by Communist offensives.

Speaks Out on Reds

In speaking of the Geneva Conference, the American diplomat said "we are here to prevent the spread of Communism in Southeast Asia. We are here to bring closer together the free nations of the world."

American leaders, meanwhile, carefully avoided further comment on the plan for a supervised cessation of hostilities, followed by internationally controlled elections, presented to the Indochina conference Saturday by French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault as a solution to the seven-year-long war in the former French colony.

Vietminh Reds at Geneva



GENEVA — Pham Van Dong, center, foreign minister of Indochina's Communist-dominated Vietminh government, is flanked by aides as they attend the opening session of Indochinese peace talks in Geneva. France, shaken by the fall of Dien Bien Phu to the Vietminh rebels, proposed an immediate cease-fire in Indochina to be guaranteed by all parties at the Geneva meeting. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Geneva.)

White House Creates New U.S. Division

WASHINGTON (AP)— The White House Sunday announced the creation of a new Division of Internal Security in the Justice Department, designed to speed the prosecution of spies and other subversive elements.

President Eisenhower Monday will nominate William F. Tompkins of Maplewood, N.J., as an assistant attorney general in charge of the new unit, which presumably will handle all cases dealing with espionage, treason, sabotage, infiltration of defense plants, loyalty of federal employes, and kindred matters.

Officials said the new division will be carved out of the present Criminal Division, headed by Asst. Atty. Gen. Warren Olney III. The effect will be, they said, to "centralize and fix responsibility" in the department for the handling of subversive activities.

The new division will take over prosecution of cases under the Smith Act, which makes it a crime to conspire to teach and advocate the overthrow of the government by force, and of cases before the Subversive Activities Control Board, which is trying to compel the registration of Communist-front organizations.

Announcement of the new civil anti-subversion agency came just one month after the inauguration of a new Army-Navy-Air Force security program aimed at keeping the armed forces free of security risks.

Both actions came in the wake of — though not specifically in response to — criticisms by Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) of the way the Government has handled alleged subversives.

Eisenhower's choice to head the new division has been fighting gamblers and racketeers as U.S. Attorney for New Jersey since last June. He is 41.

Letter From PW Who Chose Reds Brightens Day for Mother

ALDEN, Minn. (AP)— Letters from her prisoner of war son who chose Communism instead of repatriation brightened Mother's Day for Mrs. Portia Howe.

A letter from Pfc. Richard R. Tenneson, dated March 28 and marked Tiyyan, China, arrived at the Howe farm Saturday. Another, somewhat shorter note from Tiyyan was delivered to Mrs. Howe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John

W. Jensen, Clark's Grove, Minn., about the same time.

The March 28 letter to the Jensons had the same date as their 46th wedding anniversary. However, Mrs. Howe said she thought that was probably a coincidence.

In his letter to his mother, Tenneson said he was in good health. He said he was resting and would go to work shortly. Just where he had been since January, the last time Mrs. Howe heard from him, was not mentioned, nor did Tenneson say when he would write again.

"There was no indication in his letter," said Mrs. Howe, "as to how he is being housed or fed. These are things a mother would like to know." Still, cheerful and pleased with this latest contact, she said, "It makes this much nicer Mother's Day."

Tenneson said he wrote the letter after attending church. No mention was made of any of the other 21 Americans who refused repatriation, but Tenneson used the term "we" when referring to the impending work.

Mrs. Howe, 43, flew to Japan last Dec. 9 in a dramatic but futile attempt to win young Tenneson back to the Communists.

She got as far as Tokyo, where the United Nations command forbade her to go to Korea. She returned home to spend Christmas with the family.

A written appeal at the time for Tenneson to come home was answered by a bitter, "I have made up my mind and I am not going," Mrs. Howe said on her return that she would be happy to receive her son if he ever chose to come home.

Hall May Ask Decision on Joe Backed

WASHINGTON (AP)— GOP National Chairman Leonard W. Hall may ask the Republican Party's executive committee here this week to back his decision cutting Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) loose as a free agent in this year's campaign.

Hall has called the 17-member group into session Friday to lay before them preliminary plans for a drive to retain control of Congress—a drive which would star President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon as campaign speakers.

Eisenhower has said he won't campaign locally for candidates, but he is expected to make some speeches at critical points. Nixon is keeping September and October open for assignments from the GOP National Committee.

Hall has ruled the National Committee will make no assignments for McCarthy stops on the campaign on to the senator specific requests it receives for appearances by him.

This apparently reflects the White House attitude toward McCarthy, who is involved in a dispute with Secretary of the Army Stevens. President Eisenhower has said the public hearings in this row are lowering American prestige abroad.

While Hall's personally-picked executive committee is expected to support his decision, the party leadership has discovered local demands for McCarthy are likely to keep the Wisconsin senator going full blast during the campaign, if he chooses to accept them.

Kuomintang Worried Over Fortress' Fall

TAIPEH (AP)— The Nationalist Chinese are worried lest the fall of Dien Bien Phu set off a chain reaction leading to ultimate loss of all southeast Asia to the Reds.

Over the weekend, a top level meeting was held in Taipei presided over by the chief of the joint general staff, Gen. Chou Chi-Jou. Later he and Foreign Minister George Yeh made a report to President Chiang Kai-Shek.

A Defense Ministry spokesman told The Associated Press that talking and fighting with the Communists at the same time was one of the surest ways of losing battles to them.

Kung Lun Pao, published by Formosa interests, said the heroic stand of the defenders of Dien Bien Phu should make the French political leaders ashamed of attempting peace talks with the Reds.

The newspaper accused the French government of "faint-heartedness in its war effort and complete lack of a firm Indochina policy."

All Formosan newspapers were agreed that Chiang has reached a firm, final decision not to send troops to Indochina unless the West decides on united, all-out action. Quarters in a position to know said no approach had been made to Taipei looking toward such use of Nationalist troops.

Fate of French Wounded Puzzles

SAIGON, Indochina (AP)— What has become of the wounded at Dien Bien Phu?

An observation plane which flew over the shattered fortress Sunday dropped medical supplies but brought back no word to Gen. Henri Navarre, French Union commander in Indochina, on what happened to the wounded after Red-led rebels overwhelmed the northern Indochinese stronghold Friday.

The wounded, estimated at 800 to 1,000, lay on litters in an underground hospital as the 57-day siege reached its climax. No word of their fate has reached the outside world. Nor has there been any word of the French nurse, Genevieve de Galard Terraube, who had been caring for them.

The rebels turned a deaf ear to French appeals for an armistice during the siege to permit removal of the battle casualties by plane. Any word on the disposition of the wounded now will have to come from the Vietminh. Whether any prisoner exchanges can be worked out is a question for the future.

Military men here said the rebels' past practice has been to leave French and Vietnamese wounded on the battlefield after administering elementary first aid. Then the French were allowed to pick them up.

A French High Command spokesman in Hanoi said he doubted whether the rebels now would mount another general offensive in northern Indochina before the seasonal monsoon rains hit their peak at the end of June.

"Battle Corps Broken"

"Their battle corps is broken," the spokesman said, referring to heavy rebel losses in the long fight to crush Dien Bien Phu. Overall Vietminh losses in that fight since the first human wave assault March 13 have been estimated as high as 35,000. Gen. Navarre, however, puts the figure at about 18,000.

The little kingdom of Laos in northwestern and west central Indochina, one of the three Indochinese states associated with France in the French Union, was swept by a wave of uneasiness in the wake of Dien Bien Phu's fall.

There was some speculation the rebels might soon try a new invasion pointed at Luang Prabang, Laos' royal capital about 100 miles southwest of Dien Bien Phu. Earlier this year the rebels pushed a division within sight of Luang Prabang but pulled the troops back and threw them into the fight for Dien Bien Phu.

Hall, Mitchell Debate Issues

WASHINGTON (AP)— Stephen A. Mitchell, Democratic national chairman, said Sunday the Eisenhower administration has so many foreign policy spokesmen the American people are confused.

He predicted that by the end of this year Secretary of State Dulles will be replaced.

To this Republican National chairman Leonard Hall responded: "Oh, No."

The exchange came during an NBC TV debate on American Forum of the Air in which Hall and Mitchell were quizzed by a panel of Democratic and Republican senators and House members.

The question of Dulles' future was not developed. But at another point in the debate, Hall said the main accomplishment of the Eisenhower administration was to recognize Communism "as a world menace." He said the Democratic Administrations had failed to do this and as a result China was lost to the Reds.

If the Franklin D. Roosevelt and Truman administrations had recognized this menace, Hall said, "we would not be talking about" the threat to Indochina now.

PAUPERS ARE SANE?

BRUNSWICK, Ga. (AP)— It costs \$30 to go crazy in Glynn County. Worried by the drain on county funds from an increasing number of insanity cases, the County Commission set the fee.

Since 1888 more than 20 million people have gone to the top of the Washington monument.

Memorial Day Ceremonies Due Saturday

Memorial Day ceremonies in Salem will be held on Saturday morning, May 29, the Salem Federation of Patriotic Orders has announced.

The annual memorial church service for Marion County war veterans killed while serving with the Armed Forces will be held Sunday evening, May 23. Place of service has not been decided.

The federation also has appointed a committee to investigate the promotion of a July 4 celebration complete with sports contests and fire works display.

Couple Parted 50 Years Wed

WASHINGTON (AP)— Childhood sweethearts who parted after a quarrel 50 years ago were wed here Sunday.

Principals were Clarence Onyun, 72, Washington, and his bride, Mrs. Jennie Richards, 72, who flew here from Detroit for the ceremony.

The two grew up together in Peoria, Ill., plighted their troth when they were 18 but quarreled and went their separate ways.

Onyun, a semi-retired hotel cigar clerk, recalled that they had a spat after he made a trip to Chicago and was late calling for her to take her to church.

Last Christmas Onyun, who has lived alone the past 10 years, continued the correspondence and won her.

They were married at the Brookland Methodist Church in a ceremony attended by about 25 persons, including one "stranger lady" who had read about their romance in the paper and came to furnish rice for the occasion. Onyun was as romantic as a groom should be. He stole a look at his bride and whispered "Jeepers, you've got pretty eyes."

This was Onyun's third marriage. The bride is a widow.

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STAYTON — Four persons injured in a car train crash in Mill City Saturday afternoon were reported in satisfactory condition here at the Santiam Memorial Hospital Sunday night.

Five others in the car sustained minor injuries and were released from the hospital Saturday night or Sunday.

Still confined at the hospital were Ernest Christensen and his wife, Elizabeth, of Mill City; Robert Shultz of Scio; and Dean Christensen and his 2-year-old daughter, Linda.

The nine persons were riding in a car driven by Mrs. Dean Christensen which was struck by a Southern Pacific diesel engine.

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