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Solons Continue Hunt for Counsel

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Senate investigation of charges hurled by Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) and high Army officials was still stalled Monday by failure to obtain a satisfactory special counsel.

Sen. Mundt (R-SD), who temporarily has replaced McCarthy as chairman of the Senate investigations subcommittee while it makes the probe, said he did not see how public hearings could start before next week.

PROSPECTS SCREENED

With Sens. McClellan (D-Ark.) and Jackson (D-Wash.), he has been sounding out various prospects for the counsel's job.

With the probe hanging fire, the Progressive magazine, founded by the late Sen. Robert M. LaFollette Sr. in 1909 and published in Madison, Wis., announced it had devoted its April issue to a study of McCarthy.

In a news release, the magazine said the "comprehensive, carefully documented study" came to the conclusion that "this man who has made anti-communism his political career has contributed dangerously to strengthening the Communist cause."

McCarthy, shown a copy of the magazine, said he had no comment.

PRESSURE CHARGED

The row being investigated by the subcommittee he heads centers around an Army report declaring that McCarthy and Roy M. Cohn, chief counsel of the subcommittee, tried to pressure the Army into giving special treatment to G. David Schine, a former unpaid subcommittee con-

sultant drafted as a private last November.

McCarthy and Cohn not only disputed it but countered with the charge that Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens and the Army's counselor, John G. Adams, had attempted to use Schine as a "hostage" to "black-mail" them into halting a probe of what the senator has called "coddling" of Communists in the Army.

TAKES PRIORITY

Mundt said that even though the subcommittee investigation of these charges has been delayed, "I think we ought to finish this job before we have any other hearings."

His statement was in line with an agreement made by the subcommittee members that they would devote themselves to the probe to the exclusion of all other hearings.

McCarthy said last week that in view of the delay that has developed, however, he intended to poll his subcommittee colleagues on whether they should start hearings on evidence which he said the staff had gathered about Communists in defense plants and graft and corruption in Alaskan development projects.

'FEVERISH INTEREST'

In a weekend statement Mundt said it was difficult to understand "the almost feverish interest" in the subcommittee probe. He declared that "no high crime against the government" such as treason, disloyalty or corruption was involved in the McCarthy-Army dispute.

Involved here at worst," he said, "are misconduct and misrepresentation by one or more individuals connected with the Army or the Senate committee or both but, unless perjury is subsequently committed in sworn testimony before our committee, no crime punishable by law is now charged or indicated."

The dispute recently has been referred to by McCarthy as "a silly squabble" between Cohn and Adams.

Barkley Seeks Senate Seat

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP)—Alben William Barkley, who has never lost an election to a Republican, was back in the political arena Monday and Kentucky Democrats were overjoyed.

Barkley announced he would seek the Senate seat now held by Republican John Sherman Cooper, who is seeking his first full term. Cooper ran for unexpired terms in two previous races.

In announcing his candidacy Saturday night, Barkley said that when he left politics a year ago he "had no intention or desire ever to return."

But Kentucky Democratic leaders, realizing they would have to come up with an ace to beat Cooper, convinced the 76-year-old Barkley to run again.

Barkley's most serious drawback is his age. The former vice president is 76, but appears still full of energy with falling eyesight his only apparent infirmity.



SENTENCED TO DIE — M/Sgt. Maurice L. Schick, 29 (right) World War II veteran from Cannonsburg, Pa., is led away by a military policeman after hearing a court martial panel convict him of premeditated murder and sentenced him to death. Schick was accused of strangling to death Susan Rothschild, 9, daughter of an American army colonel near Tokyo last Nov. 21. The sentence is subject to review.

'Round the World

Mrs. Luce Denies Report She Criticized Government

ROME (AP)—U. S. Ambassador Clare Boothe Luce has fired back a flat denial to a magazine report that she criticized Italy's government in a speech to Washington newsmen. After publication of the report, 35 far leftist senators demanded that she be ousted from the country.

Her statement, terming the account of the purported speech a "fabrication pure and simple," was issued coincidentally with a report from Washington that Mrs. Luce had urgently requested President Eisenhower to send Vice President Nixon on a brief goodwill tour of Italy to combat Communist propaganda.

Mrs. Luce, in Paris to confer with U.S. and Nato officials, declined to comment on this report. It said Mrs. Luce had recommended the Nixon trip when she visited Washington in January but that Eisenhower had not decided whether he could spare Nixon from his duties in Washington.

U.S. Embassy officers here said they knew nothing about any plans for the vice president to visit Italy, where Communist gains in the election last summer and since have aroused increasing American concern.

The independent weekly "L'Europeo" had claimed last week that Mrs. Luce in a speech to a group of correspondents in Washington Jan. 5 told them she had urged Italian leaders to crack down harder on communism. The article also quoted her as saying she had warned ex-Premier Alcide de Gasperi that further Italian delays in ratifying the European army treaty would result in a "big cut in the figures of American aid."

The day after the article's publication, the group of senators asked the government to declare Mrs. Luce persona non grata no longer acceptable, an action which would have automatically forced her recall.

French Launch Counterattack

Rebels in 2 Villages Reported Wiped Out

HANOI, Indochina (AP)—French Union forces broke out of their besieged fortress of Dien Bien Phu late Sunday and the high command said they killed 1,000 men of the Communist-led Vietminh in a counterattack outside the fortress' fringes.

French army headquarters announced French tanks, artillery and infantry, under the fortress commander, Col. Christian de Castries, killed all Vietminh entrenched in two villages about two miles from the western line of the dusty plain's defenses.

It was the first major French counterattack since the Vietminh launched their great mass assault on the key northwest Indochina outpost March 13.

During three days of wave-on-wave infantry charges, the withering French fire killed an estimated 3,000 and wounded another 9,000.

The Vietminh pulled back to regroup, presumably for more mass assaults. Since then they have kept up artillery bombardments from the hills surrounding the plain, while French artillery and aircraft harassed the rebels in reply.

The French command said in the attack Sunday their own forces had only "light losses" of about 20 killed, and had killed "every Vietminh soldier" found in the villages of Ban Ong Pet and Ban Bap.

They claimed they had smashed a long string of Vietminh anti-aircraft batteries which for two weeks had been firing on the red cross-marked hospital planes with which the surrounded French had tried to bring their wounded out of Dien Bien Phu.

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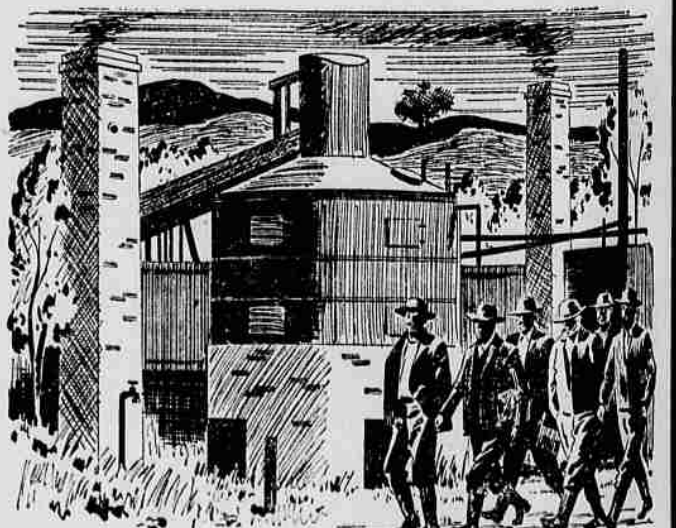
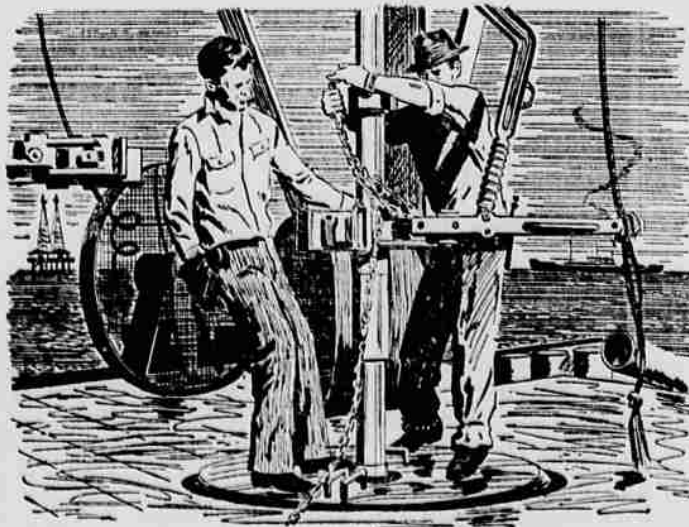
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