

French, U. S. Prestige Down In S. E. Asia

By FRANK H. BARTHOLOMEW United Press Staff Correspondent TOKYO (UP)—Prestige of the United States in Southeast Asia is almost as low as that of the French as the colonial empire of France comes into its final chapters, most neutral observers in Southeast Asia are agreed.

Vietnam's millions appear to have believed firmly that the United States would come to the active rescue of the Franco-Vietnam cause as opposed to Communism.

They magnified and even distorted from the statements of Washington political and military leaders the things they wanted to believe that the United States would at the last minute save them and the Red military invasion.

Free talk in the United States about possible use of the atom bomb to drive out the invaders was accepted almost as a declaration that the bomb would be used.

When it finally dawned on even the most optimistic that the United States had cooled off, had decided that Dien Bien Phu was a lost cause and now intended to "wait and see," the prestige of the United States went to a low ebb and has remained there.

The American up-and-down policy statements have to a large extent undone the work of the U.S. specialists in the field with the common people of Vietnam, and the United States stands convicted in many quarters of the twin sins that are unforgivable in the Orient—indecision and weakness.

Little credit is given the United States for its tremendous contribution of tanks, trucks, artillery and ammunition to the French union forces. For two reasons. In the first place, the people do not read the name-plates on the tanks and the French did not go out of their way to advertise the origin.

More importantly, all this material was part of a losing cause anyway and therefore to be entirely discredited.

Britain, the only western power with actual colonial possessions remaining in the orient—the commercial cities of Hong Kong and Singapore—has emerged from the debacle of Vietnam with undiminished prestige. This is generally felt in Saigon to be due to the fact that Britain never gave the anti-Communist forces any cause to expect help, hence there is no feeling of let-down.

Chessman Faces Death On July 30

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, Calif. (UP)—Convict-author Caryl Chessman will go to his death alone and will be the first of three men to die in San Quentin's lethal gas chamber on July 30, according to Warden Harley O. Teets.

The warden said Chessman will be executed along at 10 a.m. "because of the prominence of his case."

The other two men, James Franklin Wolfe, 41, and Joseph Johansen, 25, convicted of killing a fellow prisoner, will die together in the apple-green chamber at 2 p.m.

Meanwhile, Chessman's lawyer, Berwyn Rice, of San Rafael, Calif., has petitioned the state supreme court for yet another writ of habeas corpus and a stay of execution.

Chessman, convicted of kidnaping and rape in Los Angeles, Calif., has been in this prison's death row for nearly six years fighting a legal battle to save himself.

Two and a half years of that time he spent writing "Cell 2455, Death Row"—a self-analysis of himself as a condemned man and a criminal. He has attained nationwide fame since his book was published.

The convict-author was convicted under California's Little Lindbergh Law for kidnap-assaults involving acts of forcible sex perversion.

The petition, now awaiting action by the court, alleges that errors were made in his trial in Los Angeles in 1948 and that the transcript of appeal from conviction was inaccurate.

Chessman has once before been granted a temporary stay while Superior Judge Thomas F. Keating of San Rafael studied a petition for a writ of habeas corpus. Judge Keating finally denied the writ and a new execution date was set.

NAMED COMMANDER
Special to The Bulletin
FORT SILL, Okla.—Richard H. Scott, 525 Broadway, Bend, Ore., who is attending the Army ROTC summer camp at Fort Sill, Okla., was selected to be commander of the 140-man organization of which he is a member.

Scott was selected because of his outstanding professional and leadership qualities. Bulletin Classifieds Bring Results.
In fact, Britain drove a solid nail in the coffin of Franco-Vietnam hopes with the Churchill edict that no British policy would be formulated until after Geneva. This, military experts say, caused the Reds to drive with redoubled energy to acquire all possible territory while the long talks dragged on at Geneva.



GOTTA KEEP COOL—Mothers of these children thought they had a good idea when they sent their offspring outside to play in nice, clean clothes. But the children had other ideas as they spotted a spraying fire hydrant near Columbus Circle in New York City. The dousing was a welcome relief from scorching temperatures.

U. S. Beaming Anti-Commie Staff Addition Jokes Behind Iron Curtain

By PETER EDSON AP Washington Correspondent
WASHINGTON—U. S. Information Agency's Voice of America has been gagging up some of its programs by broadcasting the latest anti-Communist jokes behind the Iron Curtain.

Here are a few samples:
A voter standing in line for a factory council election in Czechoslovakia, was examining the ballot given to him in an envelope.
"What are you doing?" asked his supervisor.
"I want to know whom I'm voting for," answered the worker.
"Are you out of your mind?" asked the supervisor. "Don't you know the ballot is secret?"

This one came from a Hungarian escapee:
"The government promised to raise our standard of living 50 per cent when spring came, and they have done it. We used to be starving and shivering and now we are only starving."
A visitor to the office of Bulgaria's prime minister asked, "What kind of a telephone is that on your desk? It has a receiver, but no speaker."
"Direct line to Moscow," the prime minister replied.

Poles have a way of collecting bonuses offered by the Communist government for speedy work. How they do it is explained by two bricklayers who have erected a wall in speedy time.
The one says to the other, "You hold it up while I go and get the bonus."
Rep. George M. Grant (D., Ala.) got into a hot farm bill argument with Rep. Jacob K. Javits (R., N. Y.) who was supporting a move to take peanuts off the list of basic commodities entitled to high price supports.

"Some years ago," said Grant, "a great Negro scientist by the name of Dr. George Carver, of Tuskegee Institute, was making some experiments with peanuts."
Rep. Victor Wickersham (D., Okla.) has been registering out-raged indignation on the House floor over the fact that his state will not be the location for shooting the film version of the musical production, "Oklahoma!"
Arthur Hornblower, the producer, has objected to making the picture in Oklahoma because it has "too many oil wells, airplanes and people."

"If Mr. Hornblower wants corn as high as an elephant's eye, we have it in Oklahoma," protested Wickersham. "We don't have to import it and prop it up with stage braces, if Mr. Hornblower wants cowboy extras, we have them."
What bothers Rep. Wickersham in particular is that Hollywood went all the way to Africa to make "The African Queen." "I want to know, Mr. Speaker," cried Mr. Wickersham, "why all this has been changed at the expense of Oklahoma?"

Recent News cables attributing statements to Ho Chi Minh, Indo-Chinese Communist leader, have revived speculation in the west on whether he is still alive. If alive, he would be 64 years old.
Ho has taken no direct part in the peace negotiations at either Geneva or in Indo-China.
American delegates at Geneva tried to examine the credentials of the Viet Minh negotiators, to see if they were signed by Ho. The papers bore no signature.
Direct Communist radio broadcasts by Ho stopped three years ago.

All efforts by the French to smoke him out have failed.

Staff Addition Told by PP & L

Appointment of George L. Beard as assistant vice president and project development engineer for Pacific Power & Light company has been announced by President Paul B. McKee.

Beard will be in charge of Pacific Power's long range hydro-electric planning and development program to supply power for the company's rapidly growing service area, McKee said.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, Beard has served in various capacities with the corps of engineers of the U. S. Army, and since 1937 has been in the chief of engineers' office in Washington, D. C. While there he supervised river basin planning and development throughout the United States.

Beard is no stranger to the Pacific Northwest having visited here a score of times on inspection trips and to gather material for the Corps' of Engineers 308 report on the comprehensive hydro-electric development of the Columbia river basin.

They're Seeing United States 'The Hard Way'

SPOKANE, Wash. (UP)—Two determined California women passed through here yesterday on "hardway" tours of the United States.

One was hitchhiking and the other was pedaling a bicycle. The hitchhiker was Mrs. Fern Woods of San Diego, Calif., a 60-year-old mother of four grown children. Mrs. Woods has covered 250,000 miles in the past four years and is now en route to Maine.

She has a four-wheeled "gad-get" containing her suitcases, bedroll, pantry and cameras which she pushes between rides. She plans to write a book about her travels.

The cyclist is Nancy E. Schultz, taxi in Culver City and Santa Monica, Calif., and started off on a 15,000 mile bicycle tour six weeks ago. She was on route east, traveling about 40 miles a day.

Highest mountains in the United States east of the Black Hills are the Great Smokies.

School Money For Oregon Set In Senate Bill

By A. ROBERT SMITH Bulletin Correspondent
WASHINGTON—A short-term emergency school construction bill which Senate leaders have granted a priority would give Oregon \$2,121,479 annually for two years for new school construction.

Outlook for enactment of the bill is uncertain, for the Eisenhower administration up to now has opposed it. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Oveta Hobby testified in hearings on the bill that the administration would prefer to await the outcome of a study of present school needs before backing federal aid legislation.

Nevertheless, the Senate Labor and Education Committee has approved and sent to the floor the bill sponsored by Sen. John S. Cooper (R-Ky.) under which \$150,000,000 would be divided among the states and territories for each of two years to help relieve immediate needs for added school facilities.

If Congress enacts the bill, it will go into effect immediately and cover the fiscal year that began July 1, as well as fiscal 1955 which begins next July. The Senate GOP Policy Committee has listed the bill for priority action before the adjournment of this session of Congress.

States would have to put up matching funds to benefit from the federal grants. Plans for individual projects would have to be submitted to and approved by the U. S. Office of Education, but states would determine their location and supervise actual construction. States would audit receipts and expenditures and report this data to the U. S. Commissioner of Education. The government's share in any single project could not exceed 40 per cent of the cost, or \$500 per pupil to be accommodated in the new school, whichever is the smaller amount.

Oregon's allocation in the bill of \$2,121,479 was based upon a formula which included school age population and the state's average per capita income.

They Lament Failure To Finish Trip

VENTURA, Calif. (UP)—Five wet and bedraggled beer drinkers today lamented giving up their "Iron Man's Kon-Tiki" voyage aboard an innertube raft after drifting to within 20 miles of their goal, then being blown back 40 miles.

The young rollicking Ventura men were plucked off their odd raft, "The Rubber Bomb Snekay," at sea yesterday by the sport boat Hawk and the Coast Guard cutter Morris despite their vigorous protests that "We're doing fine."

Only when the young adventurers were picked up was it learned that five instead of six men had sailed. One man, who had planned to go aboard the "Kon-Tiki" voyage, had sailed, missed the gag expedition.

Johnny Strobel, 22, skipper of the raft and originator of the voyage, a burlesque of scientific raft expeditions on the Pacific, insisted "We still could have made it. We were never in distress."
The raft was made of 100 inner-tubes lashed together and wired with a few boards. It had a mast, a tent "to keep the beer cool," an emergency motor and an automatic distress radio transmitter, which was not used.

Those who sailed in addition to Strobel were Kenny Kunkle, 21, Dick Davison, 21, Jimmy Mills, 20, and Jerry Staughton, 22, all of Ventura.

Dry Kiln Group Plan Conference

Southern Oregon-Northern California Dry Kiln Club members at a recent meeting in Bend made plans for the 1955 conference of the Western Kiln Clubs in Klamath Falls, in April.

The meeting was at a Pine Tavern dinner, Carl Raupach, of the Midstate Lumber Co., Prineville, discussed ways and means of determining the moisture in wood being seasoned in kilns.

New club officers were installed. They are Lyle Hickman, Klamath Falls, president; Doigh Byrd, Prineville, and Ralph G. Sloan, Glendale, vice-presidents, and Tom McGraw, Medford, secretary-treasurer.

A tour of the Lundgren Lumber Co. Mill was made. Bend men attending the pre-convention conference here were Don Harpel, Phil Dilleay and C.P. Cox, all Lindgren employees.

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ESTATE PROBATED

Mrs. Frank Lane Poindexter yesterday was appointed administratrix of her husband's estate, which was valued at \$10,000. Poindexter was killed Saturday when his taxi was involved in a collision with a ranch wagon driven by Rensier Lyman Pomeroy.

TWOSOME—Kapiolani Miller, 21, left, will represent Hawaii in the "Miss America" contest at Atlantic City, N. J., in September. Patricia Ann Kelly, chosen "Miss Baby Hawaii," will also attend the pageant.



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