

FRENCH, REDS LOCKED IN BATTLE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The teletype this morning is about half McCarthy.

That raises a question: Why does this McCarthy ruckus go on and on, upsetting our faith in our government, destroying our harmony, shaking our faith in our leaders and getting us all in a mood to bite each other in the neck instead of working together for a common cause that we all believe in?

I think maybe I can tell you. On any Main Street in our country, the normal current of American life can be flowing smoothly—good honest people doing good honest things, merchants being courteous to their customers, adults being kind to children, children being polite to their elders, warm-hearted people taking up collections to help the needy and unfortunate, everybody gossiping about everybody else's affairs but not being mean about it. All of us just being natural and taking things as they come.

But—Let a dogfight start. WOW!

In no time at all a crowd will gather and the crowd will be full of opinions as to which dog started it and which one is likely to win and which one OUGHT to win. We think we're a peaceful people, but Oh Lord how we LOVE A FIGHT!

Unfortunately, we newspaper people and our half-brothers, the radio and TV people, are aware of this quirk in human nature and so we play up the dogfights and play down the normal, commendable and quite admirable current of American life.

Why do we do it?

We do it because we know that's what you'll be interested in FIRST.

The teletype does take a moment out to tell us that the swallows are due to return to Capistrano tomorrow. Whereupon William Kirschner, member of the Sacramento Club on Society, pipes up to tell us that the "invariable" return of the swallows on March 19 has become accepted principally because the story has been told so often.

He adds: "The phenomenal promptness of the returning Capistrano swallows, with its mystical overtones, has become a legend against which mere truth is a feeble antagonist."

Please, sir, PLEASE let us go on believing it. It does us no harm, and it makes the lovely old mission so much more interesting when we go there.

We know so many biting, poisonous, character-destroying things that AIN'T SO. I think it can be good for us to go on believing some good and kindly and pious and comforting myths even if they won't stand the acid test of factual analysis.

Having departed from the political path long enough to deal with the Capistrano item, the teletype, like the Biblical dog to its vomit (I Peter, II, 22), returns to the political mess.

Democratic Chairman Stephen Mitchell, it relates, is in a hot argument with senators of the radio-TV industry as to whether or not the Democrats got fair treatment in recent broadcasts on the tax-cutting issue. He claims the Democratic side of the story was heard over seven stations as against the 100-plus stations carried President Eisenhower's side.

Well, Steve, it used to be the other way around when FDR was President and the GOPs were crying their woes on the doorstep out in the cold.

As I recall it, the GOPs were acting just as silly in those days as you're acting now.

And—As I recall it over the years—the partisan political definition of fair treatment is OUR SIDE GETTING ALL THE BREAKS.

TH Revisions Debate Seen

WASHINGTON (AP)—A majority of the Senate Labor Committee was reported Thursday to have agreed tentatively on two-thirds of President Eisenhower's Taft-Hartley revision program.

There were indications a bill to revise the labor-management relations law might be ready for Senate debate in two weeks.

Still in major controversy were Eisenhower's hotly contested proposal for government-conducted, secret strike polls of workers; the question where federal law stops and state law starts in labor-management relations; and possible changes in the law's emergency strike section.

KLAMATH BASIN POTATO SHIPMENTS	
Shipped Today	Name Day Last Year
49 cars	54 cars
Total For Season	
1952-53	1953-54
9021 cars	9870 cars



BROKEN WINDSHIELD of this 1942 Dodge sedan shows terrific force with which Mrs. Della Josephine Reiter, struck when the Deeter car was involved in a head-on crash yesterday with a coupe driven by Robert Pitt on the OTI hill. Also seriously injured was Donald K. Briden.

Secretary Wilson Backs Up Stevens In McCarthy Row

By EDWIN B. HAARINKSON

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Defense Wilson declared Thursday he regards as truthful the Army report charging Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) and Roy Cohn, his chief counsel, put on pressure for special treatment for G. David Schine, drafted former aide.

And, Wilson asserted, he believes McCarthy's counter-charge that Secretary of the Army Stevens sought to have the investigation of alleged communism switched from the Army to other branches of the service "was never a proper one."

"It is my opinion that the charge was never a proper one and that it was never so," Wilson told the Senate Armed Services Committee at a public hearing.

Wilson had previously told the committee that the armed services are not "coddling Communists"—a charge McCarthy has made repeatedly, and that he has "absolute and complete confidence" in Stevens.

Sen. Kefauver (D-Tenn.) asked whether Wilson regarded the Army report as truthful.

"I certainly would," Wilson replied.

Stunting Test Pilot Killed

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, under criticism in his homeland for his flights in jets, said Thursday he was "shocked and grieved" to learn the test pilot who flew him through the sonic barrier had been killed in a crash.

The prince, apparently irked by criticism in the Dutch press, had asserted there was little danger in flying faster than sound. The crash which killed the test pilot came a few hours after his comment.

Bernhard noted, however, that test pilot Joseph A. Lynch Jr., 33, La Canada, Calif., was reported "doing a slow roll close to the ground" when the TF86 Sabre jet crashed near Las Vegas, Nev., Wednesday.

"When I flew with him we did a few acrobatics only at a very high altitude," said the prince, who only last Saturday rode with Lynch in the same plane at super-sonic speeds.

"He was one of the finest pilots I have ever flown with. . . it is indeed regrettable that this fine young man, whom we all admired, had to meet such an untimely death."

Lynch was a veteran of five years' aircraft testing for North American and of 43 missions as a fighter pilot in the Pacific during World War II.



MRS. ANNABELLE NEWTON

Serious Crash On OTI Road

Two seriously injured persons and two others, with lesser hurts, are in Klamath Valley Hospital, as the result of a two-car, head-on crash on the OTI hill, shortly after 4 p.m. Wednesday. The accident happened one half mile from the city limits near the entrance to the city dump.

Still unconscious from multiple head injuries is Donald K. Bridenbecker, 21, 1108 S.W. Alder Avenue, Beaverton. Also suffering head injuries, multiple facial cuts and chest hurts is Mrs. Della Josephine Reiter, about 60, former resident of Madison, Wisconsin.

Ralph Reiter, 51, husband of the injured woman and a student in the sports equipment class at OTI, driver of the 1942 Dodge sedan involved and Robert Pitt, driver of the 1934 cut-down Ford coupe in which Bridenbecker was a passenger, are not badly hurt.

Bridenbecker and Pitt were registered in the auto electricity and motor tune-up classes.

The crash came after Pitt apparently lost control of his coupe when it struck a soft shoulder as he was traveling up the hill toward the college campus. Investigating state police officers said his vehicle traveled and skidded 165 feet before striking the Reiter car, which was enroute to Klamath Falls. The accident was attributed to excessive speed of the Pitt car.

Reiter is manager of a housing unit at OTI.

Parents of Bridenbecker are enroute to Klamath Falls from their home in Beaverton.

Both cars were practically demolished.

Prep Tourney At A Glance:

Marshfield 63 Salem 57
Ontario 57 Grants Pass 48

MacArthur To Meet With Ike

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur flew from New York for his White House meeting Thursday, saying he did not know why he had been asked to come.

The former supreme commander in the Far East told reporters at the airport that he had been invited to the White House by President Eisenhower and that he was "delighted to come down."

Asked whether he expected a government assignment, the five-star general replied: "I don't know, but my guess is that this is a purely social occasion."

Retirement Just The Start Says Mrs. Annabelle Newton

"And of the many lands you will have journeyed thru, You'll oft recall, the best of all The land your childhood knew—"

Victor Herbert said it — Mrs. Annabelle Newton doesn't believe it.

The Klamath County treasurer, who will retire at the end of her present term and Thursday was celebrating her sixty-fifth birthday anniversary, said the "golden age" lies ahead.

Mrs. Newton has had a varied career which included teaching school, clerking in stores and pursuing her favorite pastime—politics.

"I have worked hard for many years," she explained. "Now I am going to enjoy what I expect to be the 'golden age.' I will be able to travel and enjoy some of the other pleasures of life which come with leisure."

Mrs. Newton was born March 18, 1899, in Norborne, Carroll County, Missouri. When she was a young girl, the family moved to Bolivar, Missouri, where she attended high school and college.

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U.N. Probes Killings In Middle East

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP)—Tension gripped the border areas of Israel and her Arab neighbors Thursday as Israeli investigators and U.N. observers probed the reported Negev desert massacre of 11 Jews by a gang of Arabs.

(Newspapers in Beirut, Lebanon, carried dispatches from Jordan, reporting that Israeli troops were concentrating on the Jordan border. The dispatches said the Jordan government has taken "immediate security measures.")

Travelers from Syria reaching Beirut reported a steady stream of Syrian military vehicles were moving southward, presumably to assist Jordan if necessary.

Israeli Prime Minister Moshe Sharett met with Israeli army and government chiefs at Beersheba, in the Negev, while the U.N. observers moved out to lonely Beersheba Pass for their on-the-spot check into the attack.

An Israeli spokesman said investigation showed that the unidentified attackers came from the direction of the Jordan border 12 miles to the east.

Sources close to the foreign office said Israeli ambassadors in Washington, London and Paris have been instructed to draw the attention of the Western powers to the incident. The Israeli delegation to the United Nations also will submit a note to the Security Council chairman for distribution among the members of the council, the source said.

In Amman, Jordan's capital, a government spokesman said Jordan was not responsible for the bus incident but that Jordan was "ready politically and militarily to meet any developments that might arise."

The Israeli government filed an official complaint to the U.N. sponsored Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission set up to supervise the cease-fire line between this country and her Arab neighbor.

The government denounced the attack as a "warlike act" and a "massacre." Only four persons on the bus survived, including a woman and child who "played dead" to escape close-range machine-gun fire from the attackers. The two other survivors were part of the four-man soldier escort traveling on the bus to protect the passengers.

One survivor said the attacking band numbered about 10 men.

The Israeli report said the Arabs shot the driver then boarded the bus and tommy gunned the rest of the passengers.

Red China Veto Told By Lodge

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—U. S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. said Thursday he would not "shrink" from using the veto to keep Red China out of the United Nations.

Lodge told a news conference the United States is vigorously opposed to giving the Chinese Communists a seat here and said he could foresee no developments at the coming Geneva conference which might change this position.

The chief U. S. delegate to the U. N. said he believed the United States would get enough support to block the seating of the Peiping regime in the U. N., but that he would use the veto if necessary.

He took issue with legal opinions issued by the State Department under the Truman administration that the veto would not apply to the China representation question.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Windy and cold with light snow, clearing Friday. High Friday 42; low Thursday night 25.

High yesterday	31
Low last night	21
Precip last 24 hours	.97
Since Oct. 1	11.77
Same period last year	10.79
Normal for period	8.83

N. Y. Police Alerted By State Dept.

NEW YORK (AP)—A cryptic State Department warning that Puerto Rican Nationalists planned to kill "important" persons — including Henry Cabot Lodge, U. S. ambassador to the United Nations — sent 200 extra city police on special guard duty early today.

Although Lodge was the only person named in the emergency order, officers were rushed to residences of prominent national, state and local officials.

The FBI had no comment on the alert. Further information from the State Department was not immediately available.

Lodge, who stays at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, reportedly retired shortly before midnight.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, in town for the St. Patrick's Day parade, reportedly left his Roosevelt Hotel apartment late last night for his farm home in Pawling, N. Y.

Special protection was given Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.), stopping at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

The guard at State's residence on Manhattan's West Side, among them in Rep. Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. (D-Lib-N.Y.).

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The homes of several federal judges and other officials got special protection on the strength of supplementary police orders dealing with public officials residing on Manhattan's West Side. Among them in Rep. Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. (D-Lib-N.Y.).

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Santiam Dam Project Urged

LEBANON, Ore. (AP)—An effort will be made Friday in Congress to take Green Peter Dam from the omnibus bill and set it up as a separate project for fast action under the new "partnership" program of regional development.

Members of the South Santiam Development Committee, pushing the project for the Middle Fork of the South Santiam to be built six miles east of Sweet Home, said the dam would have optimistic reports of probable success.

The dam is one of the many planned in the Willamette Basin program, aimed at flood control.

But Terry Elder, Lebanon banker who has been active in the program, said Pacific Power & Light Co. had expressed interest in building a power unit in the dam. This evidence of local participation is expected to be helpful in speeding the approval.

Max Landon and Doug Bradley are now in Washington urging that Green Peter be set up as a separate project and early approval be given. They have reported that the Army Engineers and Oregon's congressional delegation will give their backing to it.

N. Y. Docks Surge With Violence

NEW YORK (AP)—Hand to hand battling broke out on the Brooklyn waterfront Thursday while Mayor Robert F. Wagner mapped action to halt further strike violence.

An AFL truck seriously injured a member of the rival International Longshoremen Assn., independent, and a thrown rock slightly injured a policeman.

Police reported at least a dozen fist fights when 500 AFL Longshoremen drove up in trucks and defied an ILA picket line to go to work at the Army base.

About a block away, a truck operated by the AFL Seafarers International Union, struck and injured Joseph De Marco, 46, of Brooklyn.

AFL spokesmen said DeMarco was in an ILA group that was trying to overturn the truck and was struck accidentally when the driver attempted to turn the vehicle away from the men.

The mayor called in top city and state law enforcement agencies to map action in the tension-filled situation.

Aides said Wagner was determined to keep order on the waterfront, virtually shut down by a two-week outlaws strike of members of the International Longshoremen's Assn. (ILA).

The violence occurred Wednesday at docks in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Newark, N. J., where members of the rival AFL International Longshoremen's Assn. pressed through picket lines of the striking dock union.

At least six men required hospital treatment—one of them an AFL-ILA member who was stabbed in a fight involving several men in Newark. One ILA man was arrested and others were sought in that melee.

The ILA and the AFL-ILA have been fighting for NLRB certification as bargaining agent for the harbor's 24,000 longshoremen since the AFL set up the AFL-ILA after ousting the ILA last September for failure to rid itself of racketeering elements.

Senators Ask Potato Props

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republican senators, acting on a question reportedly raised in a policy session, are making an informal inquiry into why the Agriculture Department isn't buying up surplus potatoes.

The department was given that authority, to be used at the discretion of Secretary Benson, in a law enacted earlier this year.

Five Republican senators, including chairman Ferguson (Mich.) of the policy committee, met with department representatives Wednesday but got nowhere because none of the department people was authorized to speak with authority.

Sen. Dworth (R-Iowa) said a real discussion of the matter would have to await Benson's return to Washington Thursday or Friday.

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BEGINNING THE DAY'S WORK this morning as the 9 o'clock photographer chanced by was Betty Duffy, bookkeeper, and C. B. Warren, Manager, of the George Hill Refrigeration Company of 203 South Riverside Drive.

Defenders Brace For New Attacks

By LARRY ALLEN

HANOI, Indochina (AP)—French guns from the United States and Chinese-supplied Vietminh artillery duelled at long range Thursday across the barbed wire of Dien Bien Phu as the defenders of the big French fortress in north-west Indochina awaited more violent rebel assaults.

With clear, sunny weather the French unleashed the full fury of their airpower, too, on the Communist-led rebels' artillery posts and troops massed around the heavily fortified plain. In their sixth day of constant attack, the French still were confident they would win a major victory.

Latest word from the battle-ground plain six miles long and four miles wide said the rebels still had not managed to penetrate the barbed wire ringed, bunkered heart of the fortress.

Though the French expected a resumption of the rebel charges momentarily, the Vietminh since Wednesday had steered clear of the mad, wave-on-wave rushes which had strewn the battlefield and barbed wire with an estimated 3,000 rebel dead and 8,000 wounded—equivalent of a full division.

From land and aircraft carrier bases American-supplied Helioats, Bearcats, Privateers and B26 bombers roared over Dien Bien Phu to paste the rebels.

French 105 millimeter guns blasted away at the rebel gun emplacements and troop concentrations. The Vietminh pumped thousands of mortar and 75 and 105 millimeter shells trying to knock out the fortress' key defenses and airstrips.

Other transports continued to parachute reinforcements troops and war material to the French in the heart of the plain.

The French conceded their own losses were "appreciable" but released no figures. The garrison force includes Frenchmen, Foreign Legionnaires, Algerians, Moroccans, Vietnamese and Thai tribesmen.

The French made ready for more furious assaults with the possibility that Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap, the Communist commander of the Vietminh army, would shortly try to crush French resistance by throwing in all of the 38,000 troops it is estimated he has left in the hills and jungles around Dien Bien Phu.

The Vietminh obviously were forced to take time out yesterday to gather up what the French said were "thousands of killed and wounded" and regroup for another charge.

French army spokesmen were calmly confident today the strong fortress—exclusively built up by airlifts—would be able to hurl back anything the enemy offered.

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