

BESIEGED FRENCH HOLD FORT



ON THE NEW SITE and ready to go is the Klamath Sportsmen's new clubhouse and headquarters, recently moved to the lot above Frei's store. Extensive remodeling is planned for the surplus structure, and it is hoped it will be ready for use by mid-summer.

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Nixon Says US Troops May Be Used To Save Indochina

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Nixon says American troops might be used in a last-ditch effort to save Indochina. The statement brought prompt challenges from both Republican and Democratic lawmakers.

The vice president said he does not believe such action will be necessary because he thinks Indochina can be saved from the Communists by other means. But in the unlikely event that French forces withdraw, he said, this country would have to send in troops.

Nixon expressed his views in an off-the-record address to the American Society of Newspaper Editors. He later permitted newsmen to report his remarks on condition they not be attributed directly to him.

NEWS STORIES

News stories reporting his remarks first identified him as a high administration official.

But he was connected with the statements from several sources. The London Times included in its story a statement that the only high administration source making a speech here Friday was Nixon. And the Niles (Mich.) daily star and Rep. Hoffman (R-Mich.), expressing opposition to the statement, had identified Nixon as its source.

Nixon himself was not immediately available for comment on the "leaks."

The disclosure that Nixon was the administration source in question lent added weight to the expression of policy, since he sits in with the National Security Council and at cabinet sessions.

FRANK DISCUSSION

Whether his frank discussion of the issue would have repercussions within the administration remained to be seen. Nixon has acted as spokesman for President Eisenhower on several recent occasions.

In outlining his views, Nixon repeated Eisenhower's words that "we cannot afford any retreat in Asia."

His statement, made yesterday to newsmen who were cautioned not to make public his name, included a prediction the French government is "going to be putting on the pressure" to negotiate an Indochina truce with the Communists at the April 28 Geneva Conference.

It was his opinion, the official said in a clear indication of American opposition to such a move, that such a truce would deliver Indochina to the Communists.

Although the official's declaration was regarded in some quarters as reflecting a National Security Council decision, the purported policy was challenged immediately by Republicans as well as Democrats.

DISAGREES

Sen. Hickenlooper (R-Iowa), a Senate Foreign Relations Committee member, said in an interview he doesn't believe any decision has been made to use American troops in Indochina under any circumstances.

"I have such a policy, I'd like to know about it," Hickenlooper said, "but I don't think we have."

Sen. Long (D-La.), a former Armed Services Committee member, said no U. S. troops should be sent to Indochina without a congressional resolution approving it. And he said he would vote

Red Force Gathers For Big Attack



UP BRIGHT AND EARLY this morning to help Ralph M. Hilton, 2663 Altamont Drive, with the day's work was young Sandra Hilton.

By LARRY ALLEN

HANOI, Indochina (AP) — Waves of Dakotas and Flying Boxcars dropped men and equipment to the besieged garrison of Dien Bien Phu Saturday. The Communist-led attackers cling to dugouts only 800 yards from the heart of the fortress despite heavy ground fire and air attacks.

Men parachuted in as reinforcements included a number of volunteers from the Red River Delta area. A French high command spokesman said they would be held as reserves for critical moments during the next Vietnamese assault. That blow, which would be the third big one, is expected soon, before the Geneva conference opens April 28.

Garrison soldiers, backed by planes and tank and artillery fire, counterattacked against the Communist-led rebels at all points.

Relentless French drives against infiltrating Vietnamese units entrenched on the northern part of Dien Bien Phu's main airstrip failed yesterday to route them.

REBELS DIG IN

At the airstrip, the rebels dug in to dugouts just 800 yards from the bunkers where Brig. Gen. Christian de Castries, the fortress commander, has his headquarters.

The 50-year-old de Castries was hard at work directing the fortress defenses when he received word the Paris government had officially boosted his rank from colonel to brigadier general.

A French plane parachuted to de Castries the two stars which the French use to designate a brigadier general.

Behind a curtain of mortar fire that blocked yesterday's French charges against the infiltrated Vietnamese, the enemy managed to dig in deeper, fanning out from new crevices they had blasted in Dien Bien Phu runways with high explosives.

Other rebel units trying to sneak toward the airstrip from the northwest were knocked out, the French said.

Some French troops skirted the rebel air field positions to reinforce strongpoints on the eastern and western rims of the besieged fortress.

ENEMY THREATENS

The French acknowledged, however, the enemy's foothold near the heart of the fortress seriously hampered the defenders' west-west communications.

A mass assault with thousands of Vietnamese lunging out of the surrounding hills, still was expected as a bid for a major Vietnamese victory before the East-West Geneva Conference opens April 28.

Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap, the veteran Communist who commands the rebel armed forces was reported to have 45,000 fresh regulars and new recruits to throw into the sheets of gunfire the French can lay down from their trenches, bunkers and gun emplacements.

(French censorship has not permitted correspondents to report the size of the defense force at Dien Bien Phu. However, the Associated Press has received information from a reliable source giving the number of defenders as 14,000.)

HOPES

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Prime Minister Nehru said Saturday his government hopes "no endeavor will be considered too great at the Geneva conference to bring the Indochina war to an end and negotiate a settlement."

Nehru said India stands on her previous policy toward collective defense agreements among the Western powers for Southeast Asia.

Civic Lounge To Be Moved

The Community Lounge, started and maintained by the Klamath Basin Civic Service League for the past four years on North Eighth Street, in the Oliver Building will be moved in the near future to a new location in the former Mann's Music Store on North Seventh Street.

The present location has been sold to the American Legion.

The change will be made between May 1 and May 15, according to Mrs. C. E. Dennis, president.

Remodeling of the new location is now under way, with partitions being built, more sanitary facilities being installed and other arrangements being made for the comfort of the visiting public.

As in the present location, there will be rooms for resting while visitors are in Klamath Falls, facilities for caring for babies and younger children, including nursery equipment, a room for larger meetings, a reading library and large lobby.

Use of the community lounge has been increasing at a rapid rate with women and men from distant points, from the rural communities here, and from town, signing the register. Over 2000 persons a month are now being served.

There is no charge for the use of the accommodation. The project is financed by the county and city and by some contributions from organizations and individuals.

Officers are Mrs. Dennis, Klamath Falls, president; Mrs. Earl Kerns, Klamath Falls, vice president; Mrs. Fred Rueck, Bonanza, secretary; Mrs. Lee Holliday, Klamath Falls, treasurer; Mrs. Alice Vitus, Mrs. Eleanor Real, Mrs. Lawrence Birk, Mrs. Violet Harris and Mrs. E. E. Kilpatrick, trustees.

Mrs. Nina Buck is matron.

Weather

FORECAST — Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Sunday.

High Friday.....74

Low Friday night.....56

High Saturday night.....70

Low Saturday night.....49

High Sunday.....70

Indian Meet To Be Held

An Indian Affairs subcommittee hearing will be held at Klamath Agency Monday, April 19, starting at 10 a.m. Purpose of the meeting will be to take testimony from interested persons regarding H.R. 7320, which pertains to the release of the Klamath Indian Tribe from government supervision.

Several members of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, Washington, D. C., will be present for the session, which will be held in the Tribal Council Hall.

Many state, county and city officials have been invited to the meeting, Supl. E. J. Diehl stated.

TV Hearings Beginning

Preliminary phases of the FCC hearing to determine ultimate use of television channel 2 in the Klamath country have begun in Washington, D.C.

Legal counsel for the two local applicants, KFJI Broadcasters, solely owned by W. D. Miller, and Klamath Falls Television, Inc., owned equally among a large group of local residents, have met with the examiner assigned to the case and are establishing points of reliance on which the final decision will be based.

KFJI Broadcasters, planning to expand existing radio facilities to include television, according to their application, would feature local and film features and hope to add network service. Operating power would be 13.05 kilowatts at an elevation of 4879 feet above sea level, 458 feet above average local terrain. According to the KFJI consulting engineer, this would provide good pictures from 28 to 48 airline miles from Klamath Falls, depending on intervening mountains. Studios would be at 327 Main Street.

Klamath Falls Television, Inc., proposes programming from all four TV networks plus local and film features. Its antenna would radiate 25 kilowatts of power from the summit of Hogback Mountain, 5500 feet above sea level and 2000 feet above average local terrain, providing good pictures 70 airline miles in all directions. Studios would occupy the entire second floor of the former Pine Tree Theater building at 7th and Main, not including the legal offices in the south wing over Rickys Jewellers.

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20-30 To Host Easter Egg Hunt

Parents are asked to have their children, who will participate in the 20-30 Club Easter egg hunt, at Moore Park tomorrow, Easter Sunday, by 2 p.m.

Children throughout the Basin up to 12 years of age are eligible to take part in the hunt, the fifth annual Easter egg hunt sponsored by the 20-30-ians.

There will be different areas for different age groups, and members of the club will direct children to the proper area.

Almost 7,000 eggs, donated by various merchants in town, will be hidden, and about 150 prizes will be awarded.

Workers Set Strike Date

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Defendants Rearranged

Three defendants arraigned before Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg on Thursday, April 15 were re-arraigned Saturday on request of District Attorney Frank Alderson.

The three are: Raymond J. Bodinet, Alfred Junior Carter, and Philip Jackson.

The re-arraignment was necessary because the names of the prosecution witnesses were not included in the first reading of the documents; as is required by Oregon State law.

The attorneys for the three defendants, E. E. Driscoll, P. K. Puckett, and A. C. Yaden all objected to the re-arraignment on the grounds that a defendant should not be arraigned piecemeal.

Judge Vandenberg allowed the re-arraignment and confirmed times previously set to hear pleas of the defendants.

Lost Seamen Searched For

VANCOUVER, B.C. (AP) — A lone rowboat beached on a rocky shore at storm-lashed Cape Decision may be the key to the fate of 14 crew members of the Vancouver tug Chelany lost at sea Thursday.

En route here from Skagway, Alaska, with a large load of ore concentrate, the 145-foot tug mysteriously sank four miles west of the cape. The scene is 150 miles south of Juneau, Alaska, and 850 miles north of here.

U.S. Coast Guard officials in Juneau said Friday a Coast Guard cutter had spotted an unidentified rowboat on the beach. It was unoccupied. Rough seas prevented a landing party from the cutter from going ashore.

French Sent Ike Message

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — President Eisenhower, in a message to defenders of the French fortress of Dien Bien Phu, says they are demonstrating "qualities on which the survival of the free world depends."

The President's tribute was made public Saturday at his vacation headquarters here. It was expressed in messages to President Rene Coty of France, and Bao Dai, chief of state of Vietnam, for relay to the Dien Bien Phu defenders.

James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, told newsmen the Eisenhower messages were dispatched a week ago, and that replies from Coty and Bao Dai had just been received.

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Oppenheimer Defended By High Government Official

WASHINGTON (AP) — A high-level member of the Eisenhower administration says he feels that Atomic Scientist J. Robert Oppenheimer is a "loyal American," even though "the information in his file is voluminous and makes a case of security risk."

This official gave his opinion to newsmen, but stipulated that his name not be disclosed. He has had contact with the Oppenheimer case since 1948 when the pioneer physicist—credited with a leading role in development of the atomic bomb—was questioned by a congressional committee.

Oppenheimer has been barred from further access to U. S. atomic secrets pending a review of his case. A special three-man Atomic Energy Commission panel "has been sitting in the case."

A "blank wall" was ordered placed between Oppenheimer and government atomic data last December after the AEC said it had received information that he was a security risk. The scientist denied this and asked for a hearing.

The administration official said it is up to the panel headed by former Secretary of the Army Gordon Gray, to decide whether Oppenheimer is a security risk. The official said he is "sure Dr. Oppenheimer will get a fair hearing." He said the physicist's file presents "an extremely difficult problem."

The overshadowing issue in the Oppenheimer case, said this official, is whether the government should hold that past associations, even if forewarned, should forever after rule out government employment.

"I do not believe it should," he said, and added:

IDEOLOGY

"I believe each case should be considered on its merits, particularly when dealing with an ideology which during the 1930's had such an appeal among the intelligentsia and various other groups.

"If the man is not a security risk, if he is not subject to blackmail, he should have a right to work for the government."

"Dr. Oppenheimer, at least on the evidence I have seen, in my opinion is a loyal American. On the other hand the information in his file is voluminous and makes a 'prima facie' case of security risk."

One of the allegations against Oppenheimer is he opposed development of the hydrogen bomb even after President Truman ordered in 1950 that work on that super-weapon be pushed. Oppenheimer has asserted he dropped his opposition as soon as Truman made his decision and that he went at the task with a will.

JUDGEMENT DEFERRED

Sen. Hickenlooper (R-Iowa), a former chairman of the Senate House Atomic Energy Committee and now its vice-chairman, was asked on a CBS radio program last night whether disloyalty figured in the H-bomb delay.

"I wouldn't pass judgment on that particular matter at this time," Hickenlooper replied.

Oppenheimer's name was not mentioned.

Asked if he felt there was a deliberate delay in developing the H-bomb, the Iowa senator answered that he did not want to state that the lag "was or was not deliberate." Hickenlooper did say "the program was not started as early as I thought it should be started."

McCarthy Said Losing Appeal

WASHINGTON (AP) — A sampling of the nation's editors shows that "McCarthyism" in their opinion, has lost popularity in the past years.

The editors were polled informally at a breakfast meeting given by the Washington chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity.

To the question, "In your section of the country is McCarthyism more or less popular now than a year ago?" the answers were: 31 "more" and 80 "less."

To the editors it appeared that Congress will be split in the next session. In answer to a second Sigma Delta Chi question, "which party is going to win Senate and House in this year's congressional election?" The answers were: In the Senate, 55 editors thought the Republicans would establish the majority, 38 felt the Democrats would win.

In the House elections, 47 thought the Republicans would carry the election, as against 52 who predicted a Democratic house.

KLAMATH BASIN POTATO SHIPMENTS

Shipped Today	Same Day Last Year
30 cars	12 cars
Total for Season	
10,304 cars	10,912 cars
1953-54	1952-53

BERLIN (AP) — Sgt. Eddie J. Brown of Cleveland, Ohio, has turned himself in to U.S. Army authorities here after more than three years in the Soviet zone, the Army announced Saturday.

Headquarters said Brown, 33, had been absent without leave from his unit in Munich since Jan. 15, 1951.



THIS POSES A PROBLEM: Do Easter bunnies fly? Or are they airborne in this modern day and age? Intrigued and pensive are, left to right, Bob Hartley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hartley, Bonanza; Martin and Harold Tice, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tice, 330 Pacific Terrace.

Window Spots Said Normal

SEATTLE (AP) — Pacific Northwest residents who have been reporting a mysterious wave of automobile windshield damage were faced today with a report by a committee of scientists that said in effect "it isn't so."

The scientists, all from the University of Washington physics, chemistry and meteorology departments, qualified their denial slightly, but said:

"The most likely explanation at this moment is that the pitting is the result of normal driving conditions in which small objects strike the windshields of cars."

They reported on a survey of automobiles parked in sheltered and unsheltered areas and said the number of observable pits in windshields bore a direct relationship to the age of the car and its mileage. They called attention to the damage being almost entirely confined to windshields and not the rear windows.

"While this initial conclusion appears consistent with the facts that have reached us," they said, "we recognize that all observations may not be completely explained."

Red Air Force Said Growing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gen. Nathan F. Twining, Air Force chief of staff, has advised Congress that Russia is expanding and improving an air force against which it is virtually impossible to build an airtight defense.

But at the same time he declared that the U.S. Air Force has the power to deliver nuclear weapons on short notice to any place, at any time — an offensive force stronger than Russia's "by a good margin."

Twining took issue with what he called "recent statements on the air" that the Air Force's long-range Air Command is not strong enough to do its job.

"The Strategic Air Command is the best trained and finest equipped long-range striking force in the world," Twining said.

"It is capable of delivering on short notice the highest yield nuclear weapons on targets located anywhere in the world during daytime or nighttime."

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THE \$390 QUESTION WAS: "Who was the first American woman to become figure skating champion?" Mrs. Gerry Murphy, Merrill, knew it was a 17 year old girl but couldn't think of her name when Mel Venter called her long distance Friday afternoon on the Telo-test program. This is believed to be the first time a Merrill resident has been called on the quiz program. Mrs. Murphy is shown checking a record book for the