

DEN BIEN PHU FALLS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

After 20 hours of uninterrupted assault by forces outnumbering its garrison at least six to one, the little fortress of Dien Bien Phu that has held the center of the world spotlight for so many weeks falls to the communists.

Its fall comes 170 days after its original investment by the communists and after 57 days of more or less continuous battle. During all this period its ground communications have been cut and it has been supplied wholly by air.

Tragic note: The Dien Bien Phu garrison numbers some 14,000 men. They are now prisoners of war. There was a time in the world when that would not have been COMPLETELY tragic, for these men would have been honorably treated.

After Korea, we know what they face NOW. What they face is grim.

What does the fall of Dien Bien Phu mean?

It means that the communists can now go into Geneva with the status of VICTORS. Let's go back to our negotiations for a truce in Korea. We had fought the communists to a standstill. Even so, we had PLENTY of trouble getting a truce that was better than nothing but far from satisfactory.

After Dien Bien Phu, anyone who can foresee a settlement at Geneva that is even partially satisfactory to our side is an incurable optimist.

Let's take a look at this morning's comment.

In Paris, Premier Laniel tells the French assembly (the lower and much more powerful house of the French parliament) that "the French reaction will be the reaction of the VIRILITY OF A GREAT NATION."

Those are bold words, but they come rather late. If the French politicians had displayed any part of the participation and the stamina of the Frenchmen who have fought and died at Dien Bien Phu what has just happened would not have come to pass.

We are living in an era when deeds count more than words.

In Washington, House Speaker Martin describes the fall of Dien Bien Phu as a cause of DEEP concern, and adds: "Unless the nations who believe in freedom unite quickly in support of the Dulles security plan, all Asia is threatened with communist domination."

Suppose the nations that believe in freedom but are loath to fight for it don't unite. What then? Will we stand by and permit all Asia to fall to communism, or will WE do the fighting?

That question is a grim one. It suggests another grim question: Why should we shed the blood of our sons to save the remaining nations of Asia from communism? Why not let them go communist and stew in their own juice?

Take a look at this: We have set Japan up as our bulwark in the East. There are 60 million Japs in an area no bigger than Oregon and California. If they survive, they must TRADE—for they can't support themselves out of their own resources. We aren't going to let them trade with us to an extent that will support them.

They'll have to trade somewhere. Their natural trading area is Asia. If ALL Asia goes communist, the Japs will have to trade with the communists OR STARVE. How can they trade with the communists and FIGHT the communists at one and the same time?

Putting it briefly, our job is to try to save enough of Asia FOR THE JAPS TO TRADE WITH so that they can remain strong enough to be our bulwark in the East.

That's about the long and the short of it.

Portland Spud Prices Rise

PORTLAND (U) — Quality potatoes brought stronger prices in Portland wholesale trading Friday, retailers paying 23 cents a hundredweight higher because of the near-end of the old crop.

Buyers for produce houses said the supply in Deschutes areas was tight and little good quality offerings were being shipped.

As a result, some turned to the Klamath Falls market and met higher quotations.

Quotations to retailers Friday: Deschutes Russets, No. 1-A, \$2.50 to \$2.80 a hundredweight off jobbers' floors; No. 2s, \$5 to \$6 cents a 50-pound sack.

No. 1-A Klamath long ranged from \$4.25 to \$4.75 for name brands.

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KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, FRIDAY, M. Price Five Cents—16 Pages



9 o'clock Special

A LESSON IN OMISSION from these Klamath Union High School students on their way to school this morning: Senior Ross Tomlin (left) has graduated down to only a piece of paper to 'haul home' at night and back in the morning; Sylvia Wilbur, a freshman, carries a huge notebook — bulging at the seams!

French Resistance In Asia Called Free World Symbol

WASHINGTON (U) President Eisenhower said Friday the resistance of French Union forces at the now fallen fortress of Dien Bien Phu "will forever stand as a symbol of the free world's determination to resist dictatorial aggression."

The President set forth his views in a message to President Rene Coty of France, released shortly after the fall of the Indochina fortress was announced.

It was a quick follow-up to calls from congressional leaders for united action by free world nations to stem the Communist tide in Asia, Eisenhower said France has suffered "temporary defeats" in the past, but always she has triumphed in the end to continue as one of the world's leaders in all things that tend to bring greater richness to the lives of men.

"It is time for our allies and so called allies to stand up and be counted and stop quibbling," Sen. Bridges (R-NH) said.

House Speaker Martin (R-Mass) described the bastion's fall as a cause of deep concern and added in an interview: "Unless the nations who believe in freedom unite quickly in support of the Dulles security plan, all Asia is threatened with Communist domination."

Martin's reference was to Secretary of State Dulles' proposal for a coalition to take "united action" against the Communists in Southeast Asia.

Republican Leader Knowland (Calif) told newsmen the "terrific defense of Dien Bien Phu may awaken the free world to the danger and menace of international communism and inspire the need for a more adequate free world defense."

Knowland, describing the defense of the fortress as "one of the greatest epochs in history," said its capture by the Viet Minh was "obviously a setback, though it has been very costly to the Communist forces."

Three Injured In Car Smash

Three men were injured, one seriously, early this morning, when a car in which they were riding failed to negotiate the turn at the intersection of Airway Drive and Highway 39, six miles southeast of here.

Clinton Cobb, 2941 Laverne, a passenger in the car, was still in a semi-conscious condition late this morning from a severe bump on the head. His condition is as good as could be expected, according to hospital authorities.

Driver of the car, Bob D. Freeman, 1532 Derby, and another passenger Leroy Boyd, 1103 Homedale, were released from the hospital after receiving medical attention for cuts and bruises.

According to Oregon State Police, the Freeman car was traveling east on Airway Drive about 2:30 a.m. when another car passed at a high rate of speed and Freeman "opened up" in an effort to overtake the other vehicle.

Blowing sharp just in time to make the down turn, the first car skidded around the turn and continued on. The Freeman car "burned rubber" for 150 feet before regaining the intersection but was unable to make the turn, and crossed the highway and rolled over into the ditch, officers stated. The car was badly wrecked.

KLAMATH BASIN POTATO SHIPMENTS

Shipped Today	Name Day Last Year
51 cars	16 cars
Total for Season	
11,158 cars	11,250 cars
2395-24	2395-23

Dulles To Report On Asia Plans

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON (U)—Secretary of State Dulles has developed a two-stage program for organizing an anti-Communist coalition in Southeast Asia and hopes it will produce a provisional arrangement in a matter of weeks.

Dulles is due to hold a series of diplomatic discussions here shortly for the first stage of negotiations. Officials said today it seems certain to begin with a multinational military staff conference.

The military conference, and possibly additional diplomatic talks, would be designed to produce a provisional security arrangement to stand until later second-stage talks eventually resulted in a formal security treaty.

A minimum of five and a maximum of 10 or a dozen countries could be represented in the first conference. Authorities said the British have agreed to cooperate, and they termed this a forward step. Previously the Churchill government had withheld joining in Dulles' proposed "united action" pending efforts for an Indochina peace settlement at Geneva.

Dulles conferred with President Eisenhower at the White House for more than an hour Friday morning. He told newsmen afterward that they had discussed Friday night's speech.

Asked about reports that he was working on what a newsman termed a compromise solution of the Indochina problem, Dulles laughed and replied: "There are so many stories that if I commented on them all I wouldn't have time to write my speech."

Dulles will report to the nation by radio and television tonight on Indochina and on other subjects, notably the Korean peace deadlock, with which he dealt at Geneva last week with Allied nations and the Communists.

The broadcast is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. EST. His 30-minute talk will be carried at the time of delivery by the ABC TV network and by NBC, CBS and Mutual radio networks. Rebroadcasts will be carried by CBS TV at 11:15 p.m. and by ABC radio at 11.

KFLW-CBS will rebroadcast Secretary of State Dulles' speech tonight, Friday, at 6:30 p.m.

Advance information was that he would emphasize his and President Eisenhower's resolve — despite disappointments so far — to form a united front with friendly nations aimed at saving Southeast Asia from Communist conquest.

Then, aides said, he will talk in the next few days with diplomats of a number of countries which could be included in the alliance, particularly about the subject of military negotiations. Informants said it had not been settled just what countries would be included, and they emphasized that the conference is still only a proposal subject to revision.

Indian Lumber Pay Raised

SALEM (U) — Oregon's Warm Springs Indians will get an extra \$260,000 a year in timber. Interior Secretary Douglas McKay ordered Thursday.

The order follows complaints by the Indians that they were entitled to more money for their reservation timber.

McKay said the Warm Springs Lumber Co. will pay \$26 a thousand board feet, compared with \$16 it now pays. The Philip Dahl Co. will pay \$18, instead of the present \$13.

The Indians' complaint to McKay was made last March, and McKay sent three of his assistants to Oregon to hold a hearing.

The increase is necessary, McKay said, because pine prices have increased considerably since the last time the price for the Indians' lumber was adjusted.

McKay warned, however, that the Warm Springs increase isn't a pattern in cases involving timber sales on other reservations. Each case will be decided on its merits, he added.

Carnegie Board Names Sprague

NEW YORK (U) — The Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace announced Thursday that Charles A. Sprague, editor and publisher of the Oregon Statesman, Salem, Ore., and former governor of Oregon, has been elected to the board.



ESCORTED TO MURDER HEARING by Sheriff Murray (Red) Britton this morning from the county Jail was Arthur F. Pigg, right, held for the murder of Roy Durham on April 25.

Hearing Held In Pigg Case

By LYLE DOWNING
Arthur F. Pigg, 73-year-old night club photographer, charged with second degree murder, was pictured as a gay Loebario involved with at least three women during a preliminary hearing Friday in District Judge D. E. Van Vactor's court.

Eulah May Durham, 44-year-old ex-wife of Roy Durham, who Pigg is alleged to have killed at the climax of a love quarrel, testified the gun victim was enraged at the aged photographer for breaking up a romance with "a girl named Thelma."

Under cross-examination by Defense Attorney J. C. O'Neill, Mrs. Durham described the slaying of her ex-husband, O'Neill got an admission from the woman that she had not only led to the district attorney but also to the police.

O'Neill is attempting to show that Pigg shot Durham in self-defense.

According to Mrs. Durham's version of the shooting under cross-examination, Pigg had driven her and Mrs. Billy Little, 60, to his home a few minutes before the killings.

"Billy and I started walking away from Mr. Pigg's house," she said, "when Roy appeared. Roy was fighting mad. He said 'I'm going to get that Pigg for breaking up me and my girl friend, Thelma. Pigg's been taking whisky over to Betty and Thelma.'"

Earlier in her testimony, Mrs. Durham testified that on the afternoon before the shooting she and Durham drove around Klamath Falls and parked on a hill outside of town. There, she said, they agreed to re-marry. She added "we were very happy about it."

Under examination by Attorney O'Neill, Mrs. Durham said when Durham appeared near Pigg's home, he was "mumbling" about his girl friend, Thelma.

"He was headed right for Pigg's apartment," she continued. "I grabbed his arm. He said he was going to get that Pigg. He was making a big noise and disturbing the peace. I saw Mr. Pigg step out his door with a pistol in his hand. Then I turned and took off."

A short distance from the scene of the shooting, Mrs. Durham said she saw a strange man and buried her face in his coat.

"I heard three shots and I was hysterical," she explained. "I buried my face in this strange man's coat."

Mrs. Durham said she went back to the scene of the shooting when police arrived. She was still on the witness stand when the morning session was recessed.

Twenty Firemen Die In Disaster

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (U) — Twenty firemen were reported missing and presumed dead Friday after explosions and fire wiped out powder and petroleum storage facilities on a small island near Guanabara Bay.

Eight other firemen were seriously injured in the disaster on the island of Braco Forte, about eight miles from the city. The depot belonged to the Rio port administration. Damage was estimated at three million cruzeros (\$166,000).

Fort Submerged By Red Masses

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
PARIS — Dien Bien Phu has fallen. Premier Joseph Laniel announced late Friday the northwest Indochina bastion "has been submerged."

A little fortress named Isabelle, site of the French Union garrison's main artillery, was still holding out three miles south of the bloodied, muddled bastion that had epitomized the Indochina War to the world for 57 days.

One of the last orders Brig. Gen. Christian de Castries, the lanky commander in chief, sent to Isabelle was to fire on his own command post when the Communist-led rebel riflemen finally cut through.

There was no immediate word as to the fate of Gen. De Castries, commander of the fallen garrison, nor that of Genevieve de Galard Terraube, a French nurse and the only woman in the besieged fort. She had been decorated for gallantry twice within the week.

VAIN EFFORT
Premier Laniel told the National Assembly counterattacks had been launched in a vain effort to block the rebels from making a juncture in attacks from the northeast and the southwest, but the defense effort failed.

"The government has just learned that Dien Bien Phu has been submerged after 20 hours of uninterrupted combat," Laniel said.

Laniel said "The French reaction will be the reaction of the virility of a great nation."

He added France will confirm its instructions to its delegates at Geneva without admitting that the fall of Dien Bien Phu can change anything. "France will recall to its allies that during seven years it has never quit defending alone a great region of Asia," Laniel told the Assembly.

All the deputies in the Assembly stood while Laniel announced the fall of Dien Bien Phu — except the Communists. They remained seated.

Gen. Ho Nguyen Giap's rebel siege forces, bidding for victory before the Geneva conference started negotiations for an end to the 7-year-old war, outnumbered De Castries' garrison by 4-to-1 or more.

De Castries was estimated on the eve of the showdown battle to have 14,000 men, including wounded, at his command. These were Frenchmen, Foreign Legionnaires, Vietnamese and North Africans. There were about 1,000 wounded in underground bunkers of the fort. All efforts for a truce to evacuate them had failed.

The fortress, situated in a broad flat rice plain about six miles long and half that wide, was pounded by artillery and mortars during the long days of the siege.

Each new wave of infantrymen bit off a bit of the original fortress until when the attack started during the past night, a field little bigger than a baseball diamond remained in which the defenders were concentrated.

Defense of the little fortress was made difficult by the fact that all the surrounding hills were held by the Viet Minh and, to the surprise of the French Union forces, they were strongly supplied with artillery, for the first time in the more than seven years that they have been fighting the French.

Beyond that, also, they had anti-aircraft guns which some French and American officials insisted

were manned by Chinese crews, a fact never formally established.

The end result was, however, that plans to supply the fortress with an airlift from Hanoi proved expensive and extremely difficult. Planes had to drop their supplies from a high altitude, so that much equipment fell immediately into Viet Minh hands.

The fortress at 3 p.m. (7 a.m. PST). He talked with Vice Premier Paul Reynaud, Maurice Schumann, secretary of state in the foreign office, and Rene Pleven, minister of defense. They prepared the statement read to the Assembly just before 5 p.m. Only about 70 of the 627 deputies were in the chamber.

At the termination of his brief announcement, the Assembly recessed out of respect to the defeated.

U.S. Pilots Killed In Indo War

SAIGON, Indochina (U) — A Flying Boxcar blew up Thursday on a supply drop mission to besieged Dien Bien Phu, killing its two American civilian pilots and the French crew chief.

One of the Americans, James B. "Earthy" McGovern, 32, of Elizabeth, N.J., was one of the most famous and intrepid airline pilots in the Far East. The Chinese Communists had held him captive for five months in 1950 after he crashed-landed in Red territory.

The other American killed was Wallace Abbott Buford, 28, of Ogden, Utah, who narrowly escaped death 10 days ago when his plane was riddled by AA-fire, which wounded the American pilot with him.

An official French Command announcement said the cause of the explosion was not known but unofficial observers thought possibly it had been hit by Viet Minh anti-aircraft.

McGovern and Buford were among a group of some 25 U.S. civilians are paid \$35 a flying-hour tired Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault's Civil Air Transport, who are flying the big Boxcar transports the United States has supplied the French air force for the drops to Dien Bien Phu.

Working under contract to the French air force, the American civilians are paid \$35 a flying-hour above their regular airline pay.

More than 200 U.S. Air Force technicians are stationed at French air bases in Indochina but their duties are confined entirely to non-combat servicing of American aircraft supplied the French.

The CAT pilots began parachuting the supplies into Dien Bien Phu in March.

Later the French announced they had ordered the American pilots to stay at 10,000 feet over Dien Bien Phu, to keep them away from the Viet Minh fire.

CONVENTION
PORTLAND (U) — Young Democrats of Oregon will hold their annual convention here Saturday. Party candidates for major offices will speak. More than 150 delegates are expected.



THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON is the goal of pretty Shirley Sue Travis, Malin high school senior, winner of the annual \$1000 Elks scholarship, receiving her first check for \$500 last night from L. A. Drager, exalted ruler of Klamath Falls Lodge, No. 1247. The second check for \$500 will be ready at the start of the next year of school. Shirley plans to enter nurse's training after preliminary work at the university. Looking on, is Andrew Street, principal of the Malin high school, who with Mrs. Street, escorted Shirley to the lodge to claim her honor. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Travis, Malin, and the third student in the history of the school to win straight I grades in all subjects.