

# Nehru Said Asked To Boss Truce

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Authoritative sources said Britain sounded out Prime Minister Nehru Tuesday on India's willingness to serve on an international commission to supervise an Indochina cease-fire.

British Acting High Commissioner George H. Middleton called on the Indian premier to discuss composition of such a commission. Reportedly he acted on instructions sent him from Geneva by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

Source at the Geneva conference reported Monday that the French and the Communists had agreed on a commission made up of India, Canada and Poland.

Though an Indian government spokesman declined to say whether Nehru and Middleton took up the subject of Indian membership on the group, other authoritative sources said this was specifically discussed.

These sources said Nehru indicated India might find it difficult to provide sufficient qualified personnel for an armistice group, particularly if it is to be broken up into separate groups for each of the three Indochinese states. Reports from Geneva have said such an arrangement is planned.

Officially, however, India was awaiting formal action from Geneva before commenting on her availability. The government spokesman said of the Nehru-Middleton talk:

"Whether India was invited to serve on such a commission and whether India would accept if invited are subjects I cannot discuss until there is some official action at Geneva."

He added that Nehru and other Indian officials have always been optimistic that an Indochina truce would be reached and are "more optimistic than ever today."

**VISIT**

TOKYO (AP) — Actress Beatrice Lillie will visit the U.S. Army's main hospital here Wednesday to talk with soldier patients.



A NEW JACK was added to the fire department equipment this week when Fireman John Mitchell, right, became the first customer of Harold E. (Buck) Davidson, left, who has just established his own business here. Davidson has been known for 20 years in local sports circles as a topnotch wrestler.

# Thornton Rules On Guard Pay

SALEM (AP) — Employees of the state, counties, cities and other local governments must receive their full civilian pay while they are on active duty at annual summer training of the National Guard or armed forces reserve camps.

Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton ruled Monday.

The law, Thornton says, provides that these public employees shall be paid for a maximum of 14 days a year while they are at camp.

The opinion was for Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Riles, adjutant general of Oregon, who said that the city of Salem tried to deduct National Guard pay from the salary of a fireman while he was at camp.

Thornton wrote:

"When the Legislature provided

that any public officer or employee should be allowed a leave of absence for active duty in military service "without loss of pay," it meant "without loss of salary, wages or other usual compensation." It did not say "without loss of income" or "without loss of pay other than an amount equal to compensation received by the officer or employee for military service."

So, Thornton ruled, when a public employee goes to camp, he gets his full civilian pay plus his full military pay.

Payment of public employees while they are at camp is in the public interest, rather than just being of benefit to the employee, he said.

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# Ike Housing Bill Defeated

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Tuesday defeated a last-ditch drive, led by Democrats, to enact President Eisenhower's proposal for 140,000 government-built, low-rent public housing units over the next four years.

The role call vote was 234-156. Then on another roll call, the House passed the compromise bill by a 358-30 vote and sent it to the Senate.

The showdown came on a motion by Rep. Spence (D-Ky.) to restore the Eisenhower program of 35,000 public housing units a year to a compromise bill carrying out many of the President's other housing recommendations.

The catch-all bill, lowering required down payments on FHA loans, is a compromise between separate versions passed earlier by the House and Senate.

Democrats denounced it as a "death blow" to public housing which actually would do nothing to relieve misery in slums, Spence predicted if Republicans defeated his motion, Democrats would be back in power in Congress for the next 29 years.

# Repair Job Ends With Big Fire

COSHOCOTON, Ohio (AP) — Coshocton County Fair officials were worried about their grandstand. It had been condemned as a fire hazard. So they ordered a \$7,000 repair job. The job was just about finished yesterday when some paint thinner exploded.

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