

# Courtmartial Seen For U.S. Informer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—The Army today ordered a court-martial trial for the first American soldier charged with informing on his fellow captives and collaborating with his Communist captors in Korea.

He is Cpl. Edward S. Dickenson, the Virginia mountain boy who changed his mind about staying with the Reds and returned to this country after first refusing repatriation.

# McCarthy Asks Army For Names

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (AP)—Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) today demanded that the Army name within 24 hours its people who promoted and then honorably discharged a man described by McCarthy as a Communist.

McCarthy called it a "hurry-up discharge" and said the Army had ample evidence available beforehand that the officer, former Maj. Irving Peress, was a Red.

"Either the Army will give the names of men coddling Communists," McCarthy declared, "or we will take it before the Senate and attempt to have cited for contempt those responsible for a shameful situation. . . ."

"I want to know in 24 hours whether or not the Army will give those names."

The senator's demand came after Peress refused to tell McCarthy whether or not he was a Communist in uniform. He involved the Fifth Amendment against self-incrimination.

McCarthy fingered a duplicate of Peress' honorable discharge at one point and declared:

"This was signed and handed to this Fifth Amendment Communist major after I suggested to the Army that he be court-martialed. I did this to notify officers of the Army, to show that 20 years of treason has been ended."

# British Present Record Budget

LONDON, Feb. 18 (AP)—The British today announced a record peacetime defense budget designed to build up atomic strength as a war deterrent. They warned Russia that British and American airpower with A-bombs would answer any global aggression.

The Churchill government took the wraps off its "new look" defense program patterned after the American plan for a strategic atom bomber striking force. It is in a white paper sent to Parliament for debate within the next two weeks. Parliamentary approval is assured.

The British budget called for defense spending totalling \$4,591,720,000 in the fiscal year beginning April 1. This is \$8, 960,000 more than the present year's.

The figure includes American military aid amounting to 239 million dollars, the white paper said.

# Italian Government Threatened by Reds

ROME, Feb. 18 (AP)—Premier Mario Scelba staked the life of his eight-day old "fight for democracy" government before Parliament tonight. He was met with a storm of abuse from his Communist foes in both chambers.

In the Chamber of Deputies tonight black-clad ushers linked arms and formed a barrier to block Leftist deputies who stormed from their seats and tried to force Scelba from the speakers' stand.

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# Rocket Smashes Into Girl's School, No One Injured

CHICAGO, Feb. 18 (AP)—A rocket from a parked Air Force jet plane accidentally discharged today and smashed into a school where 350 girls were at their studies.

No one was hurt.

The rocket shot across O'Hare Field and exploded on one corner of the building. It blasted a 10-inch hole and blew out several windows.

Officials of the school, St. Patrick's Academy, said the girls marched quietly from the building in suburban Des Plaines.

Lt. Frederick Ludeking, public information officer at the field, said the rocket was of the 2.75 inch type usually carried on the F86D jet. He said the rocket pod had been lowered preparatory to unloading the plane when the rocket was discharged.

Lt. Ludeking said the discharge may have been caused by static electricity or stray voltage.

# NLRB Addition OKd by Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—Albert C. Beeson's confirmation as a member of the National Labor Relations Board squeaked through the Senate today by a margin of three votes.

The appointment, which had aroused a hot controversy, was approved 45-42 after several hours of debate.

Beeson, a 47-year-old business man from San Jose, Calif., was endorsed by most Republicans as eminently qualified... fair minded" and with a character above reproach.

The Democrats challenged his testimony before the Senate Labor Committee, and Sen. Matthew M. Neely (D-W. Va.) denounced him as "a man utterly destitute of veracity."

Forty-two Republicans and three Democrats put Beeson over.

# Mason Raps Adams, Resigns in Protest

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—Rep. Noah Mason (R-Ill.) resigned from President Eisenhower's Commission on Intergovernmental Relations today with a blast at what he termed "autocratic dictatorship" by Sherman Adams, White House chief of staff.

Mason announced his resignation in protest against the firing of

Dr. Clarence E. Manion, former dean of the Notre Dame University Law School, as chairman of the 25-member commission.

### Asked to Reconsider

Late in the day, Manion telegraphed a plea to Mason to reconsider his resignation "in the national interest."

Manion told Mason he was "most grateful for your fine compliment to me," but declared:

"More than ever before, this important commission now needs your wise, patriotic counsel in the interest of revitalized constitutional government for the United States."

Manion said yesterday he had resigned at Adams' request and attributed his ouster to speeches he has made supporting the administration—opposed Bricker amendment to curb the President's treaty-making powers.

A storm of criticism, almost entirely from the Republicans, broke out on the Senate floor late yesterday on the heels of Manion's tearful announcement to his staff that he was resigning against his wishes.

### Wanted to Stay

Associates said Manion's one desire was to carry on the monumental task assigned to the commission by President Eisenhower last Aug. 18 of seeking a remedy to the vast overlapping of federal vs. state-local programs on such matters as taxes, roads and other projects.

### Ike Delights Hogan

PALM SPRINGS, Calif., Feb. 18 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower delighted golf partner Ben Hogan and a cheering gallery today by laying a difficult approach shot three feet from the pin on the ninth hole and then dropping the putt for a par.

# Plan to Trap Beria Disclosed

BERLIN, Feb. 18 (AP)—Eastern sources said today five Soviet army marshals personally ushered unsuspecting Police Boss Lavrenty P. Beria to his doom. The informants said this previously undisclosed episode in Beria's downfall illustrates the leading role the army plays in Kremlin policy.

These sources said the army's grip on Premier Georgi Malenkov partly explains the path Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov has followed in the Big Four conference about military dispositions in Germany and Austria.

They claim Malenkov—on the army's insistence—sent Molotov here to block troop withdrawals. The troops will remain in their forward posts through the Big Four's failure to agree on German unification and an Austrian independence treaty.

The informants gave this account of what happened to Beria,

former interior minister and No. 2 Soviet leader, whose execution was announced Dec. 24:

One night early last summer, Beria was guest of honor at a Polish Embassy party in Moscow. Other guests included Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, defense minister; Deputy Defense Minister Marshal Georgi K. Khuvov, conqueror of Berlin; Marshal Leonid A. Govorov, defender of Stalin-grad, and two other marshals.

The distinguished five escorted Beria from the party with all the pomp due a leader who ranked second only to Malenkov.

The party left in three cars. A full general—disguised in a chauffeur's uniform for the grim occasion—drove Beria's car.

The convoy started for Beria's home, then before he realized what was happening, swung into a prison courtyard where the marshals turned their distinguished

captive over to hand-picked jailers.

An eight-man tribunal, headed by Marshal Ivan S. Konev, later tried Beria as an enemy of the state and ordered him shot. Many believe the ex-police boss was put out of the way long before the execution announcement.

The Eastern informants said Beria's downfall stemmed from a disagreement with Malenkov and other Kremlin leaders over the concept of Soviet government.

Beria—like Stalin—believed in one-man rule over the Soviet masses. Malenkov and his group felt it should be a "committee" form of dictatorship.

Failing to reach agreement, the Malenkov faction called in the army to "get" Beria. Later the Kremlin leaders amassed "evidence" to support their drastic act.



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