

McCarthy Group To Investigate Row

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP)—The Senate subcommittee headed by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) voted today to conduct its own investigation of the angry row between McCarthy and Army officials—and to do it in public with the embattled chairman out of the driver's seat.

This was just about what McCarthy wanted and he described himself as perfectly satisfied. His Army antagonists couldn't be reached for comment but associates said they'd be certain to appear at the hearings.



Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy Satisfied With Plan

Democrats Rap Ike's Tax Setup

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP)—House Democratic leader Sam Rayburn of Texas told the nation tonight President Dwight D. Eisenhower's tax program would give six times as much relief to upper income brackets as to the great bulk of taxpayers.

Rayburn, in a statement prepared for radio and television broadcast, assailed the Republican program as a revival of the philosophy that special benefits for the wealthy may eventually trickle down to the great majority.

But in actual practice, he said, little or nothing ever trickles down.

Rayburn said that is why House Democrats are fighting to amend the GOP-sponsored tax revision program to increase individual income tax exemptions for each taxpayer and each dependent by \$100. In the Senate, Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.) is proposing a \$200 increase this year and \$400 next.

Rayburn urged the \$100 boost "so that you and every taxpayer in this country will get real tax relief."

He and two other Democratic Congress members took to the air to answer an address by President Eisenhower last night, denouncing the Democratic tax-cutting plan as unsound and politically inspired.

Eisenhower said the nearly \$2.5 billion annual loss in revenue from the Democratic proposal would be a serious blow to the government and would undermine the "cornerstone" of his domestic program.

The GOP is pushing a tax revision bill which would cost the Treasury about \$1.5 billion a year as it now stands. It overhauls most of the existing tax laws and provides for more liberal deductions for many items ranging from medical expenses and retirement income to dividends and business depreciation.

Eisenhower contends this is as far as the government should go at the present time. He says the bill would benefit millions of individuals and encourage the growth and expansion of industry, the creation of jobs.

Bomb Explodes In NY Terminal

NEW YORK, March 16 (AP)—A home-made time bomb blew Grand Central Terminal into a fever of excitement during the rush hour today, but did little damage. One man reportedly suffered a minor cut.

The blast went off in a booth in a lower level men's washroom at 5 p.m. It knocked down a marble partition.

The three men closest to it said they suffered a ringing in their ears. Railway police said 35 men were in the room at the time.

The explosion echoed all through the big depot at 42nd St., and Lexington Ave., and hundreds of commuters rushed toward the sound. The arrival of police and firemen heightened the excitement.

Police found remains of the bomb, a timing mechanism and a length of 1 1/4 inch pipe.

New York's transport terminals, are frequently scenes of bomb scares.

Japan to Ask U.S. to Help Blast Victims

TOKYO, Wednesday, March 17 (AP)—Japan talked today of asking U.S. compensation for 23 Japanese fishermen showered by blistering, radioactive ashes from an atomic or hydrogen blast in the Pacific March 1.

At the same time, health inspectors went on a frantic hunt for about 1000 pounds of tuna, believed radioactive, caught by the fishermen and already on the markets in Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya and elsewhere.

Much of the tuna was recovered but some already was sold. Authorities said checks showed close contact with some of the recovered fish could be dangerous.

Japanese officials were in urgent consultation with U.S. officials to avoid a repetition of the incident, in which at least one fisherman was burned severely.

More secrecy-guarded test blasts, are believed pending in the Bikini area and the stricken boat, the Kukuryu Maru—"Lucky Dragon"—was only one of a hundred such Japanese craft known to be fishing near the banned area.

Doctors examining the stricken fishermen expected to determine within a week if they were victims of an atomic or a hydrogen blast.

They said preliminary studies, coupled with reports that the "Lucky Dragon" was 80 miles from the blast center, suggested a far more powerful blast than those caused during World War II by atomic bombs at Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Ballgame 'Blows Up' As Boy Slides Home

ANADARKO, Okla., March 16 (AP)—Billy Law, 10, went into a baseball game with his cap pistol still dangling from his side. In his hip pocket were seven extra rolls of caps.

During the game, Billy tried to make it for home and was forced to slide. The friction set fire to the ammunition in his jeans and the game blew up.

The caps burned a hole right through Billy's jeans and to his skin before his younger brother, Ronnie, threw dirt on the flames to put them out.

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French Hurl Back Reds in Indochina

HANOI, Indochina, March 16 (AP)—French firepower stopped screaming Vietminh attackers within a half mile of the heart of Dien Bien Phu today. The Communist-led rebels, suffering casualties estimated unofficially up to 8000 in four days of battle, picked up their dead and withdrew to the hills to regroup.

French troops hurled back furious assaults by the rebels, who fired rifles, pistols, machine guns and threw grenades and even spears in an attempt to knock out the French command post in the center of the beleaguered key fortress in northwest Indochina.

Vietminh Retreat
But sheets of heavy fire from American-supplied guns tore wide gaps in the ranks of the Vietminh. As nightfall approached they temporarily broke off frontal assault and retreated to the hills under a dashing rain.

Bodies were strewn over the rain-soaked plain of Dien Bien Phu where the Vietminh had chosen to make its biggest effort of the Indochina War, now in its eighth year. The Vietminh's chief motive appeared to be a desire to achieve the strongest position possible for the talks on Asian problems at Geneva beginning April 26. Both a Korean and Indochinese peace will be taken up, with Communist Indochina present.

Main Assault From North
The main assault on Dien Bien Phu today was from the north. A French army spokesman said the rebels picked up thousands of their dead and wounded. Unofficial estimates put today's rebel killed at 3000 and total casualties since the battle opened on Saturday night at between 6000 and 8000.

Rebels attacks came also on the southern and eastern sides of the barbed wire-ringed fortress. There the French claimed heavy losses were inflicted on the attackers. The attack from the north was made easier by the earlier loss of two northern and northeast defense strongpoints to the Vietminh.

French Losses Claim
The Vietminh radio claimed the destruction of an entire French battalion, normally about 600 men, on the outskirts of Dien Bien Phu yesterday. The French gave no figures but have described their losses as appreciable.

The Vietminh strength in the hills around the fortress was estimated at from 36,000 to 48,000 before the battle began. There was every indication from the ferocity of the rebel assaults that the fate of Dien Bien Phu would be known before the end of the week.

U.S. Residence Granted Greek Army Veteran

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP)—A bill to permit permanent residence in this country for a Greek Army veteran who lost both feet through frostbite in World War II was passed by the House today and sent to the Senate.

The veteran, who also was confined by Red guerrillas for a time, is George P. Symrnoitis, 38. He now is residing with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Symrnoitis, in Williamsport, Pa.

The sessions probably will be Today's action came at a show-down session of McCarthy's Permanent Investigations subcommittee. That's what the group McCarthy wanted to handle the probe. Democratic members contended its parent body, the Government Operations Committee, should do it. Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.) insisted to the last some committee remote from the fray should get the job.

McCarthy won his point, though, and then all seven members agreed on other ground rules for the inquiry into the bitter controversy between McCarthy and the subcommittee's counsel, Roy Cohn, on the one hand and Army Secretary Robert T. Stevens and Army counsel John G. Adams on the other.

Highlights of the agreement: 1. Cohn will be sidelined for purposes of this investigation and a special staff will be hired. A rumor spread, but couldn't be nailed down, that committee Democrats failed in an effort to have Cohn suspended as chief counsel.

Mundt to Act as Chairman
2. Mundt, as second-ranking Republican, will sit in for McCarthy as chairman. All other business will be shunted aside, another meeting will be held next Tuesday and the public hearings—with witnesses under oath—probably will get going later next week.

GOP Senate leaders heaved a sigh of relief that this much progress seemed to have been made toward resolving a headline row pitting Republicans against Republicans.

"It is best that the committee solve this problem itself," said Chairman Homer Ferguson (R-Mich.) of the Republican Policy Committee. "The quicker they can do it, the better."

Basically the question to be settled is: Who's Lying?
Army Charges Heard
The Army has issued a report charging McCarthy and Cohn, especially Cohn, put on pressure to get special treatment for Pvt. G. David Schine, who was a subcommittee consultant until the Army drafted him last November.

McCarthy and Cohn made heated denials. McCarthy then accused Stevens and Adams of using the report as blackmail in an effort to head off his investigation of the Army's handling of alleged Communists.

Barbara, Rubi Separate

PALM BEACH, Fla., March 16 (AP)—With a touch of bitterness in her voice, Woolworth heiress Barbara Hutton rode toward New York tonight leaving her ex-prince charming alone in their Palm Beach honeymoon villa.



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