

# Ike Denies Delay In Making H-Bomb

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower said today it's news to him if—as Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.) charges—there was an 18-month "deliberate delay" in this country's development of the hydrogen bomb.

McCarthy made the charge last night in a filmed talk on the CBS television program of Edward R. Murrow. He also blasted Murrow as "the cleverest of the jackal pack . . . at the throat of anyone who dares to expose Communists and traitors."

Questioned at his news conference today, Eisenhower said:

1. He's never heard of any H-bomb delay and the chairman (Lewis L. Strauss) of the Atomic Energy Commission has never mentioned such a thing to him.

2. He has known Murrow for years, especially in London during World War II, and has always regarded him as a friend—though he's never engaged in any philosophical discussions with the commentator.

The Senator, in a talk filmed in advance, said America's H-bomb research was deliberately stalled while Russia was "feverishly" working on its own hydrogen weapon, and he asked:

"If there were no Communists in our government, why did we delay?"

In Kansas City former President Truman, who ordered work on a H-bomb started Jan. 31, 1950 said today there was no delay on the project.

The Atomic Energy Commission has announced its first hydrogen device was exploded in November, 1952, a little less than three years after Truman gave the go-ahead. Just when actual work on the bomb began, and when the bomb was perfected prior to testing, have not been announced.

### Turnpike Plans Finished

HARRISBURG, April 7 (AP)—The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission completed plans today for financing a 110-mile northeastern extension and for its share of building a bridge over the Delaware River to connect the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Turnpikes.

## French Aid Indochinese Defenses

HANOI, Indochina, April 7 (AP)—The French strengthened Hanoi's defenses today against a possible Red-led rebel thrust as ground fighting at besieged Dien Bien Phu continued in a lull.

The French killed about 200 Vietminh rebels who attacked guard strongpoints in the Delta area around Hanoi.

Fighters and bombers in clearing weather again hit heavily at Vietminh troop concentrations east and west of the Dien Bien Phu dustbowl fortress 180 miles west of here.

The air attacks were centered on rebel artillery and anti-aircraft batteries. The Communist-led rebels stepped up trench digging on the western fringes of the plain indicating preparations for a heavy attack there.

But some officials in Hanoi fear Moscow-trained Ho Chi-minh may make a supreme effort to take over this key city in the Red River Delta before the Geneva conference on Far East affairs opens April 26.

Consequently, they have thrown up new barbed wire barricades at strategic points around the city, and put heavy guards around power stations, water supply systems, post and telegraph offices and transportation facilities.

## French Request More U.S. Aid

PARIS, April 7 (AP)—France, underlining the importance it attaches to the battle for Dien Bien Phu, announced today it had made another in a series of urgent requests to the United States for more planes and material aid in Indochina.

Through a French Foreign Ministry spokesman, the government made clear it considers all other aspects of the Indochina struggle subordinate to the fate of the beleaguered French Union fortress.

This applies to the reported proposals by U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles for united action by the countries concerned to prevent a Communist victory in Southeast Asia.

### School Tax to Rise

PHILADELPHIA, April 7 (AP)—Dr. Alfred G. Buehler, chairman of the Pennsylvania Tax Study Committee, said today Pennsylvanians are going to pay higher taxes next year to meet the increasing cost of education.

## Mrs. Ike Named 'Best-Chapeaued'

NEW YORK, April 7 (AP)—Mamie Eisenhower heads the list of America's 10 "best-chapeaued" women named today by 10 top millinery designers.

Mrs. Eisenhower was chosen by Sally Victor, who makes the most of the first lady's hats, because:

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## Mine Owners Urge Wage Cut

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP)—Lagging coal production spurred reports today that some mine owners want to demand a union wage cut, that welfare fund benefits may be reduced, and that some mines are going non-union.

Despite the reported desire of some producers to ask union leader John L. Lewis for lower pay rates, the big employer associations who do the bargaining with Lewis appear opposed to the idea.

Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers (UMW) Union, also can be expected to oppose strongly any effort to cut wages, now averaging about \$20 a day. Many operators feel such a move would disrupt labor relations.

# Humphrey Defends Tax Revision Bill

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP)—Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey defended an administration tax revision bill today as one which would "help make more and better jobs, bigger payrolls and better living for everyone."

He told both a Senate committee and a Republican women's group that although the measure would cut taxes about \$1.4 billion its prime purpose is to bring up to date tax laws which the country since has outgrown. The last general revision was in 1876, he said.

### First Witness

Humphrey was the first witness as the Senate Finance Committee opened three weeks of hearings on the 875-page bill already passed by the House. A short time earlier, he addressed the Republican Women's Centennial Conference.

He struck out at two major changes which Democrats have proposed. He attacked a plan to increase personal income tax exemptions, and to strike a provision reducing taxes on dividend income.

### Exemptions Opposed

He said the Eisenhower administration is strongly opposed to increasing exemptions, both because "we cannot stand any further loss in revenue" and because the proposal "would entirely remove millions of taxpayers from the tax rolls."

Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.) is leading a move to increase exemptions by \$200 a year this year and \$400 a year after that. The move would cost an estimated \$4½ billion the first year and \$8 billion in later years.

### Figures Presented

Marion B. Folsom, undersecretary of the Treasury, presented figures to show that the larger cut would remove 25 million taxpayers from the rolls.

Sen. J. Allen Frear (D-Del.), a co-sponsor of the George proposal, said that if it is adopted he will propose another amendment to put a \$5 and \$10 head tax on all persons thus dropped, to make them conscious of their responsibilities as citizens.

# Jenkins Set To Probe Army Row

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP)—Ray H. Jenkins, a Tennessee lawyer and gentleman farmer, was chosen today as the man to get to the bottom of the bitter row between Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R.-Wis.) and high Army officials.

His appointment as special counsel for the Senate Investigations subcommittee was announced by Acting Chairman Karl E. Mundt (R.-S.D.), who also said hearings in the controversial case will begin April 21.

Jenkins, 57, is one of the leading trial lawyers of Knoxville, Tenn. He is a Republican, an Episcopalian, and farms as a hobby.

Interviewed by reporters on Capitol Hill, Jenkins stated he is "quite positive" that he is not prejudiced one way or the other regarding McCarthy. Asked if he would care to state his opinion of the Wisconsin senator, the lawyer replied:

"My opinion of Sen. McCarthy would not constitute any news. It would be improper for me to express an opinion."

"I have no record publicly or otherwise as to Sen. McCarthy or what has come to be known as McCarthyism," he continued.

Jenkins, a heavy-set, sandy-haired man with a calm demeanor, pledged himself to handle the big investigation with "no prejudice, no bias."

# Jordan Charged as Threat to Security

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 7 (AP)—Israel charged Jordan today with undermining Israel's security by a deliberate campaign of border incidents and hinted Jordanian could expect reprisals if Jordanian raids continue across their tense frontier.

Abba Eban, Israeli delegate to the United Nations, told a news conference that the Israeli-Jordanian armistice agreement had suffered a breakdown. He said Israel will demand that the Security Council call in Jordan for a complete overhauling of the armistice agreement. The council will meet tomorrow at 3 p.m. (E.S.T.) for consideration of the Israel-Jordan situation.

Eban said 500 Israelis have been killed since the armistice was signed five years ago. He said no one in all Israel lives free from fear of attacks across the border. He added "there is a decrease in the willingness of our people to suffer casualties without response."

Asked if that meant fighting

would be resumed soon, Eban said he would not go beyond or change what he had expressed in those diplomatic terms.

Eban disclosed he conferred with Russia's Andrei Y. Vishinsky, president of the Security Council, on the procedure for tomorrow's meeting. Vishinsky last month suggested that Israel and its Arab neighbors undertake direct negotiations, Eban said Israel felt that the present situation is

one in which the direct approach would be a good thing. He was not able to say, however, whether Vishinsky had obtained any results from his suggestion.

Eban submitted a detailed memorandum to the council listing 29 separate border incidents since last Nov. 24, when the Security Council called on the armistice representatives in Palestine to obtain compliance with its terms.

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