

GOP Leader Infers Foreign Aid Slash

WASHINGTON, April 8 (AP)—Senate Republican leader Knowland put Britain and France on notice today that Congress might hold up foreign aid appropriations to spur them into acting on America's call for Allied unity against Asiatic communism.

Knowland spoke out shortly before the State Department announced that Secretary Dulles may fly to London and Paris for urgent consultations on the Indochina crisis.

Britain, France Balk at Action Urged by U.S.

LONDON, April 8 (AP)—Britain and France balked tonight at immediate "united action" to head off Communist domination of Indochina. U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was reported ready to fly to Europe to urge action without delay.

A State Department spokesman said in Washington that the trip was being considered but that the decision had not been made.

Reports here were that Dulles would visit London and Paris next week for talks with British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and France's Foreign Minister Georges Bidault.

The talks would precede the Geneva conference on Far East problems, chiefly Korea and Indochina, scheduled for April 26. Dulles had previously planned to fly to Paris about April 22 for NATO talks, then go on to Geneva.

Official sources said the Churchill government has asked Washington to go slow on its program for a "hands off" warning to Red China and a new anti-Communist front of 10 nations in Southeast Asia.

The British have not turned down the proposals. They have simply asked for more time to talk them over.

Both the British and the French have expressed fear in diplomatic exchanges that hasty action now may hurt chances of reaching some agreement with Red China and Russia at the Geneva confab.

The California senator cited evidence that Britain and France were in no hurry to respond to Dulles' overtures for a 10-nation coalition to bolster the anti-Red fight in Southeast Asia.

If America's allies "want to take a new reading" based on what happens at the forthcoming Geneva conference with the Communists, Knowland told newsmen, then Congress might take a new reading of its own.

He put it this way: "Since some of the nations with which we are associated have been suggesting they wait until after Geneva before deciding how to respond to Secretary Dulles' inquiries regarding their willingness to join in collective action should there be further aggression in Southeast Asia, I find growing sentiment in Congress that perhaps it should delay until after Geneva before determining its final policy regarding appropriations in support of those NATO countries—particularly those dragging their feet insofar as EDC is concerned."

Russians Rumored To Have N-Bomb

TOKYO, Friday, April 9 (AP)—Kyodo News Agency today quoted a Japanese scientist as saying Russia was reported producing a "nitrogen" bomb so dangerous that 30 of them set off at once would annihilate the entire human race.

The statement was attributed to Dr. Tsunesaburo Asada, professor of science at Osaka University.

French Guns Batter Rebels

HANOI, Indochina, April 8 (AP)—French Union guns smashed fresh Vietminh entrenchments around embattled Dien Bien Phu today as the French fought to keep encircling rebels from trying another death blow before the rains come.

The French poured grenades and tank gun shells on the winding trenches as word went out that the Vietminh commander, Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap, was moving up his forces for another attempt to break through to the bastion's vital core.

But, despite the withering French gunfire and savage ground attacks by the bastion's defenders, the rebels stubbornly dug new fox holes and trenches within 600 yards of the barbed wire barriers guarding the heart of Dien Bien Phu.

New Radar Fence Set Up in Arctic

WASHINGTON, April 8 (AP)—The United States and Canada are setting up a new radar warning fence along the tundra and ice of the arctic perimeter in an effort to give the big cities to the south at least a six-hour notice of approaching enemy warplanes.

The new, northernmost chain of radar sets to detect enemy planes and guide friendly planes to interception of an enemy force, is part of an intensified effort to tighten the guard against hydrogen or atomic attack across the North Pole.

H-Bomb Film

The color sound film, "Operation Ivy," the explosion of a hydrogen bomb in the Pacific in 1952, will be shown at the court house in Bellefonte tomorrow at 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend and there is no admission charge.

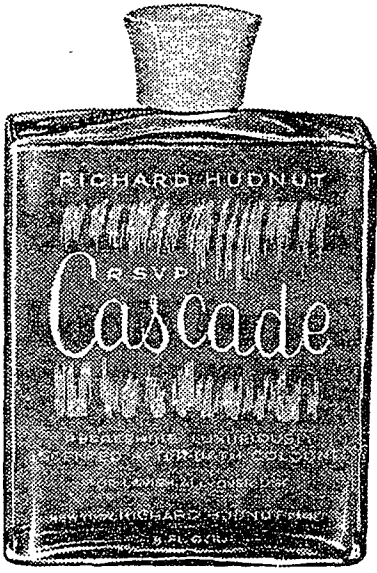
Wilson States Security Plan

WASHINGTON, April 8 (AP)—A new Army-Navy-Air Force security program aimed at keeping the armed forces free of subversives and other security risks was announced by Secretary of Defense Wilson today.

Wilson told the Senate Armed Services Committee the new directive will provide uniform standards for all the services and "speed up our procedures for getting such individuals out of the service and for keeping them out."

One controversial feature: "Known Communists will not be inducted into the armed services." That means, in effect, automatic draft exemptions for young Communists who otherwise would be subject to military service.

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