

Hensel Blast Adds To McCarthy Row

WASHINGTON, April 21 (AP)—The ready-to-go public investigation of the McCarthy-Army row broadened at the last minute today to include new charges leveled against—and denied by—Asst. Secretary of Defense H. Struve Hensel.

The Senate investigations subcommittee named Hensel, a top aide to Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, a principal in the long-heralded hearings which will open at 10 a.m. tomorrow in a blaze of television lights and worldwide publicity.

Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) charged yesterday Hensel masterminded an Army report blasting him, and tried in other ways to discredit the committee, so as to head off a probe of Hensel's own "misconduct" and "possible law violations."

Hensel called these charges bare-faced lies and dared McCarthy to repeat them when senatorial immunity wouldn't protect him from a lawsuit. The controversy is over Hensel's connection with a ship supplying firm while he held high posts in the Navy Department during World War II.

Wilson Supports Hensel

Today Secretary Wilson called Hensel "a competent, honest man" and said "of course not" when asked by newsmen if Hensel did, in fact, mastermind an Army report accusing McCarthy and aides of putting on pressure to get favors for a drafted associate.

At least one subcommittee Democrat, Sen. John L. McClellan (D-



Charles E. Wilson Supports Hensel

Dulles Talks Vital Issues With Bidault

PARIS, April 21 (AP)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles flew into Paris today and almost immediately held talks with French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault on the vital issues which will confront the Western powers at the Geneva conference.

Dulles and Bidault will be joined by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden tomorrow for further talks on what the Big Three will do when they meet the Communists at the Geneva meeting on Indochina and Korea opening on Monday.

Frenchmen Excited

Frenchmen were excited over the prospect for negotiating a peace in Indochina, where the hard-hit defenders of Dien Bien Phu awaited the arrival of French parachute troopers being transported by American planes.

Dulles was determined to oppose any Soviet move to turn the Geneva meeting into a "Big Five" conference with Red China. Dulles' view is that the Chinese Reds are in the role of invited participants and not as a big power instigator of the meeting. He has said he was going to Geneva to seek an honorable peace in Indochina and a free, united Korea.

Review Western Reply

Dulles, Eden and Bidault will review also the Western reply to the March 13 proposal by the Soviet Union that Russia be considered for NATO membership in return for the United States being admitted into a Soviet-proposed European security system.

On Friday Dulles and the other 13 foreign ministers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization will meet in Chaillot Palace for an exchange on problems around the world.

No detailed agenda was prepared for the NATO meeting, but it was expected that Dulles would be called on to explain further his proposal for a 10-nation military alliance of Southeast Asian nations patterned along NATO lines.

Dickenson Admitted Guilt, Army Says

WASHINGTON, April 21 (AP)—The Army read into the record of Cpl. Edward S. Dickenson's court-martial today a statement by Dickenson that he cooperated with the Communists "in appreciation" for being released from jail as a prisoner of war in Korea.

The statement was accepted in spite of objections by the defense that it was obtained illegally shortly after Dickenson's repatriation last November.

Earlier, another returned war prisoner glared at Dickenson and swore he saw him push an ailing POW downstairs after the sick man asked for food.

Dickenson, charged with collaborating with the enemy to get favors for himself, testified an Army intelligence officer named "Captain Bert" had lied about the manner in which the statement was obtained.

Polio Vaccine Ready

HARRISBURG, April 21 (AP)—The State Health Department hopes to have a supply of polio vaccine on hand by Saturday for inoculations of school children in the second grade.

The drug, administered on a test basis throughout the nation, will go to children in Pennsylvania's Centre, Clinton, Mercer and McKean counties.

HOUSTON, April 21 (AP)—Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) asserted today that "devilishly clever plans" are being laid to sabotage the Red-hunting efforts of the Senate investigating subcommittee which he heads.

He called the Senate hearings which begin tomorrow into his dispute with the Army a "television show of Adams versus Cohn."

Ark.), questioned whether the Hensel affair had anything to do with the charges and countercharges the group is supposed to investigate in the hearings.

Asked for Statement

But after two closed meetings the subcommittee announced it regards him (Hensel) as a principal in this case and asked him—as McCarthy, Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens and the other principals have done—to file a statement of his position.

McClellan said later he and other Democrats on the subcommittee came to the conclusion Hensel should be named a principal because "the accusations against him are just as serious as those against other Army people" in the case.

McClellan said the various accusations hurled by the McCarthy forces would add up to a conspiracy to obstruct the subcommittee, if they are proved. And he said it should be determined whether Hensel "was a part of what I would call this alleged conspiracy."

Hensel said he will be available for questioning any time he's called. Beyond that, he said, he doesn't plan to do anything except file "a simple denial" of McCarthy's charges.

Reds Submit Biggest Budget For Approval

MOSCOW, April 21 (AP)—The biggest budget in Soviet history went before Parliament for approval today. Finance Minister Arseny G. Zverev said defense appropriations—17.8 per cent of the total—"strengthen the defense capabilities of our state."

The defense figure of 100,300,000,000 rubles was almost 10 per cent less than the 1953 allotment, which in turn, was a reduction from 1952. But western observers in Moscow said it was difficult to measure a Soviet Union budget, especially defense appropriations. They said this is because the state owns and operates the country's entire economy, and fixes its own prices on any equipment needed for the armed forces.

Under an official Soviet exchange rate of four rubles to the dollar, the budget figures in dollars would be: income \$142,950,000,000; outgo \$140,675,000,000; surplus \$2,275,000,000; defense \$25,075,000,000.

Zverev accused the United States of blocking East-West trade, especially with the Soviet Union. The finance minister said this policy damaged Capitalist countries more than it did Russia. He said the Soviet Union was working not only for peace but for increased world trade.

Norwegian First Lady

OSLO, Norway, April 21 (AP)—Church bells tolled and guns boomed a last salute today as the nation's first lady, Crown Princess Martha, was entombed in the royal crypt at the ancient Akershus Fortress.

Builder Hits Group Studying FHA Loans

WASHINGTON, April 21 (AP)—A home builders' spokesman, denying that Federal Housing Administration loan abuses are widespread, called on the Senate banking committee today to avoid hysteria in its housing probe, and was charged with "trying to crucify this administration."

Committee Chairman Homer E. Capehart (R-Ind) told President R. G. Hughes of the National Association of Home Builders his organization should give the committee full support. Instead, he said, it had been warning against holding investigations in a "circus atmosphere."

Two Charges

The exchange came as the banking committee called industry witnesses to tell what they know of charges (1) that builders obtained excessive loans for apartment construction and pocketed some of the FHA-insured money as quick profits; and (2) that householders had been fleeced by some home repair salesmen operating under another FHA loan program.

The apartment loan abuses are alleged to have continued under the Eisenhower administration.

Ask For More Funds

Meantime Housing Administrator Albert M. Cole asked a Senate appropriations subcommittee for \$250,000 in additional funds to finance the administration's own probe.

He asked \$100,000 for a special investigation of past irregularities, and another \$150,000 to set up a permanent investigating and policing unit under the Housing and Home Finance Agency which he heads. This unit, he said, would look into activities not only of the FHA but also all other housing agencies.

Cole said the special investigation would look into each of the 7000 projects built under the middle income apartment program. Authority for starting such projects expired March, 1950, he said, but some are still under construction.

Wants To Clear Innocent

He said he wants to investigate them all to clear the innocent as well as to detect those who he said were unethical. Many of the cases may not have been illegal, he said.

Revenue Commissioner T. Coleman Andrews testified yesterday that 1149 apartment builders reaped \$65 million in quick profits, largely by getting loans for more than the cost of the buildings they erected. Cole said more cases may be found.

But Hughes told the banking committee today he thought the charges were overdrawn.

"The impression that the government has lost millions of dollars and that tenants have been charged excessive rents is, in my opinion, erroneous," he said.

Store Strike Violence Results in Two Arrests

PITTSBURGH, April 21 (AP)—Two disorders stemming from the 146-day old department store strike resulted today in the arrest of two men.

Police charged Leslie Williams, 28, with assault and battery and Francis Peitz, also 28, with malicious mischief.

Reds Press Near Fort In Indochina

HANOI, Indochina, April 21 (AP)—Vietminh besiegers squeezed Dien Bien Phu's French Union defenders into a shrinking circle of red-dish mud about 1 1/4 miles across today. The rebels kept digging ever closer to the barricades in a downpour of rain.

Besides tightening their band of flesh and steel around the fort in apparent preparation for one final mass assault, the Communist-led rebels were cutting down the "drop zone" by their constant digging. It will be harder for reinforcements and supplies to be parachuted into the fort.

Increasing Pressure

Late tonight a French high command spokesman said the Vietminh troops were increasing pressure against French positions in the northwestern corner of the fortress. Masses of Vietminh fighters were moving slowly but steadily toward the barbed wire defenses, he said.

But reinforcements were on the way. Huge U.S. Air Force troop cargo transports were airlifting French parachute troops from European and North African areas 8500 miles to bases in Indochina outside the combat zone.

Some Troops Dropped

Some of these troops will be dropped into Dien Bien Phu, authoritative sources said in Paris. The Seventh Battalion—French paratroop battalions usually number about 1000 men—had been alerted since Sunday to leave.

The French army secretary, Pierre de Chevigne, said sending the reinforcements would permit the use of troops already in Indochina for quick reinforcement of heavily outnumbered Dien Bien Phu.

Nixon States Indochina Plan

DES MOINES, April 21 (AP)—America will not keep its boys out of Indochina by telling the Communists they can come in there, Vice President Richard M. Nixon declared tonight.

The Eisenhower administration, he said, believes that a position of strength in Asia and Indochina is the only way to avoid war.

"The purpose of our policy," the vice president added in an address prepared for a state Republican party gathering, "is to avoid sending our boys to Indochina or anywhere else to fight."

"We believe a strong policy has the best chance to accomplish that purpose."

Earlier, on his arrival here by plane from Cincinnati, where he spoke last night, Nixon told newsmen he thought that the war in Indochina can be won by French and Indochinese troops with "the aid the United States has given and is giving."

Wilson Reports On Defense

WASHINGTON, April 21 (AP)—Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson said tonight the mounting retaliatory capability of our air units gives full warning to any aggressor of the possible consequences of rash actions on his part.

In his semi-annual report, Wilson also said U.S. strategy is aimed at handling little aggressions as well as big ones.

In discussing the "long pull" concept of national defense, Wilson appeared to be countering criticism of the "massive retaliation" policy.

Adlai E. Stevenson, 1952 presidential candidate, for example has expressed the view this policy is not fitted to meet local aggressions like the one in Korea. He has raised the question whether it wouldn't leave the U.S. only two choices: "Touching off a mononuclear holocaust" or letting

the Reds get away with local aggressions.

Wilson, discussing the review of the whole military situation by the Defense department and Joint Chiefs of Staff, said:

"It sought a military strategy that would deter both a major war and local aggression and, at the same time, could be implemented and maintained without undermining the social and economic foundations of the nation."

He wrote that:

"The new long range guidelines for the military security of the United States place increased emphasis on land and carrier based airpower and on the integration of new weapons into our strategy and tactics. At the same time, they provide for the maintenance of strong, well-trained and well-equipped naval forces. . . . Military strength is becoming greater through the development of increased firepower on land, on sea and in the air and through de-

ployment of our forces in a way that will make them more readily available whenever and wherever they are needed."

In his report covering the latter six months of last year, Wilson also saw "a steady increase in the military strength of the entire free world."

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