

Pentagon Inquiry May Be Ended

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—Sen. Everett R. Dirksen (R.-Ill.) said tonight "serious consideration" is being given to limiting further testimony in the McCarthy-Pentagon hearings to Secretary of the Army Robert E. Stevens and Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R.-Wis.).

Dirksen said he sponsored a motion adopted at a closed meeting of the Senate Investigating Committee to have counsel for all interested parties canvass methods of speeding up the hearings.

One of the proposals to be studied, the Illinois senator said, was suggested by Joseph Welch, counsel to the Army side in the disputes.

This calls for pairing the testimony to the two chief contestants. Tonight's speed-it-up meeting was held after John G. Adams, Army counsel, took the stand briefly for the first time and sharply debated with McCarthy the meaning of a press release.

In the wake of this exchange, Secretary of the Army Stevens denied any knowledge that Adams—as the McCarthy side charged—made threats to issue a "smear" report against McCarthy's chief counsel, Roy M. Cohn, early this year.

Stevens did some denying of his own, too.

When McCarthy contended some Pentagon officials were trying to cover up for Communists, or for those who "shield" Communists, the Army secretary flared back: "I'm not covering up for anybody at any time."

If McCarthy and Stevens should become the sole future witnesses, the effect would be to eliminate as principals in the dispute Roy M. Cohn and Francis P. Carr of McCarthy's staff, and Adams and Asst. Secretary of Defense H. Struve Hensel on the Pentagon side.

It was evident, however, that various methods of shortening the hearings were under consideration.

Special Counsel Ray H. Jenkins told newsmen after tonight's meeting that one possibility would be to eliminate Hensel as a principal in the proceedings.

McCarthy has long contended the dispute is mainly between Cohn and Adams.

Turnpike Rates May Be Raised

HARRISBURG, May 3 (AP)—Motorists will likely pay from one-quarter to one-half cents a mile above present tolls to travel on the Delaware and northeastern extensions of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Traffic surveys for the new links recommend the commission charge about one and one-half cents a mile for passenger cars on the 33-mile Delaware River extension. The recommendation for the northeastern extension of 110 miles is about one and one-quarter cents a mile.

The rates would mean a \$1.40 charge to drive the entire length of the northeastern extension and about 65 cents, including Pennsylvania's part of the bridge toll, for the Delaware link.

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Red Captives Building Secret Sabotage Items

BONN, Germany, May 3 (AP)—The West German Socialist party said today German scientists in Russian concentration camps were being forced to produce secret espionage and sabotage equipment for the Soviet spy organization.

These former prisoners said about 40 German scientists and technicians were working in strictest secrecy on equipment for the Soviet secret police (MVD) to use in their worldwide sabotage and espionage program.

Items mentioned in the report were: A special lightweight and highly sensitive microphone and recorder for clandestine eavesdropping.

A poison gas that caused the victim to vomit and made him unable to fight back against kidnapers.

Sensitive electric alarms to warn of any approach to border posts and hiding places of MVD agents. Equipment for tracking down radio transmitters.

Dickenson Jury Recesses

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—A jury of eight high-ranking Army officers today deliberated for five hours and 22 minutes on collaboration-with-the-enemy charges against Cpl. Edward S. Dickenson and then recessed until tomorrow without reaching a decision.

The case went to the court-martial at 9:09 a.m. (EST) and except for an hour for lunch the officers stayed on the job until 3:35 p.m. when a recess was ordered until 8:15 a.m. tomorrow.

Dickenson was a prisoner of war in Korea.

Unanimity is not required for conviction. A two-thirds vote—in this case 6-2—is necessary however.

Dickenson, a 23-year-old youth from the Hill country of southwestern Virginia, sat impassively as the chief law officer, Col. Richard F. Scarborough of Macon, Ga., delivered a 40-minute series of instructions to the jury before the deliberations began.

The Cracker's Neck, Va., youth faces a possible maximum penalty of life imprisonment if convicted. A two-thirds vote is required for conviction.

Dickenson's wife, Kate, whom he married after he was repatriated from a Red POW camp, was

Columbia Names Seven Pulitzer Prize Winners

NEW YORK, May 3 (AP)—John Patrick's delicate little comedy of life on occupied Okinawa, "The Teahouse of the August Moon," today won the 1954 Pulitzer drama prize. There was no fiction award.

The only two-time winner in the list announced by Columbia University was Herbert L. Block, the versatile cartoonist of the Washington Post and Times-Herald. His cartoon on the death of Joseph Stalin won him his second award. He last won in 1942.

The history award went to Bruce Catton, a 55-year-old former newspaperman, for his Civil War study, "A Stillness at Appomattox." The same book won the National Book Award for nonfiction early this year.

Charles A. Lindbergh, the famed transatlantic flier of 1927, won the Pulitzer Prize for biography with his autobiography, "The Spirit of St. Louis." It was his third book.

The prize in news photography went to a woman for the first time—Mrs. Walter M. Schau of San Anselmo, Calif.

Mrs. Schau, an amateur, caught a dramatic picture of a truck that had smashed through the railing of a bridge. It showed the rescue of the two truckmen from the dangling cab.

Theodore Roethke's "The Waking" won the poetry award and the music prize went to Quincy Porter for his "Concerto for Two Pianos and Orchestra." Each award in arts and letters is worth \$500.

Reds Rush Troops To French Fortress

HANOI, Indochina, May 3 (AP)—The Communist-led Vietminh rushed up fresh troops in long columns of trucks tonight to the French fortress of Dien Bien Phu after calling off its third heavy and sustained assault on the hedgehog defenses.

Hundreds of Russian-made Molotov trucks were spotted moving into the encircling hills tonight, their headlights gleaming.

The Red-led Vietminh troops unaccountably halted their third big do-or-die attack last night, after making savage headway into the encircling barbed wire strongpoints. They overran three strongpoints and part of a fourth and severely shroveled up the ring of defenses surrounding Brig. Gen. Christian de Castries' central headquarters.

A military spokesman in Paris said three outposts at the isolated strongpoint of Isabelle, south of the fortress' heart, were lost in the attacks of the night of May 1-2.

This was the fourth strongpoint which was partially overrun. The spokesman said another post was lost but retaken by counterattack. "The center of resistance of Isabelle is entirely in our hands," the spokesman said.

It appeared the rebels were using the breathing spell to regroup. Seizing the opportunity, the French dropped fresh volunteer paratroopers, ammunition and other supplies into the shell-pocked fortress in northwestern Indochina.

Vietminh had launched its third round of human wave assaults on Dien Bien Phu's shrinking perimeter Saturday night.

The growing fear that the rebels might finally overrun the fortress by sheer weight of numbers emphasized the mystery of last night's let-up in the attacks.

The exact position of the attackers when the let-up came was not clear, but they appeared to be less than 1800 feet from the center of De Castries' fortifications.

Flames Kill Five Children

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., May 3 (AP)—Fire flashed through a two-story frame home early today, killing five sleeping children.

A sixth child and the father safely fled the flames. The mother, not home when the fire broke out, suffered shock on learning of the tragedy.

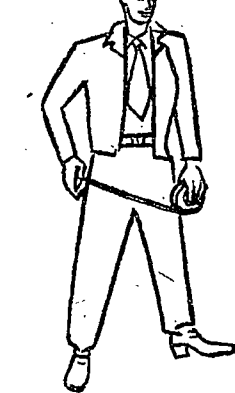
Killed were Mary Ann, 11; Elizabeth Jean, ten; Bernard Jr., eight; David Michaels, six; and Dennis Paul, 22 months—all children of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. O'Brien.

Five-year-old Patrick O'Brien was shoved out of the burning house by his father who suffered burns of the face and hands.

Chief Harold E. Kinley said the fire started in the living room, from a cause not determined.

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