

Monmouth Affair Warned Dangerous

WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP)—An alleged "secret and confidential" letter from J. Edgar Hoover, warning of a highly dangerous security situation at Fort Monmouth, N.J., touched off a new uproar in the McCarthy-Pentagon hearings today.

The dispute arose after the Army, and the Democrats on the Senate Investigations subcommittee, blocked a Republican drive to cut the televised hearings short and maybe wind them up this week with Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R.-Wis.) as the final witness.

Dirksen Asks Night Sessions
As the ninth day of the inquiry ended, Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R.-Ill.) called for night and Saturday sessions if necessary to speed up the investigation.

McCarthy set off the latest row by producing what he described as "one of a series of letters" from FBI Director Hoover. McCarthy said Hoover had given repeated warnings of what the senator termed a "tremendously dangerous" situation involving security risks at the Ft. Monmouth radar laboratories.

Protests Legality

Army counsel Joseph N. Welch protested it was improper for McCarthy to have such a letter—labeled "Secret and Confidential"—in his possession, and declared it looked to him as if the senator was breaking the law.

McCarthy brought out the letter in cross-examination of Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens, after suggesting that associates of atom spy Julius Rosenberg continued to do secret work at Ft. Monmouth long after the Army secretary took office.

Charges Coleman

A man mentioned by McCarthy in this connection was Aaron Coleman. Under questioning by Sen. John D. McClellan (D.-Ark.), McCarthy acknowledged that Coleman has sworn he was not a Communist. McCarthy has announced he will seek perjury action against Coleman, who has described himself as "anti-Communist in word and speech."

Then McCarthy produced the purported letter from Hoover. He didn't say where he got it, except to deny it came from the FBI files. The date of the letter was given both as Jan. 26, 1951, and Oct. 26, 1951, but the discrepancy was not cleared up. Stevens became secretary of the Army in February, 1953.

Lawyers Guild Wins Decision

WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP)—The National Lawyers Guild won a court order today preventing Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell, temporarily at least, from taking steps toward listing the guild as subversive.

The U.S. Court of Appeals, by a 2-1 vote, said "interests of justice would be served best" by holding in abeyance a hearing ordered by Brownell until the legal issues can be thrashed out in U.S. District Court.

Brownell first announced he proposed to list the Lawyers Guild as subversive in a speech before the American Bar Association in Boston last August. He called the guild the legal mouthpiece of the Communist party.

The Court of Appeals in its decision today overruled Judge Keech and directed that Brownell take no further steps until the case has been heard on its merits in the lower court.

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Canada's Pearson Defends U.S. Policy

GENEVA, May 4 (AP)—Canada's Lester B. Pearson lashed out today at Communist attacks on American policy in Asia with a declaration that "Asia for the Asians is not the same as—indeed in the opposite of—Asia for the Cominform."

The Canadian foreign secretary told the 19-nation Korean conference that "It would be no contribution either to Asian peace or prosperity, independence, or dignity, if the Japanese East Asian co-prosperity sphere of World War II were exchanged for the Chinese East Asian co-communist empire."

After Pearson spoke, the conference sessions on Korea were recessed until Friday. There were

Outside Help For Indochina Is Discussed

PARIS, May 4 —Premier Joseph Laniel told the French National Assembly today his government had discussed the possibility of outside military aid for the Indochinese War, but had been careful to take no action which would risk provoking a general conflict in Asia.

Laniel spoke in a discussion on setting a date for the deputies to debate Indochina policy.

The Assembly, just back from its Easter vacation, erupted with criticism of the government's handling of both the military situation in Indochina and the negotiations at Geneva.

Some observers said the government might be in danger. Several deputies, mostly from the Left, asserted the Cabinet had asked for direct American intervention in the war during the parliamentary vacation and thus risked a general conflict in Asia.

In a short speech, frequently punctuated by shouts and jeers from the Left, Laniel said, however, the government had only consulted its Allies on all possible means of action to aid Dien Bien Phu. From 10,000 to 12,000 troops are defending that fortress.

Poet Escorts Princess

LONDON, May 4 (AP)—Princess Margaret was around town last night with a new escort—poet Gavin Maxwell.

Maxwell, 39, is a cousin of the Duke of Northumberland. He wrote a best seller about it called "Harpoon at a Venture."

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WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles returned by plane from Europe tonight and told newsmen that the conferences with the Reds in Geneva "are developing just about as expected."

these developments affecting Indochina:

A French spokesman said it was hoped to get the Indochinese talks under way by Friday or the weekend at the latest. Five Vietminh rebel leaders arrived from Indochina to join the talks. Viet Nam, the third and largest state, has already agreed to participate, but opposes any settlement that would entail division of the country into Communist and anti-Communist zones.

French sources indicated the French may take advantage of the two-day recess to hold "indirect" talks with the Vietminh delegates who arrived today.

Now that the Vietminh Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Pham Van Dong has reached Geneva, the French were expected to renew their efforts to obtain a cease fire to permit evacuation of wounded from beleaguered Dien Bien Phu.

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Diplomatic Moves Set for Indo-China

WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP)—Sen. Ralph E. Flanders (R-Vt) reported today that President Dwight D. Eisenhower plans further diplomatic moves in the Indochinese crisis and that these negotiations will determine whether any military action is taken.

The President, Flanders told newsmen, does not favor American military operations in Indochina unless this country "has the support of the people of that region."

It was reported reliably that Eisenhower has quietly informed the French and British governments that the United States government does not consider a partition of war-torn Indochina as an acceptable means of ending the fighting there.

The President was reported to have sent a secret message to this effect to Geneva Friday. It was understood to have been addressed to Secretary of State Dulles, who relayed it to the British and French over the weekend.

White House and State Department sources said the communications was intended to clarify news reports of Eisenhower's remarks at his news conference last Thursday, some of which officials believed to have been distorted.

As Flanders reported on his conference with Eisenhower, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was flying home from a 15-day visit to Europe to take a hand in charting new efforts to line up free nations in his faltering drive for united action to save Southeast Asia from the Communists.

There were signs that he will undergo a searching examination about American policy in the latest negotiations with the Communists.

China is Accused Of Narcotics Plot

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 4 (AP)—Red China was accused today of stepping up its sale of narcotics in a government-operated plot to spread drug addiction and use of the money proceeds to spread communism.

The charge came from Harry J. Anslinger, U.S. Narcotics commissioner. Similar to charges voiced in past sessions about Red China's role in the narcotic drugs traffic, they included new details which Anslinger put before the UN Commission on Narcotics Drugs.

In Tokyo today American military doctors were told that the Army has no immediate solution to the problem of stopping Communist agents from spreading drug addiction among Allied soldiers in the Far East.

Dickenson Guilty; Gets Ten Years

WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP)—Cpl. Edward S. Dickenson was convicted today and sentenced to 10 years at hard labor on charges of informing on his comrades in a Korean prisoner of war camp and currying favor with his Red Chinese captors.

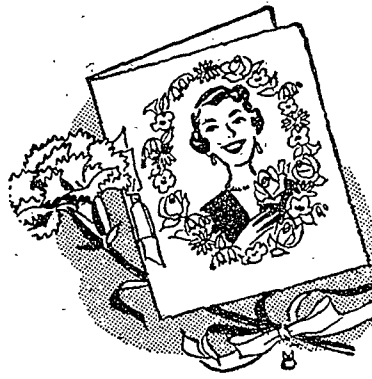
Both the conviction and the prison sentence are subject to automatic consideration by an Army Review Board, which may act in about a month.

The unprecedented court-martial of the 23-year-old farm boy from Cracker's Neck, Va., ended late in the afternoon of its 12th day. Dickenson was tried on charges of collaborating with the Chinese Communists and informing the Reds about the escape plans of a buddy, former Pfc. Edward M. Gaither of Philadelphia. He was convicted on both counts—the first time a war prisoner had ever been so tried and convicted.

Hollow-eyed and haggard, Dickenson stared gloomily at the maroon-carpeted floor as the verdict was returned after 10½ hours of deliberation by eight high-ranking Army officers. The soldier's blonde bride of fourth months, Kate, fought down tears as she chewed nervously at her fingernails.

Dickenson is one of 23 American prisoners of war who refused repatriation and chose to stay with the Reds after the Korean armistice. But he and one other, Claude Batchelor of Kermit, Tex., later changed their minds and chose to return to this country.

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