

Few Communists In Army—Stevens

WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—Secretary of the Army Robert Stevens, flaring up at Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R.-Wis.), declared today there are "doggone few" Communists in the Army and he said he's just as determined as McCarthy to keep every Red out.

McCarthy, in turn, accused Stevens of having a "selective memory" and of being "naively and unintelligently anti-Communist."

Investigation Is Demanded By Leader

HARRISBURG, May 10 (AP)—Sen. George M. Leader called today for an investigation in Gov. John S. Fine's home county of Luzerne into what the organization-backed Democratic candidate for governor termed "an organized shakedown" of Republican state and local employees.

Leader made the demand for the Luzerne County inquiry as the governor flatly denied charges of "macing" state employees for campaign contributions for the May 18 primary.

The governor told a newsman that no state employee would be discharged for refusing to participate in a centralized plan to collect campaign contributions.

Forcing contributions from employees on the public payroll is termed "macing" in the political dictionary. That is prohibited by state law but voluntary contributions are permitted.

Leader, who asked for an investigation last week into macing charges, sent this telegram today to Dist. Atty Louis Feldman of Luzerne County:

"I hereby call on you to perform your sworn duty and investigate the misuse of public employees and the extortion of money from public employees in your county, and to prosecute those responsible for such violations of the law as your investigation may show."

The Wisconsin senator said there are men with Communist connections "at this very moment" in one highly sensitive branch of the Army. That subject was dropped for the moment, however, when the Army denied any knowledge of the division McCarthy mentioned.

Both Present Plan
In the midst of today's wrangling, Democrats and Republicans on the Senate Investigations subcommittee each came up with a plan to shorten the 13-day-old televised inquiry into the McCarthy-Pentagon row.

A formal vote on the proposals was the first order of business tomorrow and, though the Republicans hold a 4-3 voting edge, indications were that if either plan was adopted it was more likely to be the Democratic one.

No Short Cuts
Acting Chairman Karl Mundt (R.-S.D.) has announced significantly that he would strongly oppose any cut-it-short move proposed by either side unless it was acceptable to all the principals in the controversy.

Mundt said he would not agree to any shortcut opposed by the principals as doing "violence to equity and justice."

McCarthy told reporters he would reject a Democratic proposal to set a time limit on future testimony.

No Long Answers
"That would place a premium on evasion—a premium on making long, irresponsible answers to questions so that a witness could take up most of the time," he said.

McCarthy also declared he sees no chance for either of the shortcut proposals being approved, and he commented:

"That means we'll be at this for a couple of months or more."

Brownell Bills Are Submitted To Congress

WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell today sent to Congress two bills designed to advance the program he has announced for dealing with Communists and other subversive elements in the country.

One of the bills would give the federal government new authority to bar subversives from privately owned civilian defense plants.

The other would empower the Subversive Activities Control Board to order the dissolution of any business enterprise or labor organization found to be controlled by Communists and in a position to affect adversely the national defense or security.

In identical letters to Vice President Richard Nixon and House Speaker Joseph Martin (R.-Mass.), Brownell said that both proposals had been approved by the White House, and had been reviewed by the National Security Council. He wrote:

"These bills will go far toward closing gaps in present laws dealing with subversion and in tightening the legal net around the Communist conspiracy."

The attorney general noted that present law bars subversives from plants directly engaged in defense contracts.

Commies Capture French General

TOKYO, Tuesday (AP)—A Vietnam communique broadcast by Peiping Radio said today Brig. Gen. Christian de Castries was among those captured at the Indochina fortress of Dien Bien Phu. The communique for the first time mentioned the heroic commander by name and confirmed previous reports that he had been made a prisoner.

"Brigadier Gen. de Castries, commander of the French sector in northwest Viet Nam and commander of the French beleaguered bastion at Dien Bien Phu was taken prisoner by the Viet Nam Peoples Army" said the communique as heard in Tokyo.

Godfrey to Get Operation

NEW YORK, May 10 (AP)—Arthur Godfrey told his radio and TV audience today he's going to have his year-old hip operation done all over again.

He said there is "something mechanically wrong" with the hip, originally injured in an automobile accident years ago, but that he did not know what.

Ike-Dulles Confer On Indochina Crisis

WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—President Eisenhower today discussed the Indochina crisis for nearly an hour with Secretary of State Dulles and top defense leaders amid a surge of activity suggesting an urgent review of U.S. policy in Europe and the Far East.

It was the second time during the day that Eisenhower had talked with his defense chiefs.

The President conferred with both Secretary of Defense Wilson and Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, this morning.

Then he summoned them again for an unscheduled White House session with Dulles late in the afternoon.

Asked whether the afternoon session dealt with Indochina, Dulles told newsmen:

"That would be a pretty good guess."

Meanwhile, a Democratic-led storm over foreign policy was blowing upon Capitol Hill and elsewhere, with some lawmakers lambasting Dulles and others accusing the Eisenhower administration of abandoning a bipartisan foreign policy.

Sen. Harry Byrd (D.-Va.) said in a speech before the National Association of Plumbing Contractors that "as of now" he would oppose any request by Eisenhower for Congress to authorize the use of U.S. troops in Indochina.

James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, told newsmen later he knew of no plan for Eisenhower to ask Congress either for increased defense funds or steps to put universal military training in effect.

In another move, Secretary of State Dulles conferred with the ambassadors of Australia, Thailand and the Philippines to discuss his proposal for creation of an anti-Communist "united front" in the Far East.

Lincoln White, State Department press officer, told newsmen Dulles called the envoys "to find out who is to join the united front and what commitments they are prepared to make."

Philippine Ambassador Carlos P. Romulo, who talked with Dulles for half an hour on the Indochina crisis and the threat it poses to nearby Asian countries, told reporters:

"On instructions from President Magsaysay, the Philippines is asking for implementation of the mutual defense treaty."

Pittsburgh Bus, Trolley Strikes Entangle City

PITTSBURGH, May 10 (AP)—This steel city's estimated 200,000 commuters crowded into the Golden Triangle today, most of them in time for work, despite a strike of 2700 trolley and bus operators.

Extra trains, taxis and share-the-ride plans replaced the city's 675 trolleys and 196 busses. They remained empty and lined bumper-to-bumper in Pittsburgh Railways Co.'s car barns.

Mayor David L. Lawrence, still hopeful of an early settlement, closeted himself with members of his voluntary mediation committee.

Negotiations to settle the transit dispute got underway last month. The union originally scheduled the strike midnight April 30 but rescinded the order pending further talks.

The workers finally walked off the job at 4 a.m. (EST) Sunday after the union rejected a company offer to add a cost of living increase to the basic pay rate. The employees now earn an average of \$1.92 an hour plus the six-cent cost of living increment.

They want a 30-cent hourly pay hike. C. D. Palmer, railways president, has stated repeatedly a wage increase is out of the question without hiking trolley and bus fares.

Red Ballet Cancels Paris Performances

PARIS, May 10 (AP)—The first week of the scheduled three weeks of performances by a troupe of stars from the Russian ballet was canceled today. There was a strong possibility the dancers might go back to Moscow and Leningrad without ever performing a pirouette for a Paris audience.

The appearance of the Russian company at the Grand Opera House had excited ballet lovers from all over Western Europe. Thousands of letters enclosing money for tickets flooded the box office at the state-owned opera.

Military developments in far-off Indochina kept the stage dark. There was a wave of resentment in France after the fall of Dien Bien Phu.

French Strike Back, Defeat Communists

HANOI, Indochina, May 10 (AP)—French and Laotian battalions defeated several battalions of Vietminh troops today near Myong Khua, only 50 miles from fallen Dien Bien Phu.

French fighters and bombers also heavily attacked key roads leading northeast from the rice plains fortress which Red-led troops overran in overwhelming numbers Friday. The routes attacked were jammed with thousands of rebel troops and big Molotov-truck convoys.

The French announced that the Vietminh units at Myong Khua were driven back, leaving 12 dead on the battlefield. They had been covering Vietminh Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap's southwest flanks during the fight for Dien Bien Phu.

In another engagement far to the south, Vietnamese fought a bitter skirmish with rebel troops near Cuchi, 28 miles west of Saigon on the road to Phnom Penh, capital of Cambodia. Forty-five rebels were reported killed and one taken prisoner.

The air attacks were centered on the road from Tuan Giao, 27 miles northeast of Dien Bien Phu, and running eastward to Na San, 117 miles west of Hanoi. French Union forces evacuated Na San last August after a valiant defense against encircling rebels in vastly superior numbers.

The French High Command reported that the warplanes had cut the Tuan Giao-na San road in 10 places.

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