

# Ike Stands Pat On Army Row

WASHINGTON, May 18 (AP)—The White House stood pat for the time being today on a presidential order that left the McCarthy-Army hearings dangling somewhere between temporary and permanent eclipse.

The order instructed high administration officials not to talk to Senate investigators about their discussions of the blazing controversy between Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.) and top men in the Army.

The White House made it rather clear there are slim chances, if any, that President Eisenhower will alter the instructions.

### Sets Conference

Under instructions from the Senate Investigations subcommittee, Acting Chairman Mundt (R-SD) set up a conference with Atty. Gen. Brownell to explore the possibility of getting the presidential order modified. But this was put off for a while. Mundt said Brownell wanted more time to study hearing transcripts.

Mundt did huddle with members of the Senate Republican Policy Committee. Nothing definite came of that, although the senator said the hearings are not necessarily at an end.

### Subcommittee Wants Truth

What the subcommittee is trying to find out is who lied and who told the truth in an exchange of conflicting charges between McCarthy and Secretary of the Army Stevens and some of their lieutenants.

The Army charge is that McCarthy and two of the subcommittee staff, Roy M. Cohn and Francis P. Carr, turned on improper pressure to try to win special treatment for Pvt. G. David Schine. McCarthy normally is chairman of the subcommittee but turned the gavel over to Mundt during the course of the hearings.

### Other Side's Charge

The charge from the other side is that Stevens and Army Counselor John Adams used Schine as a hostage and tried to blackmail McCarthy into halting a hunt for alleged Communists and Communist coddlers in the Army.

# New Trial Is Ordered For Jelke

NEW YORK, May 18 (AP)—Minot F. (Mickey) Jelke's vice conviction was upset today in one of New York's most far-reaching decisions of the century bearing on freedom of the press. A new trial was ordered.

The Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court in a 3-2 decision flatly rebuked trial Judge Francis L. Valente for barring press and public during the state's case against Jelke.

"We conceive it to be no part of the work of the judiciary," the appeals court said, "upon the facts here presented to decide what a newspaper prints or to what portion of the people it caters to sell its papers."

### Fair, Impartial Trial

The court added that Valente's ban denied Jelke a "fair and impartial trial." It did not rule directly on the issue of press freedom. But its decision was a strong, new bulwark for the state's newspapers.

The majority opinion said, in effect, that the jury justly convicted Jelke of cafe society pandering but that Valente bungled the case. The ruling was on a question of law, rather than fact. Jelke was sentenced March 27, 1953, to three to six years in prison as a cafe society procurer of young women who peddled their charms for as much as \$500 a night.

### Had Been Convicted

He had been convicted one month earlier on a charge of compulsory prostitution after one of the most sensational trials New York had seen in years.

He also was sentenced to eight months in the city's workhouse on charges of illegal possession of guns. He was freed last Oct. 6.

# Ike Supports Armed Forces

CHARLOTTE, N.C., May 18 (AP)—President Eisenhower today reaffirmed his faith in the nation's armed forces with the declaration that "we are still confident" in them "from their secretaries and their high commanders on down to the last private in the ranks."

With Secretary of the Army Stevens seated behind him, the President made no reference to the Army-McCarthy hearings in a brief, informal address to a police-estimated crowd of 30,000 in Charlotte's Freedom Park. But the reference to the civilian chiefs in Stevens' presence seemed to indicate the President's continued faith in his Army secretary in his dispute with Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.).

Eisenhower, accompanied by Stevens on his flight from Washington, came here to help Mecklenburg Charlotte County commemorate the 179th anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

# French Save 18 Wounded From Fort

HANOI, Indochina, May 18 (AP)—A French high command spokesman said tonight a lone helicopter had shuttled 18 more seriously wounded French soldiers from Dien Bien Phu to Luang Prabang, Laos' royal capital. Earlier French planes resumed their heavy bombing of key routes from the fallen fortress.

In Geneva, Hoang Van Hoan, Vietnam ambassador to Red China, said French bombers had killed 15 French prisoners in strikes last night along provincial Route 41, main route east from Dien Bien Phu. Hoang blamed the French for breakdown of plans to evacuate the wounded.

As the French resumed their air strikes the high command spokesman said Vietnam units moving east from Dien Bien Phu were only about 50 miles from the south-western rim of the Red River delta's defenses.

The spokesman said the planes had bombed, strafed, and destroyed rebel truck convoys around Mocchau, on Provincial Route 41 about 65 miles southeast of Son La and 50 miles west of Hoa Binh.

A group of 14 French bombers made heavy attacks on Vietnam troops in battalion strength.

# Giant Balloon Soars More Than 22 Miles

MINNEAPOLIS, May 18 (AP)—A giant plastic balloon, nearly as tall as an 18-story office building, soared more than 22 miles into the sky today—higher than ever before for a balloon of its type.

The "super skyhook," which stretched to about the length of a football field before its inflation, bore a cargo of scientific instruments to study mysteries of the upper atmosphere.

The previous altitude record for a plastic balloon was 111,000 feet, a little more than 21 miles.

# CIO Contract Demands Presented to U.S. Steel

PITTSBURGH, May 18 (AP)—The CIO United Steelworkers spelled out 1954 contract demands today for U.S. Steel Corp. In a brief meeting marking the opening of negotiations with the basic steel industry.

Vice president John A. Stephens, who is heading the corporation's negotiating team, said his firm will study the demands before a second meeting with the union tomorrow at 10 a.m.

David J. McDonald, president of the union which is seeking new contracts for 600,000 workers in the basic steel industry, said: "We have met with the company and presented the issues. I have nothing more to say at this time."

Benjamin F. Fairless, chairman of the board for U.S. Steel, in an unprecedented move, attended the opening session and addressed the union and company negotiators. He left before the session ended.

Neither the union nor the company would comment on the demands presented except to say they are the same as those approved by the union's powerful 170-member Wage Policy Committee.

The committee approved a four point program which included demands for higher wages, a guaranteed annual wage, improvements in the pension and hospi-

talization program and other changes. The contracts expire June 30.

The union has not said how much of a dollars-and-cents package the demands represent. The basic steel workers are now earning an average hourly wage of between \$2.14 and \$2.24.

Stephens said the company planned a meeting of its negotiating team after the joint session to study the demands.

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# Social Security Span May Be Extended

WASHINGTON, May 18 (AP)—The House Ways and Means Committee decided tentatively today to extend social security coverage to more than half a million domestic workers, ministers and federal employes who are now excluded.

This was the first congressional action on President Dwight D. Eisenhower's far-reaching proposals to expand coverage and boost social security benefits and taxes.

The committee, taking up the bill by Chairman Daniel A. Reed (R-NY) section-by-section, is expected to approve the program pretty much as urged by Eisenhower, although many features are controversial.

### Professional People

The committee didn't reach sections which would bring social security tax and benefit coverage also to about half a million doctors, lawyers and other professional people, and 3½ million state and local government employes—although it is generally expected to approve them, too.

Under present law, domestic workers are covered only if they receive \$50 from a single employer and work 24 days for him in any three month period. The new proposal removes the requirements as to the number of days and covers all domestic workers who receive \$50 a quarter from any one employer.

### Move Expands Coverage

Officials estimated this would bring about 200,000 domestic workers into the system and would expand coverage for others where only part of their work is covered now.

Another move approved today extends coverage to ministers where both the minister and their employers agree to come under the system. Officials said this would make about 200,000 to 250,000 ministers eligible.

Churches would have to waive their federal tax exemption to make the employer's contribution required under the system.

# Senate Votes Fireworks Ban

WASHINGTON, May 18 (AP)—A bill to restrict shipments of fireworks with the aim of reducing casualties passed the Senate today, 73-3.

It would forbid shipments into states which ban fireworks and in instances in which manufacturers know the fireworks would be used illegally.

The bill was sent to a Senate-House Conference Committee to work out minor differences. The House passed the bill last July in a somewhat different form.

By voice vote, the Senate wrote into the measure an amendment to put the restrictions into effect July 1—a date by which most fireworks for next July 4 probably will have been shipped.

# Policeman Testifies in Moon Trial

WARREN, Pa., May 18 (AP)—A state policeman testified today that Norman W. Moon had marked Judge Allison D. Wade for death before the judge was slain in court last Jan. 13.

Sgt. Charles C. Naddio told the court that 28-year-old Moon twice admitted that he intended killing Judge Wade and Atty. Harold Hampson, a lawyer for Moon's estranged wife.

Naddio testified before a packed courtroom at Moon's murder trial on charges he shot and killed the 51-year-old judge. Moon, a Connelville construction worker, is on trial in the same courtroom in which the judge was killed.

### Non-Support Payments

Moon had been summoned before Judge Wade to explain his failure to keep up non-support payments to his estranged wife.

Sgt. Naddio told the jury of ten men and two women that Moon was questioned on two occasions after the slaying while he was a patient in Warren General Hospital. The sergeant said Moon could not talk the first time because of a self-inflicted bullet wound of the neck. He said Moon answered questions by shaking his head "yes" or "no."

### Intended to Kill 2

Naddio said Moon was asked "how many people did you intend to kill?"

He said Moon replied by holding up two fingers.

The sergeant said Moon was then asked were they Judge Wade and Atty. Hampson. He said Moon nodded "yes."

# Irish Vote Proceeds In Orderly Manner

DUBLIN, May 18 (AP)—Irish voters balloted in orderly fashion today in a parliamentary election that will decide whether Prime Minister Eamon de Valera will continue to lead the country.

The election followed a campaign regarded as the quietest since the foundation of the state more than 30 years ago. The independent Irish Republic cut its last constitutional ties with Britain in 1949.

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