

Hearings to Resume Monday; Ike in Accord To Limit Insurance

WASHINGTON, May 19 (AP)—The Eisenhower administration threw the switches today to start the McCarthy-Army hearings rolling again next Monday. President Dwight D. Eisenhower personally called for a resumption of the televised inquiry "Let the chips fall where they may," he declared. Next, with the President's endorsement, Secretary of the Army Robert Stevens took sole responsibility on behalf of the Army for the actions that led to its head-on collision with Senator Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis).

French Hit Red Forces In Indochina

HANOI, Indochina, May 19 (AP)—French planes launched massive air attacks today on Vietminh rebels moving men and heavy artillery anti-aircraft batteries from Dien Bien Phu toward the Red River Delta. Revising a previous estimate, a French high command official said the rebels could attack in strength within four weeks.

While the bombers were plastering the Communist-led rebels, the high command announced the arrival in Hanoi of 24 more wounded French Union prisoners from the fallen fortress of Dien Bien Phu. This made a total of 54 evacuated thus far.

A Vietminh delegation source said in Geneva Dien Bien Phu's heroic French nurse, Genevieve de Galard Terraube, would be released sometime Wednesday. However, there was no confirmation at a late hour from Hanoi and a French News Agency dispatch quoted evacuated soldiers as saying she would remain until the last wounded are taken out.

The French threw all their available helicopters and small aircraft into the task of speeding the airlift of the wounded. They hoped to step up the rate to at least 80 a day. Vietminh General Vo Nguyen Giap agreed to the initial release of 450 of the most serious cases among the 1,300 to 2,000 wounded at the fortress when it fell.

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In the wake of this one-two team play, Acting Chairman Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.) said the temporarily sidetracked inquiry will resume Monday. He told newsmen the hearings should not last more than another week or ten days.

Mundt said he expected Stevens would be asked to repeat under oath today's denial that the Army's moves were masterminded by White House or other top officials.

The hearings still did not have a clear track, however.

Eisenhower flatly refused to lift his secrecy order which—to his astonishment, he told a news conference—stalled the inquiry last Monday.

McCarthy, who has blasted this order as an "iron curtain," barring him from presenting his full case against his Pentagon antagonists, shifted figures of speech and said the order makes him play against a "stacked deck."

Stevens came up, and Eisenhower registered full agreement, with a firm answer to one hitherto unanswered question.

That was the big question which bogged down the inquiry last Monday: Were Army officials acting on their own, or were the White House and Justice Department calling the signals, when the Pentagon charged McCarthy and aides with improper pressure to get favors for Private G. David Schine?

Eisenhower's secrecy order forbade Army witnesses to talk about conversations with the White House and other officials. McCarthy and some of the investigating senators took the position this made it impossible to fix responsibility for the Army's acts.

30 Are Nominated For Reelection In Pennsylvania

PHILADELPHIA, May 19 (AP)—Pennsylvania's 19 Republican and 11 Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives were nominated in Tuesday's primaries to try for reelection in November.

Their 30 opponents for the November general election include one former congressman, Daniel J. Flood, Wilkes-Barre Democrat.

Less than 30 per cent of the Keystone State's five million eligible residents—an unusually light turnout—voted in the election that ticketed these two men for the governor's seat now held by Fine.

Republican Lloyd H. Wood of Montgomery County, 56-year-old lieutenant governor.

Democrat George M. Leader, 36-year-old York County state senator.

Each swamped two opponents, Wood running far ahead as top man on the GOP "harmony" slate.

Indochinese Peace Unlikely

GENEVA, May 19—Hope of achieving peace in the jungle war of Indochina faded almost to the vanishing point at the Geneva conference tonight.

East and West suspended negotiations for an armistice for one day after devoting more than three hours to wrangling over an old dispute—recognition of the so-called "phantom governments" of Laos and Cambodia.

Pham Van Dong, the Vietminh foreign minister, spent one and a half hours trying to persuade the West to invite delegations of the two "resistance" governments to Geneva.

The West is unanimous in regarding these governments as Communist inventions with no claims to conference seats. Delegates of the Western-recognized governments of Laos and Cambodia spoke after Dong, a conference source said, and restated their opposition to Dong's proposals.

purchasing agent for Guatemala, said today the U.S. State Department refuses to let Guatemala buy surplus military materials here and from friendly countries and this "iron ring" compels her to buy anywhere she can.

WASHINGTON, May 19 (AP)—The Senate Banking Committee voted today to limit Federal Housing Administration insurance on home repair loans to 85 per cent of the total loan, and to require the home owner to deal directly with the banker making the loan. The committee wrote these and other restrictions into a general housing measure it is preparing in an effort to end abuses under which some fast-talking salesmen allegedly have used the lure of easy loans to bilk unsuspecting home owners.

The actions had the effect of putting on the bankers some of the burden of making certain the loans are worthwhile; but Chairman Homer E. Capehart (R-Ind.) said this would "not have a deterrent effect on the program."

Heretofore the FHA has underwritten the full amount of the home repair loans it insured, guaranteeing the lenders against any loss.

Under the new provision, the lender would be required to take 15 per cent of the risk on each such loan. In addition, Capehart said, the loan documents "must be signed on the premise of the lender or in the presence of an official of the lending institution."

This presumably would prevent a salesman from taking loan papers to a home-owner, getting him to sign before the work had started, and then collecting the proceeds of the loan. It would also tend to prevent banks from dealing in loans for home repairs hundreds of miles away, where they might not be aware of conditions.

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French Bravery Cited

LONDON, May 19 (AP)—Brigadier General Christian de Castries was quoted in a Peiping broadcast today as saying his officers had elected to defend Dien Bien Phu to the end rather than heed French high command instructions to try to cut their way out and flee to Laos.

Defense Fraud Cited By House

WASHINGTON, May 19 (AP)—A House subcommittee said today it is asking the Justice Department to investigate "possible fraud" in a million-dollar contract for blood-shipping containers awarded two years ago to the Bailey Engineering Co., Ramsey, N.J.

Most of the containers were designed for a civil defense blood stockpile against atomic attack. The subcommittee also demanded disciplinary action against military officials whom it accused of showing "very bad judgment or incompetence" in awarding the contract and "serious negligence" in inspecting the finished containers.

The subcommittee said it is turning over all of its records to justice officials with the request for a full investigation of alleged changes in specifications, which it said would have saved the Bailey firm \$100,000 on the contract, and other "serious derelictions."

Louis H. Bailey had boasted that the Bailey Co. was able to get away with so many deviations because "he had so many friends" . . . and that he took shortcuts in putting the container together because no one could find out about it after the box was completed.

Ike Calls Arms Shipment To Guatemala 'Disturbing'

WASHINGTON, May 19 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower said today an arms shipment from Red Poland to Guatemala is "disturbing" and it would be a "terrible thing" to have Communist dictatorship establish an outpost on this continent.

Asked at a news conference for his reaction to a State Department announcement Monday that Communist-dominated Poland has shipped arms to the Latin American nation, Eisenhower paused, reached for a word, and replied:

"Well, it is disturbing. I think that, above all, it highlights the circumstances, the background that led to the adoption of the resolution at the Caracas conference of the American Republics regarding communism in this country.

"To have the Communist dicta-

torship establish an outpost on this continent to the detriment of all the American nations, of course, would be a terrible thing, and that was the reason for the Caracas resolution."

White House permission for direct quotations on Guatemala underscored the obvious concern over the arms shipment within the administration.

In New York, Colonel Hubert F. Julian, who says he is military

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