

# Molotov Snarls Ceasefire Talks On Indochina

GENEVA, May 24 (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, apparently shifting his ground in the negotiations for a quick ceasefire in Indochina, snarled proceedings today with a demand for political discussions.

## Big 3 Asks Germany Division End

BONN, Germany, May 24 (AP)—The Western Big Three powers today again called on the Russians to lower the barriers between Soviet-occupied East Germany and West Germany.

In identical notes, the United States, Britain and France charged that Soviet rejection of previous Allied requests "serves only to accentuate the present division of Germany." The notes were sent by the three Allied high commissioners to Soviet High Commissioner Vladimir S. Semiyenov.

The three powers declared they "do not intend to be diverted from the constructive proposals" they made to the Russians Feb. 22 and again March 17.

These proposals asked the Russians to pull down the Iron Curtain barriers that hinder trade and travel between West and East Germany.

The Soviets countered April 17 with a proposal that "all-German committees" negotiate the removal of these barriers. They argued that the Soviet proclamation of "sovereignty" for the Communist-controlled East German government gives that regime the right to handle internal and foreign affairs, including relations with West Germany.

In their new note today, the Western Powers stressed that they "still regard the Soviet Union as the power responsible for the Soviet zone of Germany and do not recognize the sovereignty of the East German regime."

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## Malone to Expand Probe on Macing

PITTSBURGH, May 24 (AP)—Dist. Atty. James F. Malone today said a grand jury investigating charges that state workers were forced to contribute to a political campaign fund will expand its probe to include five Pittsburgh offices of two more state departments.

The grand jury is investigating Malone's charges that the administration of Gov. John S. Fine forced state employees to contribute 1 per cent of their wages to a primary campaign fund.

The grand jury already is probing the Highway Department and the State Inheritance Tax Office.

## McClellan Says GOP Could Have Avoided Row

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—Sen. McClellan (D-Ark) said today that if Republicans had listened to Democratic advice they might have avoided the "mess" of the McCarthy-Army dispute.

McClellan said that Deputy Atty. Gen. William Rogers had sent Army Counsellor John G. Adams to see him Jan. 20 to complain among other things, about alleged favors sought by Sen. McCarthy.

## Collins is Now Collins

When Joe Collins appears in the New York Yankees baseball lineup it will be Joe Collins in name as well as person.

Union County Judge Milton A. Feller today approved the application to change Joe's last name from Kalloring to Collins in a brief court hearing.

## French Beat Off Vietminh Attack

SAIGON, Indochina, May 24 (AP)—French Union forces outnumbered three to two beat off a six-day pocket-size Dien Bien Phu type siege by the Vietminh in northern Laos near Red China's border, the French high command announced today.

The French-Laotian post, Nam Tha, is only 18 miles south of China's Yunnan Province and 100 miles west of Dien Bien Phu. The defenders, who were subjected to continual mortar and machinegun fire beginning May 18, finally forced 400 attacking rebels to lift their siege.

The French and Laotian garrison were able to keep up the fight through parachute drops by French planes. They reported they knocked out 55 Vietminh while suffering "very light" losses themselves.

## Army to Call Reserve Officers To Active Duty

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—The Army announced today it will commission and call to active duty virtually all the 16,000 reserve officer training corps graduates this year.

A small number of veterans will be commissioned in the reserve corps but not called to duty unless they so request. The vast majority of the 16,000 were permitted to complete their college educations under an agreement which deferred them from the draft.

All those who complete their schooling this summer and were deferred will report for active duty between July 1 and June 30, 1955. Such young officers may signify the month in which they desire to start their active duty tours and the Army has agreed respect individual wishes as far as possible within a quote schedule.

Medical, dental, and veterinary graduates this year under the ROTC program will be called to duty according to the priority system established by the doctor draft act. Prior to reporting for active duty the medical officers will be assigned to reserve units.

## Oil Executive Named

NEW YORK, May 24 (AP)—Sinclair Oil Corp. today named Millward E. Stone, director of industrial relations, a vice president. Stone came to Sinclair from Bendix Aviation Corp. in November, 1952.

Molotov on Ceasefire  
Molotov, after presenting the conference Friday with a five-point agenda for getting down to business on a ceasefire, proposed today that the nine-party discussions be devoted to a permanent political settlement. The ceasefire, he said, should be handled directly by the "two sides"—France and the Communist-led Vietminh.

The informant said French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault immediately protested, refusing to discuss political aspects of the dispute until a ceasefire agreement had been achieved. As a result, what had started out as a promising discussion on an agenda fixed by Molotov himself ended in confusion.

Smith Backs Bidault  
U.S. Undersecretary of State Walter Bedell Smith was said to have backed up Bidault in his opposition to discussing political questions before military problems are tackled.

The lid of secrecy on the meetings was clamped down tighter than ever today, but it was plain there was no inclination among the Americans to be optimistic after the four-hour debate.

A communique on the secret session said only:

"The nine delegations discussed against the restoration of peace in Indochina. They will meet again in restricted session tomorrow."

Today's was the fifth secret session, and the delegates still are talking about procedural problems.

## License Tag Deadline

HARRISBURG, May 24 (AP)—The Bureau of Motor Vehicles today estimated nearly 100,000 commercial vehicle owners will be unable to operate June 1 because they failed to apply for new license tags in time.

# Heroine Back Home After Red Captivity

HANOI, Indochina, May 24 (AP)—The ordeal of Dien Bien Phu behind her, Lt. Genevieve de Galard Terraube flew into Hanoi and a heroine's welcome tonight, wearing a dusty, sweat-stained uniform and a big smile.

Cheering friends hailed her at this French headquarters city.

The cherubic-faced, blue-eyed 29-year-old French air force nurse was finally freed by the Vietminh at the battered fortress where she had toiled among the French Union wounded for 74 days—first under the rising fire of siege guns that led to the rebel victory May 7, then under Red captivity.

The only woman among perhaps 14,000 men of Brig. Gen. Christian de Castries' vanquished command, Genevieve came back in a French hospital transport plane such as has borne more than 400 of her crippled charges.

## Gay Despite Drab Garb

She came back gaily in the worn, campaign garb of a parachute trooper, with heavily stuffed knee-pockets. She was bare-headed. She wore dusty canvas shoes without stockings, this girl who was made a knight of the Legion of Honor and presented the French Military Medal for her heroic job while the battle was still on at Dien Bien Phu. But her lips were rouged.

She was met at the airport by Gen. Rene Cogny, commander of French Union land forces in North Indochina, and Brig. Gen. Jean

Dechaux, air commander in the zone. As an air force nurse, she is under Dechaux's orders.

## Warmly Welcomed

Under the eyes of Algerian guards, a swarm of friends closed in. They embraced her, shook her hands, cheered and in some cases just reached through the crowd to touch her.

"I have nothing to say," she told reporters, "and I've made up my mind about that."

A French military detail finally whisked her away in Dechaux's car and said she would not be available for interviewing until she had a night's rest. With her was Miss Monique Gilles, the first nurse to go into Dien Bien Phu to help bring out the wounded after its fall.

## Moon Jury Deliberates

WARREN, Pa., May 24 (AP)—A jury began deliberating tonight the fate of Norman W. Moon in the courtroom slaying of Judge Allison D. Wade last Jan. 13. The case went to the jury of 10 men and two women at 7:10 p.m.

# Record Broken By Navy Blimp

MIAMI, Fla., May 24 (AP)—A U.S. Navy blimp today broke the world endurance record for a crew and aircraft by remaining aloft without refueling for 180 hours.

The Navy said the ZPG2 airship of the NAN type was now cruising toward the Florida Keys and was expected to land at the Boca Chica Naval Air Station, nine miles north of Key West, about 2:30 p.m. (EST) tomorrow.

The lighter-than-air ship left Lakehurst N.J. Naval Air Station at 7:32 a.m. (EDT) last Monday to carry out a simulated antisubmarine patrol.

## Broken Record Over Miami

The new record was set over Miami today when the blimp exceeded the old record of 170.3 hours set in 1947 by an M-type airship, also out of Lakehurst.

Cmdr. Marion H. Eppes of Pinson, Ala., is in command of the aircraft which carries a Navy crew of 14 and a civilian observer.

He told newsmen by radio telephone as the blimp cruised over northwest Miami that all aboard had eaten and slept well. "But after a week we need baths," he said.

The 342-foot nonrigid airship will have covered more than 3000 miles by the time it gets to Boca Chica. It has been on patrol over the Atlantic seaboard, the Caribbean and the Gulf of Mexico.

## Never 'Just Hovers'

Lt. Albert Robertson, a Navy public information officer from Key West, said the blimp has been under way at all times and never "just hovered."

"The blimp could wait for a submarine to surface if it took all week," Robertson said, "and there are many other times when continuous flight without refueling could be a great tactical advantage."

Robertson said the blimp did not pick up any fuel or provisions during the trip, but did pick up sea water. He explained that as the gasoline was consumed a huge, weighted canvas bag was let down to the sea by a cable and which from about 150 feet in the air and water hauled aboard to serve as ballast.

## Good Food for Trip

Capt. Eppes said a deep freeze provided everyone with excellent food throughout the trip.

The NAN-type aircraft, he added, is the largest nonrigid type aircraft in the world and is designed primarily for antisubmarine warfare.

The Navy said the airship has many novel innovations over older type airships. For one thing its engines are located in the gondola and geared to the propellers through shafting. This permits engine repair and adjustment in flight, which extends the airship's potential operating radius.

# U.S. Arms 2 Guatemala Neighbors

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—The United States is flying guns to Nicaragua and Honduras, neighbors of leftwing Guatemala, which is being armed by the Communists.

Reports of the Central American airlift were confirmed today by a State Department press officer, Lincoln White, who said a special effort is being made to speed up the shipments because of the 70 freight carloads of Red weapons just unloaded in Guatemala.

A Defense Department spokesman said C124 Globemaster transports are flying small arms, ammunition, jeeps and three-quarter-ton weapons carriers to Nicaragua and Honduras. He said the equipment is of the type used by light infantry troops.

White explained the airlift is "an implementation" of mutual defense assistance agreements recently signed with the two countries. It is understood the shipments are on a "rapidly as possible" basis, with a priority similar to that given goods destined for Korea and Indochina.

The State Department did not indicate how much U.S. equipment will go to Nicaragua and Honduras. Nor did it give routing details. But it is reported the shipments are being flown out of Mobile, Ala., on the Gulf of Mexico.

## House Committee OKs Old-Age Retirement Plan

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP)—An administration proposal to liberalize the old-age insurance benefits of persons who become disabled before retirement was approved today by the House Ways and Means Committee.

The proposal would "freeze" the benefits of a disabled person at the amount he would have received had he retired before becoming disabled.

## Fight Postponement Seen

HAVANA, Cuba, May 24 (AP)—Kid Gavilan may be unable to defend his welterweight title against Johnny Saxton at Philadelphia, July 14, because of a bone dislocation in his right hand.

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