

FRENCH DEFENDERS GIVE GROUND AT EMBATTLED DIEN BIEN PHU FORTRESS

By LARRY ALLEN
Hanoi, Indo-China (AP) — The embattled French fortress of Dien Bien Phu shrunk into a heart-shaped network of defence Monday night as the French fought desperately to stem onslaughts by fresh waves of Red-led Vietminh.

Australian Police Snatch Diplomat's Wife From Reds

Canadian Delegation Pessimistic Over Outcome of Big Power Talks At Geneva

OTTAWA (CP)—External Affairs Minister Pearson and four aides Monday departed for the Geneva conference on Korea and Indo-China. They were pessimistic about its outcome.

DARWIN, Australia, (Reuters)—Mrs. Evokiya Petrov, 35-year-old wife of a Russian diplomat who fled from the Soviet embassy and turned spy data over to Australian officials, today followed her husband's example and accepted political asylum.

U. S. GOV'T MEMBER THINKS YANKS UNLIKELY TO GO TO INDO-CHINA

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — President Eisenhower and State Secretary Dulles Monday evaluated "the merits of Soviet communism" and the cabinet officer later declared it is "unlikely" American troops will be sent to Indo-China.

Late Premier Of N. S. Buried With Military Honors

By KINGSLEY BROWN JR.
HALIFAX (CP)—Angus L. Macdonald, the greatest Nova Scotia leader since Joseph Howe, was buried Monday. It was the biggest funeral in the province's history.

Russians Threaten Boycott

Four Lose Lives In Auto Accident

TRURO, (CP)—Police recovered Monday the body of a fourth victim who died when an automobile crashed through a highway guard-rail 22 miles from here and sank in the Stewiacke river.

Two Killed In Bridgewater, N. S.

BRIDGEWATER, N. S. (CP) — Arthur Smeeth, 56, was killed and his 51-year-old wife critically injured when they were struck by a car as they crossed a highway at nearby West Dublin Monday night.

NO MASK, DIED

TORONTO (CP) — Failure to wear a mask while cleaning a fan used to draw out deadly fumes from a chemical plant, caused the death of workman Karl Pihlakas, 45, Monday. Pihlakas was found unconscious on the roof of the Dominion Tar and Chemical Co. plant and was taken to hospital where he was pronounced dead.

LEGAL AID FOR NEEDED

TORONTO (CP) — The Law Society of Upper Canada disclosed Monday it has received 16 murder trials and 22 other serious criminal actions acted without pay during 1953. Altogether, some 7,000 needy persons have been assisted by the society's Ontario legal aid plan since the system began late in 1951.

Coming Events

- Rummage Sale St. James Hall, Wednesday, April 21st, at 2 o'clock.
Come to dance in Kinkora hall, Tuesday, April 20th. Good music.
C. W. L. Holy Redeemer Rummage Sale, Community Centre, today at 1:30.
Movies tonight, Canoe Cove, "Jack and the Beanstalk" in color, starring Abbott and Costello.
Cleaning grain at Bonshaw on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning April 20th, until May 4th.
Buying pigs Friday forenoon Market Square, paying \$38 a pair for 35 to 40 lbs and \$40 if over 40 lbs. Willard Prowse, Brackley.
What's new in feeds? 22% of Shur-Gain sweetened Galf Starter and Grower. The results are excellent. Get some at E. J. MacDougall's Feed Service Mill, Vernon.
Wanted at once, number of good thrifty pigs weighing over 38 lbs. each. Paying \$40.00 per pair. Wellington MacNeill & Son, Buntain Bell's Wharf.
Opening dance Beaver Hall Montague, Tuesday, April 20. Don Messer's Orchestra. Admission 30 cents. Regular dance Saturday, April 24.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (CP) Faced by a threatened Soviet boycott, the United Nations disarmament commission voted 9 to 1 with two abstentions Monday to set up a five-power sub-committee—the Big Four plus Canada—to start private talks on control of hydrogen and other weapons next Friday.

Britain had proposed the setting up of the sub-committee composed of Britain, the United States, France, Russia and Canada.

The Soviet Union alone voted against its establishment. Nationalist China and Lebanon abstained.

The commission rejected a Soviet amendment to increase the sub-committee to eight by the inclusion of Communist China, India and Ceylon.

After all, here is a chance, and it might be a unique chance, to get to grips with the problem of disarmament. The sub-committee may not, of course, be perfect from the point of view of the Soviet Union, but can they deny that it is a body perfectly adequate to discuss the disarmament problem.

News in Brief

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Search planes Monday continued the hunt for a U. S. Navy Privateer aircraft missing off the Greenland coast since Friday with nine men aboard.

MONTREAL (CP)—Police Monday continued the questioning of two Toronto men being detained in connection with last Thursday's killing of Frank Battaglia.

LONDON, (Reuters)—Australian External Affairs Minister R. G. Casey said on arrival here Monday that an armistice in Indo-China "would mean the almost immediate handing over of Indo-China to the Communists."

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Senator Styles Bridges, Rep.—N. H. said Monday night the joint chiefs of staff fear the United States could not hold a defence line from Hawaii to the Aleutian Islands if the Communists should overrun southern Asia.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Capt. T. A. Atwood, naval commander of the Newfoundland area, said Monday a report that two Russian trawlers are fishing on the Grand Banks "will be investigated." But he said the reports have not yet been confirmed.

SAINT JOHN, N. B. (CP)—Six week-end breaks here netted thieves more than \$1,000 in merchandise and cash. The loot included nearly \$800 worth of cameras and \$15 in cash from the Chase Home Movie Service on German street and about \$250 worth of clothing and shoes from a Prince Edward street store.

LOS ANGELES, (AP)—Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, announced Monday night plans for a conference of the world's leading scientists later this year to search for peaceful uses of atomic energy.

B. C. Seed Spuds Shipped To Maine

VANCOUVER, (CP) — Seed potatoes from British Columbia are crossing the continent to invade the state of Maine, one of the biggest potato-producing states of the United States.

Two carloads (36 tons) of foundation grade netted gems have been shipped from Pemberton, gateway to the Cariboo of British Columbia, to the town of Caribou, Maine, the B. C. Potato Growers Association announced Monday.

Says Russians Showed Way In Hydrogen Bomb

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—Representative Craig Hosmer (Rep.—Calif.) said Monday that American H-bombs recently tested in the Pacific were developed by methods previously considered unworkable by U. S. scientists but later developed successfully by Russian scientists.

"Our 1952 H-bomb needed an entire building to house it," said Hosmer, in a press release. "Meanwhile the Russians, using Italian and German physicists captured after World War II, built and exploded a smaller H-bomb deliverable as a war weapon."

"They used entirely different scientific principles which our scientists had discarded as unworkable."

"Analysis of the Red H-bomb debris (radio-active cloud) was our first positive indication that the discarded principle was good after all. We then proceeded immediately to build our H-bomb along these new simplified lines and are now testing them in the Pacific."

CAN'T PROVE DELAY Hosmer said it "will not be proved" that there was any deliberate delay by U. S. scientists in developing the H-bomb. This opinion, he said, was based on the fact that "no congressional committee or loyalty board has the scientific equipment needed to make a determination that our scientists have not been following their honest scientific judgments."

He said this opinion was reinforced by the fact that many nuclear physicists of "unquestioned loyalty" believed science could not develop an H-bomb small enough in size to be deliverable as a war weapon.

By ELTON C. FAY
WASHINGTON (AP) — Defence Secretary Charles Wilson believes the United States is "highly vulnerable" to a "relatively secure" atomic attack and that "the Russians have been much more afraid of us than we are of them."

RECOGNITION ATTITUDE

Canadian recognition of the Communist Chinese regime may hinge on Geneva's outcome.

Mr. Pearson and Prime Minister St. Laurent have said that the government isn't considering recognition at this time but that it might if conditions changed; in other words, if the Reds show a conciliatory attitude at Geneva and back that up with deeds, not only promises.

The U. S. chief spokesman for the UN side at Geneva, is bitterly opposed to recognition and has said it will not shrink from using the veto to keep Communist China out of the UN.

Mr. Pearson's four aides are Chester Ronning, Canadian minister to Norway and a long-time China expert; John W. Holmes, under-secretary of state for external affairs and a specialist on Russia; C. E. McGaughey of the department's Far East division; and J. E. de Lotbiniere of Mr. Pearson's office, who will act as secretary to the delegation.

British To Test New Guided Missile

ADELAIDE, (Reuters) — A new British anti-aircraft guided missile designed to protect the Royal Navy from bomber attack, will be tested simultaneously in Britain and Australia later this year, it was announced Monday. Sea tests will be held off Britain and land tests at the Woomera rocket range.

CAR PLUNGE CHARGE

ORILLIA, Ont. (CP)—A charge of assault has been laid against the driver of a car which, police believe, was deliberately plunged into Lake Simcoe Monday night. Police have charged Erwin R. Goerke, 30, after obtaining a statement from the car's other occupant, Mrs. Jean Ball. The car came to rest half submerged about 20 yards from shore. Neither of the occupants was hurt.

Strangler's Victim Near Sydney, N. S. Is Identified; Police Continue Probe

SYDNEY (CP)—A brother came forward Monday to identify as Mrs. Bridget Florence Tavern, 27, the brunette who died at the powerful hands of a stranger near a secluded lovers' lane five miles from Sydney.

Police earlier had tentatively identified the woman as Mrs. Florence Deverne.

The brother, Ronald J. Rogers, 19, made a positive identification Monday on the basis of an old burn scar on the woman's elbow. He said her family had not seen her since last November.

The fully-clothed body was discovered Friday by an eight-year-old boy who was fishing in Grant's brook which borders the dirt road favored by couples seeking seclusion.

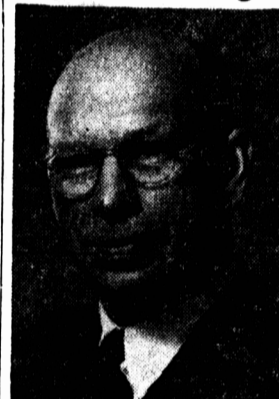
The woman weighed 130 pounds and was five feet, two inches in height. She wore a green plaid skirt and a sheer blouse.

An autopsy performed Saturday showed the woman had been strangled by someone with excep-

tionally strong hands.

The brother said she was born at New Aberdeen, N.S., and recently spent some time in Montreal where she married a French Canadian at that point still in the army. His full name was not given. They were separated shortly after she returned to Cape Breton. Sgt. William Lawrence of the RCMP criminal investigation department was expected to begin working on the case Tuesday. Further medical examination of the body will be carried out the same day by Dr. A. W. Gyrofi of Glace Bay General hospital, one of Nova Scotia's foremost bacteriologists.

More Teaching



TORONTO, (CP)—Dr. J. G. Allhouse (above) chief director, department of education, told the Secondary School Headmasters' Association Monday to go less lamenting about quality of students and more positive work to improve them.

He was speaking at a unit meeting, part of the 94th annual convention of the Ontario Educational Association. Some 9,000 delegates including educators, parents and school trustees are expected to attend through the next four days.

A suggestion to abolish all vocational and commercial schools in favor of straight secondary schools was given by D. A. Lambert, superintendent of production at Ford of Canada's Oakville plant. He was speaking to the Ontario Industrial Council.

He said the plan would be possible if industry would revert to a system of apprenticeship training. He said the loss of skills by a difference to apprenticeship threatens to undermine the industrial future of Canada.

Trade Experts To Open Talks

By JOHN TALBOT
GENEVA, Switzerland, (Reuters) More than 100 trade experts from 25 European countries, including Russia and Britain, will open talks here today aimed at expanding the volume of East-West trade.

Held under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, the talks are expected to last about two weeks, thus overlapping the Geneva conference on the Far East, scheduled to open next Monday.

All the East European countries will be represented and all the West European countries with the exception of Spain, Iceland and Ireland.

Russia and other Communist countries are bringing with them extensive and detailed lists of goods and commodities they are prepared to export and import.

Personally, I think people are imagining things," he said. "Pits do appear on windshields when a travelling car is struck by hard particles. Other than this, the pits would have to be caused by a chemical such as hydrofluoric acid, not to be found in the atmosphere."

He had no comment for publication when, later in the day he found the tiny pits all over the windshield of his luxury model automobile.

Reports of windshield pitting came from as far distant as Edmonton, Calgary, Portland, Ore., and Victoria.

DIES FROM AUTO INJURIES SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont. (CP) Eight-year-old John Jones of the nearby Garden River Indian reserve died Sunday night in hospital here of injuries suffered earlier when he was struck by a car on the reserve.

Her decision was announced shortly before she was to have taken off from here on a continued flight to Moscow, accompanied by three Soviet diplomatic employees.

The announcement, which drew an immediate charge from a Soviet diplomat that she had been kidnapped, capped a day of drama which began when Mrs. Petrov was dragged aboard the plane at Sydney by two armed couriers.

She was reported to have shouted: "I don't want to go—save me."

The reports that she left unwillingly prompted government action and when the plane landed at Darwin on its first stop, Australian police and government officials were waiting. During a scuffle police disarmed the two Soviet couriers who carried .32-calibre revolvers in shoulder holsters.

After the scuffle, Mrs. Petrov talked to R. E. Leydin, administrator of the Northern Territory, who met her as soon as she stepped from the plane. Following the conversation she returned to her travelling companions.

A second conversation followed and Mrs. Petrov talked to her husband by telephone. It was then announced she had accepted asylum and she was taken by car to Government House in Darwin.

F. V. Kisilitsin, second secretary of the Soviet embassy in Canberra, who was accompanying Mrs. Petrov, appeared angry when he heard of her decision to seek asylum.

"Why did you not let me talk to her?" he shouted. "She is being kidnapped."

Earlier, Prime Minister Robert Menzies had promised that Mrs. Petrov would be allowed to join her husband in political asylum if she wished when the plane reached Darwin.

Menzies made the statement after Russian embassy officials half carried the dazed woman through a howling crowd of east European immigrants at Sydney airport. They ran a gauntlet of jeers and blows to put her aboard the plane.

The prime minister had maintained there was "no evidence" that Mrs. Petrov was leaving Australia against her will. But excited Russian-born bystanders who flocked to the airport insisted that she cried in Russian: "I don't want to go—save me."

The Australian government had taken other measures to assure that Mrs. Petrov would have an opportunity anywhere along the plane's route to seek asylum. It was learned the government had

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His remarks touched off a storm of controversy in Congress and brought demands that Eisenhower say whether Nixon's views represented administration policy.

After Monday's session with Eisenhower the first question put to Dulles at a press conference was whether he felt there is any serious possibility of U.S. troops going to Indo-China.

"I think it is unlikely," he replied. (Continued on Page 2 col. 8)

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