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ANTI-EDC RIOTERS ATTACK PREMIER LANIEL IN PARIS

Rebel Assault On French Fortress Collapses

Attlee Holds Tight Rein On Party In H-Bomb Issue

(By Tom Ochiltree)
LONDON, (AP)—Clement Attlee held a tight rein on the Labor party today in what political informants said was an effort to prevent hydrogen bomb fears from being exploited to harm British-American relations. Attlee has also talked his fellow Labor MPs out of launching a full-scale assault on the prestige of Prime Minister Churchill. This unusual political situation has developed out of the U. S. H-bomb tests in the Pacific which have caused concern to all sections of the British public. In the House of Commons debate on the H-bomb today the Labor Opposition will not seek to censure Churchill's government. Instead it will ask the prime minister to try to arrange a Churchill-Eisenhower-Malenkov meeting on the subject. Attlee will open today's debate. Churchill will follow him. Political writers believe Churchill will agree, when the time is ripe, for Britain to take the initiative in suggesting a Big Three meeting on thermonuclear problems. Won Members Over Attlee won Labor members over to a moderate approach at a party caucus Thursday night. Persons present said Attlee delivered the speech of his life. The meeting was closed, but newspapers carried reports Attlee

had said "We are not going to make party capital out of this issue." He said the party must avoid the temptation to embarrass the government. The censure motion originally sought by left-wing Labor MPs would have called for the halting of further American hydrogen bomb tests. It would have forced a debate in which British-American relations would be an issue. As newspapers and pictures told of the awesome force of American H-bombs, these undertones developed both in Parliament and outside: 1. There was a fear that Britain, now closely allied to the United States and highly vulnerable geographically, had lost control of her own fate. 2. There were suggestions, later categorically denied from Washington, that the scientists engaged in the tests had unleashed forces beyond their control. Labor Cry Churchill made a statement on the subject in the House of Commons Tuesday, and the Labor party then was in full cry against him. Then the Labor members called for the halting of further American tests and asked that Britain press for more information from Washington. They also called for a Big Three meeting. Now the official Labor party leadership will press only for the Big Three meeting.

Defenders Of Dien Bien Phu Are Confident

By Corley Smith
HANOI, Indo-China, (Reuters)—The Vietnam rebels' latest all-out offensive against the mountain fortress of Dien Bien Phu has collapsed, the French high command declared here Sunday night. A French spokesman said that the rebel troops probably will not be able to mount another attack comparable to their recent five-day series of suicide assaults. The confident statement that the rebels have failed in their latest attempt was coupled with a warning they may try a third or even a fourth assault. But the spokesman said a definite lull in the fighting showed the latest phase of the offensive is over—and indicated that the hard-pressed garrison has weathered the worst of its three-week ordeal by fire. The rebels, originally estimated at 40,000 men, launched their first human wave attacks on the encircled stronghold three weeks ago and captured two northern outposts. First Thrust Failed But heavy casualties, estimated at 10,000 by French officers, ended this first attempt to crack French morale by winning the crucial "prestige" battle for Dien Bien Phu. The second major assault, launched last week, brought five nights of bloody fighting and more soaring casualties in rebel Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap's crack troops. The onslaught showed its first signs of weakening Sunday after the garrison of 12,000 French troops threw back the yelling rebels in an all-out night attack. Col. Christian de Castries, hawk-faced French commander, reported heavy rebel artillery fire had diminished to light harassing bombardment by mortars Sunday following the costly night assault—which ended at midnight in contrast to previous night-long infantry attacks. Risk Daylight Runs Authoritative sources said Vietminh trucks now are speeding over jungle roads in broad daylight, leaving themselves open for French air attack in a desperate gamble to build up the attackers' dwindling ammunition stocks. The Associated Press reported the French plan to make a bold attempt today to airlift their wounded from Dien Bien Phu's shell-pocked airfield. Gen. Henri Navarre, commander of French Union forces in Indo-China, said he plans to land mercenary planes marked with red crosses about noon. Fire Guts Portage La Prairie Factory PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Man. (CP)—A fast-spreading fire roared through a garment factory here Saturday, causing more than \$200,000 damage and throwing more than 100 persons out of work. A skeleton staff of the Delta Apparel Industries Ltd., fled out of the back door as flames mushroomed through the building and the heat blew out windows. Two persons were slightly hurt. Cause of the fire is not yet known.

Former Charlottetown Man Killed Near Trenton, Ont.

Squadron Leader Stephen Gillis, formerly of Charlottetown, was killed almost instantly Saturday night in a car accident outside Trenton, Ontario. He was 39 years of age. Squadron Leader Gillis along with his wife and family were motoring from Camp Borden to Trenton for the week-end when their car was side-swiped on an icy road. The other family members were uninjured. He is a son of the late Dr. S. H. Gillis and Mrs. Frank Sigsword of Charlottetown. His father predeceased him 39 years ago. He attended Queen Square School and St. Dunstan's University, graduating from S. D. U. with a B.A. Degree in 1935. The following year he graduated from St. Francis Xavier University with a Bachelor of Science Degree. In 1940 he joined the R. C. A. F. and saw service overseas. He also served as an instructor at Edmondston, Chalk River and the Wright Patterson Air Force base in Ohio. At the time of his death he was an instructor at Camp Borden, Ontario. In addition to his mother he is survived by his wife, the former Cora Grant of Montague, a daughter of Senator T. V. Grant and three children: Stephen 13, Michelle 11 and Paul two. A half-sister, Mary, Mrs. John Eldon Green of Charlottetown and a half-brother, Francis in Montreal also survive. The funeral will be held in Ontario.

Slap Face Of Defence Minister Pleven

PARIS, (AP)—A yelling mob, screaming hatred of the European army, Sunday kicked Premier Joseph Laniel in the shins and slapped the face and pulled the hair of Defence Minister Rene Pleven. The rioters burst police lines to attack the French political leaders during a solemn ceremony honoring the heroes of Dien Bien Phu at the tomb of the unknown soldier. Stones were thrown but hit no one, and as the premier drove off, rioters attempted without success to overturn his limousine. Police arrested seven of an estimated 100 demonstrators, opponents of French ratification of the European army plan, and supporters of Marshal Juin, who was stripped of his French military posts by the government for delivering an unauthorized speech last week attacking the European Defence Community. Laniel, Pleven and a hushed throng of 1,000 persons had gathered at the Arc de Triomphe for services honoring the defenders of Dien Bien Phu, the Communist-beleaguered fortress in Indo-China. Sing and Shout The demonstrators, shouting, singing the Marseillaise and playing the Last Post, held of physical action until the two dignitaries were signing the "Golden Book" at the shrine. Laniel, flanked by a couple of policemen, started to push through to his car, but found his path blocked. As he turned back to the shrine, some one kicked him in the shins. Police formed a flying wedge and got him into a police car which demonstrators then tried to overturn. Finally, a chauffeur rammed the car through the crowd and got Laniel away. But Pleven was still stranded under the arch. "Resign, you swine!" the crowd shouted at Pleven, hurling stones. Two or three men assaulted him physically, knocking off the minister's hat and glasses. The defence minister was pale and grim. The rest of the crowd watched the violence with detachment. They made no effort to halt the attacks on Pleven, nor did they try to take part in them. Pleven, evidently seething, stood with police in the centre of the crowd waiting for reinforcements which finally arrived almost half an hour later. The crowd then dispersed.

Sees New U.S. Foreign Policy Keeping China Out Of Indo-China War

DETROIT, (AP)—Vice-President Richard Nixon said Saturday night the Eisenhower administration's "massive retaliation" military policy has "reduced to a minimum" the chance that Red China will send troops into the Indo-Chinese war. In an address prepared for a testimonial banquet here for Senator Homer Ferguson (Rep.-Mich.), Nixon also said: 1. "The American people can be completely confident that the problem of internal security is being handled by people who know their business and who will protect America from those who would destroy freedom, without endangering freedom in the process." 2. "We are convinced that the adoption of the Eisenhower (deglorification) program will bring an unparalleled period of prosperity in peace time for the people of the United States." 3. "The very existence" of the hydrogen bomb "may in itself prove to be the greatest force for peace in world history," because the Soviets, Nixon said, know that for them to start a war might mean "national suicide." Answers Critics In a speech that obviously had White House approval, Nixon said critics of the "massive retaliation" military policy had assumed that "the only choice we have is between a big war or a little war." Democratic senators and Adlai E. Stevenson, the 1952 Democratic presidential nominee, have raised the question whether the new program, which State Secretary Dulles has said would retain an American hand in the decision on how and when to strike in retaliation against aggression, might permit Communists to nibble away at the free world in small aggressions. They might get away with such aggressions, the argument ran, if the only available countermeasures were of the kind that would start a third world war. Nixon said that what these critics "fail to understand" that because of the threat of massive retaliation action we may avoid having any war at all.

Cocos Islanders Hope Fine Weather For Visit

HOME ISLAND, Cocos Islands, (Reuters) Inhabitants of these "paradise islands" are hoping for clear weather and calm seas today as they can have a 90-minute visit from Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. Welcoming ceremonies for the Queen, now homeward-bound across the Indian ocean from her visit to Australia, have been practised for weeks. But if the seas are rough and the seven-mile trip by motor launch from the open sea is considered too hazardous for the Queen, only a few representatives of the 20 islands' 1,800 inhabitants will get to see their sovereign. They will be invited aboard the royal liner Gothic. At their head will be the 25-year-old English "King of the Cocos," John Clunies-Ross V, who rules the people of Home Island with his attractive British wife, Daphne. The Queen and the duke were reported to have spent a restful day Sunday as their liner steamed

ed toward the Cocos from Fremantle. The couple attended divine services Sunday. The people of the blue lagoons and waving palm trees were confident Sunday that weather conditions would let them go through with the simple welcome they have planned for the Queen. If the bright sun holds up, the Queen also is expected to tour the island by jeep. The royal couple will leave the island group in the early evening for Colombo, where it is due next Sunday. May Try Test Evacuation Of Some City OTTAWA, (CP)—Some Canadian city may be asked to test the possibilities of evacuation in the face of threatened attack by atomic or hydrogen bombs, it was learned Saturday. The United States is considering such a test and it is understood that Canada may try one, too. The possibility of dispersal of whole city populations comes in the wake of demonstrated destructive powers of the new bombs. It is understood that any such initial exercise in Canada would be made by a medium-sized city such as Windsor, Ont., rather than by centres like Montreal or Toronto. The test probably will not be carried out before early fall.

N. Y. Motorists Pay \$6,644,519 in Fines

NEW YORK, (AP)—Misbehaving motorists paid an all-time high of \$6,644,519 in fines into New York City's traffic courts last year. Parking violations provided the biggest statistical jump, with 897,881 tickets being handed out compared with 727,910 in 1952.

Coming Events

- *Card party Dunstaffnage school tonight.
- *Reserve April 27th for pre-Festival Concert in Central Royal Hall.
- *At Morell, Thursday April 8th, Souris K. of C. present "A Busy Honeycomb". A 3 Act Comedy. Curtain 8:15.
- *Double header at North River Ring tonight: North River vs. Long Creek at 7:45; Hampshire vs. New Haven 9 p.m. Skate after.
- *Farmers: Requiring financial help to raise Hogs, Chickens, Turkeys, do it the Shur-Gain way. Contact our dealers or F. L. Morris Shur-Gain Feed Mills, Kinkora, Summerside, Charlottetown.
- *The Shur Gain Amateur Cavalcade, Freetown Hall, Monday, April 12th at 8:00 p.m., sponsored by South Freetown Home and School. Please send entries to Mrs. Eldon Drummond, Freetown.
- *Reserve Easter Monday, April 19, Emerald Hall, Benvenuto. Irish Society presents the repeat performance, 3-act comedy drama, "A Little Clodhopper", curtain 8 p.m. Good specialties, sale of candy, dance after. Admission: Adults 50 cents, children 25 cents.

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CAMPBELLFORD, Ont. (CP)—A \$250,000 fire burned through the Wiggins business block in this eastern Ontario town Sunday leaving 26 persons homeless and razing 10 stores. One person was injured. The blaze, believed caused by a short circuit in an ice cream freezer or by a fat fire explosion, broke out in a snack bar, Ed Stahury, the owner, suffered face and hand burns from the flames when he ran to get help. Firemen from the neighboring town of Hastings, Warkworth and Peterborough, 20 miles west of here, worked with Campbellford volunteers for more than two hours to bring the fire under control.

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Select Eight Plays For Dominion Drama Festival

HAMILTON, (CP)—Selection of the eight plays to be performed at the 21st annual Dominion Drama Festival here May 10-15 was announced Sunday. Plays and dates when they will be presented: Monday, May 10—The Players' Guild of Hamilton—"Rebecca". Tuesday evening—The Northcliffe Dramatic Club, Grand Falls, Nfld.—"Juno and the Paycock". Wednesday matinee—Trail Little Theatre, Trail, B. C.—"For Love or Money". Wednesday evening—Less Abnonsie Eieves du College de Saint-Boniface, St. Boniface, Man.—"Le Malade Imaginaire". Thursday evening—Workshop 14, Calgary—"The Lady's Not for Burning". (Continued on Page 5 col. 5)

Cabinet Ministers Review NATO Achievements

OTTAWA, (CP)—Nato forces in Europe are twice as large and more than twice as effective as in 1951, Prime Minister St. Laurent said Sunday night. "This pooling of defensive resources is unprecedented in peacetime," the prime minister said in a broadcast on the 15th anniversary of the signing of the North Atlantic Treaty. "We can be proud of the real progress demonstrated by this co-operative achievement." Mr. St. Laurent, recognized as one of the original proponents of NATO, spoke in an anniversary broadcast over the trans-Canada network of the CBC. External Affairs Minister Pearson and Defence Minister Claxton also recorded talks for broadcast on the same program. Canada's permanent representative to the North Atlantic Council, L. Dana Wilgress, spoke on an earlier broadcast. Mr. St. Laurent stressed the imminence of non-military progress between the 14 NATO countries. "Because of the very real peril which existed when NATO was first formed in 1949, the efforts of member nations have had to be concentrated on the building up of our defensive forces," he said.

N.Y. Longshoremens Back To Work After 29 Days

NEW YORK, (AP)—This port's longest and costliest waterfront strike ended Saturday as wage-worshiping longshoremens returned to work. The shipping industry estimated that the 29-day walkout cost the port \$500,000,000 and expressed fear some of the business diverted to other ports never would return. The National Labor Relations Board has called for a new bargaining election in a move to stabilize the long tempestuous waterfront situation, but no date has been set. Leaders of the International Longshoremens Association (ILA) said they bowed to an NLRB edict that unless the walkout ended "forthwith," their union would be left off the ballot. The ILA called the strike in a jurisdictional dispute with the rival AFL dock union. It hoped to win recognition as bargaining agent be-

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fore the AFL made further inroads in its efforts to control the docks. The ILA had won an NLRB election with the AFL union but so many ballots were challenged no decision was reached. Charges that the ILA intimidated voters brought an NLRB hearing and subsequently a decision invalidating the election. Saturday is normally a light workday on the piers, but the backlog of cargoes provided jobs for about half of the port's 20,000 longshoremens. The full force was expected on the job today. The shipping industry was happy to get cargoes moving again but gloomy in adding up the costs of the strike and its possible future effect on the port. At least two major shipping companies, Moore-McCormack Lines and the New York and Cuba Mail Line, have threatened to pull out of the port rather than be tied up by strikes.



After All, The Girls Merely Try To Out-Strip Each Other In Clothes!

Toronto, (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	23	27
Vancouver	44	52
Victoria	44	52
Edmonton	7	18
Calgary	3b	19
Regina	11	25
Winnipeg	15	43
Toronto	14	26
Ottawa	8	26
Montreal	5	21
Quebec	2b	20
Saint John	—	27
Moncton	—	24
Halifax	16	24
Charlottetown	12	24
Sydney	17	21
Yarmouth	15	27
St. John's	19	24

HALIFAX, (CP)—The weather office here says an area of high pressure over the northeastern United States is moving eastward and will reach the Maritimes Monday. The fine weather will continue and temperatures will moderate. New Brunswick: Clear and milder; west winds 20 diminishing in afternoon to light; low-high at Moncton 10 and 30, Fredericton 7 and 35, Saint John 12 and 35, Edmundston 8 and 35, Campbellton 8 and 30. Prince Edward Island: Clear and milder; west winds 25 diminishing in afternoon to west 15; low-high at Charlottetown 15 and 25.

Bay of Fundy: West winds 25 diminishing in afternoon to west 15; a few clouds with visibility 15 miles; very cold. High tide today at Charlottetown at 11:48 a.m. Summerside tide 18 minutes later. Sun rises today at 5:47 a.m. and sets at 6:45 p.m.