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Tough General Issues Stand Fast Order



Commander of the French forces at Dien Bien Phu, Indo-China, Brig-Gen. Christian de Castries, centre, has issued an order to his troops to die rather than yield an inch. Communist troops advanced to within a few hundred yards of his headquarters in attacks that ignored casualties inflicted by machine-guns firing into masses of men at close range. The French hoped that air support would save the fort from capture but bad flying weather has kept planes grounded.

20,000 Fresh Communist Troops Rush To Bolster Assault On Dien Bien Phu

HANOI, Indo-China, (CP)—Twenty thousand fresh Communist troops were reported pouring down from northern Indo-China Monday night to strengthen the Vietnamese rebel forces attacking Dien Bien Phu.

Long convoys were reported approaching the besieged fortress along colonial route 4, the main road from the Chinese border. French air attacks earlier had set back the progress of the reinforcements. But for 36 hours bad flying conditions had halted any effective bombing or strafing along the roads.

The Communist commander, Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap, also was reported to have called to Dien Bien Phu three Vietnamese battalions which had been fighting Thai guerrillas in northwestern Indo-China.

The Vietminh, turned back again and again in their desperate fight to overwhelm the garrison, called on the reinforcements to build up an attacking force which lost nine or ten thousand killed and probably double that number wounded in six days of battling. The original rebel force attacking Dien Bien Phu was estimated at about 40,000, outnumbering the defenders 6 to 1.

French Confident

But despite the new threat, French sources voiced confidence the tide had turned in the battle for Dien Bien Phu.

A high command spokesman said the Vietminh lost "more than 1,000" men in their latest attempt to widen the northwest gap. French troops, backed by tanks and artillery, plugged every new breach and moved down the attackers.

Late Monday all key points of entry into the heart of the fortress were firmly in the hands of hard-fighting sleepless French Union soldiers.

An intense raid of shells starting Sunday evening and continuing Monday was Vietminh General Giap's answer to a French appeal to cease firing briefly so both sides could evacuate their wounded.

The Vietminh commander in chief was in no mood for humanitarianism as his best shock troops were taking beating after beating from the counter-attacking French and losing thousands of casualties in killed and wounded.

SMOKE HAZARD

PENKRIDGE, England, (CP)—Smoke from two factory chimneys "completely blackened the wool on 50 sheep," a farmer complained to the parish council of this Staffordshire district.

Coming Events

**In stock, bulk cuts. W. I. Bowman.

**At Morell, Thursday April 8th, 8 p.m. Sale of candy, if not fine Thursday

**Variety concert South Granville School, Tuesday, April 6th, 8 p.m. Sale of candy, if not fine Thursday

'Copter Picks Up Sick Priest At Miscou Island

TRACADIE, N.B., (CP)—A seriously ill priest was flown to hospital here from isolated Miscou island off New Brunswick's north coast Monday by a naval helicopter from Summerside, P. E. I.

Rev. Romeo Lanteigne, a native of Caraquet, N.B., became ill during the week-end and earlier attempts to bring him to medical care failed when a snowmobile bogged down in slushy ice between the island and the mainland.

The nature of his illness was not known immediately. The copter was piloted by Lieut. G. John Laurie of Dartmouth, N. S., and Saskatoon, Sask.

Second Explosion In Power Plant

TORONTO, (CP)—The second generator explosion in five days rocked the Richard L. Hearn steam generating electric station Monday, caused damage officially estimated at \$800,000 and brought a shutdown of the giant \$67,000,000 plant.

Ontario hydro commission officials promptly discounted suggestions sabotage might have been responsible for the blast and for the \$1,000,000 blow-up last Thursday.

Two workmen were slightly injured. An estimated 58 others working in the 80-by-300-foot building got out safely.

The plant, largest of its kind in Canada, was immediately closed down by Robert H. Saunders, Ontario hydro chairman, as a matter of "life and limb" pending an investigation into the cause of the blast.

The plant, on Toronto's eastern waterfront, houses four 157-ton generators used to supplement the electricity supply to the fast-growing array of industries in the Toronto area. Three of the four generators have been damaged by explosions since last summer.

Hand-Made Silk Shirt For \$100

TORONTO, (CP)—Want to buy a hand-made, silk shirt—for \$100? A Toronto store has the imported shirts, each carrying \$20 worth of silver buttons for that price, and says they've sold five so far.

The surprising thing, says a store spokesman, is that buyers appear to be mostly modest-income fellows.

WINNIPEG, (CP)—One man was slightly injured when two Canadian National Railway diesel-powered freight trains collided Sunday midnight on the CNR mainline at Norman, 10 miles west of Rivers, Man. Five cars were derailed.

Federal Surplus Last Year; Revenues at All-time Peak

Eisenhower Sees Fear Keeping Reds From Starting War

WASHINGTON, (AP)—President Eisenhower said Monday night that as long as Russia knows the United States can retaliate the men in the Kremlin won't lightly start a war. "Whenever the men in the Kremlin start a war, he said, 'they run the risk of losing' their power. "We're not going to start a war," regardless of the U. S. advantage in atomic weapons. "And as long as they know America can retaliate, war is not a course the Russians would embark on lightly. "Yet, 'they might do this, in a fit of madness or desperation,' and the United States must be vigilant.

Source of Weakness

Asserting the Russians have satellites, the president said that kind of system, in a war of exhaustion, could be "a very great source of weakness."

In a "let's be calm" talk to the country by radio and TV, Eisenhower also discussed what he described as "the fear of depression and the loss of jobs." Unemployment figures, he said, show "every sign of levelling off," but the government "is ready to act whenever necessary" to head off any big downturn.

Turning to Communist penetration into American institutions—government, schools and others—Eisenhower said while there are only some 25,000 known Communists, the Communists still are dangerous.

For protecting civil liberties while combating the Reds, Eisenhower said "I admit that there can be very grave offences committed against" an inoffensive citizen who is falsely accused. "But he declared public opinion will correct any 'real violence' to reputations.

Threats Everywhere

The nation sees threats "from all angles, internal and external," he said.

Now hydrogen bombs have been exploded, and this swift development is being followed.

Arctic Sealer Has 9,500 Pelts

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., (CP)—The Arctic Sealer, one of three vessels left in the seal fishery this year, arrived home Sunday night with 9,500 seals and an injured crew member.

Capt. Sid Hill said he would not have returned so soon if the unidentified man, now in hospital, hadn't lost his finger while shooting seals.

Capt. Hill said there was only one good day of hunting, the first day, when 6,000 seals were killed. However, about 5,000 of these were lost in a storm before they could be loaded on the ship.

Meanwhile, the Terra Nova, trying to get back to port here for a week, is still reported to be in heavy ice on the northern shores of the island. She freed herself briefly Friday, but the ice closed in again before she could move clear.

Reds In Close Race With H-Bomb

By TOM OCHILTREE LONDON, (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill said Monday that although the Russians are "well behind" the United States in development of the hydrogen bomb, they are making a closer race than they ever did with atomic weapons.

He told the House of Commons that both countries have the dread H-weapon in "large-scale production." Churchill was armed for the parliamentary debate on the H-bomb with special non-security information about the bomb supplied by President Eisenhower himself.

Deterrent to War

Cracking with oratorical fire the Prime Minister also: 1. Declared the H-bomb in the hands of the United States serves as a deterrent to war. 2. Refused to ask U. S. authorities to call off their Pacific H-tests.

LARGE ATTENDANCE YESTERDAY AT FUNERAL OF LATE SENATOR JONES

The funeral of the late Senator J. Walter Jones who died at Ottawa on March 31, was held from the Charlottetown Baptist Church yesterday afternoon and was very largely attended. Services were conducted at the church and at the grave by Rev. J. D. Davison, Rev. T. H. B. Somers and Rev. A. S. Weir.

Many floral tributes bore testimony of the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

The Senate of Canada was officially represented by Senator George Barbour and the Canadian Holstein Friesian Association was represented by Hon. C. E. Sherwood, Minister of Agriculture in the New Brunswick government.

The members of the Legislature attended in a body as did also the Executive of the Women's Liberal Club and representatives of the Civil Servants Association.

The Baptist Church quartette sang "Haven of Rest" and the hymn "Unto the Hills" was sung by the congregation. Interment was in Cross Roads Cemetery.

Honorary pall bearers were: His Honour Lieut. Governor T. W. L. Prowse, Hon. Dougal MacKinnon, J. Angus MacLean, M.P., Justice Mark R. McGuigan, Hon. C. D. DeBlois, Hon. Eugene Cullen, Justice A. E. Arsenault, Messrs. W. Chester S. McLure, Neil A. Matheson, M.P., John Clarke, and Dr. G. F. Dewar.

Active pall bearers were Dr. L. W. Shaw, Judge St. Claire Trainor, Messrs. Frank Lea, Frank MacKenzie, Austin Scales and Percy Hamm.

Sees Chinese Reds "Awful Close" To Aggression In Indo-China

WASHINGTON, (AP)—State Secretary Dulles said Monday the Chinese Communists, with a "fraternal ominous" new combat role in Indo-China are "coming awfully close" to the fresh aggression that he has said could bring American retaliation.

But he told the House of Representatives foreign affairs committee the U. S. has made no commitments to send troops to Indo-China.

The secretary gave the first official word that Chinese Communist anti-aircraft gunners are shooting down French planes at Dien Bien Phu, the besieged fortress.

He said a "considerable number" of radar-controlled 37-millimeter anti-aircraft guns, which are "shooting through the clouds to bring down French planes, are operated by members of the Chinese military establishment."

He said a Red Chinese general and a score of technicians are assigned to staff headquarters of the Communist-led Vietminh.

In addition to supplying the Vietminh with heavy equipment, Dulles continued, the Chinese Reds have technicians on division level, and with specialized units.

At Paris, a spokesman for the French foreign ministry said: "What Mr. Dulles said corresponds to the situation as we know it. His statement is generally correct but incomplete." The spokesman did not explain what he meant by incomplete.

Replying to a question by Representative Albert Morano, Rep. Conn., Dulles said that in a Sept. 2 speech at St. Louis "I said that if the Chinese sent their Red armies into Indo-China it would be apt to produce action which might not be confined to Indo-China.

"Technically they have not done precisely the thing I defined. They're coming awfully close to it."

This exchange dominated the first of two weeks of hearings on a foreign aid program, expected to be about \$3,500,000,000 for the year ending in mid-1955. Dulles asked the committee to support the program.

The Communist threat to Southeast Asia should be met by a unit of will and, if need be, unity of action, Dulles said. He elaborated on that point in a closed session which followed the opening hearing.

Ottawa Wants Sentences For Spies Revised

OTTAWA, (CP)—The government wants to be less tough with spies in peace time than in war time.

Justice Minister Garson gave the government's view Monday in the Commons by proposing that the maximum peace time penalty for spying would be 14 years. In wartime, the maximum penalty would be death.

At present, the maximum penalty at all times is death.

He proposed amendments to the section on treason in the revised Criminal Code. The section complements the Official Secrets Act by calling it treason to pass to a foreign country military or scientific information for a purpose prejudicial to the safety or defence of Canada.

The amendments later were passed.

Mr. Garson said the amendments were recommended by a committee of the cabinet whose members he did not identify.

N. S. Plans Heavy 1954 Spending On Highway Projects

HALIFAX, (CP)—Provincial Treasurer Fielding said Monday night that Nova Scotia's public works program this year will include more than \$3,500,000 being spent on highway construction, paving and bridges and \$1,000,000 on a mental treatment centre.

He asked the legislature for a total capital vote of \$15,733,877, of which more than half would be used for refunding purposes. Nearly \$6,500,000 alone will be needed to retire debentures that mature this year. Some of the refunding is included in the highway costs.

The capital estimates provided for a \$2,000,000 bridge-building program \$500,000 more than in 1953; \$4,300,000 on road construction and paving; \$1,400,000 on the trans-Canada highway, including two bridges; and the \$1,000,000 treatment centre at the Nova Scotia mental hospital at Woodside near Halifax.

The hospital's expansion program when completed, will cost about \$2,000,000. It will include the treatment centre, power house and workshop. Work will start soon on the new building.

Trans-Canada highway expenditures are higher than last year's but the appropriation for provincial highways and paving work exclusively is down \$700,000 from the record-high in 1953.

Nfld. Youth Dies From Exposure

BUCHANAN, Nfld., (CP)—Alfred Flight, 16, died from exposure Sunday after straying from a hunting companion about four miles from here.

Flight went hunting Saturday with Kevin McKean, 15. The boys separated and both got lost. McKean returned home Sunday and his companion's body was found by searchers.

3. Said that now—with the Geneva conference coming up April 26—was hardly the time for a Big Three meeting with President Eisenhower and Soviet Premier Malenkov on disarmament or other problems.

4. Revealed a secret 1943 agreement he made with the late president Roosevelt in which Britain and the United States pledged never to use the atomic bomb against a third country without each other's consent. The agreement also provided for exchange of atomic information between the two countries and with Canada.

The agreement is no longer in effect because, Churchill implied, the Labor Government bungled things.

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Ontario Indians Get Voting Privileges

TORONTO, (CP)—Extension of full voting privileges to Ontario Indians in provincial elections was provided for in legislation introduced in the Ontario legislature Monday.

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OTTAWA, (CP)—The Federal Government estimated today it had a budget surplus of \$10,107,000 in the fiscal year ended March 31. It was the eighth straight surplus and the smallest in that time.

Finance Minister Abbott gave the estimate in a white paper tabled in the Commons preliminary to Tuesday night's presentation of his 1954-55 budget forecasting spending and tax policy for the current fiscal year.

The 90-page economic and financial review showed the value of production, national income and personal income moving to new highs in the calendar year 1953. However, net farm income was down.

The 1953-54 budget surplus, subject to confirmation when the accounts are cleaned up about August, compares with an actual surplus of \$23,547,000 in the previous fiscal year and with a forecast of an \$11,000,000 surplus for 1953-54 in Mr. Abbott's budget of Feb. 19, 1953. The top surplus was \$676,100,000 in 1947-48.

Both revenues and expenditures are down from Mr. Abbott's predictions last year.

The 1953-54 revenues reached an all-time peak of \$4,400,086,000. This compared with the 1952-53 high of \$4,360,823,000 and with a budget estimate of \$4,473,000,000.

Expenditures were \$4,389,979,000 compared with the previous year's \$4,337,276,000 and with a forecast of \$4,462,000,000. The record spending was \$5,322,000,000 in the wartime year of 1943-44.

Canada's net debt was cut at the end of 1953-54 by the amount of the surplus, to \$1,151,600,000. This consists of unamortized funded securities of \$1,569,500,000 plus other liabilities of \$3,496,300,000, less the \$6,824,200,000 amount of active assets on the government's balance.

The revenue-spending figures do not include a variety of non-budget transactions such as loans and investments and the repayment of such advances made in previous years. On these there was an overall credit of \$382,700,000.

Of this amount, \$272,000,000 was used to retire unamortized securities in the hands of the public and the remainder went into the government's cash balance.

Another major item not reflected in the budgetary accounts was payment of \$338,800,000 in universal old age pensions at 70 and over. This is raised mostly by special income and sales taxes which produced an estimated \$294,000,000 in 1953-54.

The government made up the difference by borrowing \$44,800,000.

Under the revised code, the death penalty could still be imposed in peacetime for: 1. Killing, attempting to kill or doing harm or injury to the Queen; 2. Starting or preparing to start war against Canada; 3. Assisting an enemy engaged in hostilities with Canadian forces, although Canada is not officially at war with the enemy; 4. Using force to overthrow the government of Canada or a province.

The government's view to make the penalty less severe for spying in peace time was criticized by Wallace Nesbitt (PC-Oxford) who said it showed an unrealistic attitude to present conditions.

Kirkland Lake Project Rumored

COBALT, Ont., (CP)—Robert Herbert, Progressive Conservative member of the legislature for Temiskaming, in a statement released here Monday said he "has on good authority that one of the largest steel manufacturers in the United States is about to open up an iron ore deposit near Kirkland Lake which will supply work for hundreds of men."

Mr. Herbert, who is in Toronto, did not elaborate on his written statement.

However, local mining men believe he is referring to Dane, a settlement in Boston township, which is about 15 miles southeast of Kirkland Lake where exploration options on 55 claims were bought about two years ago by the Dominion Gulf Company from a local syndicate. Some work, such as trenching has already been done.

Area officials of the Dominion Gulf Company had no comment to make.

New Boost In U. S. Coffee Prices

NEW YORK, (AP)—Roasters and chain stores in the United States announced new increases in coffee prices Monday amid predictions that coffee at \$1.50 a pound is inevitable.

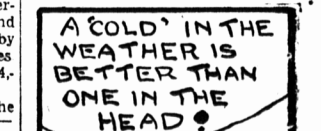
In Washington, meanwhile, a special senate sub-committee resumed its investigation of coffee price boosts. Leaders of the industry will testify at the hearings.

General Foods Corp., roaster of Maxwell House, announced advances of six cents a pound at the wholesale level for regular coffee making the price \$1.22.

The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. boosted the retail prices of its own brands by a nickel a pound, bringing the range to from \$1.06 to \$1.17 a pound. Other chains were expected to follow suit.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 12:45 a.m. and 12:29 p.m. Summerside tide 18 minutes later.

Sun rises today at 5:45 a.m. and sets at 8:45 p.m.



A COLD IN THE WEATHER IS BETTER THAN ONE IN THE HEAD!

TORONTO, (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Location	Min.	Max.
Dawson	11b	14
Vancouver	43	50
Victoria	44	52
Edmonton	15	27
Calgary	15	42
Regina	29	44
Winnipeg	28	47
Toronto	24	48
Ottawa	16	44
Montreal	17	43
Quebec	9	35
Saint John	10	34
Moncton	9	35
Halifax	14	37
Charlottetown	14	34
Yarmouth	18	34
Sidney	19	46
St. John's	17	39

HALIFAX, (CP)—The Weather Office here says disturbances west of the Great Lakes and south of Cape Cod are moving eastward and are expected to cause rain in Nova Scotia late Tuesday.

Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick: Cloudy and milder; southwest winds 15. Low-high at Charlottetown 25 and 46, Moncton and Fredericton 25 and 45, Saint John 30 and 46, Edmundston and Campbellton 25 and 46.

Bay of Fundy: Southwest winds 20; variable cloudiness becoming overcast in afternoon with rain beginning in evening; visibility 10 miles lowering to four miles in rain; milder.

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