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OPPOSITION URGES LID ON CREATION OF NEW MONEY

Blocking German Rearmament Raises Storm

Rebels Build Up Strength For Fresh Blow At French

By LARRY ALLEN

HANOI, Indo-China, (AP)—Vietminh troops tapered off sharply Tuesday in their artillery assault on Dien Bien Phu. But they moved reinforcements and supplies steadily into their hill positions in apparent preparation for a "do or die" blow against the besieged French fortress by from 40,000 to 60,000 men.

On Monday morning the Communist-led rebels tried to ambush French troops opening the road linking the heart of the fortress with its southernmost outpost, four miles away. The French said their tanks, mobile artillery and infantry killed 175 Vietminh, or an entire rebel company. It was the biggest clash with the rebels since they halted mass assaults on the fortress early last week after suffering losses estimated by the French at 3,000 killed and 9,000 wounded.

The Vietminh launched a mass ground attack against the French fortress in northwest Indo-China on March 13. After four days they broke off the mass infantry assaults in the face of withering firepower from the French, who have been outnumbered four to one.

Biggest Air Attacks

French pilots on Tuesday pounded the Vietminh supply lines and rebel positions around the oval-shaped plains fortress in what was described as the biggest air attacks of the Indo-China war. The pilots claimed many hits on rebel targets.

The planes struck at an army of 100,000 to 150,000 coolies and long lines of trucks moving from the Chinese border. The Vietminh were apparently trying to bolster their manpower by rounding up all their regional and guerrilla soldiers in northwest Indo-China.

In the face of this threat the French continued to reinforce their fortress with fresh troops and supplies parachuted from transport planes.

Canada's Exports Recover Ground In February

OTTAWA, (CP) — Canada's exports, which dropped sharply in January, recovered in February. But as in the previous month, Canada continued to import more than she exported.

Exports edged ahead fractionally to $279,800,000 in February from $279,600,000 a year ago, pushing the January-February total to $545,200,000, the Bureau of Statistics reported Tuesday.

This, however, was down by about $55,000,000 from $600,900,000 in the similar 1953 period. The drop was caused by the January decline.

Imports decreased during February for the second consecutive month, with Canada's purchases slipping to $300,300,000 from $310,100,000 in February last year. January-February imports totalled $582,200,000, down from $637,800,000 in the similar 1953 period.

Opposition Motion On Emergency Powers Defeated

OTTAWA, (CP) — The Commons has defeated an Opposition motion describing powers contained in the government's Emergency Powers Act as "repugnant' to responsible government. The vote was 134 to 58.

The motion was presented to the House Monday by Opposition Leader Drew who said the government had abused its powers under the legislation. He said Parliament should not be asked to extend the act beyond May 31.

Clarie Gillis (CCF-Cape Breton South) split with his party and voted with the Liberals against the motion which he described as a "propaganda" move by the Opposition. Other CCF members, the Social Credit group and three Quebec independents voted with the Opposition.

The Liberals took the view that the motion casts a reflection on an act passed by the last Parliament. They said the Opposition should have introduced a bill to repeal the Emergency Powers Act.

The legislation was passed in 1951 to meet the emergency arising out of the war in Korea and the increased Communist threat to Western security. It was renewed last year to May 31, 1954.

Halifax Clogged With Shipping

HALIFAX, (CP)—Seven freighters, loaded with everything from coconut oil to Newfoundland fish, steamed into port Tuesday and dropped anchor in midstearm because of lack of berthing space.

More than 1,200 longshoremen worked 20 ships Tuesday in the midst of the port's usual spring shipping activity. The New York longshoremen's strike has so far not caused any diversions here.

Coming Events

**Caponize at 4 to 5 weeks to increase poultry profits. Eric MacPhail, New Haven.

**The weekly Bingo at North Rustico will be held on Friday night at 8 p.m.

**All arrears due to Green Road School must be paid by April 1st., by order of Trustees.

**Bean supper, Group 3, Zion Church, Thursday, March 25, 5 to 6:30.

**Variety Concert in Kingston hall, March 31, if not fine April 1. For school improvements.

**St. Peter's Holy Name Hall, Friday, March 26th. Souris K. of C. present "A Busy Honeymoon," a comedy in three acts. Curtain 8:30.

**Hockey at North River rink tonight, Hampshire vs. North River in second game of finals at 8:45. If Hampshire wins trophy will be presented.

**An important meeting of all Veterans and Legion members in Mt. Stewart area will be held in the Legion room on Thursday evening, March 25th at 8:30.

Inspect Tuna For Radioactivity

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)—Since Friday, federal inspectors with geiger counters have carefully inspected each load of tuna from Japan for any signs of radioactivity from the March 1 hydrogen blast but results have been negative so far.

"We'll keep on with this work until we are satisfied there is no danger," Chief Inspector Russel C. White, of the San Francisco office of the Food and Drug Administration, said Tuesday.

The tests were prompted by the fate which befell the "Lucky Dragon," a Japanese ship showered by radioactive ashes of a hydrogen blast set off in the Bikini area March 1. Its tuna load was found so radioactive in Japan that much of it had to be confiscated from the market and buried.

BANKRUPTCIES UP

OTTAWA, (CP)—Nearly 10 per cent more commercial failures were recorded in Canada in 1953 than in the preceding year. Defaulted liabilities rose 11 per cent. The Bureau of Statistics reported Tuesday that the number of business failures was 1,657 last year compared with 1,509 in 1952. Liabilities aggregated $32,818,000 compared with $29,658,000.

Britain, U. S. Seek To Change French View

By BRACK CURRY

BONN, Germany, (AP)—Authoritative sources said Tuesday Britain and the United States are trying to persuade France to stop blocking Allied High Commission approval of West German rearmament legislation.

The informants said that London and Washington, alarmed over a political storm which sprung up here over the French action, have told France that the three western powers should act quickly to approve the German laws in some form.

France intervened Monday to hold up high commission approval of the constitutional amendments on rearmament which were passed by the West German parliament last week.

These amendments specifically authorize Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's government to rearm, draft men and join the proposed European Defence Community. The French fear the Germans might use the legislation as a basis for rearming independently.

Authoritative western officials said Britain and the United States hope the three powers will be able to announce Wednesday a formula for approving the amendments.

U. S. High Commissioner James

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Mr. Clark Strongly Protests Resolution Opposing Transfer Of Wood Islands Ferry Service

A resolution asking for the opposition of the Legislature to any transfer of the Wood Islands-Caribou Ferry Service to the C.N.R. or any other Federal Agency was introduced in the House yesterday afternoon and was met with opposition from Hon. Kier Clark, Minister of Education and Hon. B. Earle MacDonald, Minister of Health and Welfare.

The resolution was moved by Mr. George E. Saville, Liberal, Fifth King's and seconded by Mr. Thomas R. Cullen, Liberal, Second King's.

Mr. R. R. Bell, Leader of the Opposition moved the adjournment of the House and will speak on the subject when the Legislature opens this afternoon.

The resolution asked "that this House record its considered opposition to the transfer of this service to the Canadian National Railways or any other Federal Agency and commend its continued operation by private enterprise."

While speaking in support of the resolution Mr. Saville stated that the Government should do all it could to protect the present service from Nationalization.

Mr. Clark Protests

Hon. Kier Clark was the first to register protest against the resolution. He stated that Wood Islands ferry service has been in operation for 14 years and while it may have been satisfactory during the first year or two and had filled a great need it certainly was not adequate for the service demanded today.

The two boats are far, far from being satisfactory types of ships, he stated. The Minister said the boats were dirty, that sardine cans had been used for ash trays and molasses kegs used for the convenience of the sick.

"Anything that can be done to better the service this House should not stand in the way of whether it be Nationalization, taken over by the C.N.R. or by the Canadian National Steamships," stated Mr. Clark.

He stated that the Wood Islands

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Canadian Troops Preparing To Sail For Korea

VANCOUVER, (CP)—Three special trains with 1,000 troops aboard will pass through here Wednesday for Seattle where the soldiers will board a Korea-bound United States troopship, army spokesmen said Tuesday.

Most of the men are members of the 4th battalion, Canadian Guards, and will relieve the 3rd battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment, as part of the annual rotation of 25th Brigade units.

The guards battalion is commanded by Lt.-Col. V. Leduc, Verdun, Que., who will fly to the Far East to meet his unit. In addition, the draft includes parts of the 3rd Field Ambulance, Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, 42nd Infantry Workshop, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and Royal Canadian Army Service Corps.

Queen Given Necklace At State Banquet In Adelaide

By GOMER JONES

ADELAIDE, Australia, (Reuters) —Queen Elizabeth was presented with a necklace of three white opals and 180 diamonds and earrings to match at a state banquet here Tuesday.

It was the last state banquet which she and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend before the end of their two-month Australian tour April 1.

The Queen looked pale, but showed no other ill-effects from the painful "booster" injection of anti-poliomyelitis serum she was given Sunday. She took the shot to protect her from infection during her visit later this week to the state of Western Australia, where a polio epidemic is raging.

South Australian Premier Thomas Playford presented the glittering necklace — containing one of the biggest opals ever found in Australia — and earrings to the Queen on behalf of his state's people. The Duke of Edinburgh was given a set of opal cuff links.

The Queen wore a full-skirted gown of white tulle ornamented with silver, a diamond tiara and

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Postpones Debate On Hydrogen Bomb

WASHINGTON, (AP)—President Eisenhower is putting off any public discussion of whether the United States has a deliverable hydrogen bomb until Lewis W. Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, returns from atomic tests in the Pacific area.

Announcing this Tuesday, White House press secretary James C. Hagerty recalled that Eisenhower was asked at his press conference last Wednesday for comment on a statement by Representative W. Sterling Cole (Rep.-N.Y.) that the U. S. has an H-bomb which can be delivered anywhere in the world.

At that time Eisenhower said he wanted to check up on how much information about the matter already had been made public before discussing it further.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., (CP)— The Newfoundland Federation of Fishermen criticized the federal government Tuesday for lack of preseason support prices for fish.

Japs Seek Compensation For "Death Ash" Injuries

TOKYO, (Reuters) — Foreign Minister Katsuo Okazaki said Tuesday Japan will demand compensation from the United States from the 23 Japanese fishermen and their boat showered with "death ash" from a hydrogen bomb explosion March 1.

But he added this would be done only after "careful scrutiny of the degree of liability."

A foreign ministry spokesman said that Japanese doctors and scientists — who earlier Tuesday said they would not work with American doctors in treating the injured men—had agreed to have talks with the Americans tomorrow.

He said Prof. Merril Eisenbud, director of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission's health and safety division, who has arrived here to offer his help, will be at the meeting.

The Japanese scientists had said the Americans merely wanted to gather information for their own ends.

Treatment In Tokyo

A welfare ministry official said that 21 of the fishermen now being treated at Yaizu will be flown by U. S. air force planes for treatment at Tokyo university hospital as soon as possible.

Okazaki announced Tuesday after a cabinet meeting had discussed the incident, that Japan has begun talks with the United States on restrictions to Japanese fishing operations caused by the extension of the American atomic bomb test area in the Pacific.

He told parliament three days ago the United States had trebled the size of the danger zone to an incomplete circle extending 450 miles from a point roughly between Eniwetok and Bikini atolls. This zone is to be observed until about the end of June.

Okazaki said Japan will co-operate with the United States in the experiments in the belief that the tests "will contribute to world peace."

Women Asked To Buy Made In Canada Goods

PETERBOROUGH, Ont., (CP)— Canadian women were asked Monday to lead a drive for the purchase of "made in Canada" goods.

The suggestion was made by J. D. Ferguson of Rock Island, Que., president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, in an address prepared for delivery to the Peterborough Chamber of Commerce, at which women were present.

Merchandise which could be reasonably manufactured in Canada, Mr. Ferguson said, required that it be made here "if we are to give full employment and continue to pay present wages."

The textile industry, for instance, could place back at work thousands of trained workers and give a "shot in the arm" to Canada's economy, if people would demand Canadian content in their purchases.

Taxes, too, he stated, were hampering Canadian industry, and the higher price of certain Canadian commodities, as compared with American prices, was attributable in part to such items as the 10 per cent sales tax and the 15 per cent excise tax.

"There is more than a distinct possibility that the continuance of this tax at its present level in 1954 could result in a serious reduction in sales and a corresponding loss in employment and tax revenue to the federal government."

Commenting on suggestions for increased welfare measures, Mr. Ferguson said:

"Governments can't hand it out without taking it in. The more a man demands and the more he gets, the bigger will be the federal tax bite on his weekly pay cheque."

Sees Vocational Training Too Expensive In East

OTTAWA, (CP) — Clarie Gillis, CCF Commons member for Cape Breton South, Tuesday expressed doubt that the Atlantic provinces will be able to take full advantage of federal offers for joint financing of vocational training.

Mr. Gillis, speaking before the House industrial relations committee, said the financial abilities of different provinces to join in training plans vary widely.

In the eastern area, he said, an unemployment situation is developing that is going to create a need for retraining of workers.

The existing method of financing —on a straight 50-50 basis between federal and provincial governments —was "going to make it impossible for the provinces east of Quebec to take advantage of what is offered.

Mr. Gillis suggested the committee, which is to deal with proposed amendments to the Vocational Training Act, call in training chiefs from the provinces to find out "what are the limiting factors in each province."

Labor Minister Gregg said he did not think that would be feasible. He said federal officials could give all the necessary information at later meetings.

More Clashes In N. Y. Dock Strike

NEW YORK, (AP)—Bomb scares sent emergency police squads racing to New York's strikebound waterfront Tuesday, but the reports proved to be a grim hoax.

Despite a heavy police guard, there were new clashes between rival dockers in Brooklyn and Manhattan. Five men were arrested. There were two injuries.

Mayor Robert F. Wagner received reports that 22 ships were being worked—seven more than Monday. However it was a meagre response to Wagner's plea Monday that longshoremen return to work. He warned that shippers are preparing to move from New York for good rather than face any more tieups.

Bank of Canada Head Questioned By Committee

OTTAWA, (CP) — The Opposition's financial critic urged Parliament Tuesday to place a lid on the amount of money that can be created in Canada.

James Macdonnell (PC—Toronto Greenwood) told the Commons banking committee that currently there is no limit on the amount of money which can be created by the government.

There was the "terrible danger," he said, of some "irresponsible" government getting into power and increasing the money supply indiscriminately as an election incentive.

Under the current law, he added, there is nothing to prevent a government from, say, increasing baby bonuses to $500 a month.

No Practical Limit

Graham Towers, governor of the Bank of Canada, said he does not know of any practical way to limit the creation of money, except through these two ways:

1. Canada could go on the gold standard and this would mean that a certain fixed portion of Canada's money would have to be backed by gold.

2. Parliament could place a limit on the amount of money which the Bank of Canada can hold. But there must be some leeway to provide for shifts in holdings when Parliament is not sitting.

The issue developed as the committee continued scrutiny of the government's two monetary bills, giving the central bank greater control over bank credit and

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Weed May Cure Cancer of Breast

LONDON, Ont., (CP) — Lithosperm, a weed years ago Nevada Indians used for making tea, may provide a cure for cancer of the breast, Dr. Robert Noble, professor of experimental medicine at the University of Western Ontario said here Tuesday.

He said research is now proceeding to try and isolate the substance in the weed which appears to have a beneficial effect on cancer of the prostate. The weed is grown on the campus of the university for research purposes.

Asked his view on whether smoking was causing the increasing number of cancer cases, Dr. Noble said there was no conclusive evidence so far. Experiments were at present being carried out on animals which had been exposed to smoke and fumes and it was a question of "wait and see."

He added that there were about 600 substances in tar, all of which could be isolated, which might cause cancer of the lung.

Pope Recovering From Grave Illness

VATICAN CITY, (Reuters)—The Pope, slowly recovering from a grave stomach illness, was wheeled into a glassed-in verandah facing the huge facade of St. Peter's Basilica Tuesday.

The 78-year-old pontiff, pale but in better spirits than at any time in the last two months of illness, received his two pro-secretaries of state on the sun-bathed verandah.

Promises Quick Aid To French In Indo-China

WASHINGTON, (AP) — State Secretary Dulles promised quick action Tuesday in meeting new French requests for military equipment for anti-Communist forces in Indo-China.

Dulles made this pledge a few minutes before meeting to review Indo-China military developments with French General Paul Ely and Admiral Arthur Radford, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

Ely, visiting chief of the French general staff, was reported anxious to discuss long-range military prospects as well as obtain more American air reinforcements for French and loyal native forces.

The French military leader, who conferred Monday with President Eisenhower, is understood to be seeking at least 25 more B-26 fighter bombers and C-47 transport planes.

Continue Aid

State department officials said Ely told Dulles the Communists have amassed a number of divisions with the effectiveness of four or five times that of the defenders of Dien Bien Phu. Ely was reported to have described the situation as serious.

At a press conference, Dulles said the United States would continue large-scale aid to anti-Communist forces with the hope of bringing about "decisive military results . . . roughly a year from now."

Ontario Has New Plans For Fighting Forest Fires

TORONTO, (CP)— New equipment and new ideas for fighting bush fires are expected to help protect Ontario's forests this year.

Lands and Forests Minister Gemmell said Tuesday that designation of 19 fire districts will make it possible to close one or more of the areas to travel when the fire hazard is high.

Improved radio communications, tied in with airplanes and helicopters, as well as new fire-fighting techniques will be used.

Water bombing, dropping of fire-fighting equipment and provisions to fire line crews and the carrying of small initial attack crews on air patrols are among techniques to be expanded in 1954. All were found highly useful last year.

"Considerable effort has been concentrated upon the utmost in province-wide flexibility of the entire fire protection resources," said Mr. Gemmel. "Field personnel are warned to recognize an emergency and to call for assistance, including experienced supervisory personnel, aircraft and equipment in time to build up an organization to meet requirements.

"This procedure paid off during 1953 when some 60 experienced fire fighters, a number of aircraft and other items of equipment were transferred temporarily to areas of extreme fire hazard."

Last year the number of fires, 1,520, and the area burned, 58,809 acres, exceeded the average for the last five years.

Police Warning Gives New Hint Of Atom Bomb Size

WASHINGTON, (AP) — An unprecedented FBI notice to all police to be on the watch against smuggling of atomic weapons into the United States gave concrete clues Tuesday to what a suitcase-sized A-bomb might look like.

A 30-inch steel pipe five to 12 inches thick and closed at both ends might contain such a weapon. Or it could be a sphere of high explosive with a core of fissionable material.

The justice department said FBI director J. Edgar Hoover sent the notice to police departments all over the country last January, along with a description of possible atomic weapon types so they could be recognized.

The circular was described as a follow-up to President Eisenhower's request last Dec. 15 that atomic violations be reported promptly to the F.B.I.

Some persons have expressed fear that such small-size weapons might be set off by enemy agents in key factories or production centres in advance of large-scale aerial atomic attacks if war were imminent. The U. S customs service already is under orders to be on the lookout for such devices in the baggage of incoming travellers.

Two Types

Hoover said no one can say what form a smuggled A-weapon might take, but he described two possible types in his circular to police departments.

A specially-prepared steel pipe with a breech block at each end could be assembled, he said, with two balls of explosive uranium or plutonium and a charge of some other explosive to drive them together.

Another kind could be a ball of high explosive with uranium or plutonium at its core.

Hoover said the weight of suspected packages could be significant. Both uranium and plutonium, the circular noted, are half again as heavy as lead and 50 pounds of such materials would be only about as big as a softball.

Hoover advised police officers not to tamper with any suspected A-weapon, but to report it immediately to the FBI. He said special ordnance disposal units operating under the army had been designated to take care of any such weapons.

Lt. Cmdr. Scarth Is Appointed Naval Attache

OTTAWA, (CP) — Lt. - Cmdr. G. A. C. Scarth, 43, of Lennoxville, Que., and Charlottetown has been appointed naval attache to the Canadian minister to Sweden and Finland, with the acting rank of commander, the navy announced Tuesday.

Cmdr. Scarth succeeds Lt. - Cmdr. E. S. St. John Green, 44 of Canning, N. S., who will join the staff of the flag officer, Atlantic coast, as staff officer intelligence.

N. S. Securities Commission Probe Tabled

HALIFAX, (CP)—Changes in Nova Scotia's securities legislation to protect the investor and shareholder are suggested in the Robertson securities commission's report tabled in the provincial legislature Tuesday.

The commission under Judge J. G. A. Robertson of Bridgewater, N. S., sat for 3 1-2 months probing the affairs of bankrupt National Thrift Corporation and six allied companies and also the adequacy of the province's securities legislation and its administration.

Provincial Secretary Henry Hicks, tabling the report, said the government planned to act immediately on some—if not all—of the recommendations.

Government officials already were studying the suggested changes and some amendments to present legislation might be brought before the present House adjourns.

Fair Warning

Russell Cunningham CCF-Cape Breton East, who sharply criticized operation of National Thrift

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TORONTO, (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	2b	—
Vancouver	34	47
Victoria	39	47
Edmonton	25	29
Calgary	24	28
Regina	23	33
Winnipeg	27	41
Toronto	33	45
Ottawa	21	38
Montreal	28	40
Quebec	19	33
Saint John	19	38
Moncton	22	40
Halifax	29	42
Charlottetown	25	38
Sydney	30	42
Yarmouth	26	41
St. John's	31	37

HALIFAX, (CP)—The weather office here says a band of light showers is expected to move east-ward across the Maritimes Wednesday, followed by clearing weather.

Regional forecasts:

New Brunswick: Sunny and mild; west winds 15. Low-high at Moncton, Fredericton and Saint John 25 ad 40, Edmundston and Campbellton 25 and 35.

Prince Edward Island: Cloudy, clearing in afternoon; mild, with west winds 15. Low-high at Charlottetown 25 and 40.

Bay of Fundy: Westerly winds 15; variable cloudiness with a few light rainshowers clearing during the morning; visibility 10 miles; temperature near 35.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 1.48 a.m. and 1.09 p.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later.

Sun rises today at 6.09 a.m. and sets at 6.30 p.m.