

INDO-CHINA L.T.-W. Fri. Apr. 23 - '54,

The news from Indo-China is - bad. Today, hordes of Reds overran a key outpost of Dien Bien Phu. Which makes the landing of reinforcements from the air extremely hazzardous. Those ~~xxx~~ reinforcements flown by U.S. planes in an airlift halfway round the world. The French high command calls the situation "very grave." Afraid - that the heroic garrison may be overwhelmed. →

ADD INDO-CHINA

President Eisenhower, today, referred to Dien Bien Phu as "a testing ground between dictatorship and freedom."

## GENEVA

The Western Big Three, today, gave a formal reply to the Moscow demand - that Red China be admitted ~~it~~ into the Geneva Conference, as one of the major powers. <sup>That is -</sup> on equal terms - with Great Britain, France, the United States, and Soviet Russia. The answer is - No.

This - on the insistence of the U.S. delegation, headed by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. The American position being - that our delegation would walk out, if Red China were given the position of an equal. The word is that other delegations representing the West were "shocked" by the flat notification. But, nevertheless, Great Britain and France, today, joined the United States in a message to Moscow saying - No.

The Soviets made their demand in a form relating to - the chairmanship. At the Geneva Conference, on the Far East, the job of presiding will rotate - filled successively by the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four. Moscow wants the Foreign Minister of Red China, Chou en-Lai to have a place

in the rotation - taking his turn, acting as Chairman.

Which, in effect, would make the Chinese Reds an equal -

turning the whole thing into a Big Five. That's what we won't  
have.

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**ADD SOVIET AUSTRALIA**

The latest, a dispatch from Paris tonight -  
stating that the Foreign Ministers of the Western Big  
Three are meeting today to consider -- the Soviet break <sup>has been</sup> with  
Australia. This abrupt move has startled the western  
diplomats, who wonder -- why Moscow took such drastic <sup>[a primary had official]</sup>  
action on the eve of the Geneva Conference. <sup>with giving him</sup>

refuge.

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break of diplomatic relations. Moscow - ordering its  
embassy in Canberra - to pack up and come home.

SOVIET - AUSTRALIA

~~For~~ Soviet Russia, today, broke off diplomatic relations with Australia - because of that Petrov case.

Actually, of course, <sup>the Petrov</sup> ~~she~~ was being taken out of Australia against her will. The Australians liberated her, and she rejoined her husband. Moscow calls the husband, <sup>(a former Red official)</sup> Vladimir Petrov, a "criminal." And charges Australia with giving him refuge.

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## CARDINAL

Word comes from the Arctic Russian north that Cardinal Wyszynski, the Roman Catholic Primate of Poland, is knitting fishnets on a bleak island off the port of Arkangel. This word is brought by a Finnish merchant ship, which put into Copenhagen today. Cardinal Wyszynski, taken into custody by the Polish Reds, disappeared last autumn. Now said to be in exile in the Arctic, kept in a prison camp on an island - where the Primate of Poland is a slave laborer, weaving fishnets.

SOVIET - PROTEST

The United States has protested to ~~Moss~~ Moscow in the case of the attempt to murder the leader of <sup>an</sup> anti-Communist organization in Germany. That's the affair in which a Captain in the Red Secret Police, assigned to the assassination job, rebelled - and went over to the West.

Today's note accuses Moscow of "outrageous and uncivilized" conduct in the murder plot, and appeals to the Russian authorities to <sup>permit</sup> ~~release~~ the wife of the Captain of the Secret Police to join him in West Germany. The plea is on "humanitarian grounds." Although, the word "humanitarian" hardly seems to be in the Communist vocabulary.



President Eisenhower was at the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln, today, and made references - that might pique one's curiosity. He spoke of the Great Emancipator, and he might have been alluding to somebody else as well - who knows? He never mentioned a name beginning with "Mc" and ending in "ty." No name at all, but here's what he said. **P** The President noted that Lincoln never - "slapped or pounded a table ~~and~~ struck the pose of a pseudo-dictator or an arbitrary individual. He never fell - into the false habit of striking a Napoleonic attitude at any time, under any provocation. You can find no instance," said the President, "where he stood up in public and excoriated another American."

Which might, or might not, apply to somebody living and talking today.

HOUSING - DISMISSALS

Two Federal Housing officials were fired today, on charges that they accepted "kick-backs." Bernard Kenny, Executive Director of Jersey City, New Jersey, and - Max Roller, a technical adviser there. The accusation is that, in granting housing loans to contractors, they took money - "kick-backs."

~~Here's the latest.~~ <sup>P</sup> The Assistant General Counsel of the F.H.A., resigned today. Howard M. Murphy - stepping out, as the scandal builds up.

## HOUSING

In Washington - the statement that the Federal Housing Administration "torpedoed" a case against apartment builders who made huge profits out of contracts for federal housing. Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney told a Senate Committee - that the Department of Justice was just ready to prosecute. When - the F.H.A. blew up the case, and made prosecution impossible.

~~(The Assistant Attorney General declared that the contractors in question had submitted false accounts of the cost of projects, insured by the Federal Housing Administration.~~

~~All in the business of housing-loans. Loans - excessively large. Then, however, officials of the F.H.A. declared that the statements, ~~called false, did not figure when~~~~

~~the ~~at~~ size of the loans was estimated. So, therefore, there was no fraud. That, effectively, "torpedoed" the~~

~~prosecution.)~~ P All this occurs in an investigation of

federal housing scandals - and, today, Assistant Attorney General Olney told of an oddity.

"One fellow," said he, "financed alimony payments to his wife through <sup>a</sup> Federal Housing loan. Maybe," he added, "That's a home improvement." Well, it would be - especially for the wife.

## HEARINGS

Well, the big T.V. show produced a new, fascinating feature today -- the record of a telephone call. A transcript. The contents however -- are no mystery. They are, in fact, amusing.

Army Secretary Stevens took the stand, this morning and the expectation was -- that, without much delay, he'd be cross-examined by Senator McCarthy. -- But, they never got beyond the questioning of Stevens by Committee Counsel Jenkins. In the course of which -- ~~the~~ he told a lot about those attempts to get an Army Commission and preferential treatment for David Schine, former member of the team of Cohn and Schine.

Complications came when Stegens \_\_\_\_\_

told how McCarthy, on the telephone, said that the Schine affair was a bit of a problem for the Senator. Committee Counsel Roy Cohn -- trying to get all those favors for

Private Schine. McCarthy adding -- that the ~~question was~~ <sup>question was</sup> ~~problem of Schine~~ <sup>Cohn</sup> -- "one of the few things he had trouble with ~~Schine~~

about." **P** Stevens quoted McCarthy as saying:

"He thinks ~~Schine~~ <sup>Schine</sup> should be a General and operate from a penthouse in the Waldorf Astoria." **P** This lively

quotation was followed by another, in which the Senator is reported to have suggested that, in the words of the Secretary -- "A few weekends off for David Schine might be arranged. Perhaps -- for the purpose of taking care of Dave's girl friends." **P** It turned out that, at

Stevens' office, a stenographic transcript had been made of the conversation with Mc Carthy. <sup>So</sup> ~~the~~ <sub>the</sub>

proceedings thereupon concentrated on that stenographic record -- which is to be produced later. The transcript

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He mentioned a McCarthy telephone call which, suggested that Private David Schine should be a General, and operate from a penthouse, with weekends off -- to take care of his girl friends.

## RITA HAYWORTH

The two children of Movie Actress Rita Hayworth were, today, placed in the custody of the Sheriff of Westchester County, New York. This, after charges were filed by the Westchester County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The charge -- that Rita Hayworth was neglecting the two, ~~children~~ ~~daughters~~. One -- ten-year-old Rebecca Wells, her daughter by Orson Wells. The other -- four-year-old Yasmin <sup>Khan,</sup> ~~Khan,~~ daughter of Prince Ali Khan, and granddaughter of the Aga Khan.

The two girls were picked up in an antique shop in White Plains, while their mother was vacationing in Florida with her fourth husband, Singer Dick Haymes. It seems they had been placed in the custody of Mrs. Dorothy Chambers, operator of the antique shop. <sup>P</sup> Rita Hayworth's lawyer denies that the children were neglected. He calls the charge -- "ridiculous," and says -- this is obviously the work of publicity-seeking individuals.



## AURORA

At the University of Pittsburgh, a new research is on - a study of the Aurora Borealis. Scientists, commissioned by the U.S. Air Force - to find out all they can about that glorious, glowing spectacle, the Northern Lights. The Air Force interested - because warplanes are flying higher and higher. Aerial navigation - up in the stratosphere, more and more. <sup>R</sup> The Aurora Borealis is an electrical phenomenon, fifty miles or more above the surface of the earth with electrical influences on high altitude aviation.

The scientists believe that the magnificent fireworks of the Northern Lights are caused by streams of sub-atomic particles, protons hurled into space by the sun, ~~colliding with the air~~ ~~masses~~ Connected - with sun spots. So now the research will begin, not from the lofty realm of the Aurora Borealis. But - in the laboratory. Where, <sup>with streams of sub-atomic particles,</sup> ~~from streams of air masses~~ they'll create miniature models of the Northern Lights - that wonder of the polar regions.

ENGLAND

Here's an illustration of the way something can produce <sup>e</sup> - an unexpected result. Recently, we've heard how, over in Britain, the U.S. Air Force was throwing a <sup>London</sup> party for two Scottish ladies and the husband of one of them, ~~entertaining them in London.~~ Because the two Scots women saved a squadron of American jet fighters - which, flying the Atlantic, were caught in a great storm. ~~The Scottish post mistress and the wife of the keeper of an aerial beacon,~~ <sup>They</sup> collaborated by turning on ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> beacon, braving the tempest, and guiding the jet planes ~~into~~ <sup>to</sup> safety. The entertainment in London - lavish. With shopping - the theatres, parties. Which is now getting a lot of comment in the British press - ~~which is~~ often critical of the U.S.A. T

The London Daily Mirror is a particularly sharp critic. But today the Mirror came out with an editorial of praise. The Americans showed their gratitude, says the newspaper - "not with a prim letter of thanks, or a stuffy speech. But - with a whirlwind, sky's-the-limit hospitality.

What can you say," demands the editorial, "about friends and allies who make such impulsive and magnificent gestures of good-will?"

So let's credit the U.S. Air Force with an exploit for better international relations - by entertaining their friends from Scotland.

## LIST

In that Gilbert and Sullivan masterpiece, "The Mikado", there's a rollicking ditty, sung by the Lord High Executioner. "I've got him on my list, I've got him on my list." Which could also be chanted by Charles Ponton of Englewood, New Jersey, although, he's no executioner. Ponton - lord of the mailing lists.

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His line of merchandise - millions of names, in hundreds of different categories. All the way from - farmers to ice pick manufacturers. Meant - for use in mail order selling campaigns. If you get advertising material and sales talk in the morning mail, it means - you're on what is vulgarly known as a "sucker list." Which compilation of names is - big business.

At Englewood, New Jersey, for example, there are two hundred employees - busy, going through telephone books, professional directories, club membership records, and what-not. Cataloguing - names.

A New York firm, ~~for example,~~ purchased a list of

women living in apartments renting at top level figures.

A jewelry concern - wanting to sell two thousand dollar brooches, by mail order.

Do you, by chance, want to write letters to millionaires? Well, you can purchase a list of twelve thousand, two hundred and sixty-two. That many millionaires, whose names and addresses you can have at the rate of sixty dollars per thousand.

*Harry,*

So now, let's imagine the Lord High Executioner singing, "I've got him on my list, I've got him on my list."

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