

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The French win a victory in Indo-China. Small, but the French think it's important. A dispatch from Hanoi tells of the defenders of Dien Bien Phu breaking through the Red lines. French and native loyalists, relieving an outpost that had been isolated ever since the rebels closed their lines around Dien Bien Phu. It held out during the siege. And now the garrison is saved. A French patrol striking out from Dien Bien Phu - backed by tanks, and covered by an artillery barrage. The French had to blast their way right over Red trenches and thru the Communist line. Hand-to-hand fighting with bayonets, rifle butts, and grenades. The Reds finally retreated, and the French say killed nearly two hundred. And took a few prisoners.

And in Paris, the Air Ministry announces that the

aircraft carrier BELLEAU WOOD - on loan from the United States -
will sail tomorrow to reinforce French air strength in
Indo-China.

ADD INDO-CHINA

In Washington, Secretary of State Dulles told a news conference he believes that the French master plan to win the Indo-China War - is sound. The Secretary added that the fighting at the moment does nothing to dampen his optimism. And according to Secretary of Defense Wilson, we are discussing with top French officials the possibility of sending American "technical advisers" - to help train loyalist troops.

ISRAEL

A dispatch from Jerusalem ^{says} ~~reveals that~~ the

Israeli-Jordan mixed armistice commission cannot agree on

who was to blame for that massacre of bus passengers at

~~Scorpion Pass~~ ^{in the Sodom and Gannorra country.}
Scorpion Pass, The U.N. representative, U.S. Navy Commander

E.H. Hutchison, wanted more time to investigate, ~~the atrocity.~~

But the Israeli members of the Commission insisted upon an

immediate vote. Whereupon, the two Israelis voted to censure

Jordan; ~~as guilty.~~ And the two Jordanian members voted to

blame Israeli terrorists. Commander Hutchison abstained from

the vote - and so no one is blamed, ^{officially.} ~~The Armistice Commission~~

~~ending in a tie vote.~~

CHAVEZ

The Senate rejects a Republican move to unseat Senator Chavez of New Mexico. A sub-committee had recommended that the 1952 Senatorial race in New Mexico be declared "no election." But today the Senate turned down that finding -- the vote was fifty-three to thirty-six.

But we hear that both the Justice Department and New Mexico intend to continue investigations of that 1952 Senatorial election in New Mexico.

GORE

Sen. Joe McCarthy, as we all know, has his enemies - including the editor of a Wisconsin newspaper who says his campaign to remove Senator McCarthy from office - is getting too big for him. Leroy Gore, of the Sauk-Prairie Star, - that sounds like Sinclair Lewis territory - says that a state organization should take over his one-man campaign - to collect four hundred thousand signatures of McCarthy's opponents in Wisconsin.

Editor Gore had intended to hold an anti-McCarthy meeting on April Fourth. But he says he's moving it up to next Sunday - because his campaign has gathered so much momentum. He talks of having collected about nine thousand signatures already; with a thousand letters today.

But a dispatch from Sauk City states that there are many obstacles to the plan of the Anti-McCarthy editor. Wisconsin officials, not agreed on whether a recall could be staged throughout the state. And in Washington, a spokesman for the Senate asserts that McCarthy probably could not be unseated legally. Because the Senate is governed by the Constitution - which has no provision for recall of Senators. So the Wisconsin editor may be just wasting his time.

McCARTHY

today expressed ^{need}
Senator McCarthy ~~is~~ willing to let another Senator
take his seat on the Sub-Committee. The Wisconsin Republican,
to be replaced during investigation of the dispute between
McCarthy and the Army - those charges that Roy Cohn tried to
force the Army into giving preferential treatment to David
Schine.

said this to news men
McCarthy ~~made his position public at a news~~
That
conference in Washington. ~~He says~~ he'll step aside, ~~all right.~~
but on the
~~but he insists upon this~~ condition *^* that he be allowed to
cross-examine witnesses. He thinks that putting a substitute
on the Sub-Committee - doesn't take from him that right.
~~The Senator, intending to say what he has to say - even~~
~~though he's not sitting officially with the Sub-Committee.~~

HAYMES

The Immigration director Herman Landon ~~and~~ declares in Hollywood that singer Dick Haymes will be deported under the existing law. Meaning, that Haymes, an Argentine citizen, visited Honolulu with Rita Hayworth and then returned to this country illegally. But Haymes lawyer states that he already is ~~appealing~~ appealing. And that he will go to the supreme court if necessary.

PERU

In Lima, Peru, that refuge at long last the Colombian Embassy! The odd thing being, that the refugee is a citizen of Peru. Meaning, that Victor Haya de la Torre is permitted to leave both the Embassy and his country.

It was ~~my~~ way back in January of Nineteen Forty-Nine, that he fled to the Colombian Embassy as a political asylum. The government of Peru calling him a "common criminal." And refusing him permission to leave the country. But Colombia gave him asylum - which is traditional in Latin America.

So Victor Haya de la Torre stayed on and on. The man who came to dinner - for over five years! He spent most of his time reading, and writing. While Peruvian police and troops kept the Embassy under a twenty-four hour guard. Even trenches around the building. Every person going in or coming out was checked. The building, lit up by searchlights every night. I saw them 2 years

ago when I stopped in Lima.

The case caused a big dispute between Peru and Colombia. Twice the International Court at The Hague handed down rulings - but they were inconclusive. And so relations between Colombia and Peru were strained to the limit.

But - an agreement has now been reached. Peru to allow Victor Haya de la Torres to leave the country. Out of the Colombian Embassy he'll emerge -- after five years. And into exile. The end of a celebrated international incident - between Colombia and Peru.

~~Today~~ The Duke of Edinburgh acted as - a cheer-leader! The royal consort, leading a hip-hip-hurrah *today in South Aust - -* for the Queen. It happened at Adelaide University. More than twenty thousand ex-servicemen, on hand to greet Her Majesty. *- by some boobah -* But they had been told to be dignified about it. And so - those twenty thousand veterans produced nothing better than a mild cheer. Which sounded rather peculiar, after the enthusiastic receptions that ~~the Queen~~ *Elizabeth* had received all over Australia.

Then the Duke of Edinburgh came to the rescue. He leaned forward and shouted, "Hurrah!" as loud as he could. The Duke, acting as a cheer-leader, to encourage the audience. *Which they* ~~they at once~~ responded - with a deafening shout. ~~Maybe not too dignified - but more appropriate for the occasion.~~

They ~~in Adelaide~~ more than two hundred persons fainted, *the city of Adelaide.* as the royal party passed through, A great crowd, forcing its way through police lines, to get near the Queen. It took reinforcements to push the crowd back, so that ~~the Queen's~~ *her*

automobile could drive through.

The Royal Party will not spend as much time in Western Australia originally planned -- because ^{of the} polio epidemic. In fact, the royal couple will stay aboard the liner Gothic, at nights. The Queens engagements much curtailed. Folks in western Australia are protesting. The Premier of the province, accusing the Prime Minister of, in the Premier's words, "interfering in an unnecessary and high-handed way." But the new schedule stands - and western Australians will see less of their Queen than they desire.

Please drop the story slugged PILOT and ~~use the following in its place.~~

MAJOR The Air Force announces that an officer has been arrested in Tokyo - charged with attempting to embezzle about two hundred thousand dollars in military money.

a Major Thomas Pate; seized after six months of investigation by Air Force Intelligence Agents. We hear ~~that~~ he has admitted the charge, ~~And~~ is helping the authorities to recover the money.

The Major Pate, ~~was~~ a Finance Officer, ~~He~~ acquired the two hundred thousand by manipulating denomination certificates that were scheduled to be destroyed. The Major, holding out the high denominations and letting the low denominations be destroyed. According to the Air Force, he also admits that he falsified some records and destroyed others - to cover his tracks.

Now, ~~Major Pate is~~ arrested in Tokyo; - caught *after getting* away with *some* ~~nearly~~ two hundred thousand dollars.

PILOT

In Hong Kong, an American aviator describes his experience when he was ordered to bail out on a flight from Okinawa to Formosa. Major A.H.Grinsted, of Eau Gallie, Florida, was one of seven Air Force officers ordered to jump, when their plane ran into trouble.

According to Major Grinsted, "When we were about two hours out of Okinawa - the elevator on the tail became damaged, and the aircraft started to vibrate." The pilot kept the plane on the course, anyway. But adds Major Grinsted, "the vibrations seemed to get more violent, and we were given orders to bail out."

So the seven jumped. Below, the sea. A raging sea. Waves, eight to fifteen feet high. The Major unfastened his parachute; managed to get into a rubber boat; floated for two hours; was spotted by a rescue plane, and a P.B.Y., piloted by a Chinese, managed to land in spite of the heavy sea. The P.B.Y. picked up the six

survivors. But the waves were too high for a take-off. However the pilot managed to keep afloat for four hours, taxied to the other side of the island at Hong Kong - and finally got into the air.

The plane from which they jumped? OH, it didn't come apart after all. It got safely to Formosa. The men who bailed out, nursed it in. They had bailed out for nothing - as has happened before - but not often!

DANCE

A prosecutor's office orders a Detroit dance studio to repay more than seven thousand dollars to a widow who invested all of her savings in dancing lessons. Prosecutor Alfred Carson, declaring he will seek a warrant to make Studio Manager Donald Davis return the money to Mrs. Mathilda Van Tassell.

The whole thing came about because Mrs. Van Tassell was shy. Felt out of place, because she couldn't dance. Just a wall flower. So, she went to the Davis studio for lessons. And, even put her lifetime savings into those lessons - more than seven thousand dollars!

And, Mrs. Van Tassell did complete over six hundred hours of lessons. Sometimes dancing seven hours a day, five days a week. But now dancing Mathilda is giving it up - and wants her money back! Says she was told - she would become an instructor after completing one thousand hours - and that she was misled about that.

Manager Donald Davis denies the charges, ~~of his~~
~~ex-pupil.~~ He ~~asserts that~~ ^{Says} he gave Mrs. Van Tassell a discount
on a life membership. Gave it to her for a little more than
seven thousand dollars, instead of the normal price of close
to nine thousand. Moreover, Manager Davis declares that
Mrs. Van Tassell would get two hours of special lessons every
month for the rest of her life.

~~But~~ The widow ~~says she doesn't want any more lessons -~~
ordinary or special. ^{back,} ~~what~~ She wants ~~to~~ her money. And
Prosecutor Alfred Carson is supporting her ^{Telling} ~~to~~ ~~take~~ the
studio to return the money, ^{or else face a warrant.} ~~before he asks for a warrant~~
~~against it.~~

SHERIFF

In Laporte, Indiana, the Mayor accuses the Sheriff - of staging a phony hold-up. Mayor Tom Boyd, charging that Sheriff Norman Reeg was looking for publicity during a political campaign.

Sheriff Reeg and his deputies captured a couple of would-be hold-up men at a gas station. The Sheriff, in the midst of a spectacular gun-battle with the robbers. It all looked ~~pretty~~ heroic - the Sheriff out-shooting the gunmen, and rounding them up.

But Mayor Boyd terms the whole thing "a publicity stunt." According to the Mayor, no charges were ever filed against the robbers - and they were released. His Honor adds that he had them rearrested. And he asserts that they confessed the truth - that it was a phony hold-up! -- paid for by the Sheriff! All part of his campaign for office.

*How's that for a scenario? Say
Well, that sounds like something from a movie
for Gary Cooper - or Duke Wayne.*

The Sheriff and the gunmen, shooting at one another, for the benefit of an audience. ^{Maybe} ~~Probably~~ firing blanks.

What does the Sheriff reply to the Mayor?

He says "tosh!" "nonsense." He'll make a statement at the proper time - tell all about his heroic gunfight.

And now Mike!