

AIRLIFT LT.-W. Wed. Apr. 21<sup>st</sup>. '54.

The longest military airlift in history is the one now operating between France and Indo-China. American pilots, flying huge Douglas Globemasters, each with around two hundred French soldiers -- rushing them to the rescue of Dien Bien Phu.

The first troops went aboard the planes yesterday -- parachute commandos. Taking off from Orly, a military field just outside Paris. Tomorrow they are due in Indo-China.

Other American planes also are picking up French forces at bases in North Africa.

This American airlift was hurriedly set up ~~after~~ as a result of urgent appeals from General Navarre, French Commander in Indo-China. His call for paratroopers -- needed right away if Dien Bien <sup>Phu</sup> ~~Phu~~ is to be held.

The immediate American response indicates how anxious our government is to help France save her position in Indo-China.

The French Secretary of War said today that France will throw in all of her forces, if necessary --

to prevent the Reds from taking Dien Bien Phu on the  
eve of the Geneva Conference.

## WILSON - FOLLOW AIRLIFT

However, this American airlift halfway round the world, between France and Indo-China -- is not a step toward involving us in the fighting there. So says Secretary of Defense Wilson. He told newsmen today that the airlift is in line with our general policy -- to help France all we can. But when asked if this moves us closer to the fighting -- he replied bluntly - "No!"

INDO CHINA

Not much news from Dien Bien Phu, except that the Reds are attempting to strangle it -- by seizing strong points, piecemeal. General deCastries forced back into an area so small -- it's estimated he has two men per square yard.

With men and supplies, coming in by parachute. This, deCastries, calls his "blood transfusion."

DULLES

So, Secretary of State Dulles is back in Paris -- for the second time within ten days. He was met at the airport by Ambassador Dillon, who entertains him tonight at an Embassy dinner. Tomorrow, talks will get under way between Bidault, Eden and Dulles -- to frame a unified approach for the Geneva conference.

## UNESCO

Russia joins Unesco. Today, Jacob Malik, Ambassador to London, signed the articles making his country a member of the International organization within the U.N.

Until now, the Kremlin had refused to join UNESCO, United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization. Last year, the Secretary General, Dr. Luther Evans, said he would welcome Soviet membership. But Dr. Evans added that he would not go out of his way to appeal to the Kremlin to come in.

At last -- Molotov sent a letter to Evans, requesting membership. Which is granted automatically to nations in the U.N.

When the Russian delegation turned up today -- it behaved in typical Soviet fashion. The head of the delegation, demanding that Red China and East Germany be invited to participate.

MALENKOV

In Moscow, Malenkov gets an okay from the Parliament -- the Supreme Soviet. In accordance with Kremlin custom, he and the other Ministers resigned, formally. Then up rose the Ukrainian deputy and called on the Supreme Soviet to ask Comrade Malenkov to form a new government. And the Red Parliament said yes to that.

Nothing at all surprising about this -- because the Supreme Soviet is there for that purpose -- to carry out the wishes of Malenkov, Molotov, and their Politburo associates. But they do go through the motions of resigning once a year.

PETROV

The Russian Embassy in Canberra has changed its story about ~~accusations~~ ~~regarding~~ Vladimir Petrov - the former Chief of the Soviet Secret Police in Australia, who asked for political asylum, and gave to the Australian Government secret documents, revealing members of a Soviet spy ring.

~~The~~ First thing the Russian Embassy ~~did was to~~ charge that Petrov had been kidnapped by the Australians.

Now the Embassy attacks Petrov, <sup>himself.</sup> ~~itself.~~ Says he's a thief.-

Accuses him of stealing money and forging documents at the Embassy for ~~several~~ months before he fled. The Embassy wants him handed over for punishment as a common thief.

Prime Minister Menzies answers the charge - saying that the Embassy has contradicted itself. And that Australians

know what to think of <sup>their</sup> ~~the~~ latest story. ~~that the embassy~~

~~the Embassy.~~

Today, the Russian Ambassador collapsed. ~~He~~ is said to be suffering from some kind of nervous disorder. And ~~the~~ who could blame him - after the Petrov revelations?



Meanwhile Anti-Soviet demonstrations broke out in Sydney and Melbourne - after newsreel pictures were shown of Madame Petrov being manhandled by Soviet agents.

McCARTHY

Senator McCarthy charges that some of his enemies have worked out a plan against him - to throttle his Investigating Sub-Committee. ~~According to the Wisconsin Senator,~~ <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>to</sup> plan ~~will~~ be put into effect immediately after the Sub-Committee investigation of his quarrel with the Army. Speaking to an audience in Houston, Texas, he ~~declared~~ <sup>said:</sup> "The plan is to shift and change the rules of the Committee, under the guise of fair play - to make it impossible for the Committee to operate effectively."

McCarthy spoke on San Jacinto Day - the anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto, when General Sam Houston defeated the Mexicans, and prepared the way for the independence of Texas. McCarthy's host, Oil Man Hugh Roy Cullen, had predicted that fifty thousand Texans would turn out to hear the ~~controversial~~ controversial Senator. But the crowd today <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ estimated at less than ten thousand.

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At his news conference today, Defense Secretary Wilson said there was nothing in yesterday's McCarthy accusation against Assistant Defense Secretary Hensel.

The Wisconsin Senator accused Hensel of masterminding the Army's case, against him. According to McCarthy, the Assistant Defense Secretary was afraid that an investigation would prove him guilty of, what McCarthy termed "misconduct and possible law violation."

Struve Hensel, denying the charge, called McCarthy a liar. And -- "not a very clever liar," was the way he put it.

Today, in backing up his assistant, Secretary Wilson said Hensel would not be in his present job unless he were both competent and honest.

The Defense Secretary then remarked that the accusation reminded him of the old political maxim: "If your opponent accuses you of being a liar -- you don't deny it. You call him a horse thief."

The Senate Sub-Committee today voted to call

**Hensel in -- as a principal witness in Mc Carthy  
versus the Army.**

## HOUSING

The Chairman of the Senate Banking Committee - accuses one Housing official of embarrassing the Committee and the President. Senator Capehart referring to a statement by R.G.Hughes, President of the National Association of Home Builders. In that statement, Hughes said that the investigation of the F.H.A. scandal is being conducted in, what he called, "a circus atmosphere."

Referring to that remark, <sup>Indiana's</sup> Senator Capehart asked Hughes: "Why did you put out this statement - embarrassing this Committee and the President of the United States?" And he subjected Hughes to a tongue-lashing on the subject. The Senator declaring: "I am not going to permit you or anybody else - to fleece the American public."

Afterward, Hughes apologized for his statement.

And <sup>Sen.</sup> Capehart <sup>brushed aside</sup> ~~mentioned~~ the episode by <sup>adding</sup> ~~saying~~ that Hughes

"just got a little excited."

## DICKINSON.

More testimony against former Corporal Ed Dickinson, from his ex-buddies.

Sergeant John Davis of Niagara Falls, ~~who~~ told the Court that he saw Dickinson refuse food to a sick American -- and then push the sick man down a flight of stairs. Davis says that from then on he hated Dickinson -- and still does.

Corporal Robert Vincent of Ayer, Massachusetts, testified that Dickinson won a prize as co-author of an anti-American article, in a Red paper -- and that ~~the~~ the Dickinson article stated that America was using germ warfare.

The prosecution is bringing in about forty witnesses, men from many different states, who were with Corporal Ed Dickinson in the Pyoktong Prison Camp in North Korea.

## **RAILROAD**

The New Haven Railroad now has its new President -- Pat Mc Ginnis. As foretold, the Board of Directors voted him in. Meaning "Buck" Dumaine is out. The vote -- eleven to six -- with four of the Dumaine group staying say.

And now, millions of people -- including scores of thousands of commuters -- will wait and watch, to see what Pat Mc Ginnis does for the New Haven.

## **WINDS**

Extreme "jet winds" -- high over Japan and Korea. Meteorologists in Tokyo report that these winds blow out of northeast Asia, way up in the stratosphere -- blow up to four-hundred miles an hour. The most tremendous air currents so far discovered by man -- real "jet winds."

The Tokyo meteorologists add that it's possible for planes to "ride" the "jet winds" -- at incredible speed. So, our Air Force will be exploring these stratospheric currents -- to find a way to use them.



## PILE DRIVER

San Francisco's financial community holds - a wake.

A funeral service - one of the strangest ever seen in the Bay City, or anywhere <sup>I guess. They</sup> ~~because they~~ "buried" the biggest pile driver ever used in the city - meaning ~~it's~~ it's being taken off the job that gave a lot of San Franciscans the jitters.

The pile driver was brought in to work on the foundation of a skyscraper for ~~the~~ Equitable Life, ~~Assurance~~ ~~Society~~. The monstrous machine, christened "Alfred" - weighs a hundred tons! More than a hundred and fifty feet high. The hammer alone, eight and a half tons.

"Alfred" was brought on to Montgomery Street, in the heart of the financial district. <sup>Brought</sup> ~~To~~ drive almost five hundred steel piles down to bedrock. The average depth - one hundred and twenty-five feet. One went down <sup>to</sup> ~~two~~ hundred-and-sixty-five feet.

"Alfred" delivered well over a million strokes - in laying the foundation for that skyscraper. And each stroke

could be felt all over Montgomery Street like a young earthquake. Long before "Alfred" reached his millionth stroke -- the ten thousand workers along Montgomery Street, ready to blow their tops, christened the pipe-driver "The Monster of Montgomery Street." After four months of this -- it's all over. The foundation for the skyscraper finished -- "Alfred" removed from the job. The "Monster of Montgomery Street" -- taken out of the San Francisco financial district.

So, the district held a happy wake. The Equitable Society, providing confetti and noise-makers. Eight pallbearers, carried a six-foot black wreath. Leading officials took part. Celebrating the passing of the villain -- the "Monster of Montgomery Street."

PARTY.

In Detroit, a sumptuous dinner party is being held tonight for some forty guests. What's unusual about that? Just that it was arranged by a man who died six months ago. At the end of the dinner the guests to draw lots for his belongings.

Carl Clarke, President of The Monroe Steel Casting Company, left an estate of around half a million. He stipulated in his will that his effects should be divided by the drawing of lots. The beneficiaries all to meet happily (we hope) at dinner, in a Detroit hotel. The date -- tonight.

Carl Clark was a gourmet, so the dinner has been set up just as he wanted it -- everything from brook trout to cherries jubilee. Then after the dinner, they draw lots to decide who gets what -- everything from cuff links and silk shirts, to Persian rugs, automobiles, and a grand piano. What a party! What a cherry idea.

*a stuffed moose head,*  
*Harry!*