

MCCARTHY

L.T. - W. Tuesday, March 16, 1954.

Word from Washington today that the so-called McCarthy Sub-Committee voted unanimously to conduct a full public investigation - of the row between the Wisconsin senator and the Army. The members of the Sub-Committee made their decision at a closed meeting today. Among those not at the meeting:- Roy Cohn, who is charged with using pressure on the Army to gain special favors for his friend and colleague David Shine, now in uniform.

The Sub-Committee this time with Senator Mundt of South Dakota, serving as Chairman. Senator McCarthy, stepping aside, temporarily.

At the meeting, it was decided that Senator Mundt, and Senator McClellan of Arkansas - a Democrat - will select a special investigating staff. And all who have been involved will be called on to testify; including Sen. McCarthy, Committee council Chon, and Secretary of the Army Stegens. Senator McCarthy suggested the hearing be made public. And the Sub-Committee agreed.

We hear the sub-committee will make no other investigations - until it clears up the dispute of which we have heard so much; including the McCarthy counter-charge that the Army tried to "blackmail" him, and that Secretary Stevens offered to give him information about the Air Force and the Navy if he would turn his attention away from the Army.

After today's session Senator McClellan of Arkansas, described it as "a very harmonious meeting." Some disagreements over details but not over major points.

Senator McCarthy stated that for his part he was perfectly satisfied with the decision taken by the Sub-Committee.

DULLES

The President has full authority to order immediate retaliation - in case of an attack on Latin-American nations or on members of Nato speaking before a news conference, Secretary of State, Dulles emphasized however that this does not mean the President would necessarily order a counter-attack without consulting Congress. It would all depend on the circumstances. Then he went on to say that this country would not go to war unless Congress declared war.

We have signed both the North Atlantic and the Rio de Janeiro Treaties. These Treaties declare that an attack on one is an attack on all. And the President has the right to retaliate against any aggressor at once, without consulting Congress. That was the way Sec. Dulles explained it.

He was asked - is it true that the President has the power to act fast if London - or Paris is bombed? The answer: "Yes, sir."

In other words, only Congress can declare war. But the President would make the first decision in case of attack.

CHAVEZ

The Senate Rules Committee today approved that Sub-Committee report on Senator Dennis Chavez of New Mexico. That was the report of the Elections Sub-Committee which recommended that the Nineteen Fifty-Two Senatorial contest in New Mexico be declared "no election". The Sub-Committee urged that Senator Chavez's seat be declared vacant. The majority on the Sub-Committee, decided that it was impossible to tell who had been elected - because election laws had been violated during the balloting.

Now the parent Rules Committee - voting on Party lines approves the report, by a vote of five-to-four. But, this still doesn't settle it. Now the Senate as a whole must vote.

Senate Leader Knowland of California expects that vote, on the Chavez issue to come either Monday or Tuesday. So - what are the chances? Democratic leaders are still confident they can beat the G.O.P.

They claim their one vote majority in the Senate will enable them to keep Dennis Chavez in his seat. In fact they even think the one Independent in the Senate, Morse of Oregon - will vote with the Democrats, on this crucial matter.

FRANCE

The British government again offers guarantees to France; to calm French fears - fears of a re-armed Germany. These guarantees are intended to help Premier Laniel get ratification of the European army plan.

Official British sources say the main concession is for Britain to keep some of her Majesty's troops on the continent. Until now, the French have feared that the British would withdraw altogether. Leaving France face-to-face with a new German army. London wants to make it clear that this won't happen.

Britain to consult with her associates before making any important moves of troops in Europe. Also, a British minister to participate in all discussions about major European problems.

7 London officials note that the Churchill government has changed its policy. Up to now Churchill had always been reluctant to commit British troops in Europe.

IRAN

Iran is all set to make a settlement of its dispute with Britain. So says Premier Zahedi. Referring to the oil controversy - the big refineries at Abadan that have been standing idle since the British pulled out.

Today Premier Zahedi admitted that Iran must sell her oil. And he added that he hopes to get the refinery going again through an international syndicate. That syndicate, to be composed of American, French and Dutch members, as well as British. However, a dispatch from London declares that representatives of the syndicate have suspended their discussions for the present unable to agree on how many shares each member should hold.

But the Iranian Premier says he's confident the syndicate will agree eventually - and that soon Iranian oil will again be flowing to world markets.

INDO-CHINA

In Indo-China, at Dien Bien Phu, continued to receive reinforcements from the air- Nearby landing strips are out of commission. Communist artillery making it impossible for planes to land. So transports are dropping more paratroopers - and supplies.

In spite of heavy artillery and anti-aircraft fire the latest jump is called a success. Ammunition, food, and medical supplies dropped also.

A number of planes were hit. But none are reported shot down. That is, by the French. But the Red radio claims twelve planes were destroyed, either on the ground or in the air, that two loyalist battalions have been wiped out in the siege of Dien Bien Phu. French authorities make no comment, except that losses were heavy. Adding that if the Red "Jungle Fox" - General Giap - wants a quick victory, it will cost him at least two-thirds of his army.

MRS. CHURCHILL

Winston Churchill and his wife - under special guard by Scotland Yard. Because ^{aa} ~~Mrs. Churchill received a~~ threatening letter. It arrived in the mail yesterday - and was sent to the Yard for investigation. Scotland Yard takes it seriously enough - to put special guards around the Prime Minister and his wife.

A spokesman for the Yard said, threats ~~sometimes~~ often arrive in the mail at the Prime Minister's residence - Number Ten Downing Street. ^{But} This ~~street~~ ^{one} is taken more seriously than most - because of ^{warnings} ~~threats~~ that have come from the Mau Mau terrorists in Kenya. The British feeling that Mau Mau threats are something like the threats of Puerto Rican extremists - which caused the shooting in ^{our} Congress. Staid Old London, ^{is} not sure that something like that won't happen in ~~the House of~~ Parliament.

PALACE

A dispatch from London ~~reveals that~~ ^{says} Buckingham Palace may be open to sightseers next summer. Visitors, to be allowed into ~~that~~ ^{the} London home of the royal family - for a fee. The reason - the upkeep of the palace is a heavy drain on the private purse of the Queen. She has to pay its domestic staff - two hundred servants. Also, the scores of officials who work there.

So ~~now it is~~ ^{it has been} suggested that Her Majesty do what so many noble Lords and Ladies have already done - open her home to those who will pay ^{a half crown or two} to go through. ~~FF.~~ Many great estates are ^{today} kept up in just this way. ~~throughout Britain~~ ^{will} the Queen ~~do the same thing with her palace~~ ^{famous Buckingham palace? Maybe} ~~tour of course not to~~ ^{living} ~~include the private~~ ^{quarters} of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. ~~They will be kept private.~~

But they occupy only a few of the seven hundred rooms in Buckingham Palace. ^{So} there ~~is to be~~ ^{ought to be} ~~lots~~ ^{enough} for sightseers to look at, without trespassing on the privacy of the Queen.

~~The money~~ ^{all money} collected ^{to} go to the upkeep.

To pay the servants and the officials - and to finance the many public functions and parties which the Queen has to give.

According to the proposal, part of Buckingham Palace to become a kind of "town apartment" for the royal family.- One wing of the palace. A few alterations to make that wing self contained. The other hundreds of rooms to be opened to 'arry and his family, and their American cousins - and everybody who wants a look!

TENZING

The Sherpa guide who helped conquer Mt. Everest - honored by the National Geographic Society. Tenzing Norkey, receiving a replica of the Society's Hubbard Medal.

The medal itself was presented to the British Everest Expedition by President Eisenhower. Tenzing Norkey wasn't there. So today our Ambassador, George Allen, presented a replica to the Sherpa guide at a ceremony in Darjeeling. The National Geographic Society, recognizing the critical part Tenzing Norkey played in that greatest feat of mountaineering - climbing to the summit of Mt. Everest.

PANTHER

In Los Angeles, a hunt for a savage black panther,
^{that}
~~The big cat~~ escaped from a carnival ~~yesterday~~. Since then,
it's been reported within the city limits.
~~xxxxxx~~ Two
patrolmen, who didn't see the beast, heard what they describe
as "a terrible cat-like scream." ~~Said one: "We heard an
awful screeching, and it was close. It sounded like the scream
of an injured cat."~~

Well, you can imagine the effect on the citizens of
Los Angeles. Residents staying indoors; to watch from behind
closed windows. Parents, keeping their ^{youngsters} ~~kids~~ home from school.
Police, deluged with telephone calls. And, of course, many
false alarms from nervous inhabitants. The big black panther,
reported seen over and over again. And turning out to be
either a black dog or even a ^{common} ~~regular~~ black alley cat.

Some children could not be kept out of the hunt
for the panther. Evading police, they formed hunting parties
and began to beat the bushes. One policeman remarked: "They
keep coming back as fast as we send them away." Then he added:

"If any of them stumble across that cat - it's curtains."

About a hundred and fifty policemen engaged in the search. Trying to kill the panther, because it's too savage to capture. The owner described the panther like this:

"He's uncompromisingly vicious - shoot him on sight."

That's what the police intend to do when they catch up with the black panther that is terrifying Los Angeles. But there's one big question - is it really in Los Angeles? No one knows yet.

JONAS

Should the income tax deadline be made a national holiday? Well, Representative Charles Jonas of North Carolina thinks it should. Admitting that he filed his Return just in time - Representative Jonas adds that almost everyone could use a full day for last minute checking. So he thinks March Fifteenth should be made a national holiday - for the benefit of the slower members of society.

What about the fast ones? Those who get their Returns in early? Representative Jonas has an answer to that one too - he says the early birds, like you Harry, should have a holiday on March Fifteenth - a day to rejoice over having nothing to do.