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Washington asks four Pacific nations to join <sup>us</sup> in a public warning to Red China. Our State Department, hoping that Australia, New Zealand, Thailand and the Philippines will sign the declaration. France and Britain, to be invited to ~~come~~ come in too.

Mao Tse-tung, to be warned against open aggression in Indo-China. In other words, he's to be told that his Chinese troops must stay out of that war. Secretary of State Dulles has called the situation there "very ominous." The Secretary repeats that we are vitally/concerned to see that Indo-China is not overrun by the Communists. Also, that Red China does not strike anywhere else in Southeast Asia.

That's why we're asking other nations to join us in a direct warning to Red China. ~~Some~~ Officials in Washington <sup>believe that</sup> ~~say that they understand~~ some of these nations <sup>right now</sup> are ready to ~~sign now.~~ Join us.

STASSEN FOLLOW ASIA

~~And our~~ Foreign Aid Chief, ~~Harold~~ Stassen, is asking Congress for ~~about~~ three and a half billion dollars, to help our Allies. Over a billion of this - to help fight the Reds in Indo-China. Stassen told the House Foreign Affairs Committee that his program calls for less aid to Europe - and more aid for our Asian Allies. <sup>Speaking of</sup> The Indo-Chinese War <sup>pronounced it</sup> ~~he termed~~ "of the greatest significance to the security of the United States." So, <sup>will</sup> eight hundred million dollars ~~to~~ go directly to the French and Loyalist forces in Indo-China. <sup>with</sup> Another three hundred million - to come from other funds. All adding up to well over a billion for the Indo-Chinese War alone.

## INDO-CHINA

Meanwhile at Hanoi, the French high command says:-

"The battle is not over, yet." The reference being, to the fact that the Reds have pulled back a bit at Dien Bien Phu. The situation described officially as "relatively calm." Patrols pushing out more than a mile - without meeting the enemy.

But the French say that Red General Giap - the "Jungle Fox", is regrouping for another assault.

So far the Reds have lost an estimated twenty-two thousand men in the struggle for Dien Bien Phu. And French Intelligence reports that he's now calling up sixteen-year-olds. French pilots add that Red reinforcements are now a three days' march from Dien Bien Phu.

Meanwhile, the defenders of the stronghold are having a breathing spell. Some of them getting a chance

to sleep for the first time in ninety-six hours. The rest of the defenders, building fortifications, stringing barbed wire, and digging new trenches. French transport planes, ~~are~~ shuttling in and out -- <sup>with</sup> ~~bringing~~ food, ammunition, and medical supplies. <sup>of all - some</sup> ~~The~~ <sup>around</sup> ~~worst~~ problem ~~is~~ <sup>around</sup> two thousand wounded, ~~who~~ have not yet been evacuated.

Meanwhile, twenty-five American bombers have arrived in Hanoi. ~~They~~ <sup>se</sup> were promised by President Eisenhower two weeks ago. And were ferried by American crews from bases in Japan to airfields in the Red River delta. ~~The~~ <sup>Planes</sup> to be thrown into the battle for Dien Bien Phu as soon as they are ready. ~~Technicians promise to have them ready "in record time."~~

## SOLDIERS

Two American soldiers return from East Germany.

Yesterday, Sergeant J.W. Young of Rochester Mills, Pennsylvania, and Private Luther Woods, of Winona, West Virginia, were on patrol duty near the border. They were in their jeep, when suddenly about twenty Russian troops crossed over, seized them, and carried them to the Communist area. No shots were fired - no one injured. But the two G.I.'s were held overnight by the Russians.

Now Sergeant Young and Private Woods are ~~released~~  
they're back with their units. The Russians <sup>aftering no</sup> ~~turning them~~  
~~loose after an American protest. No explanation, yet about~~  
~~explanation — and —~~  
~~why the Soviets caused the incident. But they haven't returned~~  
the jeep! - so maybe that <sup>was all they wanted</sup> ~~all-purpose military vehicle was what~~  
~~this time.~~  
~~they were really after.~~

SEARS

The Sub-Committee investigating the dispute between Senator McCarthy and the Army - loses its counsel. Attorney Samuel Sears, withdrawing - after charges that he was pro-McCarthy, Resignation, accepted unanimously by the sub-committee.

Sears read a statement before a news conference in Washington. He reiterated that he feels "completely qualified" to conduct the hearings. Said he would have been impartial and fair to both sides, and added that the charges against him were completely without foundation - that he is not pro-McCarthy or anti-McCarthy.

He said he would not serve without the full ~~rank~~ confidence of the committee. And, since his fairness was questioned - he'd resign.

Chairman Mundt of South Dakota, announces that the search for a counsel will go on. And that his sub-committee may have one by tomorrow night.

McCARTHY

Millions of Americans have just listened to Senator McCarthy on ~~radio~~ television. One thing ~~that~~ that must have been evident to all was what a display - of the American system of letting both sides

have their say. Edward R. Murrow of CBS, attacked by Senator McCarthy, gave his program tonight to the Senator. Who said all he could, apparently, to pillory Murrow as a sympathizer with Communism. Actually, the

Senator presented a solid picture of the Communist menace in general. ~~But it is a pity that the public has decided that the great loss was not the loss of the Communist Party but the loss of the great editor of the New York Times, Walter Lippman, who has been attacked by Senator McCarthy.~~

Altogether, it seemed to me that Senator McCarthy was at his best in giving an outline of the threat of Communist despotism. ~~He has done so very well in fact about the Communist threat in his general address of the~~

~~United States.~~ In any case, it was a fine display of

our American habit of giving each side its own say.

Murrow - attacked by McCarthy, turning over his program  
to the Senator.

JAPANESE

American doctors and scientists are not allowed to examine the Japanese fishermen who were exposed to atomic radiation after that March First hydrogen bomb test.

(Two of our experts, Dr. Merrill Eisenbud of the Atomic Energy Commission, and Dr. John Morton, a specialist in illness and wounds caused by atomic explosions, are in Tokyo. But ~~in~~ neither has been allowed to see the fishermen. Japanese physicians are blocking them.)

There seems to be some confusion because members of the Japanese government are saying of course the Americans should be permitted to examine the fishermen if America is going to compensate them for their injuries.

## CHURCHILL-BOMB

More on the H-bomb debate in the House of Commons: Last month British experts were on the scene after these latest tests at Bikini. So said Churchill. The Prime Minister added that British observers did not actually see the explosions, but were allowed to collect scientific data about the after-effects of the explosions. With planes of the R.A. F. on an air survey of the area.

Churchill added: "Similar facilities have been granted to the Americans - on the occasion of our own nuclear ~~and~~ tests in Australia."

The eighty year old Prime Minister was less belligerent today than yesterday. When he accused Attlee - then Prime Minister - of permitting the Truman administration to back out of a partnership on atomic matters. London papers today were criticizing Churchill for bringing that up; But, today Sir Winston was in a

genial mood even when the Laborites jeered and booed,  
and called out "resign". Just grinn<sup>ed</sup> - as though  
he enjoyed it.

## CHURCHILL-KNIGHT

Oh yes, and Churchill is about to receive the highest personal honor a British monarch can bestow - when the Queen returns in June. The first Knight of the Garter presentation in the venerable St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle.

Investiture of the Garter is a ceremony second only in brilliance to the Coronation. The Queen to wear a silver gown with a blue velvet mantle. On Her Majesty's head - a medieval blue velvet hat, with a white ostrich plume. During the ceremony, Churchill to kneel at her feet, as she bestows upon him the ancient Order of the Garter - a gold necklace with a medallion showing St. George killing the dragon. Also, a gold star and a blue velvet garter.

The Order of the Garter dates from the Year Thirteen Forty-Eight. At a ball given by King Edward the Third during ~~████~~ one dance, the Countess of

Salisbury lost her garter. As it slipped from the dainty leg of the Countess, to the floor, the King stooped over and picked it up. Then, to cover the blushes of the Countess - he fastened it about his own leg. And from then on, the garter became the symbol of the bond between the monarch and the few he chose to honor as his special friends.

Since Eighteen Thirty One, the Knights of the Garter have been a ~~xxx~~ select group of twenty-five -- chosen from royalty and the high peerage. Knights and commoners who rendered great national service.

And who has served his country - his King and his Queen ~~xxxxxxxx~~ to a higher degree than Winston Churchill.

Soon to be Sir Winston Churchill, Knight of the Garter.

LINDBERGH

The "Lone Eagle" - to help choose the site for our new Air Force Academy. General Charles Lindbergh, to serve as one of the civilian members of the five-man commission that will handle the problem. Today he was confirmed by the Senate as a Brigadier General in the Air Force Reserve. <sup>and</sup> Now he's named by Air Secretary Talbot to ~~bring his experience to the question~~ <sup>help decide where we will</sup> ~~where is the best place to set up~~ <sup>have an</sup> West Point of the air?

~~The Commission on which Lindbergh serves will make a recommendation. If it is unanimous - then the site named will be chosen. Otherwise, the Commission will name several sites - and the Air Secretary will choose between them.~~

~~It is <sup>very</sup> appropriate - the first man to fly the Atlantic alone, the "Lone Eagle", to give his opinion on the ~~training of Air Force cadets~~ new academy.~~

## APRIL SIXTH

This, as you may or may not recall is one of the important dates in history. I once read a long list of all the interesting events that had taken place on April Sixth, although at the moment I can only remember two: Our entry into World War One; and, April Sixth, Nineteen Hundred and Nine when Peary raised the American flag at the North Pole -- Peary, Mat Henson, and Ootah the Eskimo.

One of the men who made it possible for Peary to get to the Pole was Donald B. MacMillan. And tonight Bowdoin College in Maine presented its top award, The Bowdoin Prize, to Commander "Mac." This year the prize carries with it approximately Five Thousand Dollars, tax free. This to add to a long string of honors that have come to him down through the years, not the least of which is the National Geographic Society Hubbard Gold medal which is of solid gold

weighing more than a pound and was first struck in  
Nineteen Hundred and Six to honor MacMillan's old  
chief, Admiral Peary.

Commander "Mac" has sailed more than two  
hundred and fifty thousand miles in Arctic waters.  
I suppose he knows the Polar Seas better than any  
living man, having taken part in and ~~led~~ lead thirty  
expeditions to the Far North. That is, his voyage  
this year will be the thirtieth. For once again he  
is planning to take a party of scientists to Greenland,  
and on up to the Kane Basin to within eleven degrees  
of the North Pole.

I believe there is still room for two or  
three more to be added to his party. For further  
particulars about that, just get in touch with Commander  
Donald MacMillan care of Bowdoin College, Maine.

Sure wish I could go along. The trip will

include a section that MacMillan says has never really been explored, although old Doc Cook covered part of it by sledge, behind his dog team.

So, tonight, <sup>Harry,</sup> April Sixth, Anniversary of the discovery of the North Pole, here's a special salute to Commander Donald MacMillan, a real champion if there ever was one.

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