

LT. R. Man. May 10-54

The Reds made it official, today, that General deCastries is a prisoner-of-war. They had announced, ~~previously~~, that ^{he} ~~the Commander at Dien Bien Phu~~ had been captured. Now, a Communist broadcast adds his name - deCastries.

The French report - that Chinese troops took part in the final assault on Dien Bien Phu. Which, apparently, ended the hope deCastries had expressed all along - that the fortress would be able to hold out. He reckoned, with Indo-Chinese, but the final success of the Reds was made certain by a mass of troops from China.

There's still no word about the one woman, the nurse, Lieutenant Genevieve, ~~deGalarde~~ Called - the "angel of Dien Bien Phu." If she's a prisoner, the Reds have made no mention of it. In fact, today's broadcast from the Communists included no other information about prisoners - except deCastries. No statement, for example - of how many had been captured. Merely saying - the prisoners are being treated well.

~~One report is that the Communists have agreed they'll hand~~

Substitute lead INDO-CHINA

It is confirmed, tonight, that the Communists have agreed - they'll hand over the seriously wounded at ^D Bien Bien Phu. This was arranged at Geneva, and includes - not only French, but also Vietnamese wounded. The French had asked for a "mercy" truce, but the Communists refused. Willing - for the wounded to be removed, only after the fall of the fortress.

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The Reds - declaring that they were pursuing parties that had slipped out of Dien Bien Phu ~~toward~~ during the confusion of the final storm. At Hanoi, there's a report ^{that some} of soldiers of the French Foreign Legion, ~~was~~ were able to escape - and are now making their way through the jungles.

Today, warplanes were in action against columns of Communists - moving in the direction of Hanoi. ~~The besieging army.~~ Some forty thousand ^{Reds.} ~~leaving the wreck of the jungle~~ ~~besieging.~~ Their objective - the delta of the Red River, in front of Hanoi. The French command emphasizing - that Dien Bien Phu was of small importance, in a military sense, compared with the delta country, the rice bowl. ~~The army in the capture of Dien Bien Phu - likely to make an attempt in that direction.~~ So, today, the warplanes were harrassing the columns, as they moved slowly through ^{Jungle} roads, ^{and trails} ~~of the jungle.~~

In Paris, the opening of the Moscow Ballet - has been postponed indefinitely. By order - of the French government. Because a performance by the dancers from Soviet Russia might cause - public disorder. ~~French public opinion being what it is - after the tragedy of Dien Bien Phu.~~

The French Communists advertised the appearance of the Moscow Ballet in Paris, as a cultural event of prime importance. Which, in a way, makes sense. The Russians - being such masters in the art of the ballet, dating back to the days of the czars. *P* But then the fall of Dien Bien Phu intervened, and there was national mourning in France. *That is -* By all - save the Communists. Who remained - coldly silent. *As is always the way with Communists.* Communists first - Frenchmen second. This enraged patriotic people, and there were attacks on Communist headquarters in various parts of France. Today, *bring* a series of reports from all parts of the country. Red headquarters bombed - in one place. A Communist youth organization stormed - in another. ~~So that was the situation - for the opening of the~~

ATOMIC

In Washington, the Chairman of the Congressional Atomic Energy Commission calls for a revision of the Atomic Energy Act - as a step in carrying out President Eisenhower's "atoms-for-peace" plan. The Committee opened hearings today, and Chairman Sterling Cole of New York expects the alterations to be voted - in time for action by the present session of Congress.

The news from Geneva does not look favorable for that Eisenhower program for a "world atomic pool." Soviet Russia reported to insist - that an unconditional prohibition of all nuclear weapons must come first. However, officials in Washington say: "We don't regard this as a final turn down." So the secret negotiations with the Russians will continue.

GERMANS - AMERICA

In the London Parliament, a protest - which will sound odd over here. A Labor M.P. - decrying the training of German troops in the United States.

Arthur Lewis told the Commons that four hundred and seventy-eight former German Army officers have already taken military training courses in the U.S.A. Two hundred and sixty more - leaving Germany, in April, for that purpose.

Thirty-four hundred non-commissioned officers to be sent - in June and July. Which certainly will be news to Americans.

In Parliament, Under Foreign Secretary Anthony Nutting denied the whole story, saying - the United States was not training any German troops at all.

SPY

Tomorrow, in secret, a Senate Sub-Committee will question Nikolai Khoklov, the Soviet Secret Police official who went over to the West - in Germany. Khoklov - who rebelled at orders from Moscow to commit an assassination.

It is now disclosed that he has been in this country for several days, after having given information to British Intelligence about Russian espionage operations abroad. He is expected to give the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee valuable enlightenment about the methods of spy rings, such as have operated in this country.

COMMUNISM

A disclosure, today, tells of a witness heard secretly last January - by the Committee on Un-American Activities. A witness who appeared voluntarily - and related his career in Communism.

The writer, Allan E. Sloane, author of the film biography of Martin Luther. The documentary - presenting the career of the churchman who began the Reformation.

P Sloane stated that he joined the Communist Party in Nineteen Forty-Three as, what he calls - "a fuzzy minded liberal." Remaining - a Party member for more than a year. Getting out - because the Red leaders tried to censor the things he wrote. After that, he still continued to work for organizations of the Communist Party Front. He names a number - though he didn't realize at the time, that they were Red.

Sloane says he wrote ^{the} ~~a~~ speech for Henry Wallace - when Wallace accepted the Progressive Party ^(nomination) ~~nomination~~ for President in Nineteen Forty-Eight. But he does not think that Wallace knew he was the author of the speech. He says

he was selected for the job by the " Committee for the Arts, Sciences and Professions." They selected him because he was known, in the writer's own words - "as a fellow-traveler, if not an outright Communist."

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Sloane told the Committee he was making an appearance - because he wanted to come clean about his past. ~~The Committee praised him for coming forward with his own story.~~

McCARTHY

In the McCarthy hearings, the Sub-Committee will take a vote tomorrow - in the hope of shortening the long drawn out proceedings. Republican members - backing a plan offered by Senator Dirksen of Illinois. And - endorsed by Senator Mc Carthy. According to this program, Army Secretary Stevens would complete his testimony - soon. Then Senator McCarthy would be cross-examined by Army Counsel Welch. Ending - the public hearings. The Sub-Committee, in private, would question other witnesses, and then - decide on whether the hearings should be resumed.

The Democrats are against this. Calling it - a hush-up. They have their own plan, presented by Senator McClellan of Arkansas. They would merely put a time limit on the questioning of ~~examinations~~ each witness - and, in that abbreviated fashion, go down the line with all the witnesses now scheduled to be called.

There are three Republicans on the Sub-Committee - and three Democrats, with Republican Senator Mundt as chairman.

He's likely to hold the deciding vote. Today stating - that he will oppose any proposal from one side which the other side feels to be "unfair and unjust."

Today, meanwhile, the clashes continued between Senator McCarthy and Army Secretary Stevens. The Secretary accusing the Senator of being utterly unfair to the Army - at Fort Monmouth. McCarthy ~~was~~ retorting that Stevens is - "naively and unintelligently anti-Communist."

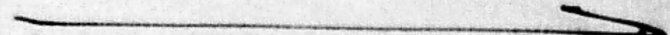
F.B.I.

Thirty years ago, May Tenth, Nineteen Twenty-Four, Attorney General Harlan Stone, serving in the Cabinet of President Coolidge - called a young man into his office. Twenty-nine year old J. Edgar Hoover, an agent working in the Federal Bureau of Investigation. His boss told him - take charge of the F.B.I., and give that outfit a thorough clean-up.

Well, that outfit certainly needed a clean-up.

Riddled with prohibition-time-corruption, thoroughly discredited. ^{Even} Ex-convicts - employed as agents. F.B.I. badges - given to politicians. A theatrical producer got one, making him a special agent - because he was bringing a girl show to Washington.

The clean-up effected by J. Edgar Hoover was remorseless - and, in a few years, the F.B.I. rose to nationwide eminence; When the repeal of prohibition was followed by a crime wave, banditry, kidnapping. The days of Dillinger - when the G.-men of the F.B.I. became a legend, as gang-busters and crime sleuths.

During the years that followed, serving under various administrations, Republican and Democratic, J. Edgar Hoover only increased his reputation. In wartime, for example - working against espionage. 

~~Today, he celebrated that Thirtieth Anniversary in his usual way - hard at work at his desk, in Washington.~~

Substitute Page 2 - FBI

Tonight, J. Edgar Hoover, celebrated that anniversary - by announcing the capture of one of the ten most wanted men. A desperado bandit - high on the FBI list of criminals.

PALESTINE

The weekend in Palestine saw a series of clashes along the borders of Jordan and Israel, south of Jerusalem. Both sides agree - that a ~~number~~ number of skirmishes occurred. Jordan stating that Israeli troops made five attacks today. Israelis - shooting at Arabs on the other side of the border.

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GIBRALTAR

The news from Gibraltar - all quiet. Except - the cheering, military bands, a thundering salute of cannon, and the other sounds of stately ceremony. In other words, the visit of Queen Elizabeth to the Rock - went off without a hitch today.

Spanish threats of disturbance \ominus failing to materialize. Spain, which wants Gibraltar back, having said - Her Majesty's visit would be - an affront. Elaborate precautions were taken by the British authorities, but nothing happened. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh landed, and drove around the great fortress. Cheered - by the troops of the garrison. Also - by the inhabitants of the town. ^aThey're Spaniards mostly - and ^{they}cheered, in Spanish.

Her Majesty, in a formal address, offering clear intimation that Great Britain has not the slightest intention of giving up Gibraltar.

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This ~~thing~~ might be an appropriate occasion to tell - how Britain got Gibraltar in the first place. It was during the

War of the Spanish Succession. The French King, Louis the
Fourteenth, trying to put his grandson on the Spanish throne.
Britain and other powers - opposed. Supporting - another
candidate. That war is known best for the glorious victories
of the Great Marlborough, Won - in Germany and Flanders. *like*
the Battle of ~~the~~ Blenheim, and ~~Ramillies~~ [†] But, Britain also had an army
operating in ~~campaigning against~~ Spain. An army - that won mighty few
victories. Louis the Fourteenth succeeded in placing his
grandson on the throne in Madrid. But the British, campaigning
in vain for their candidate, got possession of Gibraltar - and
never gave it up.

CHESSMAN

In New York, a Committee of Authors has been formed, seeking clemency for Carol Chessman, condemned to the gas chamber at the California State Prison.

Chessman wrote a book, now published. The Committee of Authors declares - that he possesses a knowledge of the criminal mentality which is of great value. That's why they think - the death sentence should not be carried out.

BOBCAT

Here at CBS, today, a big bobcat - attacked the trapper who brought the animal. Clawing him. I happened to be there on the early morning Walter Cronkite show which I'll be on again this Friday morning. The fifty-pound bobcat slipped out of its leash. And you should have seen some fifty actors, technicians and other studio employees. Naturalist Ivan Sanderson called to them to freeze. And they did. That is nearly everybody froze. I hid behind Walter Cronkite. The bobcat jumped at my old friend Jacques Suzanne, the trapper. His face clawed a bit. But the trapper and the naturalist lasoed the animal - putting it in a cage.

DOCTORS

The Medical Association of Hartford County, Connecticut, has made a survey of the financial condition of doctors - at the end of their years of service in medicine.

In Hartford County, between Nineteen Forty and Nineteen Fifty-three, the estates of one hundred and forty-four doctors went into the Probate Court. One-third -- leaving less than ten thousand dollars. Thirteen per cent of the physicians - bankrupt at the end of their careers. One single physician - able to make a million out of his practice. Just one who rolled up a million. I wonder how he did it?

Conclusion - the doctor seldom gets rich. To which, I for one, can say - amen. My father was a doctor in that famed gold camp - Cripple Creek - where I grew up. He practiced medicine for years in an ancient crater full of gold - treasure on all sides - gold squandered by the miners too. Yet, the doctor never got rich. The usual piled up heaps of unpaid doctor bills.

But that's as old as medical history. An M.D. degree not the way - to the proverbial million.

SOLAR BATTERY

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The Bell Telephone System announces the first practical test of a new "solar battery." A way to convert sunlight into electrical energy; ^{and} - now to be applied to a rural telephone network in Georgia.

The "solar battery" is based on silicon, the element of ordinary sand. Sunlight ~~fall~~ falls on a sheet of silicon, and electricity is produced. At present, in small amounts - adapted especially to rural telephone lines.

These employ storage batteries on top of telephone poles. Ordinary batteries - which must be recharged every so often. Now - the storage batteries will be recharged continuously by the "solar batteries." These - mounted on top of telephone poles.

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An important step in the realization of one of mankind's ancient dreams - ^{Mike} ~~that of getting~~ industrial power from the sun - ^{in addition to a coat of tax.}