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Senate Committee Hear Showdown On McCarthy

French Fire Forces Rebels To Fall Back

Losses Heavy In Attack On Fortresses

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HANOI, Indochina (U)—Screaming Vietnamese shock troops surged today to within half a mile of the heart of the Dien Bien Phu fortress, then faltered and fell back, taking their dead and wounded with them.

Masses of the Communist-led rebels staged the attack from the encircling hills in a driving rain, firing rifles, pistols and machine guns and throwing grenades and spears. French-manned American guns tore wide gaps in their ranks. A French army spokesman said thousands of the rebels were cut down.

Unofficial estimates of the Vietnamese dead and wounded in the four days of battle for the wire-ringed plain, in a strategic sector of northwest Indochina, rose to between 6,000 and 8,000.

Broken, bullet-riddled bodies of rebel dead dangled like scarecrows on the barbed wire as the outnumbered French Union forces fought desperately to keep the plain out of rebel hands.

It was the most savage battle of the seven-year Indochina war. Early today the outcome—certain to be a major effect on the Geneva conference next month—was still in doubt.

The fighting which began Saturday afternoon raged furiously through last night as thousands of wildly screaming Communist-led rebels, backed by artillery from Communist China, charged repeatedly into the bridgehead, American defenses of the fortress plain.

DO OR DIE
The "do-or-die" fanatic rebel charges over the mounting bodies of their own dead resembled the Communist onslaughts on United Nations troops in the Korean War. For the first time in the long Indochina war, the Vietnamese abandoned their guerrilla tactics for an all-out frontal assault.

In the first 48 hours of fighting, the Vietnamese wrested two northern and northeastern strongpoints from the French Union defenders. But the French high command said the center of the Vietnamese-encircled plain was still intact and the balance of the outer perimeter also was still holding.

The French in Saigon predicted the Vietnamese could not maintain their intense attacks of the past 48 hours longer than two more days. By that time, they said, the rebel troops and their supplies—the latter painfully trekked by coolies over the hundreds of jungle miles from Chinese dumps—would be exhausted.

Rainy weather, Vietnamese anti-aircraft and rebel bombardment.

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President Eisenhower
A VETERAN ACTOR CHECKS UP ON IKE'S DRAMATIC GESTURES.
Ike Opposes Deep Cuts

Lines Drawn For Tax Vote

By CHARLES F. BARRETT
WASHINGTON (U)—President Eisenhower's head-on opposition to a Democratic tax cut plan sent Republican and Democratic House leaders scrambling today for the few votes that may decide the issue.

The President carried his opposition to the country last night in a radio and television address in which he denounced the Democratic proposal to boost individual income tax exemptions as unsound and politically inspired.

House Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) said he is "quite sure the President's address will have the effect of rallying many Republicans and Democrats to his stand."

But Rep. Rayburn (D-Tex.), the Democratic House leader, indicated by his comment that his party plans to press the tax cut campaign in the House. He said the Eisenhower tax program gives "favored treatment to a few taxpayers but not to the many."

RAYBURN TO ANSWER
Rayburn was picked to state the Democrats' case in a radio and TV broadcast tonight on the eve of the House battle opening tomorrow. Aiding him will be Sen. George of Georgia, senior Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, and Rep. Cooper of Tennessee, ranking Democrat on the House Ways and Means Committee.

House Democrats are pushing a proposal to boost individual tax

exemptions to \$700 from the present \$600. George has proposed an increase to \$800 this year and \$1,000 in 1955.

Eisenhower asserted last night that this would lead to "bigger and bigger deficits . . . further inflation."

A \$100 increase in the personal tax exemption would save taxpayers about \$2,400,000,000 and add that much to the budget deficit, the administration is struggling to keep down, GOP leaders say.

Under the Democratic plan, more than four million persons with low income or heading large families would be relieved of all income tax payment. The per capita savings for most families in the middle income brackets or below would come to about \$20. It would be more in higher brackets.

Eisenhower urged Congress now to go no farther in tax reduction than the huge GOP-sponsored bill in the Senate, which cuts the nation's existing tax laws. He said this bill, liberalizing many deductions, would benefit millions of individuals and encourage "the growth and expansion of industry, the creation of jobs."

It would create the Treasury nearly \$1,400,000,000 a year.

It is to this bill that House

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Democrats Asking Public Hearing

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) and his Senate Investigations Subcommittee went into a showdown meeting today on his row with Army officials. Democratic members were demanding a full public hearing on the charges and counter charges.

Sen. McClellan (D-Ark.), who calls signals for the group's Democratic members, told reporters he would insist at the closed door meeting that the subcommittee:

1. Ask that its parent body, the Senate Government Operations Committee, take over the inquiry.
2. Have all testimony taken in public hearings.
3. That the group hire a "special and impartial" staff to assist in the hearings.

A reporter asked whether he was disposed to "let the staff that is under fire" participate and McClellan answered "No, sir."

LENNON PRESENT
The subcommittee's entire membership of four Republicans and three Democrats turned out for the meeting. Sen. Lennon (D-N.C.), a member of the parent Government Operations Committee, went into the room a few minutes after the session was convened.

McCarthy accuses Secretary of the Army Stevens and John G. Adams, the Army's general counsel, of using "blackmail" tactics to block his investigations of alleged Reds in uniform.

Army officials accused McCarthy and Roy Cohn, the subcommittee's chief counsel, of exerting improper pressures to win special favors for a drafted pal, wealthy Pvt. G. David Schine, a former member of their staff.

Worried Senate Republican leaders called a closed-door huddle of their own to consider their course in the blazing fight which pits Republican against Republican in this campaign year.

Sen. Mundt (R-SD), the man McCarthy picked to preside at the inquiry, started a last-ditch

Senate Asked To Vote On Chavez Case

WASHINGTON (U)—The Senate Rules Committee decided today to ask the Senate to vote on whether to unseat Sen. Chavez (D-N.M.).

The committee, voting on straight party lines, adopted a 5-4 investigating subcommittee report which recommended that the 1952 New Mexico senatorial election be voided because of "flagrant" irregularities.

Patricio J. Hurley, former secretary of war, was the Republican candidate in the election.

The subcommittee said there was an "appalling" lack of secrecy and other transgressions during the balloting.

If Chavez were unseated, New Mexico's Republican governor, Edwin L. Mechem, would name a successor—undoubtedly a Republican.

The Chavez issue could affect the control of the Senate. There now are 48 Democrats, including Chavez, 47 Republicans and one Independent.

Senate action on the resolution is expected to be taken Monday or Tuesday. Earlier, it had appeared the Senate might act before the end of this week.

The Senate will vote on a resolution which declares "no person was elected" in the New Mexico contest.

A copy of the resolution, which declares a vacancy exists in the Senate, was directed to be sent to Gov. Mechem.

The committee rejected amendments offered by two Democratic members, Sen. Hennings of Missouri and Hayden of Arizona.

Hennings, lone Democrat on the subcommittee, asked rejection for the report filed by Republican Sens. Barrett of Wyoming and Potter of Michigan. They made up the majority in the 5-4 subcommittee recommendation.

Hennings said that "after an extensive and thorough investigation requiring 13 months and the expenditure of over \$300,000 has been had, it now appears that there is no evidence whatsoever to sustain any charge of fraud, misdoing or impropriety attributable to Sen. Dennis Chavez, his managers, agents or others responsible to him in any way whatsoever."

The subcommittee majority, while critical of the conduct of the election, said it was not "casting any aspersions" on Chavez personally.



PERCY AND HIS BRIDE . . . still friendly

Bilked Bride Would Dismiss Complaint

NEW YORK (U)—Mrs. Dwyll, the lawyer brought him and his Prather Herman, 67, wanted to wife together. The money and jewels were intact in safe deposit boxes, the attorney said.

The couple was reunited yesterday through an attorney for the husband, Percy William Herman, 49. The lawyer said Herman had "good reasons" for disappearing March 5 after his marriage was but a day old.

Apparently Mrs. Herman of Palm Beach, Fla., agreed she chatted and laughed with Herman before and after his hearing stemming from the complaint she had filed in Richmond, Va. She told U. S. Commissioner Edward W. McDonald she now wanted to withdraw the complaint.

McDonald ordered Herman held in \$10,000 bail, however, until a check could be made with the U. S. attorney in Richmond.

Herman's attorney, Daniel J. Edson, gave this account of the husband's disappearance after the couple drove to Fredericksburg, Va., following their wedding in Palm Beach:

They reached Fredericksburg after a 20-hour drive during which Herman kept himself awake with stimulants. He left his wife at a motor court and went to find a garage to have the automatic window mechanism of their expensive convertible car repaired.

While seeking a garage, he felt he was being followed by people in another automobile. Fearing for the \$24,000 in cash and \$39,000 in jewels still in the car, he headed out of town.

He left the car in Paterson, N.J., took a train to New York and went to a hotel where he slept for 48 hours. On waking, he could not remember what had happened to his wife until he read in newspapers that she had filed a complaint against him.

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EVENING PRAYER

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, there are so many every day who desire to see Jesus. Help us this day and all the days to make it possible for others to find Him, to see Him, and to know Him. In His name we pray. Amen.

Miami Temperature Equals Low For Date

MIAMI, Fla. (U)—The temperature dropped to 47 degrees here today, making it the coldest March 16 in 38 years.

The last time the temperature registered so low on this date was in 1918. It touched 47 that day, too.



Rescuers Hauled Her Up . . .
Lifeguards and police haul Sylvia Duell, 28, up a 35-foot ocean cliff in San Diego, Calif. Her husband, Delmar (lower circle) scrambled down to her after the earth gave way under her and dumped her into the ocean. He hauled her back onto the rocks and secured around her waist a rope lowered from the top.

... And She Collapsed Wet And Weary
Safely back on top of the bluff, Mrs. Duell collapsed from exhaustion. Other than the shock of the experience, her only injury was a cut leg. The couple had gone to the edge of the bluff to look at the ocean when the edge suddenly crumbled under Mrs. Duell. Their three children had remained in the car. (AP Wirephoto)

Extortion Try Against Max Factor Thwarted

LOS ANGELES (U)—An FBI agent, made up to look like makeup manufacturer Max Factor Jr., helped trap an unemployed man accused of trying to extort \$30,000 from Factor under threat of blasting him and his family with a time bomb.

Wendell Martin Ringholz, 47, of Northridge, father of three children, was arrested yesterday as he picked up a dummy bundle of money in an orange grove in San Fernando Valley.

The arrest climaxed week-long negotiations by letter, telephone and newspaper ad and marked the third time the package had been planted at spots designated

by the would-be extortionist. The first two times he apparently had been frightened off.

Last Thursday night, Factor, head of the cosmetics firm founded by his father, his wife Mildred and their son Donald, 15, left their Beverly Hills mansion after a man telephoned that a time bomb was hidden in a wall. Another son, George, 13, is in private school.

The FBI quoted Ringholz, who came here last November from Cleveland, Ohio, as saying he selected Factor after reading about him in "Who's Who." Ringholz was swiftly arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Howard Calverley and held under \$10,000 bond on a charge of using the mails in an extortion attempt. His preliminary hearing will be April 5.

Factor said he received the first extortion letter last Tuesday. He was told to place an ad in a newspaper, bundle up \$30,000 in small bills and await further instructions. He notified the FBI immediately.

Last Thursday, following publication of the ad, Factor was told over the telephone to drive to a small red British sports car and leave the money behind a small white fence.

AGENT DOUBLES
An FBI agent, disguised as Factor, carried out the instructions.

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OUR WEATHER

Generally fair weather through Thursday. Rising temperatures today, but cold again tonight with frost.

Low temperature this morning 31 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight 29 degrees.

High temperature yesterday 46 degrees.

High temperature expected today 33 degrees.

Sunrise 6:33 a.m.; sunset 6:31 p.m.

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"Fit for a King"

Read

a Timely Tip

From

Betty Boyer

Tomorrow

in the

Grocery News