



Walter Bedell Smith (left) Talks To Newsmen. (AP Wirephoto).

## Smith Ready To Leave For Geneva

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP)—Under Secretary of State Walter Bedell Smith leaves for Geneva today to throw American prestige into the crucial drive to negotiate with the Communists acceptable terms for ending the war in Indochina.

Administration leaders were convinced that misunderstandings threatening Big Three unity will be eliminated among the United States, Britain and France.

The decision for Smith to return to Geneva was taken primarily because Secretary of State Dulles obtained in Paris two days ago assurances from Premier Pierre Mendes-France that the French government will not make a peace of surrender. Dulles returned with that word yesterday.

**PRESSING PLANS**  
Here in Washington, meanwhile, Dulles is pressing plans for a collective defense of Southeast Asia which may serve (A) to secure non-Communist parts of Indochina from further Red aggression in event of a settlement or (B) to pave the way for possible quick intervention if the war continues.

Highly authoritative sources said Dulles told President Eisenhower and the National Security Council yesterday that Mendes-France assured him France's final terms for an Indochina settlement would be terms which the United States could live with.

Dulles arranged to discuss the results of his quick Paris mission with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today after Smith's scheduled takeoff.

Informants said the President and National Security Council had approved the results of Dulles' mission.

Difficulties began a week ago when Dulles decided there was great danger of French Premier Mendès-France's final terms for the deadline of next Tuesday which he has set for himself. Dulles apparently concluded that the United States would have to denounce the prospective settlement and that this could be done with the least harm if the United States made high-level representation at Geneva.

Mendes-France and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden urged him to reconsider and either go to Geneva or send Smith. Their argument was that the Western Powers should not show a divided front to the solid Communist bloc of Russia, Red China and Vietnam (the Communist party in northern Viet Nam, Indochina).

Dulles flew to Paris Monday on the basis of assurances from Mendes-France he decided, with Eisenhower's approval, to assign Smith back to Geneva.

**RICE FROM CHINA**  
TOKYO (AP)—Japan will import 20,000 tons of rice from Red China in return for ammonium sulphate. Kyodo news service said today.

## OUR WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness, cooler today with possibly some light morning showers. Partly cloudy tonight. Saturday mostly fair with moderate temperatures.

High temperature yesterday—74 degrees.  
High temperature expected today—89 degrees.  
Low temperature this morning—71 degrees.  
Low temperature expected tonight—65 degrees.  
High temperature expected for tomorrow—86 degrees.  
Sunrise 5:20 a.m.; sunset 7:38 p.m.

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## Reds Drive French For Truce

By EDDY GILMORE

GENEVA (AP)—French Premier Pierre Mendes-France raced the clock today in a quest to win an Indochina cease-fire based on division of Viet Nam at the 16th parallel. But his efforts were set back by a fruitless four-hour session with Russia's stubborn V. M. Molotov.

French sources said last night's meeting with the Soviet foreign minister resulted in a complete deadlock. Both sides stuck to their positions and no progress was achieved, the informants said.

The partitioning of disputed Viet Nam was said to have been the main topic of the parley which broke up early this morning.

**PROPOSED LINE**  
Mendes-France was reported to have pressed for a cease-fire line running from Dong Hoi on the Vietnamese coast, westward to Thanhkinh, on the Laotian border.

Western diplomats said the Communists seemed willing to do business, but that they were kicking for a bigger chunk of Viet Nam—most important of the three forces.

## Girl 'Thrilled' With Idea Of Slaying Mother

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP)—Christchurch court was told today that 16-year-old Pauline Parker, accused with a girl friend of murdering her mother, had detailed the plans for the killing in her diary with the notation "we are both thrilled with the idea."

"Why couldn't mother die? Thousands are dying daily so why not mother?" the diary said. A later entry noted: "Naturally we feel a little nervous but the pleasure of anticipation is very great."

The Parker girl and Juliet Hume, also 16, were ordered to be tried on a charge of murdering Mrs. Honora Mary Parker, Pauline's mother, beaten to death in a park last June 22 with a brick wrapped in a stocking. This session was a preliminary hearing. The girls exchanged smiles and whispers and scribbled or pieces of paper as the hearing proceeded.

Witnesses described the girls as imperishable companions who wrote unpublished novels and operas together and who planned to go to America together to have some of their works published.

The court was told the Parker girl wrote in her diary April 28 that her mother was "one of the main obstacles in my path. If she were to die..."

Then on June 21, the court was told, the girls drew sketches. "We have decided to use a rock in a stocking rather than a sandbag. We discussed the matter excitedly. The happy event is to take place tomorrow afternoon."

"The next time I write in my diary mother will be dead."

"How odd, yet how pleasing."

Then on June 22, the court was told, the entry read:

"The cooler air extended from Kansas and Oklahoma eastward over Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio to the North Atlantic coastal states. Daytime temperatures in that area yesterday were 10 to 25 degrees cooler than on the preceding day."

# Blasts Rip Maryland Explosives Factory

## Nine Bodies Recovered; Toll Unknown

90-Minute Series  
Tears Plant Apart

CHESTERTOWN, Md. (AP)—Rescue workers fought their way into the blazing ruins of a fireworks and explosive plant about 1:25 p.m. (EDT) today and brought out nine bodies.

A 90-minute series of explosions had rocked the Kent Manufacturing Co. plant earlier today. It was known that 275 persons were at work, but flames and continuing explosions prevented rescue operations for hours after the first blast.

Tom Small, a worker who said he was in the first building that blew up, earlier reported seeing a man on the ground near the building who appeared to be dead. Firemen and police cleared all houses in the area in fear the explosions and fire would reach large stores of lead oxide and other high explosives.

Sheriff Bartus Vickers moved to clear the whole town but the explosions seemed to diminish after noon.

Hundreds, including mothers fleeing baby carriages, streamed across the Chester peninsula.

## BULLETIN

CHICAGO (AP)—A series of blasts destroyed a small fireworks plant in Schiller Park, a western suburb of Chicago today. Police said three persons were killed and two injured.

River bridge into the neighboring county.

Chestertown has a population of about 3,100. It is directly across Chesapeake Bay from Baltimore and 56 miles south of Wilmington, Del.

The fireworks plant was opened here during World War II and has been making detonator fuses for the armed forces, as well as fireworks.

The first explosion was about 10:30 a.m. (EDT) and apparently let go in a plant where women workers put fireworks together on an assembly line.

Maynard Porter, foreman there, said he had been able to account for all but three of his crew members.

Among the 20 injured brought to Kent-Queen Annes Hospital were six listed as seriously.

The explosions grew in intensity as they spread through the plant, made up of 30 to 40 small buildings and two larger assembly houses on a 20-acre site.

Firemen reported at 1 p.m. that the fires were burning their way.

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McCarthy and His Subcommittee in First Meeting Since Hearing. (AP Wirephoto)

## At GOP Leader's Request

# McCarthy Cancels Defense Plant Probe

By G. MILTON KELLY

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) today cancelled at the request of Senate Republican leaders his plans to open hearings in Boston Saturday on alleged Communist infiltration of defense plants.

Sen. Knowland (Calif.) disclosed this in the Senate when Sen. Flanders (R-Vt.) began a speech protesting McCarthy's plans.

Knowland interrupted and announced that McCarthy "has agreed to cooperate." He told Flanders "it will not be necessary to object."

Minutes later, Francis P. Carr, the McCarthy subcommittee's staff director, announced cancellation of the scheduled Boston hearing.

Carr said McCarthy had agreed, at Knowland's request, not to have any out of town sessions. He said McCarthy would have hearings here Monday and Tuesday to question some of the witnesses he had planned to interrogate in Boston, and that "ultimately we will have some hearings in Boston."

Knowland said in the Senate that he had called McCarthy, told him that the Senate plans to be in session all day Saturday and that McCarthy "agreed to cooperate and private industry instead of government operations."

A second reason for objecting Flanders said, is that "the senator McCarthy's plans because 'I doubt if the committee has jurisdiction.'" The Senate July 20 when Flanders

plans to seek a test on his efforts to have McCarthy fired from committee chairmanships or censured. On that same date, which is next Tuesday, McCarthy may face a new effort by some members of his investigations subcommittee to force a shake up of the subcommittee staff.

Sen. Potter (R-Mich.), who is pressing for a shake up, said "I'll stand pat" despite McCarthy's block of his first efforts.

## ANYBODY WANT TO BUY SET OF USED BRIDGES?

GRAND VIEW, N. Y. (AP)—Roland A. Wood bought a house here about two years ago but before he moved in a full-fledged stream began flowing right through the cellar.

A landscape architect diverted the stream south of the house, through the garden. Soon after that, Wood decided that little bridges, stepping stones and other aquatic embellishments would help his enjoyment of the tree-shaded brook. So, he had them built.

Life and the brook flow gently onward, until one day, about six months ago, Wood discovered another spring erupting in the middle of his lawn.

Far from being dismayed, he called the architect back and had the second brook diverted, this time to the north of the house.

And so, the "house with two brooks" became a landmark and even a pride of this suburban community northwest of New York City.

However, while Wood, an actor, was on a summer theater tour, men working on a New York thruway bridge nearby broke a water main Wednesday and the Spring Valley Water & Supply Co. rushed in repair apparatus.

While they were at it, they discovered a heretofore unknown leak. So they shut off the water for a few hours to repair it.

Just then, astonished neighbors saw the two brooks on Wood's property disappear. Soon they were completely dry. All that was left were bridges, stepping stones and all the things that used to help Wood enjoy the brooks.

Water company officials said the streams "definitely came from our pipes," and even dared to estimate them as flowing at 18 to 20 gallons a minute. As if beauty were measurable, Wood is expected home from his tour Saturday.

## Gifts To FHA Employees Called Usual Practice

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Richmond, Va., builder who said he is a former Federal Housing Administration official, told probing senators today it was a common practice for builders to give gifts to FHA employees.

Bertram Bonner of Richmond, New York and Florida said he would not call Powell an "int-profiteer of nearly a half million" friend but acknowledged under a barrage of questions that Powell had "dropped by and paid his respects" maybe once or twice, including once in Florida.

He said he did not recall that Powell ever stayed overnight with him.

Powell, former FHA official in charge of rental housing programs at the time Bonner built seven government-backed apartment projects, has twice refused to testify before the Senate Banking Committee in its probe of government housing programs. He stood on his constitutional rights not to be a witness against himself.

Chairman Capehart (R-Ind.) said at one point in the questioning of Bonner:

"It's like pulling teeth here to get information out of this gentleman."

Capehart asked Bonner if any FHA official had ever asked him for favors. Bonner said no, Capehart asked if Bonner ever gave anything to FHA employees.

Bonner said yes, "small token gifts, not of any consequence."

Bonner conceded the value of the gifts was around \$50. He said they went to "receptionists, switch-

boards operators" and others in that category, usually in the form of cigars, possibly cigars and the like.

Bonner said it was common practice for builders to present such gifts.

The committee also planned to dig into financial details of a big Long Island apartment project which housing officials say put up a half million dollars into British pockets.

As on its agenda was an appointment by William S. Banks, a known sponsor of an Arlington, Va., apartment and several others.

Capehart told newsmen in advance of today's public session that he is "particularly fascinated" with the Long Island project known as Oakland Gardens and located in Bayshore.

The de-lever section on the leading edge of the bomber was damaged, as was the aileron in the left wing. A hole was broken through another part of the wing.

His request for emergency landing procedures at the Boston airport at first led to reports that a crash had occurred over Boston.

There was a crew of four on the B29.

Hess, who is attached to the Air Defense Command at Griffiss Air Force Base, Rome, N.Y., said he saw a fighter plane go over, and that a B29 bomber was about 1,000 feet above when his plane was damaged.

Long Lunch Period  
Decreed By Chinese

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—A long, leisurely lunch followed by a nap will be the order of the day for Chinese Nationalist government employees for the next two months.

The government today ordered a four-hour lunch period, from noon to 4 p.m., to give workers some relief from Taipei's scorching summer heat.

## WHAT'S INSIDE

U. S. FOREIGN POLICY IS FALTERING, says the lead editorial in today's News. The editors have some suggestions about foreign policy, and reprint comments on Asia by Gen. MacArthur. Associate Justice Douglas and former Ambassador Bowles on today's editorial page, 8-A.

EVERYBODY WANTS A TREASURE, and now there's a way to get one without moving off your property. There's a map that tells you how to locate a treasure buried in your backyard. You'll find it in the daily feature, TRY-IT, on page 2-B.

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THESE ARE THE SYMBOLS local telephone users will deal with after July 24th. Advertisers will change the dialing procedure and every number in the city. New books will be distributed July 19.