

Parition Agreement Brings Cease-Fire Near

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REPORT ON THE ORDINANCE PLANT

Would Divide Viet Nam At 17th Parallel

U. S. Takes No Part In Agreement

GENEVA (AP)—East and West with the United States standing aside, agreed late today to partition Viet Nam roughly along the 17th Parallel, a French source said. He reported only technical difficulties remained to be settled before signing of a cease-fire agreement for Indochina.

The partition line, it was said, will run about 12 miles north of important Highway No. 9, leading from Quang Tri on the coastal road to Savannakhet in Laos.

The French source said the issues involving Viet Nam were all settled with fixing of the partition line. Only a few language difficulties remained in the peace provisions concerning Laos and Cambodia.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden of Britain and Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov left the meeting where the final details of the peace were being completed in the afternoon for an hour's recess. They were scheduled to return later for another meeting with French Premier Mendes-France and Pham Van Dong, the Viet Minh Foreign Minister.

Mendes-France was reported by French sources to be cautious, but "very optimistic." He was pledged to resign as premier unless a cease-fire agreement is reached by midnight.

The two major obstacles to the signing of an armistice appeared surmounted and conference quarters said an agreement before midnight appeared certain.

A highly reliable source, who declined to be identified, said the Communists have agreed to the United States would be listed among the powers approving the multilateral general declaration to be issued at the close of the session.

It was learned that the Chinese Communists, who originally asked that the United States be included in the list, were now not inclined to insist on this point. This block, thrown into the negotiation at the 11th hour, had dampened optimism for a while.

A responsible Laotian source said that agreement also was reached on the question of regroupment of "resistance forces" in Laos and the withdrawal of an estimated 10,000 Viet Minh troops that in kind within 60 days.

A few minor issues remained to be settled.

An American source said the British officially informed the U. S. delegation late today that they insisted on the listing of the United States in the declaration's preamble had been dropped.

The French said the atmosphere at a luncheon given by French Premier Mendes-France for China's Chou En-lai was cordial and political matters were discussed only perfunctorily.



PHAN VAN DONG
Vietnamese Minister Sits In Car. (AP Wirephoto).

Builder Says GOP Had Powell Fired

WASHINGTON (AP)—David Muss, a New York builder of government insured apartments, testified today to Senate probes today that he described the committee letter as saying, in Muss' own words, that the GOP committee had "been waiting for some time" to have Powell dismissed.

Muss told the Senate Banking Committee that Guy T. Holliday, administrator of the Federal Housing Administration, had sent Powell a letter last March asking him to leave.

Enclosed in that letter, Muss said, was another from the GOP in a letter to a committee. Muss described the committee letter as saying, in Muss' own words, that the GOP committee had "been waiting for some time" to have Powell dismissed.

Muss said Powell showed him a copy of that letter shortly after, at a time when Muss and his partner, Norman K. Winston, were considering hiring Powell at \$12,000 a year plus a small interest in the Muss-Winston building business. That was about the amount of Powell's government salary, Muss said.

Powell twice has refused to testify before the Banking Committee headed by Sen. Caphart (R-Ind.). Both times he stood on the Fifth Amendment, which says no person shall be compelled to testify against himself.

Muss said that when the housing scandals broke on April 5 he and Winston gave up all interest in hiring Powell, now 57, who had gotten in touch with Winston early this year.

The questioning of Muss came as the committee planned to study the operations of a group of Swiss investors who reportedly profited from U. S. government insured housing construction.

Committee sources said the Swiss businessmen reaped about half a reported over profit of more than a million dollars on the Billy Mitchell Village project in San Antonio, Tex., and a second project in New York.

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Cohn Resigns As Top Aide To McCarthy

Counsel Steps Out Under Pressure

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. McCarthy (R-Wisc) today announced the resignation of Roy M. Cohn, chief counsel of his Senate investigations subcommittee and No. 1 target of members demanding a staff shake-up.

McCarthy made the announcement in a statement just two hours before a scheduled closed door meeting at which committee members were to select Cohn and others were set to seek a show-down vote.

"The resignation of Roy Cohn must bring great satisfaction to the Communists and fellow travelers," McCarthy said.

"The smears and pressures to which he has been subjected make it clear that an effective anti-Communist cannot long survive on the Washington scene."

McCarthy made public a letter in which Cohn said he was resigning because "there appears to be a lack of unanimity among the members of the investigations subcommittee upon the question of continuing my services as chief counsel."

Actually, the committee was reported to be lined up 4-3 in favor of firing Cohn.

Before McCarthy's announcement, there had been widely published reports that Cohn was resigning.

The Chicago Tribune quoted Cohn as saying, "I feel that my helplessness to the subcommittee has been brought to the vanishing point. In any future investigation in which I appeared as chief counsel, all the slanders voiced against me would be repeated to minimize the evidence presented."

Cohn's resignation letter was prepared, McCarthy's prepared statement of comment on it bore today's date, and it testified in his absence from his office.

While McCarthy did not state specifically that he was accepting the resignation, he spoke of the young lawyer's withdrawal as an accomplished fact.

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IT'S DIFFERENT!
RALPH — Comment by Portland, Conn., man thanking the State Advertising Division for North Carolina vacation literature.

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ARA PIASTRO ROY COHN MORTIMER DAVIS
McCarthy Counsel Talks To Reporters About Resignation. (AP Wirephoto).

Finishing Touches Social Security Goal Cut

By JOE HALL
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Finance Committee meets today to put finishing touches on a bill to change social security to about six million persons instead of the 10 million President Eisenhower asked.

In a burst of speed yesterday the committee virtually completed the closed-door voting on legislation to liberalize and broaden the 18-year-old program.

The senators accepted without change the increases in benefits and tax base recommended by the President. But they revote coverage provisions to cut sharply the number of additional persons the administration had suggested for social security.

The increased benefits, as in the House-approved bill, would mean an average \$8-a-month boost for the five million persons over 65 now on social security rolls.

The new average monthly payment would be about \$7. Everyone on the rolls now and retiring in the future would get a minimum \$5-a-month hike over present scales.

In addition, benefit formulas would be liberalized so that, for instance, the maximum payment to a retired individual would be \$106.50 a month instead of \$85 as at present.

The major coverage change made by the Senate committee was to eliminate entirely from social security 3,600,000 farm operators and 500,000 professional persons, such as doctors, lawyers, dentists and engineers.

This was a reversal of its vote last week to put them in on a voluntary basis. Members explained yesterday it was felt that if coverage were optional, only those likely to receive the most benefits and pay the least taxes would enter the system.

The committee voted to extend compulsory coverage to an additional 2,600,000 farm hands. The House bill would bring in only 1,300,000 more. About 700,000 are covered under present law.

Under the Senate version, any farm worker paid \$50 in cash by an employer in a three-month period would be covered.

The committee approved voluntary coverage of about 3 1/2 million state and local government employees now under local retirement plans. They would vote whether or not to go under the federal system.

New Setup Will Employ 1,500 People

Guided Missiles To Be Produced

The Defense Dept. announced today that the Charlotte Quartermaster Depot will be changed to the Charlotte Ordnance Missile Plant, and will employ 1,500 persons.

The first word of this facility was received here by telegram to The News from Gen. Charles Raper Jonas in Washington.

Rep. Jonas' telegram said: "The Defense Dept. has just announced a new project for Charlotte which will provide employment for 1,500 people by the first of the year."

"This will be accomplished by transferring the facilities of the QM Depot to Ordnance."

The new facility will be known as the Charlotte Ordnance Missile Plant and will be used for the production of Nike under civilian control.

"An effort will be made to absorb the 150 employees of the QM Depot in the new installation."

"This should provide a substantial increase in payrolls and purchasing power and be stimulating to the Charlotte area."

The QM Depot, operated here since World War II, occupies several massive buildings on Statesville Ave.

The Nike is one of the Army's guided missiles, used in anti-aircraft combat.

The announcement, while not expected, was not a complete surprise to some persons who had expected the depot to be closed.

Employees at the depot had heard rumors that the depot was to be closed and many were fearful of losing their jobs.

The armed services recently conducted a survey to see which of the depots could be closed and which should be kept open.

Rumors had even been heard that the depot was to be made an Air Force depot.

The roll call vote was 234-156. The showdown came on a motion by Rep. Spence (D-N.C.) to re-store the Eisenhower proposal for 140,000 government-built, low-rent public housing units over the next 20 years.

Atomic Power Vote Delayed

WASHINGTON (AP)—Majority Leader Knowland (R-Calif.) said today that by "conducting a filibuster to prevent a vote" Senate foes of the administration's atomic energy legislation are acknowledging they are licked.

"You don't filibuster if you have the votes," Knowland told newsmen shortly before the Senate began a session two hours earlier than usual to continue debate on the measure.

Knowland said every effort would be made to shut off talk and force a showdown vote on the legislation in the afternoon.

But Sen. Gore (D-Tenn.), who has been acting as signal caller for opponents of the bill, was not so optimistic.

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio (AP)—It began to bleed today as though he began to bleed since July 6, might live.

"His condition is still critical but it is no longer desperate," his doctor said last night.

Since the slender, tow-headed son of a Middletown automobile dealer had his tonsils taken out early this month, there has been some trouble in his blood stream.

Certain elements have been lacking and his blood hasn't been able to clot.

Bleeding Boy Reported In Improved Condition

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IT COULDN'T BE DONE — BUT THEY DID IT

RODANTIE (AP)—The "Graveday of the Atlantic" has given up a 1,200-ton Honduran vessel to three "landlubbers" who worked two months to salvage their prize.

The Omar Bahan ran aground during stormy seas May 14. Her 14 crewmen were rescued by breeches buoy. Seafaring men had said the vessel couldn't be retrieved.

The salvage work was done by Worth W. Canipe, 61, his son, E. A. (Nip) Canipe, 40, and grandson, Mack Edward Canipe, 18, natives of Cleveland, Ohio. The three steamed off with their prize for Norfolk, Va., after a tugboat pulled the vessel into deep water.

One estimate of the profit from the salvage work ran to \$100,000. The Canipes used the ship to edge the Omar Bahan off the shoreline.

Girl Found Strangled, Shot In Lovers' Lane

JOLIET, Ill. (AP)—A 19-year-old Bogart, an attractive brunette apparently was slain while resisting sexual advances.

Doerfler said the car's ownership had been traced to Donald Stefanch, a 39-year-old bachelor, of Joliet, but that officers had been unable to find him.

Authorities theorized that Miss Bogart was slain at some other spot and her body then driven to the lovers' lane.

The dead girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bogart of Joliet, are on vacation and have not been notified, the sheriff said. The mother and father were to have left Port Orchard, Wash., today.

OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and rather hot today and tomorrow. Fair and warm tonight.

High temperature yesterday—90 degrees.

EVENING PRAYER

Eternal Father, we bless Thee for the gift of Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Through faith in Him we not only know Thy good and acceptable will, but we also have the power to achieve it.

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Public Housing Move Defeated

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House today defeated a last-ditch drive, led by Democrats, to enact President Eisenhower's proposal for 140,000 government-built, low-rent public housing units over the next 20 years.

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Today's Highway Death Summary

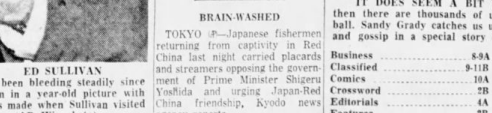
RALEIGH (AP)—The Motor Vehicle Department's report of 24 ways deaths and injuries for the 21 hours ending at 10 a.m. today:

Killed (total) 15
Killed (rural) 1
Killed this year 461
Killed to date last year 579
Injured to May 1, 1954 4,402
Injured to May 1, 1953 4,509

WHAT'S INSIDE

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EDDIE PHILLIPS ED SULLIVAN
The six-year-old boy, who has been bleeding steadily since a tonsillectomy on July 6, is shown in a year-old picture with father Ed Sullivan. The photo was made when Sullivan visited Eddie's hometown, Middletown, Ohio. (AP Wirephoto).