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NEW YORK — The first wife of Jack Benny's new son-in-law is an innocent party in this matter, she... may be injured by the publicity.

Her attorney for stock broker Robert H. Baker, 28, made this claim in asking that reporters be barred from court to protect Baker and his new wife, the former Joan Benny, 15.

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Landau said her client, a blonde model, married Baker in Florence, S. C., July 19, 1951, while he was an Army private.

They kept the wedding secret from his family. Landau said.

"When Baker's father found out about the marriage, Landau timed, he put economic pressure on his son and a Virgin Islands divorce was obtained Jan. 13, 1953.

However, Landau continued, the two lived together for nearly 12 months after the divorce or shortly before Baker met Miss Benny these papers is that Joan Benny on New Year's Day, 1954.



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Attackers Suffer Staggering Losses

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Rebel artillery opened another bombardment in the five-day battle for the strategic plain in the mountains of northwest Indochina and it may be the prelude to another mass infantry attack tonight.

Key French positions were the targets of 100 and 75 millimeter guns.

But American-supplied French guns responded shot for shot and the mass attacks so far—according to a conservative French Army estimate—have cost the rebels 2,000 killed. Among those killed, it is estimated 8,000 have been wounded.

FOURTH CASUALTIES The garrison—Frenchmen, Foreign Legionnaires, Algerians, Moroccans, Vietnamese and friendly Thai tribesmen—was outnumbered about 4-to-1 at the outset Friday. It has suffered losses described as appreciable, but is receiving reinforcements by air.

It is too early to say the victory has been won. But, barring an unforeseen assault ending disastrously for the French, there was more than a good chance that the Vietminh were not going to succeed in smashing this French stronghold in the Thai tribal country at the border of Viet Nam and Laos.

Dien Bien Phu means "border area." It is not much as a town. It has scattered collections of straw-batched huts that are taking beating in the gunfire.

PROVISIONAL CAPITAL But it is the provisional capital of the Thais, who moved their tribal government there after the French abandoned the old capital of Lai Chau to the rebels last fall, and a gateway to both Laos and the Red China border area.

adjacent northwest Viet Nam. The broad plain around it has grown rice for the few hundred villagers and grass for cattle.

The French chopped out brush and other growth after seizing Dien Bien Phu from the rebels in a parachute drop last Nov. 20. That cleared the fields of fire for the counterattacks they expected would follow.

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