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Wilson Defends Official Accuse By McCarthy

Homebuilding Group Assailed By Senator

Capehart Charges 'Crucifixion' Effort

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Capehart (R-Ind.) today accused the National Assn. of Homebuilders of "trying to crucify this administration" and the Senate Banking Committee for their probe of multi-million dollar housing scandals.

Capehart, chairman of the Banking Committee, told R. G. Hughes, president of the Homebuilders: "We are not going to permit you or any other person... to fleece the American people." He said he did not "believe in your trying to beat the brains out of a committee (which is) trying to do an honest job."

Capehart's outbreak came just after he read a statement issued by Hughes last week when the housing scandals broke into the open.

This statement cautioned against a "circus atmosphere" which would "give the Federal Housing Administration a false reputation" and stated, according to Capehart, that "investigations make big headlines."

Hughes, on behalf of the Homebuilders, disputed charges that the government is millions of dollars out of pocket and that too-high rents have resulted from alleged widespread abuses under the government's loan insurance program.

The committee is investigating allegations that some apartment builders raked in "unconscionable" profits by obtaining oversized loans through either dishonesty or ineffectiveness of the part of FHA officials.

"The impression that the government has lost millions of dollars and that tenants have been charged excessive rents is, in my opinion, erroneous," Hughes said in prepared testimony.

Yesterday, Commissioner T. Coleman Andrews of the Internal Revenue Service told the Senate-House Committee on Reduction of Nonessential Federal Expenditures that builders of 1,149 apartment projects under a multi-deferent "middle income" housing program piled up 65 million dollars in excessive profits under the loan guarantee device. Andrews said his agents so far have found no evidence of tax fraud.

The Senate-House group is running a simultaneous probe of the housing scandals and its chairman, Sen. Byrd (D-W.Va.) said yesterday that overvaluation of apartment housing projects had pushed rents in them up to 25 per cent higher than they would otherwise have been. Byrd termed these thousands of renters "the first losers."

Hughes contended that FHA figures show "a surprisingly low percentage of defaults" on government-backed apartment building loans. It was only when a builder defaulted on such a loan that the government had to make good.

But Hughes said official reports show that as of the end of last year, FHA had been called upon to fulfill its insurance contracts on only 287 out of 7,046 projects involved in the post-World War II program that died in 1950.

He said "much damage" already has been done to the entire FHA program, even though the charges made cover less than 1 per cent of that agency's mortgage insurance program.

OUR WEATHER

Sunny and warm today, fair and mild tonight. Tomorrow, partly cloudy and continued warm, with a chance of showers.

High temperature yesterday, 78 degrees; high expected today, 83 degrees; high expected tomorrow, 85 degrees.

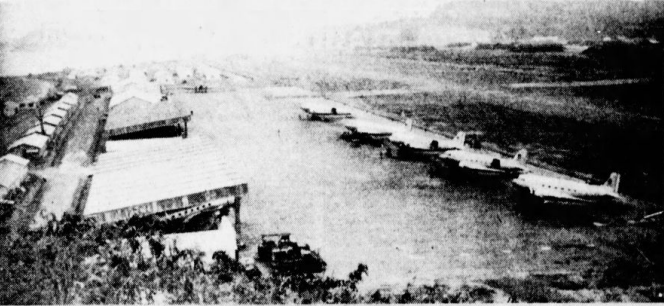
Low temperature this morning, 57 degrees; low expected tonight, 60 degrees; low expected tomorrow night, 61 degrees.

Sunrise, 5:44 a.m.; sunset, 7 p.m.

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CHOW CALL is answered by American Air Force men, troops in Indochina. These men work on planes which fly working to supply French forces fighting Redded Vietnam.



AMERICAN PLANES, a part of the U. S. aid sent to northern part of the country. These pictures are among the first made of American units sent East. (AP Wirephoto)

Reinforcements For Fortress

U. S. Ferrying French Troops To Asia

By CHARLES C. LANE

PARIS (AP)—The U. S. Air Force is ferrying French paratroopers to Indochina for dropping into besieged Dien Bien Phu, authoritative sources said today.

These sources said the American pilots would land the troops in a non-combat area, where French pilots or American civilians would ferry them on to the northwest Indochina fortress.

The paratroopers were flown from Paris' big Orly airfield yesterday in U. S. Air Force transport planes. They have not yet arrived in Indochina.

The number of jumpers being ferried and the route followed are military secrets.

The U. S. Air Force provided the air lift at the request of the French government.

The American government considers this action compatible with U. S. policy and the American military assistance program to France and Indochina, prominent American sources said.

It was learned that the U. S. Air Force also will ferry French troops from North Africa to Indochina, though American sources here considered the Franco-Indochina operation a "one-shot" affair.

The departure point from North Africa meanwhile was kept secret.

Although officials would not say how many troops were being ferried, French Army Secretary Pierre De Chevigne addressed the 7th battalion of French commando paratroopers at Quimper Sunday and told them they were leaving immediately for Indochina without the month's leave usually granted before overseas duty.

"You leave in exceptional circumstances," Chevigne told the troops after a parade, "which have forced us to call on you for sacrifices."

"To aid our comrades at Dien Bien Phu we are putting into the battle all our forces."

He added these reinforcements would permit throwing troops already in Indochina into the Dien Bien Phu battle immediately.

"You yourself may have the glory of fighting at Dien Bien Phu," Chevigne said.

The United States already is supplying the French with fighters, attack bombers and transport planes for their fight against the Vietminh. Some 200 American Air Force ground personnel have been stationed in Indochina to help maintain these planes.

Twenty-five or more American civilians under private contract also are piloting some of the transport planes, carrying supplies to Dien Bien Phu, but no American Air Force personnel have taken part in the flying operations in the combat zone.

French and Vietnamese — of Hanoi.

The French have been unable since March 25 to get a plane in to evacuate the hundreds of wounded inside the fortress because of the constant pounding of the airstrip by mortar and artillery fire from the Communist besiegers. That was 12 days after the Vietminh launched their first all-out assault by suicidal waves of fanatical troops to seize the northwest Indochina fortress.

Waves of transport planes still drop the supplies—guns, ammunition, food and medical supplies—and reinforcements needed to maintain the French Union forces standing boldly against outnumbering rebels.

The Vietminh ignored repeated appeals by the French to stop firing long enough to permit evacuation of the wounded.

De Castries in his appeal said hurt men were asking constantly for fruit juices and condensed milk. An earlier appeal by a Hanoi newspaper met with no response.

The French high command in Hanoi said in its morning communication that the fortress had gone through another "quiet night" last night. This meant the Vietminh still had not launched an expected new mass attack in an effort to overcome by sheer numbers the superior firepower of the defenders and finally give up the French Union fortress.

But the enemy continued to tighten its grip gradually around the fortress. Maintaining continuous artillery and mortar fire from the surrounding jungle-covered hills, the Vietminh have grabbed off bit by bit of the outer defenses, forcing the French to pull themselves into a breathing, hard-core circle of deep-dug bunkers and mazes of barbed wire entanglements.

Heroic Action At Fire Credited To Linesmen

Police credited three Southern Bell telephone workmen today with heroic action which saved the lives of two of four children inside a flaming house on Hovick a.m.

An oil stove exploded inside the home of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Boone, 502 Hovick Cir., in Thornabrook section, shortly after 4 a.m.

County police officer L. R. Broome said that two telephone linemen — D. E. Matheson of Newell and E. B. Springs, Rt. 5, Charlotte—were at work across the street with another telephone employe, James Glean, Negro.

The telephone men smelled kerosene and smoke and dashed across the street into the single-story frame house as the interior fire broke and exploded, sending flames quickly into the remainder of the house.

One of the linemen credited with saving lives of the two children, Mr. Matheson, is a member of the Newell Volunteer Fire Dept. The Boone children are aged one, two, four and five years. The children's father was flown from home at the time of the blaze.

EVENING PRAYER

Oh God, we are made in Thy likeness. Help us to have a greater awareness of Thy Spirit dwelling within ourselves and within each and every one of our fellowmen. Help us to realize our glorious spiritual heritage, that we may not in thought or word or deed deny Thy divinity within ourselves. In Jesus name. Amen.

G McGINNIS ERECTED

NEW ERECTED MONUMENT BY Patrick B. McGinnis, 65-year-old New York financier, was elected president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad today.

Denies Hensel Man Behind Army's Case

Hearings On Dispute Open Tomorrow

By JOHN CHADWICK

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Defense Wilson said today he believes H. Struve Hensel is a "competent, honest man" and doesn't believe Hensel masterminded Army charges against Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) as the senator contends.

If he didn't believe in Hensel, Wilson told a news conference, Hensel would not have his present post of assistant secretary of defense. Speaking generally, Wilson said the Army-McCarthy row has "done no good" to military morale or helped to meet the problems confronting the nation.

"Personally, he said, he feels 'in these critical times men of good will ought to get together to solve these problems.'

Wilson said Hensel brought Hensel's name into the row yesterday when he filed "bill of particulars" with the Senate Investigations subcommittee outlining the contents of the speech.

"A brief sketch of the personalities and a summary of the issues involved in the Army-McCarthy hearings is on Page 3 A of today's issue."

Hensel will seek to prove in the televised public hearing set to open at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

EXPLOSION 'NEAR'

McCarthy contended that concern that he was about to expose "misconduct" and "possibly law violations" by Hensel led Army officials to attempt to discredit him.

The Army officials chiefly involved in the long row with the senator are Secretary Robert T. Stevens and Army Counselor John G. Harbo.

A reporter asked whether Wilson "agreed" with McCarthy that Hensel was "guilty of possible law violations."

Wilson checked, paused, then answered "no."

He pointed out the general effects of the whole row, Wilson said that it not only had done no good to military morale. It has also, he commented, done no good to the military as a whole. "I don't think it's going to help."

Hensel, a government official for much of the time since 1941, was named to his present post by President Eisenhower and confirmed by the Senate without objection on Feb. 10.

Barre faced lies," he said had to a statement by McCarthy saying that he was seeking to dodge investigation "for misconduct and possible law violations." Harbo accused the senator of an "attempted smear... a diversionary tactic."

Texans Hear Sen. McCarthy

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy came to an American shrine of battle today to deliver his last-minute speech before the start of his own bitter clash with the Army.

He refused to discuss the contents of the speech.

But he evidently was attaching more than usual importance to it. Long after midnight, he was still working like hell on the manuscript as a friend sitting beside him put it. McCarthy said earlier he had already dictated a two-hour draft, but hadn't decided how much to retain.

He speaks at the site of the battle of San Jacinto. Here, 118 years ago, a small band of Texas men defeated Mexican forces in the third and final battle of Texas to become an independent nation.

The invitation was extended to McCarthy by the San Jacinto chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas.

DARES SENATOR

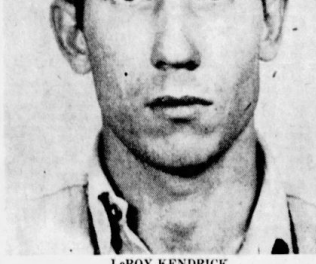
Hensel also challenged McCarthy to repeat his accusations in some form when he would not have the possibility for law violations."

Harbo said that the formal statement of the subcommittee, if McCarthy does that, Hensel said, "I will guarantee a law suit."

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Thursday Hearings Not On Local Air

Tomorrow's first session of the McCarthy - Army hearing will not be televised locally. The hearing is open to television but program departments at WTV and WAYS-TV reported that the stations are not planning to carry the telecast.



Escapee Labeled As 'Dangerous'

By DONALD MACDONALD

CHARLOTTE (AP)—A man who escaped from the State Prison for Criminally Insane—31-year-old Leroy Kendrick of Charlotte—was the object of a state-wide police search today, wanted as suspect for stealing a First Ward School teacher's automobile and for the attempted rape of a 15-year-old Negro girl.

Labeled by police as "dangerous," Kendrick has a long record of storebreaking and larceny, house burglary and forgery.

County police said a young Negro girl who lives off Plaza Rd. East, got a identified Kendrick by photo as the man who attempted at knifepoint to rape her earlier last night, yesterday.

City officers have sent a state-wide radio broadcast urging capture of Kendrick and identifying him as the thief who posed as a city engineering department employee and stole the auto of Mrs. Margaret Hayes from Brevard St. yesterday morning.

Mrs. Hayes told police that a man offered to move her car from Brevard St. After giving the man her car keys, Mrs. Hayes returned to her classroom. A short while later—when the man did not return—she managed to escape after the attempted rape of the young Negro girl occurred, county police said, in a wooded area off Mallard Creek Rd.

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County Police Capt. Joe Whitley said a police picture of Kendrick was positively identified by the young girl as her would-be attacker.

LOCAL ADDRESS

Kendrick's last Charlotte address was listed as 122 W. Worthington Ave., where police apprehended him on January 13. He and a woman by the name of Fay Collins were charged with storebreaking and larceny and with receiving stolen goods, respectively, following a January 11 break-in at Black's Service Station and Store in Croft.

Groceries, clothing, pens, pocket knives, flashlights, costume jewelry.

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TODAY! Betty Boyer Brings You News Of Frozen T.V. Dinners The Whole Family Will Rave About ----- The New Sensational Plantation Spoon Bread Mix ----- Fine Coffee to Real Coffee Lovers ----- A New Shortening That's Never Too Hard—Always Creamy ----- Read The Grocery News Page 10-A

WHAT'S INSIDE

A THREE-WAY APPRAISAL is given Vice President Nixon's recent speech on Indochina on Page 6-A today. The editors of The News join with Doris Fleeson and Drew Pearson on the editorial page to evaluate his statement that U. S. troops might have to go back into action.

IF YOU'RE A HAPPY FELLOW but still like words words, turn to Page 2-B for the daily puzzle.

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