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Sgt. J. B. Stegall and student Gary Kruger survey acre of Wilmore bikes.

### Schedule Is Announced

## Bicycle Registration Begins

Issuance of bicycle license plates began full steam ahead today at Wilmore School, and police said at least 200 students would have tags by mid-afternoon.  
Tomorrow the three-man bicycle registration group from the City Police Dept. moves to Barringer, Merry Oaks, and Zeb Vance Schools for further registration of bikes owned by grammar school students.  
Traffic Capt. Lloyd W. Henkel, who said the initial registration at Wilmore School was "getting along fine," asked that junior high and senior high school students report to police headquarters on Saturday, April 27, to begin registering their bicycles. Beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, all junior and high school students owning bikes—plus youngsters under school age who own bicycles—will be issued license plates. Registration will continue until 2 p.m., and will begin again for these students on the following Saturday.  
Adults owning bikes and persons using bikes for commercial reasons may also get their tags at police headquarters Saturday morning.

### COUNCIL ORDER

City Council recently ordered bike registrations in an effort to help police identify owners of bicycles which are stolen and also to reduce bicycle thefts. Each person getting a license pays 25 cents for the tag and for a booklet giving bicycle safety rules.  
Sgt. George B. Livingston Jr. and James B. Stegall, with Officer Sam Hill, are in charge of the registration program. At Wilmore this morning, the officers were assisted by Mrs. Mary Massey of the City Traffic Division.  
"We have had splendid cooperation from the Wilmore School PTA," Sgt. Livingston said. "We greatly appreciate their help."

Registration schedule for the remainder of this week is as follows:  
Tuesday, April 27—Barringer, Merry Oaks and Zeb Vance Schools.  
Wednesday, April 28—Eastover School.  
Thursday, April 29—Myers Park Grammar School.  
Additional weekly schedules will be published at later dates.

## French Aid Plea Reception Cool

PARIS (AP)—France's frantic appeals for fresh aid to slave off Indochina if the United States might consider sending forces to Indochina if the proposed southeast Asia alliance is formed.  
An authoritative French source in Geneva for the Asia conference said President Eisenhower's government had turned down a French request that U. S. Air Force planes and pilots be sent into action at once against the Indochina rebels.  
The informant said U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles had told French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault that Washington's position would be much different if the western big three succeed in their announced plans to form a Pacific counterpart of the North Atlantic alliance.  
Britain and France have agreed to send a NATO command exercise which began only today and will continue through the week. He refused to give reporters any explanation for his sudden departure.  
Premier Joseph Laniel's cabinet was reported debating the size of the Washington government's aid to Indochina immediately in prospect. It was reported considering whether to commit American planes and pilots to Indochina without Congressional approval.

### Draft Could Aggravate

That Romantic Fever  
GASTONIA, N. C. (AP)—A registrant wrote to the Gaston County draft board.  
"Dear Sir: I am suffering from romantic fever and my wife is pregnant. Please excuse me from the draft."

## Child Neglect Charge 'Upsets' Rita Hayworth

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. (AP)—Rita Hayworth, "dreadfully upset," came here today to fight charges she neglected her two daughters.  
Prince Aly Khan, a former husband of the actress and father of one of the girls, flew into New York from the West Coast a few hours later to "find out" what he would about the case.  
His attorney, Charles Torem, said the prince expected to meet Miss Hayworth today.  
She and her present husband, producer Dick Haymes, drove to White Plains shortly after midnight from Washington, where they first learned of the charges brought by Westchester County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

### OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy weather with no important change through tomorrow. Widely scattered afternoon and evening showers and showers.  
High temperature yesterday 85 degrees.  
High temperature expected today 83 degrees.  
Low temperature this morning 60 degrees.  
Low temperature expected tonight 43 degrees.  
Sunset 5:38 a. m.; sunrise 7:04 p. m.  
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The couple had been vacationing in Florida.  
Miss Hayworth was reunited with the children in the modest White Plains home of Mrs. Dorothy Chambers, their governess. Mrs. Chambers described the actress as "so upset she was ill."  
"I have no comment on the whole situation," the prince said at Idlewild Airport, but he added he would "try to find out" about it.  
The prince is the father of Yamin, 4, the younger of Miss Hayworth's two children.  
Another former husband, actor Oscar Williams, is the father of the other child, Rebecca, 8.

### Good Reason Chimney Didn't Draw Well

TRIER, Germany (AP)—For nine years, tenants of a Trier apartment building complained that the chimney did not draw off the smoke.  
A chimney sweep now has solved the riddle.  
He pulled out a bust of Adolf Hitler hidden in the chimney by a scared resident at the end of World War II.

### EVENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, forgive us that so often we forget Thy lowliness and Thy watchful care over us. We are ashamed that so often we have taken our lives out of the security of Thy hands into the weakness of our own. Help us to trust ourselves steadfastly to Thee, for Thou dost never fail them that trust in Thee. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## Rebels Step Up Fire Upon French Fort

### Dien Bien Phu Rocks Under Bombardment

By LARRY ALLEN  
HANOI, Indochina (AP)—Dien Bien Phu reeled under violent Viet-Binh Communist today had the French said the rebels still held off their long-expected third mass assault to entell the battered northwest Indochina fortress.  
The tightly packed French Union defenders, driven into a cluster of fortifications less than a mile and a quarter from the Viet-Binh "extremely serious but not desperate" position, the French said the situation was "unchanged" in reports last night. Today they said the situation was "unchanged."  
Informants in radio contact with the isolated, encircled plain said the morale of the garrison troops was "sky high" as they braced themselves for the bloody hand-to-hand fighting they hoped desperately would hold back another all-out enemy attempt to sway the Geneva conference on Asian problems.  
The rebels leveled their heaviest mortar and artillery fire on the northwestern corner of the shrunken Dien Bien Phu redoubt. This was an attempt to rip higher holes in the crumbling concrete in the northwest, opening a floodgate for the masses of Vietminh infantry to sweep down from the surrounding hills.  
The French command said the rebels maintained their "pressure" on Dien Bien Phu today. The force in that sector, established about 300 feet south of the rebel trenches. But the French said the attack had not been able to infiltrate the defenders' lines last night and were still 600 yards from Dien Bien Phu. The Viet-Binh command headquarters.

### RADIO THREAT

A Vietminh broadcast heard in Hanoi crowded that the opposing forces were "faced to face every inch in a death struggle. The threat appeared to back up belief, the rebels' Communist leaders were preparing to throw everything into one more attempt to wipe out Dien Bien Phu. This would give the Reds a resounding propaganda victory to back up their claims at Geneva, where an attempt may be made to negotiate an Indochina settlement.  
French planes nosed through mist and rain to parachute more ammunition, food and medical supplies to the shrunken target area at Dien Bien Phu. The fortress under siege for 138 days, has been supplied entirely by air. The Viet-Binh forces in the area they controlled when fighting broke out there March 13.

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## Ike Declares Indochina Important To America

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower declared today that Indochina is "a time of great decisions" in world affairs, with the outcome of the Indochina war carrying "the greatest significance for the United States."  
The President told the United States Chamber of Commerce that Indochina is "the cork in the bottle" which, when lost, would affect the fate of hundreds of millions in the surrounding areas of Asia.  
Eisenhower declared that survival of the newly formed, democratic government of Japan may also hinge on events in Southeast Asia, since the affected area is the one with which Japan must trade.  
How can the democratic government of Japan exist, he asked, if those areas are lost to communism?  
Eisenhower voiced hope, however, that the conference of world powers which opened today at Geneva would find some peaceful solution of the hazards.  
"We would hope," Eisenhower said, "that the logic of today's situation would appeal to all peo-

## Army Secretary Admits Request

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of the Army Stevens agreed today he once suggested that Sen. McCarthy lay off his probe for Communists at Ft. Monmouth, N. J., and let the Army handle it. He denied, however, that he was "afraid" of the Wisconsin senator.  
Stevens made the statements under hammering cross-examination by special counsel Ray Jenkins at the third day of hearings on the row between the Wisconsin senator and high Army officials.  
A little earlier, the ordinarily quiet spoken secretary testified that McCarthy's "public tactics" at Ft. Monmouth had caused "a great deal of misunderstanding and excitement." But Stevens conceded McCarthy did "speak up" some suspensions.  
Jenkins demanded to know whether Stevens had not gone to New York City last November to "make peace" with Sen. McCarthy by telling newsmen in Washington that there was no "current espionage" at Ft. Monmouth.  
"No, sir," Stevens said, laughing.

RECALLS TESTIMONY  
Jenkins testified that Stevens had testified two McCarthy aides had told him the senator was displeased with Stevens news conference statements.  
Why then, asked Jenkins, "did you go traipsing off to New York to make peace with this man if you were afraid of him?"  
Stevens said he did not go to New York—this was last November—because he was afraid of McCarthy, but because it was "in line with my policy of cooperating with Congress." He denied the trip was to get McCarthy to call off his dogs in the Army.

## Paratroopers Jump In N. C.

FORT BRAGG (AP)—Thousands of paratroopers swarmed in the sky over the military training today in war games retrace the Army and Air Force in atomic defense.  
About one-third of the force of 10,000 82nd Airborne Division troops, some carrying Geiger counters and small chemical film strips to detect atomic radiation, had been dropped by 11 a. m.  
The mass jump, one of the Army's most hazardous peacetime operations, possibly eight paratroopers were hurt, but none was hospitalized.

The parachute, with a paratrooper's harness swinging underneath, floated high in the sky for a half hour after one wave jumped. From a distance it first appeared that a paratrooper was being held captive by the wayward chute.  
Army spokesmen said the rare event occurred when a trooper landed and unhooked his harness. Upward air currents then lifted the chute.  
High level Army and Air Force officers, headed by Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, Army chief of staff, presided at the drop. The Army and several congressmen also were on hand.  
Conducted in ideal weather, the high altitude operation started about a half hour after the Air Force simulated the dropping of an atomic bomb. A high explosive charge, carrying the H-bomb and the mushrooming smoke effect of atomic bombs, were set off to the rear.

A fleet of 270 Flying Boxcars was marshaled at this Carolina Air Force base to haul the paratroopers and equipment. They were scheduled to fly about 400 sorties by mid-afternoon.  
GALLATI, Tenn. (AP)—Sheriff J. B. Bracey of Sumner County reported an elderly farmer killed himself with a rifle bullet after shooting to death his 18-year-old granddaughter whom he had reared for having boy friends.  
Bracey said Joe Miller Hunter, 76, shot to death Carol Dean Hunter and then killed himself. A neighbor, Jesse Scruggs, found the bodies yesterday at their home at Walsh-Haley Public Contracts Bethpage, about eight miles northeast of here.  
"He had his old-fashioned ways and couldn't see why Carol Dean wanted to go out with boys like other girls do," said Wesley Hunter, the elderly man's son.

## Tennessee Kills Grandchild, Self

BOSTON (AP)—The New England Governor's Textile Committee has urged that consideration be given to amending the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act so as to provide a minimum wage higher than the current 75 cents an hour, prevailing in the textile industry.

## Adenauer's Daughter Wed

BERLIN (AP)—West Germany's first lady, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's daughter, Lotte, was married quietly at a civil ceremony yesterday in Herbolshausen, 32-year-old architect's daughter.  
Friends of the family said the 28-year-old bride's father and a few close friends attended the ceremony in nearby Rhodenfeld, where Adenauer has his private residence.  
A Roman Catholic ceremony will be held for the couple May 11 in the Bonn cathedral. German law requires the civil ceremony also.  
Mrs. Adenauer acts as official hostess for her father, whose wife died in 1945. She joins the United States with the chancellor last spring and went with him on his recent visits to Greece and Turkey.

### HE DIDN'T PARTICIPATE

in the track meet, but Photographer Jeep Hunter ran quite a few feet of film on the Queen City Relay. His camera view of the event is on Page 6-B today.

### WARS AND BOMBING

Also report the political state of the nation in their column on today's editorial page, 10-A.



SECRETARY STEVENS... Not Afraid of Joe

## Asia Conference Opens In Geneva

GENEVA (AP)—The top diplomatic meeting held in the history of the United Nations opened today in Geneva. Many of the between-the-wars hopes for peace in Europe lay slumbering there.  
The prince, who told reporters, "just call me Prince Wan" after being chosen chairman of today's meeting, was among the first to arrive. North Korea's Foreign Minister Nam Il was next and Pym Young Tai of South Korea followed.  
U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was the first of the Big Four ministers to arrive.  
Molotov walked into the chamber where the council of the old League of Nations condemned his nation for making war on Finland, with Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko at his side. Molotov's face was expressionless.  
Eden laughed with his companion, Lord Reading, undersecretary of state in the British Foreign Office. Eden had been in the chamber many times during the days of the league.  
The first session lasted less than half an hour and the delegates adjourned.

## Higher Textile Minimum Urged

BOSTON (AP)—The New England Governor's Textile Committee has urged that consideration be given to amending the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act so as to provide a minimum wage higher than the current 75 cents an hour, prevailing in the textile industry.  
The committee, in a report made public last night, also urged approval of Labor Secretary Mitchell for "restoring the efforts of certain Southern textile interests" to obtain sectional wage differentials under the Walsh-Haley Public Contracts Act.

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