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At City Hall There's Something Missing Today —For Memorial Day—

WHY NO CONFEDERATE FLAG?

This is Confederate Memorial Day and all the flags are out at the City Hall. But there is no Confederate flag.

City Hall custodians are very diligent about displaying the flag when a holiday rolls around and since May 10 is Confederate Memorial Day the flags were in place.

The Stars and Bars, once the symbol of the Confederate States

were missing.

James E. Ritch, in charge of municipal buildings, was not certain why the Confederate flag was not being flown on Confederate Memorial Day. He wasn't sure that the city owned a Confederate flag.

He made inquiries among his assistants and found out that there was once a Confederate flag in the assortment of state

flags, but that it had been worn out.

Erskine Beatty, city purchasing agent, couldn't recall if a Confederate flag was included among all the state flags when the original purchase was made.

The flags of all the states line the semi-circular sidewalk leading to the entrance of the City Hall, and they waved briskly in the cool air of the May morning.

Against 'Political Assassins'

Truman Urges Ike To Take Action

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL

WASHINGTON (AP)—Harry S. Truman urged President Eisenhower today to use vigorous action rather than pious phrases against "political assassins" and a GOP "hunger for" which he said are destroying unity and the basis for a bipartisan foreign policy.

As an alternative to bipartisanism in foreign relations, Truman suggested that Eisenhower at least should provide a clear-cut foreign policy.

In an address prepared for a National Press Club luncheon, the former President bore down mostly on the need for unity and bipartisanism, and on complaints that Republican attacks are undermining them.

"It isn't enough," Truman said, "to deprecate these attacks with pious phrases. It takes vigorous action to stamp them out."

POLICY NEEDED

"Surely bipartisan foreign policy is as needed now as it ever was. But cooperation between the parties is not made easy when one party officially brands the other as a betrayer in this very field."

The former chief executive omitted the name of Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis) from his address. But he alluded particularly to McCarthy's having called the Roosevelt-Truman administrations "20 years of traitor."

"Traitor and treason," Truman said, "are words that you can't use in friendship, even when you smile. . . . False charges about 'twenty years of treason' must be very poor stepping stone to bipartisan cooperation."

But the problem, the former President said, is not who is responsible for stopping it. That responsibility, he said, rests on Eisenhower alone.

Speaking, he said, as one who "wishes with all his heart to close ranks," to support and strengthen the man who succeeded him in the White House. "I ask for a fully

considered and clear lead, however difficult the path may be. . . .

"If the President wishes a bipartisan foreign policy, it is his responsibility to make one possible. It is his responsibility not to allow it to be made impossible."

"No one would suggest that he is able to control all irresponsible and unscrupulous persons who dig out the strength of Hitler's writings the phrase with which he attacked the Weimar Republic—'14

years of shame and treason—'and disavow them."

use it as a weapon of political assassination.

"But there are many things he can do. He hires and fires his own subordinates, and need not tolerate political assassins within his own executive branch. He is the leader of his party, and can direct that his party chairman follow decent rules of political conduct in the campaign."

"If there is still a 'Hitler fringe' in his party or in the Congress which he is in control, he can at least

U. S. Aid Policy Toward Indochina Unchanged

By ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON (AP)—The fall of Dien Bien Phu will leave no change in the American program of military assistance to the French Union and Associated States in Indochina, a Pentagon spokesman said today.

The sea and air shipment of equipment and supplies and the assistance of aircraft technicians to keep flying the planes turned over to the free forces in Indochina by the United States will continue, the spokesman said.

There was no disposition to minimize the effect if the fall of the fortress should prove a forerunner to the loss of all Indochina, the latter, Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said recently, could be "a prelude to the loss of all Southeast Asia."

The gap in the free world's defense perimeter there would extend from the Chinese Nationalist refuge on Formosa far to the westward near Pakistan. Although some individual states in Southeast Asia might continue to lean toward the West, they would be surrounded by their states which were neutrally or definitely under Rde control.

Whether there is continued fighting in Indochina or a truce, as long as proposed by the French, the United States intends to maintain its air and sea strength in the general Far East area—ready to deal with any violation of the truce in Korea or to be used to implement international policy decisions elsewhere.

Although Army strength is being reduced by at least two divisions in Korea, the White House and Pentagon have stated that overall strength in planes and ships and mobile ground forces will be kept up.

Deployed in the Far East—Korea, Japan, Okinawa and the Philippines—are about 20 wing of the Air Force. These currently include three medium bomb units, one equipped with piston-engine B29s but which, under a unit rotation plan announced over the weekend, eventually will be replaced by B47 jet bombers. Also in the Far East Air Force are eight fighter wings, two light bomb wings, a military reconnaissance wing and half a dozen transport wings.

The Navy likewise has announced that the strength of the 7th Fleet is being kept at approximately the level of Korean War days.

PLEASE, SIR, MOVE THE POLE OVER A LITTLE

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Police Sgt. Everett T. Fredin, on desk duty, received a telephone call from a woman. The utility pole in front of her house, she said, was too close to her driveway. Could the pole be moved, please?

My daughter and I have just learned to drive," she explained, "and I just know that I'm going to hit that pole."

OUR WEATHER

Generally fair weather today and tonight. Some increasing cloudiness and a little warmer tomorrow.

High temperature yesterday, 76 degrees.

High temperature expected today, 69 degrees.

Low temperature this morning, 41 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight, 43 degrees.

Sunrise, 5:24 a.m.; sunset, 7:16 p.m.

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OFFER OWN PLAN

Reds Spurn French Armistice Terms

By EDDY GILMORE

GENEVA (AP)—The Communists "totally" rejected French terms for an Indochinese armistice today. They countered with an eight-point plan of their own.

The Communists agreed, however, to cooperate in quick action to remove the wounded from fallen Dien Bien Phu.

The Communist armistice plan was submitted to the nine-party Indochinese conference by the deputy premier of the Vietnam, Pham Van Dong, after he assailed the French plan for an international

Laotian Capital May Be Goal Of Next Drive

By JOHN RODERICK

SAIGON, Indochina (AP)—The seven-year Indochina war was back in the fearful fighting phase again today after the fall of Dien Bien Phu.

In the kingdom of Laos, south of the fallen fortress, there was an easy speculation that a new invasion toward the Laotian royal capital of Luang Prabang might be high on the war plans of the Communist-led Vietminh.

A French high command spokesman in Hanoi said he doubted the rebels would mount another general offensive in northern Indochina before the seasonal monsoon rains hit their peak at the end of June.

The Vietminh kept up their daily small attacks on French communications and scattered French Union defense posts in the Red River delta centered on Hanoi.

A Radio Vietnam broadcast, heard in Hong Kong today, said the captives taken in the defeat of Dien Bien Phu last Friday "include one general, the French commander of Dien Bien Phu."

This was an apparent reference to Brig. Gen. Christian de Castries, though the broadcast did not use his name. Previous rebel broadcasts had claimed only the capture of the fort's "French commander," without identifying him either by rank or name.

The broadcast added that 1,900 other officers, ranking from colonel to warrant officer, also had been seized, along with 5,000 French Union troops. There was no mention of Genevieve de Galard-Ferrand, the 29-year-old French nurse who was the only woman captured at the fortress.

"The people's army has captured all military officers and soldiers," the broadcast said.

De Castries Reported POW

TOKYO, Tuesday (AP)—A Vietminh communiqué broadcast by Peiping Radio said today Brig. Gen. Christian de Castries was among those captured at the Indochina fortress of Dien Bien Phu.

The communiqué for the first time mentioned the heroic commander by name and confirmed previous reports that he had been taken a prisoner.

"Brigadier Gen. de Castries, commander of the French sector in northwest Viet Nam and commander of the French beleaguered bastion at Dien Bien Phu, was taken prisoner, but the Viet Nam 'Peoples Army,' said the communiqué as heard in Tokyo.

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EVERETT LINDSAY MARSHALL WALKER (New Staff Photo by Tom Franklin—Franklin)

Walking with the acting president and his successor is Miss Marshall, Winston-Salem, who received the Charlotte Philhellenic award to the outstanding member of the freshmen class.

Dr. Walker Stresses Liberal Arts's Role

By LUCIEN AGNIEL

Charlotte News Staff Writer

Offering a good liberal arts education should be the primary objective of colleges, Dr. Edwin R. Walker, new president of Queens College, said today.

"Of course the colleges should be concerned with the growth of the entire person," he said, "but a good grounding in liberal arts is one of the best routes toward that end."

Dr. Walker, in Charlotte for a board of trustees meeting, a busy round of lunches, faculty meetings and receptions, will return to Winter Park, Fla., Thursday. He will be back at Queens to establish permanent residence June 10.

Dr. Walker was asked where the late model sedan and gazed across the spacious Queens campus.

"I am very impressed with the worthwhile opportunity for a liberal arts woman's college and the resources for its continued development which this community offers," he said.

Asked about the conflict in educational circles between progressive and fundamentalist forces, Dr. Walker weighed his words carefully.

"To go into this, we must first consider some of the different factors at work today and 30 or 40 years ago," he said.

"You ask if college students today are not as well prepared as in the past. First, we must consider the changing function of the secondary school.

French Planes Attack Roads

HANOI, Indochina (AP)—French fighters and bombers today heavily attacked key roads leading northeastward from the fallen fortress of Dien Bien Phu. The roads are jammed with thousands of Communist-led Vietminh troops and big Molotov truck convoys.

Dropping 1,000 - pound high explosive bombs and heavily strafing the warplanes centered their attacks upon the road from Tuan Giao, 27 miles northeast of Dien Bien Phu, and running eastward to Na San, 117 miles west of Hanoi.

It was at Na San in the winter of 1952 and 1953 that the French, as at Dien Bien Phu, had for months put up a valiant resistance against encircling and vastly superior Vietminh forces.

The French evacuated Na San Aug. 11, 1953 and the Vietminh quickly moved in to it as a base for pursuing their conquest of the pro-French Thai Peoples country and the eventual attack upon Dien Bien Phu.

Delay Decision On Shortening Public Hearings

Army Secretary Gets Committee Order

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate investigators today ordered Secretary of the Army Stevens to submit the names of Army officials responsible for giving Maj. Irving P. Perry—described by Sen. McCarthy as "Fifth Amendment Communist"—an honorable discharge.

The action came on a ruling by committee looking into the McCarthy-Army dispute after the group postponed until later in the day a showdown on the question of cutting short public hearings.

Mundt ordered a closed session this afternoon to discuss a proposal by Sen. Dirksen (R-Ill) that public testimony be limited to Stevens and McCarthy and that any other testimony be taken in closed session.

Dirksen's proposal brought a protest from Army Counsel Joseph A. Welch that this would "do violence to justice and equity" and a suggestion from Sen. Symington (D-Mo.) that it was an effort to sweep the charges "under the rug."

Symington said he for one insisted the inquiry be held in a "goldfish bowl."

Sen. Potter (R-Mich) retorted there was no effort to sweep the matter under the rug but there was no point in "hearing the same story told 10 times in 10 different ways."

Chairman Mundt, indicating he would go along with the Army, said he felt no procedure should be imposed over objections from principals.

Mundt said if the hearings continued he would take at least "three or four weeks more."

Once the argument over trimming down the hearings was settled, Roy M. Cohn, general counsel to McCarthy's subcommittee, began testifying today.

Cohn demanded that Stevens give the committee the names of officials named in an inspector general's report as having had a hand in the promotion and honorable discharge for Perry.

Perry, a New York dentist, was honorably discharged from the Army last winter after refusing to answer questions from McCarthy's subcommittee which had Communist affiliations.

Ray H. Jenkins, special counsel for the House committee, testified that the Perry case was "irrelevant" to the charges exchanged by McCarthy and his subcommittee.

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"I believe it can be concluded, however, that students today are relatively less adequate in mathematics, which is tragic because of the limitations it imposes on those who would enter the science field."

Dr. Walker said that the secondary schools to deny their concern with the problem," he said. "There is no easy solution. It is something we must all work out together."

"I do not believe there should be much difference in the preparation of a high school student for college or for a trade," said Dr. Walker.

"If a boy wants to be a mechanic, he needs primarily to learn math and English in high school mechanics. He will need math and English in the development of his trade so long as he lives."

The new president will speak to the Lions club today, have dinner at Queens, and after-dinner coffee in Burwell hall with students.

Tomorrow he will attend a trustees meeting and be guest of the sophomore and senior classes at a high school student for college or for a trade," said Dr. Walker.

There will be faculty meetings Wednesday. Thursday he will meet with the Kiwanis club in the college dining room.

WHAT'S INSIDE

THERE IS SOME GOOD AMMUNITION for the voters on Page 4-A. The Editors of the News have listed 19 questions which should be asked the candidates for the General Assembly. On the basis of the answers received, the voter will be better qualified to fill in those blanks on the ballot.

THE MOST GLAMOROUS PARADE OF COLOR of the year is marching through Charlotte backward right now. It's the French, cars, porches and trellises. The climbing rose is in its full glory and Cora Harris, garden editor of The News, writes for it on Page 4-B.

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WITH \$85,000 FOR PERSUASION, Pamela Berry will leave London Thursday for New York to launch herself on a stage career. Once a bit player, Pamela got the money from her husband, C. R. Robertson, to help her on her way. Eventually she hopes to see her name in lights in London. (AP Wirephoto).

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