



Commenies Making Threat Against Army

Testimony By Adams Called 'Ridiculous'

Denies Asking N. Y. Assignment For Pal

WASHINGTON (AP)—Roy M. Cohn denied today he ever threatened to "wreck the Army" and bring about the dismissal of Secretary Robert T. Stevens if Pvt. G. David Schine was sent overseas.

"I'm sure, and I say this," Cohn said in his earlier testimony before the House subcommittee on the Army, "that I never threatened to wreck the Army."

In the course of a hammering cross-examination from special counsel Ray H. Jenkins, Cohn disclosed he had referred the name of Schine's regimental commander at Ft. Sill to the McCarthy staff for investigation.

He swore this action as to Lt. Col. Earl L. Ringler was not related, however, to any concern over Schine's treatment at Dix.

He said he took the action because he had been told Ringler was in sympathy with the McCarthy subcommittee's work and had referred to it as "a witch hunt" and a "red herring."

Cohn's order for a check on Ringler was brought out during questioning of the McCarthy aide about an assertion from an Army witness that Cohn once said Ringler was a "red herring."

Adams said Cohn threatened to wreck the Army and declared Stevens would be "through as quick as the Army."

"I'm sure I did not make that statement," Cohn testified under oath.

Both statements attributed to him, Cohn said, are "ridiculous and untrue."

Further, Cohn added, "Mr. Adams or anybody else with any sense and Mr. Adams has a lot of sense, would not believe he threatened to wreck the Army."

Adams' testimony had been that Cohn flew into a violent rage and made the threat when told that Schine, wealthy young New Yorker and former McCarthy subcommittee witness, might have to go overseas like nine out of ten other soldiers.

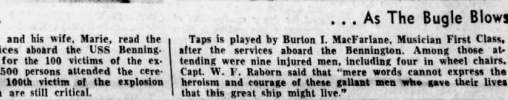
Cohn, who has acknowledged trying to get a direct commission, said he was not a soldier.

See COHN on page 2-A



A Shipmate Mourns...

Lt. Cmdr. Shelley B. Pittman and his wife, Marie, read the program during memorial services aboard the USS Bennington. Rites were held yesterday for the 100 victims of the explosion at sea. An estimated 5,000 persons attended the ceremony on the flight deck. The 100th victim of the explosion died Sunday night. Twenty men are still critical.



... As The Bugle Blows

Taps is played by Burton L. MacFarlane, Musician First Class, after the services aboard the Bennington. Among those attending were nine injured men, including four in wheel chairs. Capt. W. F. Bahrns said that "more words cannot express the heroism and courage of these gallant men who gave their lives that this great ship might live."

Deplores Division Within U. S.

Ike Hits Demagogue Acts

By WATSON SIMS

NEW YORK (AP)—President Eisenhower last night deplored division within America on how to fight communism. He called for more knowledge and intellect and less prejudice and passion.

A "crusade of truth" is needed both at home and abroad, he told a dinner highlighting the 20th anniversary of the founding of Columbia University.

"Through knowledge and understanding," he said, "we will drive from the temple of freedom all faculty members and friends of those who seek to establish over us thought control—whether they be agents of a foreign state or demagogues thirsting for personal power and public notice."

The President mentioned names in denouncing "would-be censors and regulators" and those who "divert our attention from the main battle" in opposing communism—an overall goal on which he said Americans are united above all others.

Whole House Press Secretary James H. Hagerty was asked whether Ike President had referred in the speech to Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.), with whom the administration has differed sharply in recent weeks.

"I am not going to try to in-

terpret the President's remarks," Hagerty answered.

The speech was a major statement of the President's views on how communism should be combated. His voice grew thick with emotion when he referred to "demagogues" and "division." Those parts of his speech were thunderously applauded by his listeners.

The nationally televised speech was heard by some 1,000 alumni of Columbia University who jammed the ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel and another 400 who overflowed into an adjoining dining room. A score of college presidents were in the audience.

It was a homecoming of sorts for Eisenhower, who was Columbia's president from 1948 until shortly before his inauguration last year. Applause interrupted the 30-minute speech 21 times.

See IKE on page 2-A

Constable With Record Set For Another Trial

City police said today that Fred A. McGraw—who led Saturday's race for constable of Charlotte Township—was scheduled to face a domestic assault charge this afternoon.

McGraw is scheduled for trial at 2 p.m. in Domestic Relations Court on a charge drawn by his wife, Mrs. Peggy N. McGraw.

The 44-year-old man polled the highest number of votes in Saturday's contest for Charlotte constable in the Democratic primary. However, he failed to win a clear majority.

Unofficial returns gave McGraw 2,532 votes; W. H. Sherron received 3,185 votes; and Lawrence E. McKee polled 3,068 votes.

Records at City Police Headquarters show that Fred A. McGraw, who gave his age as 49, and his address as 1319 W. 6th St., was convicted of drunkenness and paid \$8 fine.

On Aug. 10, 1953, Fred A. McGraw, age 43, whose address was given as 521 N. Church St., was charged with impersonating a constable and was fined \$50 and costs.

THEY TURNED FISHING INTO SURE THING

SAN PEDRO, Calif. (AP)—Adults couldn't seem to get a nibble but two small boys in the other harbor hauled in fish hand after hand yesterday.

Someone, no doubt a jealous adult, investigated and then the boys arrived. Seems the boys, 12 and 14, were fishing in a floating tank in which many varieties of fish, sea bream, were being kept alive to be put in an aquarium now under construction.

The police salvaged what they could of the boys' catch and took them back into the tank. The boys were taken to the juvenile bureau, given a little talk about fishing in a private tank.

McCarthy Bars Use Of Files

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. McCarthy refused to turn over to the McCarthy investigating subcommittee, had delivered the files to a subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The hearings committee had asked for documentary evidence of work performed by Schine for the subcommittee while on special passes from Army training.

A subpoena was issued last week directing Cohn to produce all material in the subcommittee files on which Schine had worked.

Sen. Mundt (R-S.D.), acting chairman, had said he had issued the subpoena at the request of the Democratic subcommittee members. Later, however, Cohn said he would produce the material without any subpoena.

National Guard Plane Crash Fatal To Nine

DULUTH, Minn. (AP)—A Minnesota National Guard plane, bucking low visibility in a heavy fog, plummeted into a gravel pit near the Duluth Airport last night, carrying nine troopers to their deaths and injuring four others, three critical.

"We heard the roar of the plane's engines so close and loud we thought it was coming down our chimney," said Mrs. Russell Westberg, who lives about a city block away.

"Then there were a couple of terrible crashes and everything was quiet."

Lt. Col. Ralph M. Jerome, commander of the 17th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, said the ship was returning from a practice flight to Minneapolis, where the 14 aboard had seen the annual Memorial Day speedway race.

Jerome said bodies of five men were taken from the scattered wreckage and that four more had died en route or shortly after reaching hospitals. All but one of the victims was attached to the squadron and lived in this area.

MAJOR PROVISION

A major provision would boost from \$3,000 to \$4,200 the maximum annual wage on which both benefits and taxes are based. At the present rate of 2 per cent — for both workers and employers — this means an additional payment of \$126 annually to the social security fund by each covered worker making \$4,200 or more and by his employer.

The new benefit structure would boost monthly payments now being made to an estimated six million persons by a minimum of \$5. Ten new monthly minimum would rise from \$35 to \$50.

Maximum monthly benefits for a retired worker would be hiked from \$85 to \$98.50.

Those increases, affecting persons already receiving benefits, would become operative two months after the bill becomes law.

Most of the other changes would become effective next Jan. 1. For covered workers not yet retired, the new law would...

WHAT'S INSIDE

THE CITY LIMITS EXTENSION has become a cocklebur under the saddle blanket. To clarify the situation, the News runs an editorial today on Page 4-A. It says that the issue is one to be worked out by reasonable men on both sides of the boundaries interested in the growth of Charlotte.

THE NEWS EXTENDS ITS HAND in greeting to the newest business resident of the Queen City with a series of pictures and stories about the \$5,500,000 Celanese headquarters of the Textile Division. The detailed stories about this new operation start on the second front in connection with this week's open house.

Business... 4-11A
Classified... 1-11B
Radio & TV... 1-11B
Comics... 6B
Crossword... 12A
Editorials... 4A
Features... 12A

Social Security Bill Before House

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST

WASHINGTON (AP)—Legislation to add an estimated 10 million persons to the social security rolls and his wife, if she is over 65, would jump from \$137.50 to \$182.50. The maximum payable to any one family would be raised from the present \$168.75 monthly to \$200.

Persons already retired but having small earnings from part-time work would get a break. Existing law cuts them off from benefits for any month in which they earn more than \$75 in covered employment. The proposed new law would let them earn at least \$100 a year from covered or uncovered employment. Above that, they would lose one month's benefits for each month in which they earned more than \$80.

As under present law, retired persons who are 75 years old or older are not affected. They may draw benefits regardless of how much they earn.

Large new groups made eligible for social security coverage for the first time include farm owners and workers, many state and municipal employees, professional workers and clergymen.

Additional include: Domestic workers earning at least \$3,000 a year in calendar year regardless of how few days they employ work.

MD'S EXCLUDED

About 350,000 professional men play such as dentists, lawyers, architects and engineers. (Medical doctors are excluded.)

Some 315,000 state and municipal employees, exclusive of police and firemen, provided two thirds in any system within 100,000 members of religious orders not now eligible.

Domestic workers earning at least \$3,000 a year in calendar year regardless of how few days they employ work.

THE CITY LIMITS EXTENSION has become a cocklebur under the saddle blanket. To clarify the situation, the News runs an editorial today on Page 4-A. It says that the issue is one to be worked out by reasonable men on both sides of the boundaries interested in the growth of Charlotte.

THE NEWS EXTENDS ITS HAND in greeting to the newest business resident of the Queen City with a series of pictures and stories about the \$5,500,000 Celanese headquarters of the Textile Division. The detailed stories about this new operation start on the second front in connection with this week's open house.

Business... 4-11A
Classified... 1-11B
Radio & TV... 1-11B
Comics... 6B
Crossword... 12A
Editorials... 4A
Features... 12A

Holiday Death Toll Racks Up New Record

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Violent deaths over the three-day Memorial Day holiday period soared to a new record today.

At least 523 persons died in traffic accidents, drownings, and miscellaneous mishaps. This broke the previous record of 510 for a three-day Memorial Day holiday in 1952.

The traffic toll was at least 355, or 15 above the National Safety Council's pre-holiday estimate of 340 and near the record 363 in 1952. An additional 92 lost their lives in drownings, and 76 in miscellaneous accidents.

Ned H. Dearborn, president of the Safety Council, said he was "disappointed" that the traffic toll exceeded estimates but he added: "Bad as the holiday death toll was, we believe it would have been even worse without the safety activity on state and local level resulting from the White House Conference on highway safety called by President Eisenhower in February."

Academy Board Can't Agree

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Shaffer (R-Mich.) said today the commission charged with finding a site for the new Air Force academy cannot agree.

He told a reporter he has learned the commission members may report—perhaps later today—to Secretary of the Air Force Talbott that they have been unable to come to a decision.

In the absence of a unanimous recommendation by the five-member commission, which the law would require him to accept, Talbott is to pick the location from the commission's top three recommendations.

Shaffer, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, said the commission members are "far apart" on their recommendations. After months of inspecting scores of sites throughout the country they have narrowed the field down to five possible locations. Shaffer said:

In listed them as St. Mary's, Calif.; Colorado Springs, Colo.; Altamonte, Ill.; Madison, Ind.; and Battle Creek, Mich.

Rep. Springer (R-Ill.), in an interview, said the commission members so far have not even been able to agree on the top three among these five sites.

Charge Third Killing To Man

SYLVA (AP)—Berl L. Moss, 36-year-old mountaineer, who once was convicted of killing two men in a gun battle, today faced first degree murder charge growing out of a shooting yesterday.

State Highway Patrolman S. W. Sanford said Moss was charged after an eye witness accused him of handing a gun to his 9-year-old son and telling him to shoot Linda Sue Passmore, a 15-year-old companion.

Sanford said an argument between the elder Moss and Passmore grew out of the latter's guitar playing and singing.

Sanford quoted Charles Young, 16, as saying he and Passmore were sitting in a truck playing the guitar and singing. Young said then Moss' came to a spot near a truck and an argument began. Later the elder Moss returned to the truck with his son and more words.

Young was quoted as saying the elder Moss handed his son a .22 calibre rifle and told him to shoot Passmore.

The elder Moss, records show, shot and killed Abe Stuart and Fred Pruett in a gun battle on Pine Creek 14 years ago. He served a prison term for the killings.

EVENING PRAYER

Dear Father of us all, look with compassion upon us in our indifference to Thee. Whether or not we stop to think of Thee, yet all the blessings of our lives come from Thee—food and raiment, and the sun and the rain and every good thing. O, loving God, give us the grace of thankful and thoughtful hearts to reward Thee, Amen.

OUR WEATHER

Parity cloudy and warm to day, tonight and tomorrow with scattered afternoon or evening thunderstorms.

High temperature yesterday 85 degrees.

High temperature expected today 88 degrees.

Low temperature this morning 65 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight 65 degrees.

Sunrise 5:09 a.m.; sunset 7:32 p.m.

More Weather Data on Page 2-A