

Of McCarthy Hearings

Red Guatemala Peril Stressed By President

Washington, May 19 (AP)

President Eisenhower, commenting on shipment of arms from Red Poland to Guatemala, said today it would be a terrible thing if a Communist dictatorship were established on this continent.

The President was questioned at a news conference with relation to the State Department announcement Monday night that quantities of arms have been shipped to that Central America country from the Port of Stettin in Communist Poland.

Eisenhower called that disturbing, and added that the situation highlighted the reasons why an anti-Communist resolution recently was adopted at the Inter-American conference in Caracas.

Then he said that to have a Communist dictatorship established as an outpost on this continent would be a terrible thing.

On other subjects the President had this to say.

Segregation—In a response to a question, the President said he has not the slightest advice for the South on how to carry out the Supreme Court decision holding that segregation of whites and Negroes in public schools is unconstitutional.

The President, added, however, that he has sworn to uphold the Constitution and that he intends to do just that.

Asked whether the court decision may have placed his Southern political supporters on a political hotspot because the ruling was handed down during the regime of the Republicans, the President shot back that the Supreme Court is not under any administration.

So far as political support is concerned, he added that the voters will have to make their own decisions on that.

Housing—Eisenhower said he had been very pleased to learn that the Senate Banking Committee had voted, as he put it, to restore his housing program.

STEVENS, IKE SHAKE HANDS



President Eisenhower and Army Secretary Robert Stevens shake hands at National Airport in Washington yesterday on their return from a flight to Charlotte, N. C., where the chief executive

declared — with Stevens sitting close by — that America is "still proud of our armed services" from the civilian chiefs on down to the enlisted men. The reference to

civilian leaders seemed to indicate the President's continued support of his Army secretary in his dispute with Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis). (AP Wirephoto).

U.S., France Skip Britain In Asia Plans

Geneva, May 19 (AP)

France and the United States were reported pushing plans today for a Southeast Asia defense pact, without waiting for Britain to approve, as the conference deadlock on Indochina tightened another notch.

A source close to French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault said secret French-American talks which have been going on in Washington, Paris and Geneva the past few days would continue regardless of how the Geneva parley progressed.

Here in Geneva, the nine-nation Indochina peace talks were reported stalemated over Western demands that Communist forces withdraw immediately from Laos and Cambodia.

In view of this stalemate, a French source said, France and the United States had agreed to go ahead with plans for an Asian defense pact without awaiting British approval. The British contend such negotiations should await the outcome of the Geneva conference.

The French oppose the delay. They fear the Communists may try to keep the conference enmeshed in endless debate while the Vietminh build up strength to mount a massive attack on the strategic Red River delta. When that happens, France wants to have her allies ready to fight without delay.

Barefoot Woman In Heavy Coat Has Nothing to Conceal

Oklahoma City, May 19 (AP)

A young woman, barefoot and wearing a heavy coat in 72-degree weather, aroused the suspicion of Patrolman W. P. Farris in downtown Oklahoma City Tuesday.

"I walked behind for some distance," he said, "and when I got close I grabbed her by the coat."

The policeman blushed and hurriedly let go. "She had nothing underneath," he said.

The woman was booked for indecent exposure and drunkenness.

Racial Ruling Wins Praise in World Press

London, May 19 (AP)

The American Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in U. S. public schools has won a good press over the non-Communist world, something the United States frequently doesn't get.

In India, seat of much anti-American feeling, non-Red members of Parliament acclaimed the decision as unanimously as the judges had ruled. The powerful Indian Express chain of newspapers in New Delhi, Bombay and Madras welcomed the ruling as a "healthy change in enlightened American opinion."

London's Laborite Daily Herald said the anti-segregation ruling "will make every friend of humanity and every believer in democracy cheer." It termed the decision a "great liberal victory and a sign that America is going the right way about a problem it does not always recognize for what it is—a colonial problem within its own borders."

The frequently anti-American London tabloid Daily Mirror said the ruling would "rank in sociological significance with Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation."

Nationalists Report Clash

Taipei, Formosa, May 19 (AP)

Nationalist China's air force today said eight of its fighters (presumably propeller type) clashed for 10 minutes with eight Communist MIG jets off Chekiang Province.

The communique made no mention of damage, but a press officer said he believed several were hit. He refused to comment on a rumor that one MIG was destroyed.

All Nationalist pilots returned safely, the air force said, as they have after three previous air battles within the past week. All have taken place in the same general area—off Chekiang Province about 150 miles south of Shanghai.

After Charge

Washington, May 19 (AP)

Guatemala's chief diplomat here stalked out of an inter-American "harmony" meeting Tuesday night as Sen. Wiley (R-Wis) spoke of the "ominous arrival" in Guatemala of a "tremendous shipment of arms" from Communist Poland.

Wiley, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was chief speaker at a dinner in honor of Latin-American diplomats and he used the occasion to discuss a State Department announcement that a Swedish ship was unloading at a Guatemalan port arms which it reportedly had taken on at Stettin in Poland.

The senator did not name Guatemala, but it was clear he was talking about that Central American nation, which he has described before as "a Communist beachhead in the Americas."

Everybody, said Wiley, is "keenly aware of the grim implications" of the news about the arms shipment, which he said may be "a part of the master plan of world communism."

At that point in the speech, Dr. Alfredo Chocano, acting head of the Guatemalan Embassy, rose, walked to where W. Cameron Burton, president of the host district of Columbia Bar Assn., was seated near the speaker's rostrum, thanked Burton for the invitation and said he had to leave.

Outside, the Guatemalan told newsmen: "I don't know anything about that arms shipment." He said he walked out "because I am not in agreement with what he said."

Wiley had been seated beside Dr. Chocano during dinner and told newsmen later:

"Dr. Chocano told me that it was only about 400 tons of arms and that they were all for the army."

In his speech, Wiley called for "hemispheric consultation" on what he termed the "alarming" development in turbulent Central America.

GOP CONGRESSMEN SAY IKE NOW MORE POPULAR

Washington, May 19 (AP)

A group of Republican members of Congress told President Eisenhower today his popularity "has increased rather than diminished since the election."

Sen. Potter (R-Mich), a member of the group, put it that way to newsmen after he and the others had breakfast with the President at the White House.

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