



FIRE IN CONGRESS—Released Korean prisoners brought quick arrests. Here capital police held three of the four assassins who wounded five congressmen. The four got prison sentences.



SYMBOLS—Released Korean prisoners carry Statue of Liberty picture, U.N. flag.



COLOR LINE BROKEN—White and Negro girls attend the same high school in Oklahoma for the first time although court implementation of the segregation ban is delayed.



SURVIVORS—These French soldiers lived through the defeat at Dien Bien Phu and a 41-day death march to a Vietminh prison camp. The picture was taken at Hanoi.



BATTLE DRESS—West German police wear military uniforms, presage future army.

Senator McCarthy Made Year's Biggest Headlines According To AP Poll

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The biggest news story of 1954 had all the elements of a Broadway smash hit. It had two big acts and a wonderful supporting cast. It had a record run and a record audience.

Senator Joseph R. McCarthy's feud with the United States Army and his condemnation by the United States Senate was the big headline of the year. A real melo-drama of politics with dramatic twists off the main stage wings, it was topped near year's end with Wisconsin senator's open break with President Eisenhower.

The Supreme Court's decision on racial segregation in public schools was unconstitutional was the second biggest story of the year by editors in the annual Associated Press poll, but didn't come close to harvesting emotions and headlines devoted to McCarthy and his battles. Army hearings starred McCarthy and Joseph Welch, attorney

THE YEAR'S BEST

1. McCarthy - Army hearings and censure case.
2. Supreme court bans school segregation.
3. Five congressmen shot by Puerto Rican nationalists.
4. Democrats win house and Senate.
5. Signing of pacts to arm Germany.
6. Fall of Dien Bien Phu.
7. Geneva conference and Indochina settlement.
8. East Coast hurricanes.
9. Korean war prisoner exchange completed.
10. Atoms for peace plan.



HEADLINES are made as Sen. Joseph McCarthy gestures.

ney for the Army, and millions saw and heard it over TV and radio. Together with the censure hearings, which brought condemnation by a 67 to 22 vote against McCarthy for abusing congressional committees, the McCarthy feuds required 61 days of official testimony.

No other story, except for past wars and daily weather forecasts, ever achieved such records for sustained page one play in American newspapers. At the finish, the Republican party, like the Communist-hunting senator, had one arm in a sling with the 1956 presidential elections not very far away.

2. The Supreme Court's decision in May was unanimous. It held states do not have the right to separate Negro and white people in different public schools. The ruling did not end segregation at once, but set further hearings, now held up due to the death of Justice Robert H. Jackson, to decide how and when to end the practice.

Except for some strong statements, quick agreements in some

southern legislatures and sporadic disturbances when the fall school term opened, there was surprising though uneasy calm over the troubled areas of the South and border states. The coming year, when implementation of the decision may be worked out, may tell one of the great stories of the century.

3. On March 1, an almost unbelievable thing happened. Four fanatics seated in the House of Representatives gallery in Washington, suddenly shouted, "Free Puerto Rico!" and began shooting. When the wild fusillade of some 20 shots had ended, blood was spilled in the honored legislative chamber. Five congressmen were wounded. All recovered and the nationalistic fanatics, led by a woman, received prison sentences. New methods of protection were thrown together for the nation's lawmakers.

4. When the votes were counted, the nation discovered it had held one of the closest off-season elections in history. The Democrats won control of the House and Senate, but by nothing like

the average margins run up against the party in power in non-presidential year voting. The Democrats won the House, 282 to 203 and the Senate with 48 Democrats, 47 Republicans and one pro-Democrat independent. Several veteran Senators and Representatives lost out. The Democrats picked up several governorships.

All but one of the remaining Big Ten news stories of the year were concerned with the cold war that grew hotter in many places.

5. This was the West's biggest diplomatic triumph of the year—the historic agreement reached by nine anti-Communist allies Oct. 21 on formation of the Western European Union. The pact to bring the Bonn Republic into the Western European Union followed agreement by American, British, French and West German ministers on terms to end nearly 10 years of occupation of Germany. It provides complete sovereignty to West Germany with some exceptions. Ratification is pending but the road ahead is not smooth.

6. There was defeat as well as triumph. The greatest defeat for the West was the fall of Dien Bien Phu to the Communists. It ended a heroic defense that stirred the western world and wrote finis to the seven-year war for Indochina. It struck a blow to France's morale.

7. The loss of Dien Bien Phu pulled the last cork of French and West resistance in Indochina and brought the peace settlement, the seventh biggest story. It also brought with it the rise to power

and world influence of a new star for France — French nuclear force.

8. Hurricanes set a record for death and damage to the East Coast. Hurricane Carol and Edna caused nearly 100 deaths and \$500,000 damage to New York and New England, but before the debris could be cleaned up another and more disastrous one named Hazel struck. Hazel killed more than 100 persons from South Carolina, to Canada. Damage from it alone was estimated at more than a half billion dollars.

9. In January, the Korean war prisoner exchange finally was completed. The story, rated ninth, had many tragic consequences as 21 American prisoners of war renounced their homeland while in Red captivity. Some did return and others, too, were prosecuted for fraternizing with the Reds against the welfare of their fellow prisoners. Another tragic consequence developed in December when the Chinese Reds announced they had convicted 11 uniformed U. S. fliers for espionage. The nation appealed to the United Nations for action and found it hard to keep its temper.

10. The 10th biggest story was one of hope. It was President Eisenhower's plan to share the atoms

Former Resident's Grandson Named To West Point

Curtis Grant "Kit" Logan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Logan, of Lakeland, Fla., has been named Congressman James A. Haley's principal appointee to West Point.

The telegram of the appointment came Christmas eve, Mrs. Logan said. Curtis is spending his Christmas vacation from the Marion Military Institute, Marion, Ala. He is studying a pre-engineering course in the junior college and military school.

He is the grandson of Mrs. Mary S. Logan, and the late G. C. Logan of Waynesville, and also the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Linder.

Logan is a 1954 graduate of Lakeland High School where he played football and won a letter for his play with the Maric team. He is also co-editor of "The Skirmisher", the Marion school newspaper.

If he completes successfully the entrance examinations to be given later, he will enter the U. S. Military Academy at West Point in June 1955.

This Week's Best Sellers

FICTION

Is Eternal, Irving Stone.
Fisher, Anya Seton.
View from Pompey's Head, Milton Bass.
Soldier of Fortune, Ernest K.

Time for Sergeants, Mac Hy-

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