

## Tomlinson's News Notes

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**TROUBLE IN INDO-CHINA**  
The last month saw the French government reorganizing its defenses in an effort to protect the Red River Delta from being overrun by the Communists. Reinforcements were sent in to the French Union forces, and some United States fighter airplanes were delivered to

Indo China. In Paris the French government announced its decision to call up 80,000 draftees ahead of schedule in order to free "several" regular divisions so they could go to Indo-China to fight.  
The Red River Delta is rich in minerals, rice, and manpower. Since the fall of Dien Bien Phu in May,

French Union forces have been trying to save other posts from the Communist, notably Yen Phu and Phuly.

**Ancient Tomb of a Pharaoh**  
Conselm, chief inspector of the Egyptian Antiquities Department, who has been digging at Sakkara since 1951, reports that he has discovered what is probably the oldest untouched tomb of one of Egypt's ancient pharaohs.

Sakkara is about twenty miles south of the Giza pyramids, and last week it was reported that near the large Giza pyramid they had uncovered two solar boats which pharaoh Cheops of the fourth dynasty is presumed to have built to carry him on his voyage after death.  
The newly discovered tomb at Sakkara is supposed to be that of Sankhet who ruled Egypt about 2750 B.C. The tomb contains a sarcophagus of reddish alabaster.

The only intact tombs which have been discovered in Egypt are King Tut's and smaller tombs of kings of a later dynasty.

**New Vertical Take-Off Plane**  
The Navy's new vertical take-off fighter plane made its first appearance to press, television, and radio representatives recently.

The strange high-powered aircraft which takes off from its tail, rose sixty feet into the air inside the Moffett Field Air Station, California, dirigible hanger, then motionless on its propellers like a helicopter. It turned and twisted, moved sideways, and then returned to the floor with its nose still pointing toward the sky.

This new plane, the XFV-1,

which the Navy nicknamed "Foghorn" in today's unfavorable view comes from the Nation's farmers, residents of the Middle West and rank and file Democrats.  
On the other hand, among GOP voters there has been a 4 percent drop in the favorable vote since the May report.

**Radar Fence Across Far North**  
Washington and Ottawa announced simultaneously that the United States and Canada are going ahead with construction of a new radar fence across the Far North to warn both nations of approaching warplanes. It is designed to give six hours' notice of an approaching attack on the United States. Preliminary work is described as "already well advanced."

The radar "fence," according to Secretary of Defense Wilson, will be strung across the continent to the north of the settled territory in Canada. It will parallel the so-called Pinetree Chain, now virtually completed, on the fringe of the populated area. Being hundreds of miles to the north of that line, the new barrier would signal an attack over the Polar Cap well in advance of its detection by Radar Stations now in operation.

**Communists Youth and Religion**  
Associated Press dispatch from Moscow says that young Communists in Russia are turning to religion in sufficient numbers to cause "Komsomol Pravda," organ of the Communist Youth League, to devote a couple of articles a month to the problem.

The paper uses these incidents to call for an intensified drive against religion and what it calls "prejudices and superstitions." It notes that Congresses in various republics of the U. S. S. R. in periods devoted to criticism and self criticism, have devoted considerable time to members accused of coming under the influence of religious "cults." It was found that some youths even were acting as acolytes for priests.

Stick," has many decided advantages. Besides being the fastest propeller driven fighter plane in the world with speeds higher than 500 miles an hour, the economy of landing space it requires could make each Navy warship host to its own fighter protection against enemy aircraft. On land it could be used near the front without requiring great vulnerable airstrips.

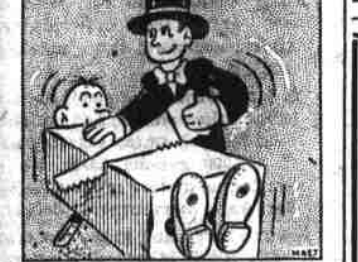
**McCarthy Popularity Tapers Off**

According to the George Gallup Poll, the latest institute survey, completed after the first 25 days of the McCarthy-Army hearing, shows the following three developments:  
1. The number of persons approving of the Senator is virtually the same today (34 percent) as it was in May (35 percent).  
2. The number of those disapproving of the Senator, which had been on an upward trend in recent studies, is less today (45 percent) than it was in May (49 percent).  
3. There has been an increase of 5 percent in the no opinion, or undecided, vote since May from 16 to 21 percent.

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began a five year research project in the hope of developing a method of preserving foods by atomic radiation. The announcement said that if the project proves successful it will revolutionize food packaging and processing. Refrigeration could be cut, the "storage life" of foods would be increased, and the "butyrdens" of food storage and transportation would be lessened.

The Atomic Energy Commission will be an active participant in the program, which will be directed by the army's quartermaster corps. The project is being undertaken "for the benefit of the armed services," the army said, but the benefits presumably would be passed on to civilians as well.

**A Bit of Humor**  
A visitor from across the mountain leaned on the rail fence, watching his old friend plow. "I don't like to butt in," he finally said, "but you could save yourself a lot of work by saying 'gee' and 'haw' to that mule instead of just tuggin' on them lines."

The old timer pulled a big handkerchief from his pocket and mopped his brow. "Yep, I know that," he agreed, "but this mule kicked me six years ago, and I ain't spoke to him since."

-- Louisville Courier-Journal

**Farm Production Up 132%, Plant Food Up 12%**

While the cost of all goods and services used in farm production has increased by 132 per cent since 1935, the average cost of plant food in the form of commercial fertilizer has gone up only about 12 per cent over the same span of years, according to The National Fertilizer Association.

Official reports of the U. S. Department of Agriculture show that the cost per ton of commercial fertilizer increased by 51 per cent from 1935 to 1953. In the same period, however, the average plant food content of a ton of fertilizer also has been increased by nearly 35 per cent. Thus the increase in the average content of active ingredients has largely offset the higher cost.

Farmers today are able to buy plant food in the form of commercial fertilizer at a price which is very little more than they were paying at a time when the country was just emerging from its most

of just one poor yield in an average year. USDA reports show that the average price per ton of commercial fertilizer has increased far less than the prices of other commodities and services used in farm production.

One reason for the relatively small increase in fertilizer prices when the prices of most other commodities were skyrocketing has been the tremendous expansion in the use of fertilizer, Russell Coleman, NFA president, explains. Nearly five times as much plant food was used by American farmers in 1953 as in 1935, and total tonnage of fertilizer was nearly quadrupled. The fertilizer industry was relatively small in the 1930's, but today is one of the major segments of the American heavy chemical industry. This tremendous expansion in fertilizer use has led to vastly improved efficiency in production and distribution, Dr. Coleman points out. Advances in fertilizer technology have lowered manufacturing costs and made possible the production of better quality materials with improved physical properties which make storage and the job of spreading easier and less costly to the farmer.

**CP&L Again Cuts Rates \$190,000**

Raleigh, June 25th. A \$190,000 rate reduction by Carolina Power & Light Company for customers in the old Tide Water Power Company area has been approved by the Utilities Commission. The cut is effective on all bills rendered on and after August 1st.

The entire saving will go to the residential customers, mainly those using 250 kilowatt-hours per month, or less. A small part of this reduction will go to homeowners with heavy electric installations. These large users will have a choice of a rate averaging 1.9 cents per kilowatt-hour or a two-part rate so graduated that customers with long, consistent home use of electricity can earn an average rate below 1.9 cents per kilowatt-hour.

When Tide Water Power Company was merged into CP&L in 1952, an immediate reduction of \$812,000 was granted to residential, commercial, industrial and other customers. Last year, a further reduction of \$200,000 was granted small commercial and industrial customers. The newest savings of 190,000 goes entirely to residential users.  
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**Negro Farmers Grow Garden Vegetables**

Wake County Negro farmers are busy with crops at this season of the year, but they still find time to work on their community development projects.

today's reduction brings the residential rates in the Tide Water area basically in line with those in the rest of the CP&L system. Small residential users will get most of the new saving, he explained, because the "inducement" rate which was instituted at the time of the merger to enable persons to get a lower rate by using more current now has been applied to all customers, whether they use more electricity or not.

B. T. McNeill, assistant Negro county agent for the Agricultural Extension Service, says the home garden projects of Wake Negro farmers are progressing nicely. Thomas Reade, Fuquay Springs Negro farm leader, told McNeill, "I have seen more gardens planted this year than ever before. People are continuing to plant at two or three week intervals."

McNeill says this is "truly an encouraging sign." Most people, he explained, plant one garden (some none at all) early in the spring. Then by the middle of July there are no vegetables coming in. The Negro county agent says that through the community development program, this situation is rapidly being corrected. McNeill says some farmers will even use irrigation this year to make their gardens more productive.

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