

# Rebel From South Viet Nam Forecasts Eventual Victory

From AP-Reuters (Communist Viet Cong, inspired MOSCOW (CP)—A South Vietnamese rebel leader predicted a final victory by the Viet Cong.

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At the same time, a Viet Cong communique claimed that the guerrillas had broken the backbone of the strategic hamlet program in South Viet Nam. Both statements were issued in conjunction with the fourth anniversary of the National Liberation Front in South Viet Nam—the official name for the Viet Cong.

In an anniversary article in the Soviet Communist party organ Pravda, Nguyen Van Tien wrote:

"Though a difficult and stubborn struggle against a strong and invidious enemy lies ahead, we are confident that final victory will be ours."

The South Viet Nam liberation press agency, spokesman of the Viet Cong, boasted of the near-destruction of the strategic hamlet program.

"Of the 8,000 strategic hamlets established by U.S. imperialism and its puppets, more than 6,000 were destroyed, and as a result over three-quarters of the land and 8,000,000 or more people were liberated."

**FORECASTS DEFEAT**

In Peking, Chinese Foreign Minister Ma Shaozhan Chen Yi warned the U.S. Sunday night it will meet with "an even more disastrous defeat" if it resorts to any "adventurous" expansion of the South Viet Nam war.

He said the Liberation Front has become the "genuine representative of the 14,000,000 South Vietnamese, and the South Viet Nam question can only be settled through negotiations without outside interference."

In Havana, the Cuban government newspaper Hoy accused the U.S. of using its South Viet Nam "toxic gases that not even a Hitler dared employ."

Some 1,000 persons attended a rally in New York Saturday to protest U.S. participation in Vietnamese hostilities.

The rally was sponsored by an ad hoc committee of clergymen, writers and workers.

Rev. A. J. Muste, secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, a pacifist organization, said the others were held Saturday in Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, San Francisco, Seattle, Montreal, Toronto, Tokyo, Paris, London, and Melbourne.

Muste told the rally the U.S. "must find a way for a ceasefire by negotiation, not by killing people."

In Toronto, 75 persons ignored the freezing weather and a police bylaw to parade along Queen's Park and Bloor Street.

In Montreal, several dozen picketers paraded in front of the U.S. Consulate-General.

**MONEY CHEAP**

U.S. currency, whether a \$1 note or \$100, costs less than one cent a bill to make.

## FATHER FROST DRAWS BLAST

MOSCOW (Reuters)—Father Frost, the Russian Santa Claus, faces the threat of being nationalized because authors now doing the job often are drunk or uncouth.

A provincial newspaper Soviets, Leningrad, suggests there should be some sort of state control to straighten out the Father Frost business. The suggestion appears in an issue of the newspaper which reached Moscow Friday.

Father Frost is the Russian equivalent of Father Christmas, down to his white robes, red hat and loving beard. He appears at children's parties at the New Year, handing out gifts and holding youngsters up on his knee.

The New Year festival replaces Christmas for Communists.

Soviet Latvia complains reliable Father Frosts, such as actors from local theatres, are booked six months in advance, and some nursery schools have to make do with coarse-spoken drunkards.

Perhaps, Soviet Latvia suggests, a government department could set the recruitment of Father Frosts on a more satisfactory basis.

paid as a down-payment and the owner, sometimes covered with blackmail threats on the basis of his recent good times, is eased out of the company.

His name and credit-rating remain, however, and goods purchased for the firm through a 30-day credit.

Before the creditors, credit of being paid, a false promissory note against the company is arranged. The note is for such a large amount that the creditor takes a petition of bankruptcy against the firm.

Meanwhile, in some cases, extra insurance has been taken on the company's buildings and a fire follows, with the destruction of records not the least significant of its results.

The newly-purchased stock of goods, meantime, has been moved to the premises of another company, taken over by the rackets. In the same fashion as marked the first take-over, the creditors never see their goods again, and the second company forms a new link in the chain of arranged bankruptcies.

## Budgetary Surplus Reported

OTTAWA (CP)—A federal government budgetary surplus of \$490,800,000 for the first eight months of the current fiscal year has been reported by Finance Minister Gordon. At the government's last year the surplus was \$111,500,000.

Mr. Gordon's budget speech forecast a deficit of \$455,000,000. However, he has said since that he expects a much lower deficit and the Canadian Tax Foundation is predicting a near balance.

The treasury statement showed government tax revenues in the eight-month period, April to Nov. 20, increased by nearly 18 per cent or \$652,600,000 to \$1,293,500,000 compared with \$1,085,900,000 in the same period last year. Non-tax revenues rose by one-third to \$407,000,000, due mainly to higher investment returns.

Total government expenditures for the April-November period are about \$131,700,000 or about 10.7 per cent to \$4,205,700,000 from \$3,850,000,000. Defence expenditures in that period dropped to \$398,500,000 from \$450,000,000. The old age security fund, funded separately from other budgetary transactions, showed a \$3,800,000 deficit in November but there still was an accumulated surplus of \$1,800,000 for the first eight months of the year compared with a \$32,800,000 deficit at that point in 1963.

## Quebec Pressing Probe Of Bankruptcy Racket

By CY FOX

MONTREAL (CP)—Quebec is pressing its investigation into bankruptcy racketeering and its international connections.

Phoney bankruptcies are costing creditors millions of dollars yearly in Quebec, and racketeers are said to be dealing in arson, smuggling and blackmail as well as false insolvency.

The Quebec government's investigation opened Nov. 26, a follow-up to less publicized inquiries that have been going on since mid-1962.

The alleged rackets are said to be linked with such crime syndicates as the Mafia but several rings, with operations under way in places as remote as South America, are reported behind the Quebec developments.

One Quebec official said an

of co-operation has been received from Ontario's attorney-general and that similar close co-ordination now is a reality between investigators here and those looking into similar rackets in the United States.

"Our biggest job so far has been the organizing of evidence collection and the co-ordinating of the work of various agencies," the official said.

**POOL TALENTS**

Where previously such groups as the RCMP and the Quebec Provincial Police rarely got together on investigations in this field, now they are pooling their resources to an unprecedented extent, he said.

Appointed by Attorney-General Claude Wagner to lead the Quebec investigation was Lucien Mercier. He is being assisted by Gerard Laganerie, a permanent Crown prosecutor.

Quebec's revenue department says there could be "co-incident links" between the revocation of corporation charters begun in the province earlier this month and the bankruptcy investigation.

The revocations are designed as move against corporations

that have ignored the requirements of the Quebec Companies Act for two years or more.

The revenue department said its work has been "more and more complicated by the incorporation of a greater number of companies whose goal it is to foist the income tax department and the public in general."

An informed source said the inquiry could spread to Europe and South America and involve the international smuggling of gold, jewels and other merchandise.

**HOW IT WORKS**

The bankruptcy racket in Quebec is reported to work along these general lines:

An apocryphal statement is made by a credit representative to an honest businessman who is a good credit-rating whose trade is declining or who is frustrated for other reasons.

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