



PADDLE RIVER IN FLOOD

Farmer Pete Porter of Roselea Alta., Monday surveyed flood waters of the Paddle River which inundated his farm and those of his neigh-

boys during the last four days. The flood conditions of the district, 70 miles northwest of Edmonton, were heightened by an ice jam adjacent to Mr.

Porter's farm and by warm temperatures.

S. Viet Nam Is Tough Spot For American Infantrymen

SAIGON (AP) — The super-sonic U.S. jets howled overhead, then spun on to the target—a densely-jungled canal in the lower Mekong delta.

Three passes, then they tore into the dusk like silvery arrows. Down below, Sgt. Robert Schmidt, from Edwardsville, Ill., muttered:

"What a life they lead. Those pilots will be back in Saigon tonight, a couple of drinks, a soft bed."

"What have we got?"

"Heat, ants, sore feet. What a helluva life."

Schmidt was expressing the woes of infantrymen since wars began. Viet Nam is no better than any of those wars, and probably much worse than some.

Some Americans do have it good in Viet Nam, particularly those in the luxurious Saigon headquarters.

CAN BE ROUTINE

For them, life tends to be a routine drive to and from the office, some paper shuffling, and either a night on the town or the pleasure of any of the numerous clubs.

But for Schmidt and the 5,000 other Americans with the troops, Viet Nam is an ever-

wavering, always shifting front line.

The best they can hope for in their year in Viet Nam is a few days at one of the dusty province capitals, sipping tart Vietnamese beer, or a few nights between operations in the division headquarters barracks.

Mostly, their life is stalking. And there are plenty, mud clogs to knees and thighs. The going is painfully slow, even when the enemy is not there.

Under fire, you literally 'have' to crawl.

At this level, the Vietnamese war is no longer a battle with the Communists, it's a man-for-man thing. It is a war that seems to be getting more personal and more cruel.

Many Vietnamese units shoot their prisoners.

"Let's face it, the grievances are mounting on each side—they have been at each other's throats for 20 years," a U.S. adviser said.

Some Americans have turned away in horror at the acts of cruelty. Others have intervened to prevent them. But U.S. advisers are often hard put to explain the need for leniency when the body of a village chief dismembered by the Communists is found, or when women are discovered beheaded and staked out under the hot sun-victims of the Communists.

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Have that capture by the Viet Cong means a slow, horrible death for themselves. "If I knew I was going to be captured, I'd pull the pin from a hand grenade and let it go when they grabbed me," Schmidt said, matter-of-factly.

France Puts Restrictions On Tahiti Area

PARIS (Reuters) — President de Gaulle made the decision to ask the United States to close its consulate in Papeete, Tahiti, the newspaper Paris Presse says.

The paper's political reporter says de Gaulle thought the building of France's Pacific nuclear base and experiments to be conducted there should be

out of reach of U.S. information services. Papeete is the administrative and communications centre for the French nuclear testing centre in the Tuamotu archipelago, about 1,000 miles away.

Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville and officials of the foreign affairs ministry seem to have favored a less ab-

solute attitude, the article says. Papeete is the administrative and communications centre for the French government's request for closure of the recently reopened U.S. consulate.

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DOG RESCUES MAN AND SON

VIRGELLE, Mont. (AP)—A two-year-old Labrador retriever dog pulled a man and his son from the swollen Missouri River here after they had battled the current and been swept more than a mile downstream.

Bill Otto son of Mr. and Mrs. August Otto, slipped and fell into the river while dumping trash. His father, who operates the ferry at Virgelle, northeast of Great Falls, jumped in and swam to his son, who had been carried out to the middle of the river.

Struggling against the current and trying to control his son's panic, Otto was unable to swim back to the bank.

Mrs. Otto ran along the bank with the family's dog Laddie, shouting encouragement.

When the father and son had drifted downstream about a mile, Otto said, the dog bolted into the river after them. Otto said he held his son with one hand, grabbed Laddie's tail with the other and the dog pulled them safely to shore.

Sask. House Prorogues

REGINA (CP) — Reduced taxes, night shopping and commercial sports on Sundays on a local option basis and Election Act changes were the highlights of the first session of the 15th Saskatchewan legislature which prorogued Saturday.

The session, the first for Premier Ross Thatcher and his Liberal which defeated the CCF government one year ago, set a record for the number of sittings but missed by one day the 53-day record set in 1939. The 1965 session set records for the number of evening sittings and number of sittings on Saturday.

The 59-member assembly, made up of 32 Liberals, 26 CCF and one Progressive Conservative, passed 96 pieces of legislation including tax reductions worth \$12,000,000 annually.

The major tax change of 43 introduced saw the education and health (sales) tax reduced to four from five per cent except on liquor and beer. The sales tax was abolished on to-

hacco but a 10 per cent tax was imposed which, Mr. Thatcher said, would allow his budget to show a modest surplus.

Legislation passed also allowed farmers to use tax-free purple gasoline in their farm trucks and additional agricultural items were exempted from the sales tax. Newly-weds also benefited from the largest budget in the province's 60-year history with an exemption from the sales tax on the first \$1,000 household furnishings they purchase within a year after marriage.

Nigeria Has Big Oil Boom

PORT HARCOURT, Nigeria (AP)—The first oil boom in black Africa is attracting men and money from all over the world.

Twelve oil companies from five countries are here in what one executive termed "a world-class field—not another Kuwait or Venezuela—but definitely world-class."

An estimated \$126,000,000 was spent for petroleum exploration here last year. Exports climbed to more than 5,000,000 tons in 1964 from 22,900 tons in 1958.

Oil exploration was begun here by Shell-d'Arcy in 1957. But crude was not found in commercial quantities until 1956.

The Dutch-British combine, Shell-BP, held exploration rights for the entire country until 1966 when it had to return half of its concessions to the government.

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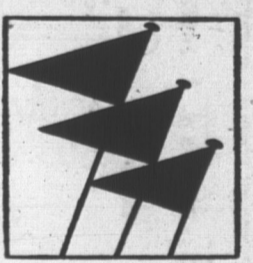
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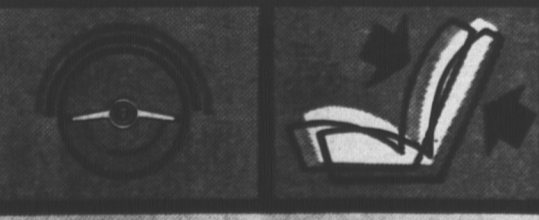


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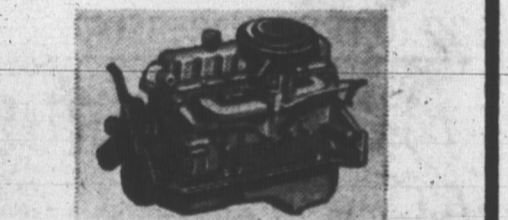
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