

Viet Cong Supplies Hit By Bombing

By BOB HORTON
WASHINGTON (AP) — American bombing of North Viet Nam has failed to halt Communist infiltration of South Viet Nam, but U.S. officials said here the strikes are exacting a high toll in supplies vital to enemy units.

The telling question, they said, is whether Hanoi can continue supporting forces in the South in the face of ammunition and equipment losses.

This was unofficial defence department reaction to word from Saigon that Communist infiltration has risen by 1,000 to 6,000 men a month.

Military spokesmen said air strikes never were claimed as a barrier to Communist penetration.

But this does not square entirely with statements which have been made by U.S. Defence Secretary Robert S. McNamara.

ASKED ABOUT EFFECT
June 29, only hours after U.S. planes smashed at the Hanoi-Haiphong oil supplies, in North Viet Nam, McNamara was asked what the strikes might accomplish.

"There is bound to be a restriction on the total movement of men and supplies from North to South with the Communists deprived of much of the petroleum used by their truck convoys, he said.

A defence department spokesman, asked to cite some concrete results of a bombing, said Wednesday intelligence officers estimated that Hanoi is able to furnish its units in the South with only 15 per cent of their objective of 150 tons of supplies daily.

He pointed to slackened enemy ground activity in the South in—except around the demilitarized zone separating North and South—as indicating that the north is deliberately avoiding combat to conserve resources.

Nfld. Liberals Contribute To Joey Holiday

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—The 41 other Liberals who ran for election in Newfoundland Sept. 8 with Premier Joseph Smallwood contributed their refunded nomination deposits to send him on a vacation.

The fund amounted to \$4,100 dollars because all of the Liberals got their deposits back—the 39 who won election and the three who lost to Progressive Conservatives but polled at least half as many votes as the victors.

The premier, who left Thursday for a two-week holiday, first declined the offer but then agreed to take an undisclosed portion of it. The rest will help defray party campaign expenses.

Mr. Smallwood, who said he had travelled 100,000 miles this year and felt a little tired would say only that he flies to Montreal tonight and later will fly to London.

Research Grant Is Awarded UNB

FREDERICTON (CP) — Dr. Colin B. Mackay, president of the University of New Brunswick, says the university will receive a \$1,500,000 grant from the Atlantic Development Board for improvements to research facilities.

Dr. Mackay told a New Brunswick medical school survey committee hearing here the grant will be used to strengthen the engineering and science departments, social sciences and the library at both the graduate and undergraduate levels.

U.S. Airline Strike Averted

NEW YORK (AP)—A strike by American Airlines ground personnel, already once deferred, was averted Wednesday night when tentative contract agreement was reached with the AFL-CIO Transport Workers Union.

The strike originally was scheduled for 6:45 a.m. EDT Wednesday. It was postponed 12 hours when progress was made in negotiations and was called off just before a 6:45 p.m. deadline.

UC Clergymen Are Honored

HALIFAX (CP) — Four prominent United Church clergymen received honorary degrees here at Pine Hill Divinity College's fall convocation.

Doctor of divinity degrees were presented to Very Rev. E. M. Howse, moderator of the United Church General Council; Dr. Frank Archibald of Moncton; Dr. J. D. Nelson MacDonnell of Upper Merivale, N.S.; and Rev. Roy Webster of Toronto.

ENVOY MEETS PODGORNY MOSCOW (Reuters) — Canadian Ambassador Robert Ford had a meeting with Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny at the Kremlin Wednesday, the news agency Tass reports.

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