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United States Steps Up Pace Of S. Viet Nam War

SAIGON (Reuters) — The United States has thrown its own jet aircraft manned solely by Americans into the war in South Viet Nam by attacking large forces of Communist Viet Cong guerrillas massed along a thin line attempting to cut the country in two.

A U.S. mission statement said Wednesday American F-400 and B-57 jets flew with South Vietnamese propeller-driven fighter-bombers "on a number of occasions during the past week."

The planes struck at the Viet Cong in the area around An Khe in Binh Dinh province, where a battle for the key Highway 19 has raged for four days.

The use of all-American crews is another departure from Washington's original pronouncements U.S. military men in South Viet Nam were assigned as advisers, not fighters.

A spokesman here said, however, each jet attack was part of a combined operation with the South Vietnamese Air Force.

The United States thus stepped up the pace of the war again as diplomatic moves were under way around the world to try to bring the warring parties to the conference table.

In Paris, it was announced France has agreed to co-operate with Russia to find an international solution to the Southeast Asia turmoil.

In London, British officials said their government has secret talks under way with the U.S. and certain other governments in an effort to seek a settlement for the crisis.

The officials also said their government has under study a report from the international control commission for Viet Nam about the recent flare-up in the war. Canada, India and Poland are represented on the commission.

The use of U.S. jets solely against the guerrilla-dominated Binh Dinh province was the first within the country which the U.S. has admitted.

A U.S. spokesman said Viet Cong guerrillas were massed heavily in the central lowlands area to try to cut South Viet Nam in two.

But he added the Communist line could be "crossed at any time of our choosing with sufficient forces."

Two U.S. Air Force men were reported killed when their Skyraider propeller-driven plane crashed 20 miles east of Bien Hoa air base near Saigon while on a training flight.

Pierce fighting has raged along Highway 19, the scene of battles during Communist Viet Minh attacks on French forces in 1954, since Sunday.

The American spokesman said the Viet Cong were trying to realize "the old Viet Minh dream of severing the country."

Meanwhile, South Vietnamese militia went to retake a Viet Cong-occupied village on the outskirts of Saigon hesitated to enter the area and many returned to their camps.

The battle, only six miles east of the capital, was one of two surrounded and attacked by Viet Cong Tuesday night and Wednesday.



MAP LOCATES latest points of action in Viet Nam: An Khe, near where American jets hit Wednesday at guerrillas who have been ambushing government detachments; Yen Ne Nam, five miles south of Da Nang airbase, where a Viet Cong unit was routed; Phouc Hiep, a community five miles outside Saigon.

where the Viet Cong hit for 10 hours and withdrew Wednesday; and three coastal provinces, Quang Ngai, Binh Dinh and Phu Yen. Two Americans have been killed and nine wounded in Binh Dinh. U.S. officials feel action in the three provinces has reached a phase Communist describe as "mobile warfare." (AP Wirephoto Map)

Opposition Leader Makes Plea For Grievances Investigator

Prince Edward Island is in grave need of an ombudsman, Opposition Leader Alex Matheson told the Legislature yesterday.

The question of the appointment of an ombudsman at the federal level has been before the Canadian government consistently, he reminded members of the Legislature.

The post of ombudsman, a judicial officer who would investigate grievances of the public against government administration, and act in an impartial capacity, originated in Scandinavia, and the idea has been catching on in other countries.

Recently, Justice Minister Favreau said the federal government was giving the matter sympathetic consideration.

TIDE OF BOARDS

Mr. Matheson said there is a rising tide of boards and commissions creeping into democratic life today, and these bodies, responsible to no one, sometimes make decisions which are unjust and unreasonable.

He said often innocent persons suffer from the actions of those who "try to fool the powers that be." He added that it was unjust for those in high positions to get preferred treatment.

"If a man has a just claim, that claim should be considered no matter who speaks on his behalf," Mr. Matheson insisted.

He termed the matter an "important subject which I will discuss more fully later," and promised he would table a report on cases handled by the New Zealand ombudsman.

around when the Throne Speech was written."

He said the report contained extremely serious indictments against existing welfare policies in the province, but the minister had done nothing to correct them, and there was no mention of some of these charges in the Speech from the Throne.

Turning to education, he noted that recommendation of the Royal Commission on Higher Education suggested "more of the net provincial revenue be allocated to education at the university level." He said the government had no net revenue, as it operated on a deficit each year.

Included in items he said should be considered was the proclamation of the Prince of Wales College Act 1964, and he posed the question as to what the government intention was on legislation to consolidate Prince of Wales College and St. Dunstan's University.

Gov't May Proclaim PWC Act, House Told

Premier Walter R. Shaw suggested in the Legislature yesterday that the government may proclaim the Prince of Wales College Act after "a careful study of the report of the Royal Commission on Higher Education."

He made the remark after Opposition Leader A. W. Matheson's question to Dr. George Dewar, minister of education, was passed to the premier by Dr. Dewar.

Dr. Dewar said "it is a matter of policy and perhaps the premier can answer the question."

Mr. Matheson asked Dr. Dewar whether or not a copy of a brief presented by a 10-man study committee, which suggests a university of Prince Edward Island in which Prince of Wales College and St. Dunstan's University would merge, will be tabled in the House.

WELFARE POLICIES

In a verbal attack on Health Minister Hubert MacNeil, Mr. Matheson said the welfare report of March, 1963, made him think the minister "wasn't thinking."

GRADE 12 EXAMS

The opposition leader suggested that an investigation should be made into statistics of Grade 12 examination results in the province during the past few years. He maintained that the answers to opposition questions during the past few years on this subject were not in accordance with government claims on the number of students writing Grade 12 examinations as mentioned in public speeches by government members during the past year.

Mr. Matheson said transportation was a serious problem in (Continued on page 5, Col. 2)

NDPs Receive Support, Upset Speaker's Ruling

PREMIER SHAW SPEAKS

Aid From Ottawa Problem Described Tremendous

By MARIAN BRUCE

The hope for a speedy solution to a "tremendous problem" — that of financial assistance from Ottawa — was expressed by Premier W.R. Shaw in the Legislature yesterday.

He was taking part in the debate on the draft address and was still speaking when the house adjourned at 5:30.

The premier said the provincial government has never been able to obtain from the federal government what it feels the province is entitled to.

He said financial affairs in the province under both this government and the last were in serious condition, as it was difficult to obtain enough money for services on an equitable basis.

There were "no extravagances" as far as the government was concerned, he stated, but "year after year, extra services build up."

Ruby's Appeal Is Postponed

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — The Texas criminal appeals court granted Wednesday an indefinite postponement of its hearing of Jack Ruby's appeal of his death sentence for slaying Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President Kennedy.

The court said submission of Ruby's appeal and a decision on which lawyers will be recognized as his counsel should wait until the trial judge, Dallas District Judge Joe Brown, decides whether Ruby now is sane or insane.

Hearing in the case, previously had been set for March 10.

Malcolm X Case Break Expected

NEW YORK (AP) — Police said Wednesday detectives have dug up information on the Malcolm X assassination "as to who may be responsible."

Assistant Chief Inspector Joseph L. Coyne foresaw no imminent break in the case. But he declared:

"I hope to have a break in the very near future."

He declined comment when asked whether investigators know the identities of the assassins, who put 17 gunshot wounds into Malcolm's chest in the weekend slaying.

Meanwhile, a bomb threat forced evacuation of the Harlem funeral home where Malcolm's body is on public display.

In Chicago, police also were kept on edge by telephoned threats to his guard Elijah Muhammad, leader of the Black Muslims, from which Malcolm was ousted in 1963. A suspicious-looking crate intercepted on delivery to Muhammad's home proved to contain a grandfather clock.

An anonymous man called the Unity Funeral Home at Eighth Avenue and 126th Street in New York and said "a bomb will go off at 1:15 p.m."

The two-storey building was evacuated for 20 minutes while bomb squad members searched in vain. Similar threats were received Tuesday — but before the public had been admitted to the funeral home.

Two Frostbite Experts Called

KETCHIKAN, Alaska (AP) — Two experts in the treatment of frostbite were called in from a military exercise in a central Alaska to help a man who lived 78 hours under an avalanche.

Dr. W. T. Mills and W. S. Sudeen arrived from Ft. Richardson, near Anchorage to join Dr. James Wilson in attending Einar Myllyla of Winnipeg and Kemi, Finland.

Myllyla was uncovered Sunday by a bulldozer smoothing a landing pad for rescue helicopters at the avalanche dump.

Granduc mining camp 30 miles north of Stewart, B.C. He suffered frostbitten arms and legs.

Two Sitings Slated Today

Both afternoon and evening sittings of the provincial Legislature are expected today, with the first scheduled to convene at 2:30 p.m.

Premier Walter Shaw, who spoke for about a half-hour yesterday, had begun his participation in the debate on the draft address when the house adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

His speech followed that of Opposition Leader A. W. Matheson. Mr. Matheson is expected to be away from the province for the next several days.

It is understood George MacKay, 4th Prince, will be acting opposition leader in the absence of Mr. Matheson.

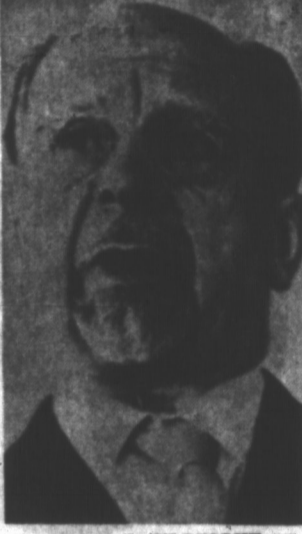
Lady Churchill Begins Holiday

LONDON (AP) — Lady Churchill, Sir Winston's widow, sailed on the Queen Mary Wednesday night for New York en route to a holiday in Barbados, after issuing a statement of thanks for the "many thousands" of messages of sympathy received on her husband's death last month.

She was accompanied by her daughter, Mary, and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Soames.

The note, issued by her secretary, said:

"Lady Churchill has been deeply moved by the enormous number of kind letters and telegrams which she has received since Sir Winston's death. She would have liked to answer them individually but, as they run into many thousands, this is impossible and she hopes that her grateful thanks will be accepted."



WALTER ULBRICHT

Ulbricht Welcomed In Egypt

CAIRO (AP) — President Gamal Abdel Nasser welcomed East German President Walter Ulbricht to Egypt Wednesday with a smiling handshake and a 21-gun salute.

Tens of thousands of cheering Egyptians shouted "Ulbricht-Nasser" and "welcome" as the spade-bearded East German Communist emerged from a special train that had brought him from Alexandria.

Nasser and his ministers turned out at the Sidi Barrani Cairo railway station for a full-dress official welcome, despite West German warnings of a cutoff in aid if Ulbricht, arch-enemy of Bonn, was accorded such honors.

Ulbricht's one-week visit has caused a furor in Bonn and could lead to a diplomatic break. The West German cabinet met and decided to stick with its decision to cut off aid.

A spokesman said West Germany, which does not recognize East Germany, still was considering political reprisals, which could mean a diplomatic break.

Cairo railway station presented a tumultuous scene. Thousands packed the square outside. Giant East German flags fluttered overhead.

Ulbricht, who has never paid an official visit to a non-Communist country before, stepped out of his special train and grinned broadly as he shook hands with Nasser.

"In the name of the German people I wish you all the best for Arab unity," Ulbricht said in a brief exchange on the platform.

In the background, Mr. Cam-

Vote Fraud Charges To Be Investigated

OTTAWA (CP) — Angry NDP members, backed by the other opposition groups, upset a Speaker's ruling Wednesday and obtained a formal investigation into charges some of them were elected with the help of fraudulent votes in the 1963 federal election.

The issue embroiled the Commons in a stormy 90-minute exchange of shouts and accusations across the floor.

NDP Leader Douglas rose on a question of privilege at the opening of the sitting and read part of an article in the Feb. 22 issue of the Vancouver Province which said six unidentified unions had conspired to rig votes for NDP candidates in some British Columbia ridings in 1963.

He said the allegations reflected on B.C. trade unions and the nine New Democratic party MPs elected in that province, one of them himself.

"If there are persons who voted illegally, if there are persons who conspired to commit fraud in the last general election, we say such persons should be named and punished to the full extent of the law," Mr. Douglas said.

THE HOUSE OF Commons

voted Wednesday to investigate charges by Vancouver Province columnist Ormond Turner that six unions conspired to rig fraudulent votes for New Democratic Party candidates in British Columbia during the 1963 federal election. (CP Wirephoto)

ron shouted: "A bloody disgraceful ruling!"

Mr. Macnaughton invited Mr. Douglas to appeal the ruling, adding that "even the chair" perhaps in the position sometimes of making an error.

A formal roll-call vote rejected the Macnaughton ruling, 114 to 108. Only the Liberal chief electoral officer in the vote, not a want of confidence in the government. It was the first time in this Parliament Mr. Macnaughton had not been upheld.

Prime Minister Pearson then suggested it might be better to have the matter referred to the Commons committee on privileges. He said there is no chief electoral officer at present, referring to a bill earlier in the session that named Nelson Castonguay, former chief electoral officer, to the post of representation commissioner in charge of redistribution.

Stanley Knowles (NDP—Winnipeg North Centre) said Mr. Castonguay surely is the chief electoral officer, if no chief electoral officer at present, the motion would be changed to take that into account.

He objected to the committee suggestion. "When a committee has referred to a matter which has political overtones, it sometimes gets lost among those overtones."

SUPPORTS NDP

Opposition Leader Dismukes supported the NDP view. (Continued on page 5, Col. 2)

Amendments Moved To Pension Provisions

OTTAWA (CP) — The Conservative opposition Wednesday moved the first of a series of amendments to the Canada Pension Plan designed to rewrite it according to their view of a national pension scheme.

Gordon Aiken (PC — Parry Sound-Muskoka) said the Conservatives intend to add four new benefits which will require the inclusion in the Canada Pension Plan bill of a clause spelling out residence qualifications.

The four new benefits are:

- Pensions of \$25 a month for all those who cannot qualify under the Canada Pension Plan because their earned incomes are less than \$600 a year while employed, or \$800 a year if self-employed.
- These minimum pensions to be paid without contributions from those in the lowest income bracket.
- A minimum pension of \$25 a month, to be paid out of the funds by the Canada Pension Plan, for anyone 70 or over who will not benefit from the Canada Pension Plan. (They now receive \$75 a month from the standard old age pension.)
- A minimum pension of \$25 a month for those who are between 65 and 70 when the Canada Pension Plan starts and will be unable to build up meaningful pension credits before age 70.

The residence qualifications Mr. Aiken suggested are the same as those now applying to recipients of old age pensions and old age assistance — the means-test pension available to those aged 65-69, who are in need.

Lloyd Francis (L—Carleton Place) said the residence qualifications would make "a fundamental change" in the government plan. It would apply only to those who opt out of the Canada plan.

Before Mr. Aiken moved his amendment near the end of the third day of debate on the Canada Pension Plan, Walter Dinsdale (PC—Brandon-Souris) said the government's bill covers a broad cross-section of the Canadian people but does not deal with the problem of chronic invalids.

Jack Horner (PC — Annapolis) said a farmer who has contributed for some years may suffer a complete crop failure or total crop damage from hail in one year, and thus have no income. While he might be able to continue contributions from savings built up in earlier years, he would be dependent under the government bill and have to count a year of no income.



UNION OF STUDENTS PRESIDENT HERE

Jean Bazin, president of the Canadian Union of Students is greeted on arrival at the Charlottetown Airport last night by members of St. Dunstan's Students Union. All Canadian Colleges and universities are members of the Canadian Union of Students and Mr. Bazin, a graduate, in law of Laval University, is visiting all colleges and universities in the Maritimes. The purpose is to discuss problems that arise within the various universities throughout Canada. From left are Gerald Fitzgerald, president of St. Dunstan's Students Union; Mary Donovan, CUS chairman; Jean Bazin, president of the Canadian Union of Students.

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