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WEATHER

A few showers ending by evening; light winds increasing to north 15. Low-high 55 and 65. Friday: sunny and cool.

Tension, Alarm Mounting As N. Viet Nam Bases Hit

HEAD SOUTH VIET NAM FORCES

In the deepening struggle with the Communist north, Maj. Gen. Nguyen Khanh (centre), strongman premier of South Viet Nam, Wednesday urged his people by broadcast to back the army and the government solidly "in these extremely critical hours". Meantime, Gen. William C. Westmoreland (right), commander of U. S. forces in South Viet Nam, conferred with Maj. Gen. Tran Khien (left), South Vietnamese defence minister. (AP Wirephoto)

U.S. Gets Set In S. Viet Nam

By MALCOLM W. BROWNE

SAIGON (AP)—United States and South Vietnamese military forces, old allies in a war against Viet Cong guerrillas built up defences Wednesday night to meet any attack from Communist North Viet Nam or Communist China arising from the Gulf of Tonkin crisis.

The organization of a unified command, smilar to the one created in South Korea during the Korean War, appeared imminent.

All leaves for the 16,300 American servicemen in South Viet Nam were cancelled. Those in the 1st and 2nd Corps regions in the north were restricted to their bases in an unofficial "grey alert."

Formal orders from Saigon put the five Vietnamese army divisions in those regions on notice for battle readiness.

Maj.-Gen. Nguyen Khanh, the strongman premier, urged his people in a special broadcast to back the army and the government solidly "in these extremely critical hours." He said he was taking adequate measures to guard their lives and property.

PROVOCATION CHARGED

"The Communist traitors of the north, obeying orders from Red China, have deliberately set in motion an armed provocation," he said, "opening the way for a war of aggression in Southeast Asia, of which Viet Nam constitutes the principal objective."

Six supersonic F-102 jet fighters of the U.S. Air Force, rushed in from Clark Air Force Base, the Philippines, were at Saigon airport under a round-the-clock alert. The commander Lt.-Col. Garnet D. Page said these fighters—armed with anti-aircraft rockets — "are cocked and ready to go."

A Tokyo dispatch of the Kyodo news service said more than 20 warships of the U.S. 7th Fleet left their base at Yokosuka, 50 miles south of Tokyo, for an unannounced destination. The U.S. Navy, which has already bolstered patrols in the Gulf of Tonkin, refused to confirm the report.

Tank units joined the garrison of Da Nang, headquarters of the Vietnamese 1st Corps region which is regarded as a logical target if the Communists choose to extend the conflict set off by a PT boat attack Sunday on the U.S. destroyer Maddox.

NEAR THE FRONTIER

The Da Nang base, on the South China sea 280 miles northeast of Saigon, is about 90 miles from North Viet Nam's frontier.

United States sources said the atmosphere was tense in that area. They reported Da Nang air base was fairly busy and that it possibly was a take-off point of planes used in the retaliatory U.S. attack on North Viet Nam's PT boats and bases.

U.S. Defence Secretary Robert S. McNamara announced in Washington planes striking in 64 sorties from the carriers Ticonderoga and Constellation destroyed or damaged 25 PT boats, heavily damaged four shore bases and wrecked an oil depot. He said two of the American planes were shot down by ground fire and two were damaged.

Without acknowledging their own losses, the North Vietnamese said they downed five raiders, damaged three, and took a U.S. pilot prisoner.

Ho Chi Minh's Communist regime, through radio Hanoi and radio Peking, delcared the Pentagon's report that four PT boats attacked two U.S. destroyers in international waters Tuesday was a fabrication. It said U.S. ships and planes had been violating and shelling North Vietnamese territory and that America's "provocative sabotage and aggressive acts will be severely punished."

MOVES ON UNITY

Khanh's moved to tighten national unity in South Viet Nam came after a 30-minute conference with U.S. Ambassador Maxwell D. Taylor, a retired U.S. general, and an eight-hour meeting.

An advocate recently of a march on the north, Khanh announced his government "supports the firm action of the United States."

Despite the deepening crisis, a U.S. spokesman said there was no immediate expectation that any of the 700 or so dependents of Americans in South Viet Nam would be withdrawn.

American wives and children

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DOUGLAS CRITICAL

Pearson, Diefenbaker Defend Action By U.S.

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Pearson, External Affairs Minister Martin and Opposition Leader Diefenbaker defended the United States' action in North Viet Nam against criticism in the Commons Wednesday by NDP Leader T. C. Douglas.

Mr. Douglas said U.S. action against naval installations on shore was tantamount to a declaration of war. He said Canada should not support ny action buttressing what he termed the discredited regime in South Viet Nam.

Mr. Diefenbaker, opening the question period, said he realized the responsibility for preserving peace rests with the United States and referred to North Viet Nam's "apparently unprovoked attack" as completely inexcusable.

Mr. Martin said State Secretary Dean Rusk of the United States informed Prime Minister Pearson Tuesday night of the North Vietnamese attack on U.S. ships and that the U.S. intended to take action to deter further attacks.

RESPONSE 'LIMITED'

He referred to President Johnson's Tuesday night speech emphasizing that the U.S. would make only a limited response to the North Vietnamese and was anxious to avoid widening the conflict.

Mr. Martin said the government also welcomes U.S. initiative in taking the matter to the United Nations Security Council.

Mr. Douglas asked whether the U.S. had made clear in its consultations with Canada that there is a distinction between U.S. responding to gunboat attacks, and U.S. attacks on shore naval installations, "which seem tantamount to a declaration of war."

Mr. Pearson said there had been no consultation, but the U.S. had merely informed Canada of its intention in general terms. This was proper since Canada is a member of the international truce commissions in Indochina.

REGIME CRITICISED

Mr. Douglas said Canada should make it clear "we are not prepared to support" action by the U.S. designed to perpetuate a regime in South Viet Nam unrepresentative of the people.

Mr. Pearson said Canada's commitments do not go beyond those contained in the United Nations charter.

Mr. Diefenbaker said he wanted it made clear the Conservatives do not support Mr. Douglas' view.

"Under the circumstances, self - preservation demanded action by the United States against on unprovoked attack," Mr. Diefenbaker added.

Mr. Pearson said there can be no denying that U.S. forces are entitled to defend themselves against attack. The North Viet Nam regime was a Communist dictatorship, and if it had lived up to the Geneva accord which set up the truce supervisory commissions there would have been no trouble.

CLAIMS DISTINCTION

Mr. Douglas maintained there is a distinction between the U.S. firing on attacking gunboats, and attacking naval installations on shore.

Social Credit Leader Thompson asked whether Canada has been in consultation with New Zealand and Australia, which "are sharing some responsibilities in the Viet Nam area." Mr. Pearson said Canada has been in touch with the two other Commonwealth countries.

Gilles Gregoire (Creditiste — Lapointe) asked whether Canada would suggest following a proposal by President de Gaulle of France to neutralize Indochina.

Mr. Pearson said he was quite sure the U.S. was aware of President de Gaulle's suggestion.

"I only wish it would be possible to neutralize the area," Mr. Pearson added.

Enheat Seen Likely To Close Here

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN

OTTAWA — Industry Minister C. M. Drury continued to throw cold water on any hopes for saving the Enamel and Heating Company plant in Charlottetown Wednesday.

Replying to a question from Angus MacLean, MP for Queens Mr. Drury said he had held a two-hour meeting with members of the Charlottetown City Council.

"I think I gave them a very full explanation of all the circumstances," Mr. Drury said. "However, I was not able to give them an assurance that there would be further work forthcoming at this particular plant in Charlottetown."

Outside the house, Mr. MacLean said that it now appears quite certain that the plant will have to shut down once it has completed its present government contract. He pointed out that representations have been made by both the provincial government and the city council, as well as by individual members of parliament, and Mr. Drury had not given any affirmative answer to any of the requests.

Negotiations Collapse On Flag Debate Limit

By KEN KELLY

OTTAWA (CP)—Negotiations to agree on a time limit for the flag debate collapsed Wednesday over Progressive Conservatives' refusal to accept such a condition, Prime Minister Pearson said following a meeting of party leaders.

Mr. Pearson said the government does not want to call a fall general election on the flag issue, but it was always possible for the opposition to force an election.

"As far as we're concerned, this situation will not result in an election," he said.

If the opposition held up the flag resolution and other government business for long periods, this could force an election and the opposition would bear the responsibility.

Mr. Pearson said the government intends to press ahead with the previously - outlined legislative program before Parliament takes any summer recess.

He told a press conference this means the government wants parliamentary approval of a request for $696,000,000 in routine interim spending — which had been under debate eight days—a bill to put into effect new tax-sharing arrangements with the provinces, and the flag resolutions.

FLAG APPROVAL SOUGHT

The prime minister said flatly the government wants approval both of the resolution to establish a distinctive maple leaf flag and its companion motion to recognize the Union Jack as the symbol marking Canada's Commonwealth connection.

Car Plunges Into Harbor At Halifax

HALIFAX (CP) — Halifax city police reported Wednesday night that a car had plunged over a jetty at the Naval Dockyard, but no further details were available immediately. However, reports from the scene indicated there may have been three persons in the vehicle at the time of the accident.

Moncton Girl Named Miss N.B.

WOODSTOCK, N.B. (CP)—A tall brunette from Moncton Wednesday was named Miss Brunswick of 1964.

Blue-eyed Mary Chisholm, a second-year commerce student at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, N.S., was chosen from among 12 other contestants from all parts of the province during festivities of Old Home Week here.

She was crowned by last year's monarch, Miss Sandra Elizabeth Contois of Andover.

Elizabeth Stevens of Saint John was named first princess, and Linda Ryan of Fredericton was chosen second princess.

Capture Of Stanleyville By Rebels Is Reported

LEOPOLDVILLE (AP)—The important northern city of Stanleyville in the strife-torn Congo fell Wednesday to Communist-supported rebel troops, messaged from the city's airport said.

Diplomats in Leopoldville did not consider the messages final proof the city had been taken but they were pessimistic, awaiting further word.

The U.S. Embassy in Leopoldville has been out of touch with the five-man consulate in Stanleyville since 11 a.m. local time.

The fall of Stanleyville would mean a possible secession confronting Premier Moise Tshombe's new government.

Loss of the city would cut the entire northern Congo off from control by Leopoldville. It once served as the capital of Antoine Gizenga's break-away government.

Rebel leader Gaston Emile Soumialot probably would name Stanleyville the capital of the "Popular Republic of The Congo" which he recently proclaimed. Soumialot's campaign of conquest is supported by Communist China.

The Leopoldville airport control tower Wednesday heard the operator at Stanleyville airport calling: "Help, help, help." Twenty minutes later the same operator reported, "the entire city is in rebel hands."

Not long afterward, the Stanleyville control tower said: "All services of Stanleyville airport now are operating under the control of the popular army of liberation."

The message received by the United Nations from its civil aviation technicians in Stanleyville said: "I must go off the air now rebels are surrounding the building."

BULLETIN

TOKYO (AP) — Communist China said today "The Chinese people will absolutely not sit idly by without lending a helping hand" to stop North Viet Nam from being "subjected to aggression."

FBI Seeking Killers Of Rights Trio

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—With its six weeks search for the bodies ended, the Federal Bureau of Investigation hunted Wednesday for the killers of three civil rights workers.

The relentless 44-day search ended Tuesday when three bodies were dug from an earthen watershed dam near Philadelphia, Miss. a pathologist said all three were shot to death.

Mavor Moore Is Injured

KITCHENER, Ont. (CP) — Drama producer Mavor Moore of Toronto received a broken nose and cut chin today when his car went out of control on an Oxford county road 15 miles east of here.

Police said Mr. Moore was transferred to hospital in Toronto. Damage to his car was estimated at $400 by police.

Will Red China Go To War Question At Washington

By LEWIS GULICK

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States began a diplomatic holding action after a quick one-punch military strike Wednesday designed to help win the war in Viet Nam while keeping it small.

U.S. strategists kept alert for any reaction from Communist China. The big question: Would Peking swing into armed action?

Johnson administration authorities expected a severe propaganda attack from the Chinese Reds, as well as from Moscow and North Viet Nam. They were betting, without positive assurance, Peking's response would amount to not much more than that.

Moscow opened up with a statement by the Soviet news agency Tass saying "the aggressive actions" of the United States in the Gulf of Tonkin "leads to a dangerous exacerbation of the situation in Southeast Asia."

If Communist China does choose to respond with arms, the predominant Washington speculation is that the Chinese will move into Southeast Asia in a massive way. Since the U.S. already is committed there it was stated that this would bring on large-scale war.

High administration sources said the speedy U.S. strike against North Vietnamese torpedo boats and their bases, after the second attack on U.S. destroyers, was aimed at wiping out an intolerable threat to U.S. craft sailing in international waters. The American vessels have been patrolling the area through which the Hanoi regime in North Viet Nam has been slipping reinforcements to the Red Viet Cong in South Viet Nam.

By hitting back firmly and quickly, but in a limited way, the sources said, the U.S. also hoped to avoid a spread in the war.

U.S. officials here figured that, if U.S. forces did not respond promptly and effectively, the Communists would take it as an invitation to step up and spread their activities directly against American units. The message not to expand the conflict will be clearly read in Hanoi and Peking—or so Johnson's advisers hope.

In this context, the United States took an explanation of its conduct to the Unied Nations security council, and to foreign ministries around the world, while awaiting any reaction from the Asian Communists.

DAME FLORA OFFICIALLY OPENS GAMES

Dame Flora MacLeod, accompanied by the skirl of the bagpipes of the RCAF pipe band from Ottawa is led down the field at Lord Selkirk Park yesterday by J. C. Sutherland, president of the Caladonia Club, Charlottetown. Dame Flora, chief of the Clan MacLeod officially opened the Caledonia Games at the park yesterday. The official party included Lieutenant-Governor W. J. MacDonald and W. C. MacLeod, chief of the Clan MacLeod of this province, and Mrs. MacLeod. (See story on page 5).

One Solo Ocean Crossing Enough For English Doctor

HALIFAX (CP) — Dr. Robert McCurdy says he wouldn't like to sail across the Atlantic alone again.

Dr. McCurdy, from Norfolk, Eng., arrived here Monday aboard his 40-foot ketch Tammy Norie after a 21-day trip from Baltimore, Ireland, to St. John's Nfld.

The 46-year old doctor, said he was seasick for 15 days after leaving Europe. He originally started out to take part in the trans-Atlantic single-handed ocean yacht race from Plymouth, Eng., to Newport, R.I.

However, Tammy Norie suffered damage from rough weather and Dr. McCurdy had to abandon the race and turn back for repairs. He arrived in St. John's July 21.

Dr. McCurdy had a couple of narrow shaves off Newfoundland when he met icebergs.

Once he saw a flow he thought was the northern lights; but it turned out to be an iceberg. The ketch passed within 100 yards.

"I kept a continual lookout but I wouldn't have more than two minutes warning by the time I could see an iceberg, he said.

"It was frightening. I would not like to do it again."

The boats self steering rig was smashed by a growler, a small chunk of ice.

Dr. McCurdy says he will try to sell his boat in Halifax. The craft now is anchored in the North West Arm of the harbor.

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Conservatives Pull Out Of 8-Day Supply Debate

OTTAWA (CP)—The Conservatives withdrew abruptly from the Commons supply debate Wednesday after eight days of speeches but the Creditiste group blocked approval of an interim money advance to the government until at least today.

Gilles Gregoire (Creditiste—Lapointe) said his group would not approve passage of the supply bill until the Commons had a report from a meeting of party leaders outside the House on a compromise to break the current parliamentary deadlock over the flag issue and arrange a recess.

He said the Creditiste group wanted an assurance debate on the government-proposed maple leaf flag would not be postponed until the fall.

It was apparent in the Commons shortly after 5:30 p.m. the Conservatives were prepared to pass the supply bill granting the government an advance of nearly $700,000,000 to pay its bills in August and September.

Shouts of carried by Liberals and Conservatives rose in the chamber at that time when Bruce S. Beer, parliamentary secretary to Agriculture Minister Hays, took his seat after taking part in the debate for about 10 minutes.

However, Gerard Perron (Creditiste — Beauce) began speaking on problems facing Quebec farmers and was still speaking five minutes before the 6 p.m. Wednesday adjournment hour.

4 Island Grants Okayed By ADB

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN

OTTAWA — Four P.E.I. projects are among the 12 so far approved by the Atlantic Development Board, it was revealed here Wednesday by Transport Minister J. W. Pickersgill. He was replying to a question placed on the order paper by Robert Coates, MP for Cumberland.

P.E.I. will get assistance to the extent of $1 million for construction and rehabilitation of trunk highways; a grant of $700,000 toward water and sewage system and power transmission lines to the fish and farm products processing plant at Georgetown; $75,000 toward the water supply and hard surfacing of a road for a food processing plant at Montague; and $100,000 toward the irish moss plant to be constructed in Prince County.

Mr. Pickersgill said that, in addition, some 30 other projects are at various stages of consideration by the ADB. of the original $100 million allocated to the board, an amount of $51,440,000 has been committed against the fund for approved projects, but no actual expenditure has yet been made in respect of the 12 commitments.

At A Glance

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Washington—Defence Secretary Robert S. McNamara said United States reconnaissance flights over North Viet Nam targets had confirmed "very successful" results. He said the U.S. reconnaissance planes did not encounter anti-aircraft fire such as shot down two U.S. planes and damaged a third during a heavy U.S. strike in retaliation for two attacks on U.S. destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin.

The Pentagon said the U.S. navy planes heavily damaged four torpedo boat bases, destroyed or damaged 25 boats and set fire to an oil storage depot. Communist North Viet Nam claimed five U.S. planes were shot down and a pilot captured. McNamara said it was impossible for a pilot to have been captured.

McNamara indicated there would be no further raids but warned that the issue "is up to the North Vietnamese."

Syracuse, N.Y. — In words directed at Communist China, President Johnson declared. "To anyone who may be tempted to support or widen the present aggression (by North Viet Nam) I say this. There is no threat to any peaceful power from the United States of America. But there can be no peace by aggression and no immunity from reply."

Saigon—U.S. and South Vietnamese military forces were put on the alert and a big buildup of U.S. forces in Southeast Asia was begun to meet any attack from North Viet Nam or Red China.

Moscow—An official Soviet statement declared U.S. war ships had no business in the Gulf of Tonkin and asserted that further "rash incidents" in that area may cause "a wider military conflict with all the dangerous consequences."

Tokyo—Red China charged Johnson ordered the bombing of North Viet Nam to increase his chances in the presidential election and "to spread the flames of war to the northern part of Viet Nam."

Hong Kong—A Communist newspaper said Red China "will not wait until the flames of war have come too close" before taking retaliatory acation against U.S. attacks in the Gulf of Tonkin.

United Nations—The United States told an urgent session of the UN security council the retaliatory blow at North Viet Nam was designed to head off Communist conquest of Southeast Asia. The Soviet Union said the United States was guilty of "acts of aggression."

Paris—The United States told a special meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's permanent council of developments in the Vietnamese crisis.

Bangkok—The United States notified a special meeting of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization's permanent council the U.S. air raid on North Viet Nam was purely retaliatory and Washington seeks no wider war.

London—The foreign office said the United States "exercised the legitimate right of self-defence in taking action against the attackers." Prime Minister Douglas-Home said he would make a statement today on the international situation.

Tokyo—Japan, The Philippines, Nationalist Chinese, Thailand and Australia voiced support for the U.S. action; North Viet Nam said that all U.S. "aggressive acts will be properly punished."