

# U.S. General Warns Of Long Viet Nam War

From AP-Reuters  
SAIGON (CP)—A record total of 240 Americans killed in Viet Nam in one week underlines a new official warning today that the war will be long.

"It involves a long conflict and we must be prepared to accept this," Gen. William C. Westmoreland, the U.S. commander, told the American people in a U.S. Thanksgiving Day interview.

A battle on the central coast near Quang Nam, 330 miles northeast of Saigon, reflected the shifting scope of the jungle war. A detachment of 500 South Vietnamese troops overran 200 Viet Cong and reported they killed 150. The Communist survivors broke contact and fled.

U.S. spokesmen disclosed Wednesday the greatest American battle toll since the Korean war when deaths averaged about 210 a week, was piled up from Nov. 14 to Nov. 20.

Most of the bloodshed developed in the savage fighting between North Vietnamese regulars and U.S. cavalrymen in the Ia Drang Valley, a central highlands sector now quiet.

In addition to the 240 dead, 470 Americans were wounded and six were missing. The highest previous toll was in the week ended Nov. 13-18, killed and 230 wounded.

**CASUALTIES DOUBLE**

South Vietnamese government forces, still carrying the main load in combat, lost 357 killed and 807 wounded. That was more than double their casualties of the previous week.

On the other hand, a record number of Communist casualties also was reported—2,352 dead and 136 captured. As usual there was no estimate of Communist wounded. American officials pointed out that the death ratio was more than three to one in favor of the allies.

Grim prospects ahead have led to orders for enlargement of the U.S. air force morgue at Saigon's Tan Son Nhut airport, through which pass the remains of all American fighting men who die in Viet Nam.

One American with special reasons to be thankful is Pte.

Toby Braveboy, 24, of Coward, S.C., a wounded cavalryman plucked to safety by helicopter after a week in hiding in the Ia Drang Valley from North Vietnamese who overran his detachment Nov. 17.

Abed in a U.S. field hospital at Plauku after surgery for treatment of bullet wounds in the chest, arms and hands Braveboy was reported to be dehydrated and emaciated but in satisfactory condition.

**REJECT PRISONERS**

The political arm of the Viet Cong has rejected U.S. protests over the reprisal execution of American prisoners in Viet Nam, the International Committee of the Red Cross said in Geneva Wednesday.

The National Liberation Front of Viet Nam told the committee it is not bound by international treaties signed by others. But it maintained that the Viet Cong treat prisoners "humanely" and tends enemy wounded.

The committee said it received this message from a front representative in Moscow, in reply to a committee appeal last June for all sides fighting in Viet Nam to respect the Geneva conventions on protection of non-combatants and war victims and treatment of wounded and prisoners.

A platoon of U.S. marines promoting the spirit of thanksgiving in a South Vietnamese village at which they are used 2 1/2 miles west of Da Nang. The 32 men of the platoon contributed \$120 to provide clothing, food, candy, soft drinks and cake for the 49 children of the village.

**BALTIC**

Mrs. William Acorn, Souris recently underwent surgery in the Charlottetown Hospital. Blaise Lapierre, Red Point, has entered the Provincial Sanatorium, Charlottetown. Blair is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lapierre and his host of friends and school pals do wish him a speedy get-well.

Carol Jenkins, Summerside, was a guest at the MacGregor and Ching wedding at the East Point Baptist Church, Saturday night Nov. 20.

Lester Robertson, returned to his home in Kingsboro from the Souris Hospital. Lester is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Robertson, Kingsboro.

Mrs. Willard Ching, matron Souris Hospital had the misfortune of slipping on the church basement steps and injuring her ankle, and is now about on crutches. Mrs. Ching's host of friends do wish her a speedy recovery and back to her duties soon.

Bobby Conway returned to his home in Elmira having spent some time in Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oikie and family have taken up residence at South Lake, the family home at Campbell's Cove was destroyed by fire a short time ago and they were left homeless and with only the clothes they were wearing were saved.

Mrs. Rebecca Robertson on Tuesday Nov. 16, celebrated her 83rd birthday quietly at her home in Munn's Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Stafford Hueston, Wilmet, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne MacKinnon, Charlottetown attended the MacGregor and Ching wedding on Saturday evening Nov. 20, at the East Point Baptist Church, Kingsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. David Bruce, East Baltic spent Sunday with friends and relatives in New Brunswick.

Am Rose, East Baltic, left recently to take up employment in Ontario.

Roy Robertson, Red Point, is at time of writing undergoing treatment in the P.E.I. Hospital, Charlottetown.

Charles Stewart is confined to his home at South Lake. Charles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stewart. His host of friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. James Costley and son Michael of Charlottetown spent the past weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Robertson, Munn's Road.

Due to the mild weather last week several of the farmers were trying to salvage their potatoes that were left in the ground due to heavy frost. They predict they are not very good which means quite a loss to the farmers.

## Yanks Reject Food Appeal From Ghana

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States has rejected a request from Ghana for \$100,000,000 worth of surplus food shipments, apparently because of attacks on the U.S. by President Kwame Nkrumah.

A state department spokesman made the decision public here.

The action was taken after the U.S. "forcefully protested" the publication of a book by Nkrumah which assailed U.S. policies, the U.S. peace corps, foreign aid and other activities. The protest was made here by Assistant State Secretary G. Mennen Williams to Ghanaian Ambassador Miguel A. Ribeiro.

Asked whether the denial of assistance was related to Nkrumah's book, a state department press officer Robert J. McCloskey said: "No comment."

His refusal to dissociate the actions was in line with private information from officials that the Nkrumah publication was the immediate cause of the aid crackdown.

## Educational Co. Formed

NEW YORK (AP)—General Electric Co. and Time, Inc. reported they have established a jointly-owned \$37,500,000 company to develop and market educational materials, systems and services.

Each corporation will hold half of the new enterprise which has not yet been given a name. The plan calls for a "mutually-owned but independent enterprise."

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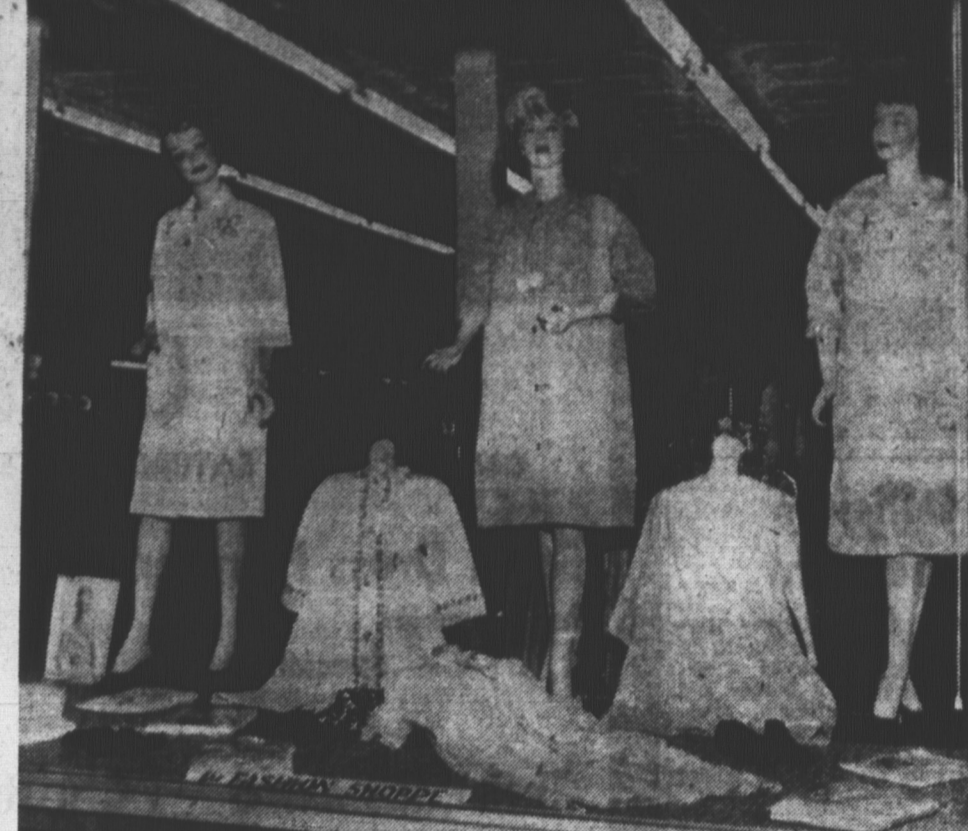
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