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BUDDHIST LEADER'S DISCRIMINATION CHARGES DENIED

Saigon (VP) July 1

Vice President Nguyen Ngoi Tho yesterday sent a letter to the Venerable Thich Tinh Khiet assuring him of the Government's sincere efforts to implement the June 16 Joint Communique signal by the Interministerial Committee and the Buddhist Delegation.

The letter was in reply to that of Venerable Khiet's letter to the President of the Republic last Wednesday expressing doubt about the Government's observance of the communique and stressing that for the past 10 days "not only have the conditions not improved but actually deteriorated."

The Venerable Monk brought up these points :

1/- On June 18 and 19 the Information Service at Song Cau, Phu Yen province, organized meetings at Xuan Phuong and Xuan Loc villages to pass resolutions condemning Buddhist activities in abusive terms. Villagers at Nhon Hoa, An Nhon district, Binh Dinh province, were likewise forced to do the same.

2/- The pagoda of the Buddhist Association in Quang Tri is still cordoned off and Buddhists being arrested.

3/- Movement of the bonzes and nuns between the provinces and the capital is still obstructed.

4/- The Phan Rang province administration forced the Buddhist chapter there to hoist the national colours above the Buddhist flag which was at half-mast in mourning for the Venerable Thich Quang Duc.

5/- Security and police officers are listing the people going to the Xa Loi, An Quang and Giac Minh pagodas.

6/- The Luc Hoa Tang sect was aided by a public service in organizing an impromptu convention of the Co Son Mon group to oppose the General Association of Buddhism. Many in the sect are fake monks.

7/- Assistance was also given to the Co Son Mon in sending a cable to the Buddhist Association in Ceylon to denounce the General Association of Buddhism of Viet Nam as conducting political activities.

In addition, the Venerable Thich Tinh Khiet reported to the President that Youth Director General Gao Xuan Vy is rumored to be planning a mass Cong Hoa Youth demonstration to ask the President to review the Joint Communique. The rumors, the letter said, also stated that military and civil officials have received orders to "give in" to Buddhists pending instructions for a counter-attack after punishing discontented Buddhist elements in the ranks of the administration and the military.

Other rumors meanwhile mentioned fake Viet Cong documents, murder and kidnapping of Buddhist leaders, cordoning off pagodas and isolating Buddhists from the monks, etc.

BUDDHIST LEADER (2)

Main points in Vice President's letter :

In a reply dated June 30, Vice President Nguyen Ngoi Tho put forth the following main points :

1/- There never were meetings in Xuan Phuong, Xuan Lo and Nhon Hoa villages. The Interior Department asked for information from the local administrations of these two provinces, which reported that no such meetings had taken place.

2/- The pagoda in Quang Tri has not been isolated. All the detainees have been freed except three to be taken to Court.

3/- Buddhist monks and nuns have complete freedom of movement.

4/- As for the incident in Phan Rang (Ninh Thuan province) related to the flag problem, both parties have come to an agreement after explanations were made by the local authorities.

5/- In Saigon the Buddhists have free access to the Xa Loi, An Quang, and Giac Minh pagodas. In recent days, Buddhists in large numbers have come to worship at the pagodas.

6/- The Luc Hoa Tang sect and the Co Son Mon General Association have never received any aid from any Government agency to support their activities. There is no proof of false monks, and hence the rumors are not worth consideration.

7/- The Government did not help the Co Son Mon General Association send a cable to Ceylon since this is the private affair of that association.

The Vice President stressed that the rumors that Mr. Cao Xuan Vy has planned demonstrations are "absolutely false."

Mr. Nguyen Ngoi Tho also pointed out that Mr. Cao Xuan Vy "is a Government official who has to strictly and scrupulously execute the orders of the President of the Republic," and that "the Republican Youth Movement of young men and women is not a Government organization but a popular movement."

The Vice President concluded that "The spirit of the Joint Communique is a fraternal one," and hoped that the Venerable Superior and the General Association of Buddhism would "help enlighten all the faithful to prevent erroneous opinions from sowing disunity and harming that spirit of solidarity."

Vice President Nguyen Ngoi Tho was the head of the Interministerial Committee, and the Venerable Thich Tinh Khiet is the Superior of the General Association of Buddhism of Viet Nam.

(The full VP translation of both the Venerable Thich Tinh Khiet's letter and Vice President Nguyen Ngoi Tho's reply will be released in this afternoon's bulletin, Et.)

KIEN PHONG OPERATION KILLS 110 VC NEAR CAMBODIAN BORDER

Saigon (VP) July 1

Operation Duc Thang 52/KP, launched by the Kien Phong command Saturday in the Tam Thuong area of Hong Ngu district, less than two kms from the Cambodian border, has resulted in 110 Viet Cong killed and three captured.

Two Cong Hoa Youth girls from Thuong Thoi village, two Combatant Youths from Thuong Lac village and six villagers held prisoners by the Viet Cong were also liberated. The operation was directed by Lt. Col. Dinh Van Phat, chief of Kien Phong province.

The Army, Bao An, Dan Ve, and Combatant Youth units in the operation were supported by amphibious vehicles, artillery and the Air Force. They reported eight killed and 13 wounded, including one seriously. They took from the Viet Cong five light machine guns (BAR, Brent and 24x29), two Thompson submachine guns, four carbines, 11 rifles including a Garand M1 and five Mas-36, and a large number of documents.

Intelligence disclosed that a Viet Cong regional company and Company 247 of Battalion 502 plus a local guerrilla platoon were confronted in the action, which took place in a thinly-wooded area. The sources added that the enemy was transforming the area into a springboard for an attack on Hong Ngu district town, about 12 kms. away. The Communists had already dug a number of foxholes and trenches and were well positioned when the Government attack occurred. Their five light machine guns held up the advance of the amphibious vehicles for a while.

Gen. Huynh Van Cao, the Corps IV commander, and Col. Bui Dinh Dam, commander of the 7th Infantry Division, arrived at the battlefield shortly after the fighting started to contribute to the direction of the operation.

The action ended late the same day but searches were still going on yesterday.

A group of newsmen went to Kien Phong yesterday to observe the battlefield. (CH-4)

GEN. SMART ENDS 5-DAY VISIT

Saigon (VP) July 1

Lt. General Jacob E. Smart, commander of the 5th Air Force and the U.S. Army in Japan, left Saigon yesterday after a five-day visit.

Gen. Smart had inspected USAF and VNAF units here, at VNAF headquarters Col. Huynh Huu Hien had reviewed for him the development and activities of the VNAF. The general, who has just been named to command all U.S. Air Forces in the Pacific, was seen off at Tan Son Nhut airport by several Vietnamese and American high-ranking officers. (PS.6)

PREFECT SHOWS NEWSMEN AROUND CITY IMPROVEMENT
PROJECTS

Saigon (VP) July 1

Problems of improving living conditions in the capital's crowded residential areas were dealt with by Prefect Vu Tien Huan in a meeting with the press at the City Hall yesterday morning.

Urgent works contemplated or already underway, Mr. Huan mentioned, were sewer systems, paving alleys and repairing or building more wooden bridges in these areas. For this, the City Hall earmarks from VN\$2 to 3 million each year, he disclosed.

Under the community development programme the city supplies materials (pipes, paving stones, timber ...) while the manpower is contributed by the local residents.

The prefect outlined that although not spectacular, these works are making steady progress everywhere in the prefecture, in contrast to the terrorist acts of the Viet Cong such as recent explosions which killed and wounded many innocent people.

The briefing was followed by a tour of various city areas for the newsmen under the guidance of Mr. Huan, City Council Chairman Nguyen Van Thanh and the two deputy prefects.

The main spots visited were alley 413 off Truong Minh Giang Street in District III, where a 100-metre sewer system is underway, alley 25 off Luong Van Can Street in District VIII, where a 40-metre wooden bridge is being built. (DG-d)

VIET CONG ABDUCT EIGHT VILLAGE YOUTHS

Long Xuyen (VP) July 1

Viet Cong disguised as Dan Ve sneaked into Phu Tam strategic hamlet in An Giang province last Thursday night and abducted at gun point seven Combatant Youths and hamlet Youth Commissioner Dang Ngoc Dong.

No news has been heard of the eight since.

The terrorists also took away three carbines, seven Mas-36 rifles, a shotgun and a telephone.

Phu Tam strategic hamlet is on the Vietnamese-Cambodian border about one km. north of Tinh Bien district town. (DL-d)

POWER PLANT FOR XUYEN MOC DISTRICT TOWN

Phuoc Le (VP) July 1

The people of Phuoc Tuy province's Xuyen Moc district town will have electricity as soon as a VN\$300,000 generating plant is completed this month.

This is the fourth district town in the province to get electricity, the first three being Vung Tau, Long Dien and Dat Do. The province has six districts in all.

The power plant is being paid for by the Rural Affairs Department. (DL-d)

FREE MARKET RATES FOR FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Saigon (VP) July 1

The National Exchange Office today announced the following free market rates for foreign currencies for limited transactions :

VN\$ 73.50 : 1 US dollar
VN\$ 15.- : 1 French franco
VN\$205.80 : 1 pound sterling.

CONCERT OF WESTERN, LOCAL WORKS PUT ON BY AMATEUR GROUP

Saigon (VP) July 1

A performance of Western light chamber music and modern Vietnamese compositions was given Saturday evening by the orchestra and choir of the Van Hoa Duy Linh Association at the National School of Music and Drama. The concert was presided over by Dean Vu Quoc Thuc of the Saigon Faculty of Law, who heads the association.

On the programme were two pieces by Ketelbey, "In a Persian Market" and "In the Garden of a Chinese Temple," two pieces by Rimsky-Korsakoff, "The Dance of the Clowns" and "Flight of the Bumblebee," plus the Vietnamese "Mua Lua Thanh Binh" by composer Vu Van Tuynh and the "Blue Danube" by J. Strauss.

This first major performance by the association was put on with the aim of "bringing culture to the service of Man," as one of its officials announced. (NG-d)

Military Briefing :

172 VIET CONG KILLED IN VINH LONG AND KIEN PHONG
ACTIONS

Saligon (VP) July 1

Sixty Viet Cong were killed Saturday by VNAF air strikes supporting a ground operation about 25 kms southwest of Vinh Long's capital, the DGI said at its military briefing this morning. Two more Viet Cong were downed by ground forces in the same operation.

Five were wounded on the government side, including a U.S. Marine. His condition is not serious and he is now being treated in Saigon.

The DGI also said that 110 Viet Cong lost their lives and three were captured in Kien Phong province the same day.

Details on the latter action and others throughout the country are as follows :

CORPS ONE :

- Quang Tri-Thua Thien : Operation Phung Hoang : Total results for April 1-June 30 :

- Friendly losses : 25 killed, 44 wounded.

- Enemy losses : 48 killed, 9 captured;
20 individual weapons, 38 grenades,
2,000 cartridges, 5 knapsacks, 2
bayonets, 2 compasses plus a
quantity of medicine and equipment
seized;
1,978 structures, one office, one
training centre, 90 tons of paddy,
400 kilos of rice and 651 hectares
of crops destroyed.

571 persons were liberated.

- Thua Thien : An unknown number of VC ambushed an Army squad at 8 a.m. June 29 5 kms southeast of the A Luoi outpost near the Laotian border. Results :

- Friendly losses : 5 killed;
one rifle lost.

- Enemy losses : not reported.

CORPS TWO :

- Kontum : An unknown number of Viet Cong attacked a strategic hamlet 15 kms northeast of Tou Morong district town on June 28. Results :

- Friendly losses : 2 killed and 8 wounded (all civilians).

- Enemy losses : 2 killed (confirmed);
one submachine gun, and a quantity of
drugs and documents seized.

172 VIET CONG KILLED (2)

- Quang Ngai, 10 p.m., June 27 : Dan Ve clashed with the Viet Cong at a spot 20 kms northwest of Tu Nghia district town. Results :

- Friendly losses : none.

- Enemy losses : one killed;
one Mas-36 rifle seized.

CORPS THREE :

- Binh Thuan, 5:30 a.m., June 28 : A group of Combatant Youths patrolling outside Hoa Tan strategic hamlet 10 kms northeast of Phan Thiet were ambushed by approximately a VC platoon with light machine guns. Results :

- Friendly losses : 2 killed, 4 wounded;
5 Mas-36 rifles and one shotgun missing.

- Enemy losses : not reported.

- Khanh Hoa, 7:50 p.m., June 29 : The Saigon-Nha Trang train hit VC mines 12 kms west of Nha Trang. Results : 12 metres of track damaged; the train suffered no damage and returned to Nha Trang at midnight.

- Binh Duong, 2 a.m., June 29 : Two Viet Cong platoons attacked Subi Dua strategic hamlet, 2 kms southeast of Dau Tieng district town. The Dan Ve guarding the hamlet put up a fierce defence and the VC withdrew. Preliminary results :

- Friendly losses : 2 Dan Ve killed, 10 Dan Ve wounded,
3 Dan Ve missing;
5 carbines and one Thompson submachine gun missing;
one watchtower collapsed.

- Enemy losses : 3 killed;
one carbine and 2 grenades seized.

- Binh Tuy : A search-and-clear operation was conducted on June 28 in an area northwest of Tam Tan district town. The operation ended June 29. Results :

- Friendly losses : none.

- Enemy losses : 3 killed;
a number of killed and wounded carried off;
one Mas-36 rifle, 2 grenades and a quantity of equipment seized;
6 hectares of crops and one base destroyed.

172 VIET CONG KILLED (3)

- Tay Ninh, 11:45 p.m., June 26 : Viet Cong attacked An Thanh strategic hamlet, 4 kms west of Go Dau Ha district town. Artillery helped repel the enemy. Results :

- Friendly losses : none.

- Enemy losses : 2 killed (including a village commissar), about 30 killed and wounded carried away; one Garand rifle, 260 cartridges, 2 raincoats, 5 hammocks, 5 ammo belts and 4 small mines seized.

- Phuoc Thanh : As announced earlier, an unknown number of Viet Cong attacked a Dan Ve outpost 8 kms southwest of Hieu Liem district town at 3 a.m. June 29. Fire planes supported. Results :

- Friendly losses : 2 killed, 5 wounded; one automatic rifle lost.

- Enemy losses : 5 killed (confirmed) and 5 submachine guns seized.

CAPITAL ZONE : 7 a.m., June 29 : Operation Dan Tam 19/65 was launched at the border of Binh Chanh district in Gia Dinh province and Ben Luc district in Long An province. The operation ended the same day. Results :

- Friendly losses : none.

- Enemy losses : one killed; one Mas-36 rifle, 4 grenades, one cartridge belt and 75 rounds seized; 5 spike traps destroyed.

CORPS FOUR :

- Kien Phong : Operation Duc Thang 52/KP, begun June 29 12 kms northwest of Hong Ngu district town, ended June 30. Results :

- Friendly losses : 8 killed, 15 wounded.

- Enemy losses : 110 killed, 5 captured.

5 light machine guns, 26 magazines, 4 carbines, one Garand, 5 Mas-36 rifles, 2 Thompson submachine guns, 5 locally-made rifles and a quantity of equipment were seized.

Government troops freed 10 persons (2 woman paramilitary cadres, 2 Combatant youths and 6 civilians).

(See VP report on page 1).

172 VIET CONG KILLED (4)

- Vinh Binh, 2:10 a.m., June 29 : Dan Ve from Ngu Lap village were ambushed by Viet Cong 15 kms south of Cau Ngang district town. The district command rushed Combatant Youths to the scene and a clash occurred between the Viet Cong and the Combatant Youths at the above place. Results :
 - Friendly losses : 2 Combatant Youths killed, 5 wounded.
 - Enemy losses : casualties unknown; one Mas-36 rifle and one Indochinese rifle seized.
- Long An : Results of the Viet Cong attack on the Phuoc Van Dan Ve watchtower, 14 kms northwest of Can Duoc district town. Results :
 - Friendly losses : 5 Dan Ve, one Policeman and one village official killed; 5 Dan Ve wounded; one Colt pistol, 6 carbines, 2 Thompson submachine guns, one Garand rifle missing.
 - Enemy losses : not reported.
- Chuong Thien, 2:25 a.m., June 28 : Approximately 150 Viet Cong attacked the Thuy Lieu outpost 7 kms north northwest of Kien Hung district town. Planes were rushed to drop flares and strafe the enemy. Results :
 - Friendly losses : one Dan Ve, one Dan Ve dependent and one village official killed; 5 Dan Ve and one Civic Action Centre missing; 5 carbines missing.
 - Enemy losses : 5 killed.
- 6 a.m., June 29 : Dan Ve clashed with approximately a VC platoon 7 kms west northwest of Kien Long district town. Results :
 - Friendly losses : none.
 - Enemy losses : 7 killed, a number of killed and wounded carried off; one Thompson, 5 individual weapons and documents seized.
- Kien Giang : A search and clear operation was initiated June 28 22 kms northwest of Rach Gia. The operation is still continuing. Results for June 28 :
 - Friendly losses : none.
 - Enemy losses : one locally-made rifle and 2 scatter-guns seized.
- An Xuyen, 4 a.m., June 29 : An estimated Viet Cong company attacked a Dan Ve post 5 kms east of Ca Mau. Results :
 - Friendly losses : 5 killed, 12 wounded, 11 missing; 19 individual weapons and a 60 mm mortar missing.
 - Enemy losses : not reported.

Sports :

FRENCH COACH FOR CUSTOMS SOCCER TEAM

Saigon (VP) July 1

A French soccer coach will arrive the middle of this month to help "build up the Customs team", a team official reported today.

The coach, Mr. Toris, once played for the Racing Club soccer team of Paris. Last season he coached the First team.

The spokesman said his team will provide round-trip transportation and accommodation in Saigon for Mr. Toris and his wife; the coach will sign a two-year contract with the team.

JUDO ASSN. ELECTS NEW BOARD

Saigon (VP) July 1

A new ten-member executive board of the Vietnamese Judo Association was elected yesterday at the Youth House here, with Mr. Thai Thuc Thuan as incoming chairman.

Outgoing head Dang Thong Tri was named honorary chairman.

Other officers elected were :

- Nguyen Khac Bui : 1st vice chairman,
- Phan Van Quan : 2nd. vice chairman,
- Nguyen Van Binh : secretary general,
- Thi Chu Giao : treasurer-general.

Nguyen Huu Tinh, Nguyen Huu Huy, Nguyen Van Qui, Nguyen Van Lan and Watanabe were elected commissioners. The election took place at the association's general meeting attended by 12 delegates from 16 branches in the capital.

EMG AND CUSTOMS QUALIFY FOR SH TOURNAMENT FINALS

Saigon (VP) July 1

The General Staff (EMG) and Customs teams qualified for the finals of the Strategic Hamlet soccer tournament after defeating the Police Juniors 6-1 and the Prefectural Police 5-0 in the semi-finals yesterday.

In the first encounter the Police Juniors were no match for their opponents, much stronger both physically and technically.

Although the Juniors fought hard against EMG's repeated attacks in the first half, they couldn't keep up the same pace in the second.

In the second match Customs played a beautiful game while the Prefectural Police lacked teamwork and drive.

Sports writers however commented that with luck the Police team would have tied with Customs yesterday. (DI-d)

Saigon Press Review :

CAPITAL DWELLERS URGED TO GUARD NEIGHBOURHOODS AGAINST FURTHER VC ATTEMPTS

Saigon (VP) July 1

Condemning the Viet Cong terrorism which most recently has resulted in 15 innocent people killed and about a hundred wounded in the capital, Saigon Mai last night said :

"The alarm has sounded. The capital population must realize the dangers facing it and again be on guard in crowded residential quarters, as during the VC arson outbreak, to foil terrorist attempts.

"On the other hand," the paper added, "work must be stepped up to turn these residential areas into strategic quarters."

Dong Nai cited the present sugar shortage as an example of Viet Nam's dependence on foreign markets and urged local industrialists to move toward self-sufficiency in raw materials and depend less on imports.

"We have always repeated the urgent need to increase the acreage devoted to industrial crops and urged Vietnamese industrialists to invest more in that field. Only this way can our country be less dependent on imports of raw materials, the paper concluded.

Saigon Mai saw in the current Kennedy-Macmillan meeting a step towards the coming summit in Moscow on the A-bomb test ban.

The U.S. and Britain, the paper said, may adopt a more flexible approach to that problem in an attempt to reach an agreement with the USSR. The present growing feud between Moscow and Peking seems a factor which improves the chances for a West-USSR rapprochement. (DG-d)

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FAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIA

**SHANTUNG HIT BY SERIOUS WATER-LOGGING IN LAST
3 YEARS**

Hong Kong (Reuter) June 29

The East China province of Shantung is bringing in a "fairly good" crop of barley and wheat though the region had been hit by serious water-logging in the last three years, according to the New China News Agency today.

The weather in Shantung in recent months had been favourable for the barley and wheat crops.

The agency added that reports from other parts of the country's wheat belt in the yellow river basin also pointed to good harvests.

ADM. McDONALD INSPECTS U.S. BASE NEAR YOKOHAMA

Tokyo (UPI) June 30

Admiral David L. McDonald, newly appointed U.S. chief of Naval Operations arrived at Yokosuka naval base near Yokohama Saturday on the first leg of an orientation visit to the Far East.

McDonald will remain in the Tokyo area until Tuesday when he leaves for Okinawa. He was entertained Sunday by Admiral Sadayoshi Nakayama, chief of the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force.

**RED CHINA INTENSIFIES ANTI-KHRUSHCHEV CAMPAIGN
ON MAINLAND**

Hong Kong (UPI) June 30

Red China's intensified anti-Khrushchev campaign on the mainland has spread to all levels of society in the cities and the countryside, the Sunday Post-Herald reported today.

The British-owned Sunday paper quoted recent arrivals from Central China as saying that Khrushchev was now frequently referred to by Party members and cadres as "the incorrigible Khrushchev", "Khrushchev the bald-headed ass" and even "Khrushchev the swine."

It said that at political meetings, Party members and cadres were told that Khrushchev had demanded repayment of the equivalent of US\$20 million -- the amount of aid the Soviet supplied China during the Korean war -- which was given originally as a grant. As a result the Peking authorities have been forced to reduce the people's rations in food and other essentials to raise the amount.

RED CHINA... (2)

In other words, Red China was now blaming the Soviets for the meagre rations.

At the same meetings, anti-Soviet stories were related, including some about the raping of Chinese women by Soviet soldiers. Stories were also spread about Chinese territories which were seized by Russia and which Khrushchev refused to return, the Post-Herald said.

INDONESIA, PHILIPPINES TO EXCHANGE OFFICERS
IN JOINT PATROL PROGRAM

Djakarta (UPI) June 30

Indonesia and the Philippines will soon exchange liaison officers in fulfillment of an existing joint patrol program between the navies of the two countries, it was reported today.

Commander of the naval station at Manado, North Celebes Major Warouw told the official news agency Antara a Philippine navy officer is expected at Manado in the immediate future to set up a liaison office. In exchange Indonesia will send its navy officer to Davao in the Southern Philippines for similar assignment.

EARTHQUAKE SHAKES KURILE ISLANDS REGION

Hong Kong (UPI) June 30

A strong earthquake of magnitude six was recorded by the seismograph of the Royal Observatory shortly after 7 a.m. yesterday (2200 GMT Friday).

The epicenter of the earthquake was estimated to be about 2,800 miles Northeast of Hong Kong, in the Kurile islands region, the Royal Observatory said.

MEETING BETWEEN PHOUMA, SOUPHANOUVONG IN
VIENTIANE SOON

Vientiane (Reuter) June 30

A "summit" meeting between Prince Souphanouvong, Head of the pro-Communist Pathet Lao, and Prince Souvanna Phouma, the Neutralist Prime Minister, will be held in Vientiane soon, probably this week, informed sources said today.

The British Ambassador and the Soviet Charge d'Affaires here returned today from the Pathet Lao stronghold of Khang Khay after talks with Prince Souphanouvong which were seen as clearing the way for the "summit."

MEETING..(2)

The British Ambassador, Mr. Donald Hopson, and Mr. Vassily Tchivilev, the Soviet Charge d'Affaires, made the trip at Prince Souphanouvong's invitation. Their countries are co-chairmen of the Geneva accords on Laos, and have been trying to reduce tension following clashes between Pathet Lao and Neutralists.

Mr. Hopson said he could not disclose any agreement reached until two Pathet Lao members of the coalition government, who travelled with them to Khang Khay, had reported to the Prime Minister. But he said the atmosphere at Khang Khay was "more relaxed" than the previous week.

The two princes have already agreed to a summit, but have so far failed to agree on whether it should be at Khang Khay or Vientiane.

PATHETS RESUME INTENSIVE SHELLING OF NEUTRALIST POSITIONS IN PLAIN OF JARS

Vientiane (UPI) July 1

Communist Pathet Lao troops Saturday chose the occasion of the visit of the high-powered western and Russian delegation to resume "intensive" shelling of Neutralist positions in the Plain of Jars.

According to reports reaching here, the Pathet Lao started a artillery and mortar bombardment shortly after nightfall Saturday.

Neutralist military sources said Sunday the rate of fire became especially intense between nine and ten p.m. and nearly 100 rounds burst near Neutralist positions in the southeast quadrant overlooking an important road linking the Plain of Jars with the airstrip at Xieng Khouang.

Observers here noted that Saturday's shelling was the most intense since June 26 when Communist artillerymen hurled 240 rounds at the Neutralists.

During the past three days the Pathet Lao only lobbed occasional mortar or artillery rounds.

Neutralist military ground reconnaissance Sunday reported that the Saturday night bombardment revealed that Neutralist positions at Lat Houang came under heavy bombardment but there was no change in the ground positions. There was some exchange of automatic weapons reported.

A M E R I C A S

4,000 AMERICANS DIE EVERY YEAR BECAUSE OF ALCOHOL

Berkeley, California (Reuter) June 29

Alcohol causes the death of 4,000 Americans every year.

Dr. Hardin Jones, a psychiatrist, said that Americans were getting more and more alcoholic.

4,000.....(2)

He said there were about two million alcoholics in the United States - he defined an alcoholic as one who drank a fifth of a gallon of spirits a day.

Americans now drank 160 million gallons of spirits a year, 150 million gallons of wine and 90 million barrels of beer -- enough for every adult to drink 2.6 gallons of 100 proof alcohol a year.

U.S. PICKS UP ACOUSTIC SIGNALS REPORTEDLY CAUSED BY SOVIET NUCLEAR TEST

Washington (Reuter) June 30

The U.S. picked up acoustic signals on June 12 which may have been caused by a Soviet nuclear test, according to the Washington Star.

This was two days after President Kennedy announced that the U.S. would not resume atmospheric tests unless others did.

The Washington Star quoting unnamed government officials said that as no radioactive debris had been detected. Officials were speculating whether the signals were caused by a small nuclear explosion, a large chemical explosion - or perhaps just a thunderclap.

It was also possible that the Russians have developed a "clean" nuclear weapon with so little fallout that its radioactivity could not be detected outside the Soviet Union.

The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission had no comment on the report.

SEVERAL U.S. AMBASSADORSHIP POSTS TO CHANGE HANDS SOON

Washington (UPI) June 30

Several U.S. ambassadorship posts are expected to change hands soon, informed sources reported Saturday.

Charles W. Yost, Deputy U.S. representative to the United Nations Security Council, is reported in line to replace George F. Kennan as Ambassador to Yugoslavia. Kennan is returning to academic life at Harvard.

William Attwood, former Ambassador to Guinea, is reported being moved to Bolivia or another Latin American Post. He earlier had been reported under consideration for Yugoslavia and Indonesia.

Henry A. Byroade, a senior official of the U.S. arms control and disarmament agency, is to be ambassador to Burma.

UNITED NATIONS

THANT TO STUDY REPORT ON ALLEGED ACTIVITIES OF
"JOLLY GIRLS" IN U.N.

United Nations, N.Y. (Reuter) June 29

U Thant the Secretary General has received a first interim report on the alleged activities of "jolly girls" in and around the U.N.

He will study the document in detail before deciding what action may be necessary to deal with the problem if there is one an informed source said tonight.

THANT BEGINS NEW EUROPEAN TOUR

United Nations (Reuter) June 29

The Secretary General is due to leave New York tomorrow for London on his way to Budapest and other cities during a 13-day European tour.

E U R O P E

1 CZECH, 8 HUNGARIAN TOURISTS CHOOSE FREEDM

Athens (Reuter) June 29

Eight Hungarian and one Czechoslovak tourists have asked for political asylum in Greece, police reported today.

TITO REELECTED PRESIDENT FOR 4th TERM

Belgrade (Reuter) June 30

The Yugoslav National Assembly today unanimously reelected Marshal Tito as President, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported.

SWEDEN'S PREMIER URGED TO CALL OFF KHRUSHCHEV'S
VISIT

Stockholm (UPI) June 30

Opposition politicians Saturday urged Premier Tage Erlander to call off Premier Nikita Khrushchev's visit here next spring to protest the worst spy scandal in the nation's history.

The challenge followed 56-year-old Air Force Colonel Stig Wennerstroem's plea of guilty yesterday to charges that he had been selling defense secrets to the Soviets since 1948.

POPE PAUL VI CROWNED 263rd SUPREME PONTIFF

Vatican City (UPI) July 1

Pope Paul VI Sunday night was crowned the 263rd Supreme Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church in stirring and colorful ceremonies attended by some 250,000 persons in St. Peter's square.

The coronation of the 65-year-old Pontiff was held under the glare of bright searchlights and flickering torches amid the widely enthusiastic cheers of the crowd.

The Pope, sat unsmiled as the \$12,000 golden and silver crown, studded with jewels, was placed on his head.

With fanfares and trumpets of the Palatine guards, the Pope himself was borne into the square at 1715 GMT. He was crowned at 8:29 p.m. Rome time (1929 GMT).

The Pontiff was dressed in white, with a cape of gleaming gold thrown over his shoulder. On his head was a golden mitre, a conical cap.

As he left the apostolic palace through the bronze door, he waved his hand to the crowd.

Shortly after he had taken the occasion of the three-hour coronation ceremonies to extend his best wishes to persons, specially to those behind the iron curtain. He then spoke in French, English, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Polish and Russian.

The lights played on the face of the Pontiff as Alfredo Cardinal Ottaviani, Senior Cardinal Deacon, placed the triple-tiered crown on his head.

It was the climax to a moving ceremony marked by the centuries-old pageantry of the Roman Catholic Church.

KENNEDY GIVES CHEERY WAVE TO BAN-THE-BOMB DEMONSTRATORS

Chelwood Gate, Southern England (Reuter) June 30

President Kennedy gave a cheery wave to a group of about 50 ban-the-bomb demonstrators early today as he was being driven to church.

The demonstrators were lining the lane outside Birch Grove house where the President is staying as the guest of Britain's Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan.

The demonstrators, standing behind a line of impassive policemen, were holding placards which had slogans such as: "Polaris, Take it back, Jack", and "welcome, Mr. K. but no Polaris."

Dozens of police surrounded the little red brick church and a crowd of about 200 onlookers had gathered to see him arrive.

CONCLUSION OF NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY WITH
SOVIET UNION, MOST URGENT, KENNEDY,
MACMILLAN SAY

Chelwood Gate, England (UPI) June 30

U.S. President John F. Kennedy and Prime Minister Harold Macmillan today pledged to push hard for a nuclear test ban treaty with the Soviet Union at the July 15 Moscow talks.

In a joint communique Kennedy and Macmillan said "achievement of such a treaty would be a major advance in East-West relations and might lead on to progress in other directions."

The U.S. President and the Prime Minister said efforts must be intensified to give other NATO allies a greater voice in nuclear defense strategy.

This, they said, was "a basic problem facing the NATO alliance."

U.S., Britain continue military aid to India

Kennedy and Macmillan agreed to continue military aid to India, but gave no indication of the amount involved in the long-range program the two countries are considering.

The communique said the two leaders "were agreed on their policy of continuing to help India by providing further military aid to strengthen her defenses against the threat of renewed Chinese Communist attack."

In an obvious effort to take the sting out of this paragraph so far as Pakistan was concerned, the two leaders said they understood that country's concern about aid to India.

On Laos, Vietnam problems

Kennedy and Macmillan expressed particular "concern at the frequent breaches" by the Communists of the 1962 Geneva agreement on Laos which was supposed to guarantee the independence and neutrality of that country under a coalition government.

The Anglo-American leaders said they would continue to push for peace and independence in Laos and also would "continue close general cooperation in the Far East, particularly in regard to the problems of Vietnam."

Support to U.N. pledged

They pledged their support to the United Nations in its efforts to stabilize the situation in Yemen, saying such U.N. efforts were of great importance.

British spokesman Harold Evans said that so far as the multi-lateral nuclear force was concerned, "the United Kingdom has certain reservations which still have to be resolved."

Further discussion on the multi-lateral force will have to be arranged after Kennedy returns to Washington next Wednesday from his Italian visit, Evans and White House news secretary Pierre Salinger said. They added that it was still to be decided at what official level these discussions would be held.

A F R I C A

THREE PEACE CORPS-BUILT SCHOOLS INAUGURATED
IN GABON

Libreville, Gabon (UPI) June 30

G. Mennen Williams, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Saturday inaugurated three schools built here by the Peace Corps.

Williams arrived Friday on his current African tour.

In an inauguration address, Williams recalled that the first school in Gabon was built in 1842 by American missionaries.

M I D D L E E A S T

EGYPT TO BUILD NEW ATOMIC REACTOR

Cairo (Reuter) June 30

Egypt will build a new atomic reactor costing 12 million pounds Egyptian (12,300,000 pounds sterling at the official rate of exchange) the Treasury Minister, Dr. Abdul Moneim El Kaissuni, announced here. He did not say when construction would start.

NON POLITICAL OFFICERS REPORTEDLY PLAN
TO OVERTHROW SYRIAN GOVERNMENT

Beirut (UPI) June 30

The Beirut newspaper "Orient" claimed Saturday that non-political officers in the Syrian Army were planning to overthrow the Syrian Government of Premier Salah Bitar and install a government of "technicians."

The newspaper said reports to this effect in Damascus were supported by widespread troop movements in Syria. It said a temporary curfew was imposed in the North Syria town of Aleppo Friday to permit troops, armored cars and artillery to pass through the town heading South.

The reports followed indications that Syrian Defense Minister Maj. Gen. Said Al Hariri, a non-Baathist, was gaining the upper hand in his struggle with Baathist strongman Deputy Premier and Interior Minister Brig. Amin Al Hafez.