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## 126 AIRSTRIKES AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM FRIDAY

SAIGON, May 13 (VP)-- U.S. pilots flew 126 strike and armed reconnaissance missions in North Vietnam yesterday hitting a storage area and army barracks near Hanoi and lines of communication in the Panhandle. Navy carrier based pilots flew 68 missions, Air Force pilots flew 52 and Marine Corps fliers logged 6 missions, U.S. military spokesman said.

Thailand-based Air Force F-105 pilots flew through heavy North Vietnamese defense yesterday to hit two targets in the Hanoi area.

Thunderchiefs from the 355th Tactical Fighter Wing (TFW) at Takhli RTAFB bombed a storage area, six km (4 miles) north of the capital. Two large warehouses in the area were destroyed and four others were heavily damaged. One secondary explosions in a warehouse sent an orange fireball 150-feet into the air. Heavy black smoke rose from large POL fires which were started in the compound.

At the same time Thunderchief pilots from the 388th Tactical Fighter Wing from Korat, RTAFB hit an army barracks, 6km (4 miles) southwest of Hanoi. Pilots reported that their 750-pound bombs destroyed four military structures. The compound was burning with smoke to 1,500 -feet.

Several MIG encounters over the targets were reported by F-4C pilots from the 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, based at the Da Nang Airbase.

On a night strike, U.S. Air Force B-57 Canberra pilots from Phan Rang Airbase attacked a 40-truck convoy 22-24km (14-15 miles) north-northeast of the Mu Gia Pass, triggering 12 secondary explosions and igniting seven fires along the route.

A railroad tunnel 50km (31 miles) northwest of Dong Hoi was blocked and a railroad bridge, 53 km (33 miles) north of Mu Gia Pass was destroyed by other Air Force pilots.

Elsewhere in North Vietnam, Air Force pilots destroyed or damaged six warehouses, four bridges and six AAA sites. Road segments were cut in 16 places.

Three Air Force jets were downed over North Vietnam yesterday. An F-4C Phantom was downed by a MIG-17, F-105 Thunderchief was down to causes unknown and a F-105 Thunderchief was downed by ground fire. All five crewmen are listed as missing in action.

## 126 AIRSTRIKES....(2)

Navy pilots concentrated on cargo barges along North Vietnam's coastline and inland waterways, and lines of communication and supply areas in the Panhandle during missions in North Vietnam yesterday.

Intruder pilots from the USS KITTY HAWK dropped 500-pound bombs on a storage area, 8km -(5 miles) south of Vinh, causing a large secondary explosion and three residual fires. A-6 pilots also heavily damaged a storage facility 32 km (20 miles) southeast of Vinh.

Navy Skyhawk pilots, using 250 and 500-pound bombs heavily damaged a highway bridge, 33 km (21 miles) south-southwest of Thanh Hoa.

A-4 Skyhawk pilots from the USS HUNCOCK destroyed eight boxcars and started four fires at a railroad siding 42km (26miles) north-northeast of Thanh Hoa. They also hit a railroad siding 40km (25 miles) north-northwest of Vinh, triggering two secondary explosions.

Skyhawk pilots from the USS ENTERPRISE, firing air-to-ground missiles, damaged a highway bridge and cut both its approaches 35km (22 miles) south-southeast of Vinh.

Intruder pilots cut rail lines in several places at a railroad siding, 11 km (7 miles) north-northeast of Thanh Hoa and in a railroad spur 8km (5 miles) north of Vinh.

Other Navy pilots, from all three carriers, destroyed or damaged 108 cargo barges, eight trucks and cut bridge approaches in ten places.

Marine Corps pilots concentrated on lines of communication while flying six missions in the Southern Panhandle yesterday. They reported cutting road segments in 14 places and igniting ten fires.

## B-52 BOMBERS HIT AT QUANG NGAI

SAIGON, May 13 (VP)-- U.S. Air Force B-52 crews made four strikes in the Republic since yesterday afternoon, an American military spokesman said.

Last night they hit enemy base camps and logistical facilities 72km (45 miles) west of Quang Ngai City. A second raid in Quang Ngai Province took place before dawn today, when the Stratofortress crews hit an enemy base camp and a supply storage area, 19 km (12 miles) southwest of Quang Ngai City.

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### B-52 BOMBERS....(2)

Early this afternoon the SAC B-52 crews hit in Phuoc Long Province, 18km (11 miles) west-southwest of Don Luan. The target was an enemy base camp and underground facilities.

One hour later the Stratofortress crews hit an enemy base camp and troops concentration, 20 km (13 miles) north-northeast of Bien Hoa in Bien Hoa Province.

Meanwhile U.S. strike pilots flew 457 tactical air sorties in the Republic yesterday - 206 in direct support of ground operations. Throughout the day, Seventh Air Force and 1st Marine Air Wing pilots hit enemy base camps, fortifications, troop concentration and water traffic.

U.S. Seventh Air Force pilots logged 285 sorties in the Republic yesterday - 145 in direct support of allied ground forces. There were 73 immediate air strikes.

Pilots were credited with triggering 19 secondary explosions and destroying 12 sampans.

AC-47 Dragonship crews flew 27 sorties during the night providing illumination and firing mini-guns at enemy positions in support of friendly forces.

Air Force combat airlift crews flew 1,084 sorties yesterday transporting 9,697 passengers and 2,084 tons of cargo.

Pilots from the 1st Marine Air Wing flew 172 sorties throughout the III MAF area, destroyed 83 enemy fortifications, triggered three secondary fires and destroyed a boat landing.

Marine aviators flew 61 sorties in support of ground operations.

U.S. Marine helicopter crews carried 2,517 troops and 236 tons of cargo during 1,847 sorties in the Republic. There were 251 sorties in support of ARVN forces and 84 in support of the ROK Marines and 226 armed helo sorties.

U.S. Army helicopters and fixed wing aircraft flew 11,429 sorties yesterday in support of allied ground operations in the Republic. Transport choppers and utility airplanes carried 18,056 troops and 6,668 tons of cargo to tactical landing zones. Army gunships crews killed six enemy.

Two Army gunships from the 48th Assault Helicopter Company sank one sampan, killing the four occupants, after they had fired on the gunships. A secondary explosion was triggered aboard the sampan by the helicopters rockets before the boat sank in Vung Ro Bay.

## B-52 BOMBERS...(3)

Armed helicopters from the 11th and 145th Combat Aviation Battalions flew counter mortar missions against suspected enemy positions at Bien Hoa and Phuoc Vinh yesterday when the airfields came under heavy enemy mortar and rocket attacks.

During the attack on Phuoc Vinh an Army pilot flew a MED EVAC mission to transport four wounded soldiers from the airfield while the field was still under attack.

At 0750 on May 10, U.S. Army gunships helicopter crews from the 145th Aviation Battalion, engaged several small groups of enemy in open areas 25km (16 miles) northwest of Duc Hoa in Hau Nghia Province, killing 28 enemy.

## FIRE ONBOARD FILIPINO OIL TANKER INPIRES 8

SAIGON, May 13 (VP)-- U.S. Navy and Army units joined in putting out a fire onboard the Phillipine tanker Marikado near the Nha Be tank farm 10 miles south of Saigon Thursday evening. The tanker contained about 10,000 gallons of aviation fuel, an American spokesman said.

Four U.S. Navy River Patrol Boats (PERs) and two Landing Craft Mechanized (LCMs) scrambled to the scene to fight the fire. The Army dispatched two J-boats, two Q-boats, two harbor patrol craft, and six tugboats to battle the blaze, which started in the ship's engine room.

With the assistance of two U.S. Navy damage control experts, the blazing ship was pulled away from the fuel piers.

The PERs assisted in ferrying injured personnel from the vicinity and in moving extra fire-fighting equipment from the Naval Support Activity at Nha Be.

The fire was brought under control at 1 a.m. Friday morning, before the bulk of the fuel could explode.

Four U.S. Navy men suffered minor injuries when explosions blew them into the water. Four Phillipine nationals suffered burns. All were evacuated to the Third Field Hospital in Saigon.

The vessel is still at anchor in Nha Be harbor while being dewatered.

PAN AM TO MOVE PREMISES; PREPARES FOR  
POST-WAR EXPANSION

SAIGON, May 13 (VP)--- Mr. Hal William, Pan American Airways' Director for Vietnam announced today that Pan Am will shortly moved into a new premises located in the Bank of America Building, Nguyen Van Thinh Street, Saigon.

William said the move was due to the growth of the airline in Vietnam and to prepare for the expansion which will take place when hostilities cease.

He said that for many years the airline had been serviced by Denis Freres, who acted as the airline's General Sales Agents, but the tremendously increased activity now made it imperative that Pan Am have its own staff and premises.

He said that over the years a very real and warm relationship had developed between the two organizations and although the direct link no longer existed, this feeling would still remain.

Mr. Williams pointed out that the new move will mean much greater opportunities for some 300 Vietnamese nationals, who are currently employed by the airline. He cited Hong Kong and Japan where, he said, most management positions were occupied by nationals of those countries.

He said that it was Pan Am's world-wide policy to utilize nationals in management positions wherever possible.

Dealing with Pan American's long range plans, Mr. Williams said that Pan Am could foresee that Vietnam provided a tremendous potential for tourism once the present military situation was resolved.

He said that this industry would provide a boost to the Vietnam economy, greater employment opportunities in the the country, and get substantial amounts in foreign currency.

At the present time Pan American operates nine scheduled services into Vietnam. Eight of these services operate across the Pacific while the ninth connects Saigon with Pan American's round-the-world service. (DT/LHL)

GEN. ENGLER AWARDED NATIONAL ORDER MEDAL

SAIGON, May 14 (VP)--- Gen. Cao Van Vien, Chief of RVN Armed Forces General Staff and Defense Minister on behalf of the Directory yesterday morning pinned the National Order Medal 3rd class on Gen. Engler, U.S. Army Commander in Vietnam, at a ceremony held at the General Staff Command.

Present at the decoration ceremony were Maj. Gen. Nguyen Van Vy, Chief of RVNAR Joint Staff; Maj. Gen. Tran Thanh Phung, Operations Assistant; Brig. Gen. Nguyen Van Kiem, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel and a number of U.S. general officers. (PD-14)



RVN CONSUL IN LAOS VISITS VIETNAMESE  
NATIONALS

SAIGON, May 14 (VP)--Sources from the Foreign Affairs Ministry yesterday reported that Mr. Nguyen Trong Tri, the RVN Consul in Laos, late last month headed a six-member delegation to visit Vietnamese nationals and the "Nhan Tri" primary school in Khong Sedone in Laos.

On this occasion, Consul Tri inquired about the Vietnamese Nationals' living conditions as well as the studies of their children.

The delegation also called on the Khong Sedone province Chief.

The "Nhan Tri" primary school was built by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam to the benefit of the Vietnamese Nationals children in Laos. (PD/14)

VN\$5,000,000 FOR RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IN  
PLEIKU

SAIGON, May 13 (VP)--During his visit to Edap Enang resettlement center (Pleiku) yesterday, Dr. Nguyen Phuc Que, Special Commissioner for Refugee Affairs, handed over a cheque for VN\$ 5,000,000 to Lt. Col. Nay Lo, Pleiku province chief, to help resettle over 5,000 Montagnard refugees at the center.

The Special Commissioner and his party arrived in Pleiku yesterday morning. The delegation then boarded a helicopter to visit E Dap Enang resettlement center in Thanh Binh district.

Here, after being briefed by the Commander of the Dap Enang campaign and the Pleiku Refugee Service chief on the progress of the campaign, Dr. Que made on the spot several decisions concerning the resettlement of over 5,000 Montagnard who fled insecure zones in the province to take refuge in government-controlled areas.

The delegation later toured the Resettlement Center's compound, observing construction sites for the school, the dispensary, wells, and water reservoirs as well as inquiring the newly-resettled refugees on their health and living conditions.

The Special Commissioner for Refugees Affairs left Pleiku for Saigon at 4 p.m. after reviewing the province's overall situation with local military and civilian authorities.

## BUDDHIST EDUCATION CONVENTION TO BE HELD

SAIGON, May 14 (VP)--A nation-wide Buddhist Education Convention gathering over 200 professors and teachers from Universities, high schools, primary schools, kindergartens and professional schools from throughout the country will be held at the Van Hanh University, 222 Truong Minh Giang, Saigon.

The Convention scheduled to last a full week starting next June 18 was designed to review the past achievements and working out organizational projects and teaching programs for the Buddhist schools throughout the Republic.

Dr. Nguyen Van Tho secretary of state for Education will preside at the Convention. (PD/14)

HAMLET CHIEFS ELECTION BEGINS SUNDAY  
MAY 14

SAIGON, May 13 (VP)--Sources from the Special Commissariat for Administration has announced that the first phase of Hamlet Chief election will take place May 14 through June 16 in the country's four Corps areas.

In this phase, 4,108 hamlets among the total of 13,805 will elect their hamlet chiefs (ratio: 33.3 percent).

According to the sources, the Hamlet chiefs election will begin Sunday May, 14 at 1,002 hamlets and will continue on May 21 at 1,296 hamlets, May 28 at 1,175 hamlets, June 4 at 820 hamlets and June 11 at 296 hamlets. (PD/14)

30 MORE VIETNAMESE CHILDREN SENT ABROAD FOR  
MEDICAL TREATMENT

SAIGON, May 13 (VP)--Thirty ill and disabled Vietnamese children were sent to Great Britain, the Federal Republic of Germany, and Switzerland by the "Terre Des Hommes" Association at 3 p.m. today.

Eight of the children were war victims suffering from burns; 12 others were attacked by poliomyelitis and the rest got heart diseases.

The children whose treatment and rehabilitation are taken charge by the "Terre Des Hommes" Association, will be attended to by an official of the Social Welfare Department and two others from the Health Department during their stay abroad.

30 MORE VIETNAMESE.....(2)

This was the fifth time "the Terre des Hommes" Association helped send ill and disabled Vietnamese children for treatment in Europe. There have been so far, over 100 children sent abroad under this program.

On hand to see the children off at Tan Son Nhut Airport this afternoon were Dr. Le Nhan Thuan, Health Director General, and relatives of the children. (PD-43)

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL WELFARE ACTIVITIES AT WIEN HOA DAO

SAIGON, May 14 (VP)-- Dr. Nghiem Thi Thuan, Director of the Saigon Medical Assistants School will lead a Medical Assistants team to participate in Social Welfare activities at the Buddhist Orphans Center in Vien Hoa Dao (Institute for the Execution of the Dharma) next May, 21.

The Medical Assistants will cooperate with the orphans in repairing and embellishing class rooms, dispensaries, and the other dwellings at the Center.

They will also put on two variety shows at the Center to entertain the orphans.

Dr. Thuan will grant on the occasion 137 new mosquito nets to the center.

The Buddhist Orphans Center founded on August 28, 1965 and directed by Ven. Thich Nhat Thien, is now attending to 400 children, most of them flood and war victims. (PD-14)

CHANH HUNG SLAUGHTERHOUSE TO CLOSE ON  
BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY

SAIGON, May 14 (VP)-- The City Hall recently issued a communique saying that the Chanh Hung slaughterhouse will shut up for one day on the occasion of Buddha's Birthday next May, 23. (PD-14)

## PLA RATIFIES ENDORSEMENT OF ARTICLE 10'S 7TH CLAUSE IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORAL LAW

SAIGON, May 14 (VP) -- The Provisional Legislative Assembly, when taking a final vote on the Presidential electoral decree-law yesterday morning, decided to retain the 7th clause of article 10 stipulating that a Presidential candidate must be introduced by at least 30 elected representatives, i.e. Deputies, City Councillors, provincial or municipal Councillors. Each elected representative may introduce only one association ticket.

The Assembly, during the session, also approved of the amendments of articles 13, 14, 15 and 16.

Deputies Pham Ngoc Hop, Nguyen Van Sang and Dinh Thanh Chau who opposed the clause made a warning that the Deputies should abstain from vesting themselves with too much authority. Deputy Sang mentioned several difficulties in the introduction of a Presidential candidate by as many as 30 elected representatives. He said he doubted Deputy Dang Van Sung's view-point according to which the introduction would pave the way for a two-party system. He added he was not quite sure whether those 30 elected representatives could adopt the same stand when introducing their Presidential candidate.

Deputies Ly Qui Chung, Phan Quang Diang and Dang Van Sung who supported the retention of the clause argued that it was neither anti-democratic nor unconstitutional but essential to the prestige of the future President.

A number of other Deputies advocated that the clause should be amended.

The session presided over by Chairman Phan Khac Suu with 73 Deputies in attendance ended at noon. (ED/22)

## "ARMED FORCES VILLAGE" STARTS CONSTRUCTION AT THU DUC

THU DUC, May 14 (VP) -- The construction of the "Armed Forces village" has begun its first phase in Phuoc Long village, Thu Duc.

This is the first "Armed Forces Village" ever built by the logistics Department in Vietnam, with an estimated of VN\$1,250,000,000.

This was revealed by Lt. Col. Tran Dang De, in charge of the "Armed Forces Village", construction, during a briefing to newsmen at the construction site yesterday.

Lt. Col. Do said the establishment of the village aims at improving the living conditions of military's dependents and upraise the morale of the military of all ranks. The setting up of the village is also designed to consolidate the national spirit among the Armed Forces ranks.

## "ARMED FORCES VILLAGE" ..... (2)

According to the Logistics officer, the construction program of the Armed Forces village is a long-term one which includes several phases.

After completion, the village will be able to gather between 2,000 and 15,000 families. The village will have all necessary amenities such as church, pagoda, market place, stadium, etc. and be supplied with sufficient electricity and drinking water. The village is scheduled to be divided into many sections, namely the Commerce, Industry, Community, Production Increase, Residential and Veterans sections.

All the dwellings in the village will be built with bricks and divided into five categories:

- The first category is for servicemen costing about VN\$150,000 each.

- The second for non-commissioned officers costs VN\$280,000 each.

- The third for subaltern grade officers costs VN\$350,000 each.

- The fourth for field-grade officers costs VN\$650,000 each.

- The fifth for general officers costs VN\$1,000,000 each.

Col. Dao Ngoc Tho, chief of the Logistics Department explained that housing units are classified into several categories because they will be sold by instalment to militarymen and their prices will depend on the financial capabilities of the purchasers.

Col. Tho stressed that the recipients are scheduled to include veterans, disabled combatants and in-service combatant from the Regular Forces and the Regional Forces.

The granting of housing units will be based on the militarys achievements and family their status.

Col. Tho added that similar "Armed Forces villages" will be built in Da Nang, Dalat, Hue, Cam Ranh, Cam Tho, Binh Long and Vung Tau. Dalat and Da Nang will have their "Armed Forces villages" earlier than the other provinces and cities, he said.

## PRICE TRENDS IN APRIL 1967

SAIGON, May 14 (VP) -- In April 1967, the Saigon consumer price indexes, as compared to those of the previous month declined 1.1 per cent for the middle class families and 3.5 percent for the working class families.

The indexes computed with the base 100 in 1949 are as follows :

• Middle class	703.1 vs 711.1 in March 1967
- Working class	711.6 vs 737.5 in March 1967

This decrease was largely due to 'Foodstuff' the index of which dropped by 1.9 percent for the Middle class (793.0 vs 813.7) and 5.0 percent for the working class (859.4 vs. 904.3) in consequence of a fall in prices for rice, fresh fish, fresh shrimp and vegetables. However price increases were reported for chicken, duck and egg.

The index of 'Rent and utilities' decreased about 1.0 percent for both classes (Middle class : 555.4 vs. 561.4 Working class : 514.3 vs. 515.9) as the result of lower prices for charcoal.

For the middle class, the index of 'Domestic help' remained unchanged from the preceding month (366.1).

The index of 'Clothing' showed a slight rise for the middle class (516.8 vs. 516.0) but declined for the working class (549.2 vs. 554.3).

Finally higher prices for soap increased the 'Miscellaneous' index by 0.7 percent for the middle class (640.2 vs. 635.3) and 0.2 percent for the working class (660.0 vs. 658.6).

### WHOLESALE PRICES

The general index of wholesale prices for April 1967, computed with the base 100 in 1949 was 3.6 percent below its level of the previous month (425.4 vs. 441.3).

Lower prices for rice and fish were primarily responsible for a 4.9 percent decrease in the 'Local products' index (465.1 vs. 489.1). However an increase was recorded for soap (+ 14.5 percent).

As for the 'Imported products' the index was down by 0.8 percent (351.8 vs. 354.6). The increase in imported tobacco was offset by the decrease in paper and rayon fabric.

(Communique from the National Institute of  
Statistics, Ministry of Planning and  
Development)

## P. M. KY INAUGURATES REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT CENTER IN BINH DUONG

SAIGON, May 14 (VP) -- Prime Minister Air Vice Marshal Nguyen Cao Ky yesterday morning dedicated a refugee resettlement center in Binh Hoa village of Lai Thieu district Binh Duong province.

Addressing 1,000 refugees and local inhabitants, Prime Minister warned that corrupt government officials, dishonest businessmen and townfolk leading a luxurious and idle life would be eliminated from society. He said the Communists, in the months to come, would certainly increase their sabotage but assured that the government would foil all their plots.

The Prime Minister added he understood the refugees, suffering when compelled to leave their native villages and stressed that it was for their security's sake that the government had evacuated them. He insisted on their understanding that inadequate assistance given to them by the government was due to the poverty of the whole nation and urged them to work hard to make their center become a prosperous city.

Earlier, the Binh Duong province Chief, Lt. Col. Ly Tong Ba reported on the progress of the center's establishment. He said 250 houses able to accommodate 1,500 refugees had been completed by the 5th Infantry Division's 6th Engineering Battalion with material aid from USAID. He added more houses would be built for the remaining refugees. The number of refugee families to be resettled at the center totaled 800 who had been evacuated by government troops from the Viet Cong controlled "Iron Triangle" nearly four months ago. The location of the center was a former Viet Cong secret zone.

After presenting token house-ownership certificates to five refugees and touring the center, Prime Minister Ky called at the Tan An Campaign Commanding Headquarters in Tuong Binh A hamlet, Tan An village. Maj. Nguyen Van Cua, Deputy Commander of the 5th Infantry Regiment and Commander of the Campaign, said the campaign launched last February 26 drove the Viet Cong away from the zone and two new life hamlets were set up by government troops assisted by Revolutionary Development teams.

Present at the inaugural ceremony were III Corps Area Commander Lt. Gen. Le Nguyen Khang, Revolutionary Development Minister Maj. Gen. Nguyen Duc Thang, Dr. Nguyen Huic Que, Special Commissioner for Refugee Affairs, Brig. Gen. Phm Quoc Thuan, Commander of the 5th Infantry Division and the 32nd Tactical Zone, local civil servants and notables.

Prime Minister Ky returned to Saigon at noon (PD/22)

I WOULD NEVER THINK OF FIGHTING ANOTHER MILITARYMAN  
P.M. KY

SAIGON, May 14 (VP) -- Prime Minister Nguyen Cao Ky said yesterday that he would never think of fighting another military man because in so doing he would harm the spirit of unity in the Armed Forces.

Answering questions from news men accompanying him in the dedication ceremony of a refugee resettlement center in Binh Duong province, the Prime Minister stated that in order to realize the mission of building the nation and the social revolution, we must defeat the Communist aggressors first, and for this purpose there must be unity in the Armed Forces.

To a question on the reason of his running for the presidency Prime Minister Ky said that he has decided to run for the election because he wanted to continue the government policy and programs suggested by him, not because he wanted to become a President or to have much money.

Replying a question on whether the U.S. government would support him in the coming presidential election, the Prime Minister said that he didn't know about it. He stressed that to him the most necessary thing is the support of the Vietnamese people and he believed he had got it.

Asked what he would do in case Lt. Gen. Thieu -- who had said if one of them ran for the election, the other would support -- decided to run for President, Prime Minister Ky answered he had conferred with Directory Chairman Thieu and informed him of his decision to run for the Presidency. Gen. Thieu had advised him to run for the election if he found he could meet the required qualifications and if he deems it necessary to serve the ideal he has been pursuing.

In reply to another question, Prime Minister Ky stated that under all circumstances, he would oppose to the end all neutralist and Communist elements.

Asked who would be his running mate, the Prime Minister disclosed he has not made a definite choice. He added he did not care whether the running mate had the same creed as his and was a civilian or a member of the Armed Forces. He said, however, he insisted on the running-mate's having the same ideal, the same designs and the same way of action.



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MORE DETAILS ON FRENCH YOUTHS' ATTACK  
AGAINST NVN MISSION IN PARIS

SAIGON, May 14 (VP)-- Consulate General in Paris today gave more details on the attack of the North Vietnamese Mission's headquarters by the French youths in Paris last May 9, as follows:

Rightist French youths tossed gas grenades and red paints into the headquarters of the North Vietnamese mission.

After burning a Soviet flag about 150 youngsters attempted to hold a demonstration protesting against a Communist meeting at the headquarters.

The "Occident" Movement - a very influential movement of French youths - had announced earlier in a communique that "We, university students, are not on the side of VC murderers and our demonstration in front of the North Vietnamese diplomatic mission has proved this fact." (PP-14)

War Communique :

MILITARY ACTIVITY FOR 24 HOUR PERIOD ENDING AT  
6 a.m. MAY 13, 1967

SAIGON, May 14 (VP) - ENEMY ACTIVITY During the past 24 hours VC initiated 15 incidents including 14 actions against the ARVN and 1 act of terrorism. The most significant ones are listed as follows :

1. BIEN HOA (III Corps), at 1900H, May 12, VC placed 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire on TAN UYEN Sub Sector, and on an Infantry Regiment's position, 8 miles NNW of BIEN HOA and 28 miles North West of Saigon. Friendly casualties were light.

2. BINH DUONG (III Corps), at 2200H, May 12 VC attacked the PF squad guarding CAU CONG Bridge, 2 miles South East of PHU CUONG and 15 miles North of Saigon. The enemy blew up the bridge and the traffic was held up. Friendly casualties were light and enemy casualties are unknown.

3. GIA DINH (III Corps), at 0230H, May 12, a terrorist threw 3 grenades into the house of the District Chief of HOC MON district, 9 miles North West of GIA DINH City. There were no injury. The terrorist was not apprehended.

4. KIEN HOA (IV) at 1000H, May 12, VC attacked a check point located at the ferry landing of TAN THANH manned by a police squad, 5 miles North of KIEN HOA City and 37 miles South West of Saigon. There were 2 policemen wounded in the action and enemy casualties are unknown.

FRIENDLY ACTIVITY - During reporting period, RVNAF units carried out 59 operations. Following are the most significant actions during period :

1. THUA THIEN (I Corps), at 0700H, May 12, a Recon Platoon and one RF platoon during a police operation located a secret bunker containing 6 individual weapons, 6 miles South of HUE City. All enemy weapons were captured.

2. HAU NGHIA (III Corps), At 0800H, May 12, a platoon of RF and PF from DUC HOA sub sector had enemy contact 6 miles West of DUC HOA and 22 miles West of Saigon killing 7 enemy, seizing 2 individual weapons, and amount of mines and ammo. There were no friendly casualties.

3. VINH BINH (IV CORPS) - Sporadic contacts with the enemy during operation LONG PHU SEARCHED on May 12 and in the area 10 miles South East of TRA ON and 72 miles South West of Saigon resulted in 1 enemy killed, 25 captured, 2 suspects detained and 1 individual weapon seized. Friendly casualties were very light and the operation is continuing. This is a search and destroy operation of over regimental size involving Infantry, Ranger, Airborne, Recon Troops, RF, ARC, Engineer and River Assault Group which was commenced at 0900H, May 12 in the area South East of TRA ON District.

## MILITARY ACTIVITY ... (2)

4. KIEN GIANG (IV Corps), During the morning of May 12, operational troops in HAI SON 19/67 killed 3, enemy seized 3 individual weapons during a search in the area 6 miles North East of RACH GIA and 108 miles West South West of Saigon. Friendly casualties were very light. At 1720H, the same day, 2 RF companies located 38 enemy bodies which were killed by air strike in the same general area. RF men also reported seizing 1 machinegun and 1 individual weapon.

This is a multi-battalion sized operation involving Infantry, RF, strike force and Artillery which was initiated at 0300H, May 12 in the area North East of RACH GIA city. The operation is continuing.

AIR ACTIVITY - Over the Republic VNAF pilots flew a total of 311 sorties including 81 strike, 82 recon, 103 helilift and 45 transportation sorties.

## NAVAL ACTIVITY

- 1 VN NAVY performed 13 sea patrol and 7 transportation missions.
- 2 RIVER FORCE had 17 operational, 74 patrol and 7 escort sorties.
- 3 JUNK FORCE inspected 878 vessels, searched 2672 persons and detained 2 suspects for further questioning.

A S I A

SVN THAILAND BEGIN TALKS ON REFUGEE  
PROBLEMS

BANGKOK, May 13 (AP) -- Thailand and South Vietnam have begun negotiations about the repatriation of 40,000 Vietnamese refugees at present living in Northeast Thailand.

Thai Prime Minister Thanom Kittikachorn Friday told news men he "hoped" that South Vietnamese government is willing to "accept" the refugees.

Repatriation of the refugees to North Vietnam under the auspices of the Red Cross was halted last year following U.S. air strikes against North Vietnamese targets around the port of Haiphong.

More than 20,000 Vietnamese have been sent back to their homeland since 1961. They came to Thailand in the wake of the Indo-Chinese war with France.

The Thai government has shown increasing uneasiness about the presence of so many Vietnamese following increased Communist subversion and terrorism in the Northeast province of Thailand.

V. N. AMBASSADOR ADDRESSES CONFERENCE  
ON ASIA

WASHINGTON, May 13 (AP) -- South Vietnam's Ambassador Rui Diem said Saturday there is no real future for modernizing underdeveloped Asia, "unless we can put an end to the Communist grand design."

"We have no choice but to meet force with force," he told a conference on Asia sponsored by the friends of Free Asia.

"For too long," he said, "we have allowed international communism to nurture the hope that they can enslave the nations in our area through unlimited application of pressure. I hope that we will unite to meet them -- and deal to them the kind of blows which will open their eyes once for all to the fact that the peoples of Asia want to determine their own destiny and not tolerate their interference."

The Vietnam envoy maintained that the ultimate prospects for progress are bright once underdeveloped Asia gains a sense of self-confidence and a sense of security. There must be an effort adapted to societies to provide more service to the people.

Diem was joined by diplomats from two other countries -- Minister Woo Shih Ying of Nationalist China and Minister Chung Kyu Sup of South Korea.

V. N. AMBASSADOR ... (2)

The Chinese Minister said that "the solution to the China problem rests with the Chinese people themselves and does not require any foreign military intervention."

"What we need is a sympathetic understanding of our friends in the free world, especially the people of the United States. The present turmoil on the Mainland of China has been under the effective and monolithic control of the Communists," he said.

U.S. TO GO AHEAD WITH V.N. WAR AND WIN IT : U.S.  
BUSINESS LEADER

WASHINGTON, May 14 (UPI) -- A forecast that the Vietnam war will cost at least five billion dollars more during the 1968 fiscal year comes as no surprise in Congressional and business circles.

It could mean higher taxes -- something congressmen do not like to vote for and businessmen do not like to pay.

But the prevailing opinion among congressmen and businessmen appears to be that if higher taxes are needed to win the Vietnam war, then higher taxes there will be.

"We've got to go ahead with the Vietnam war and win it," one business leader told UPI Financial writer John Pierson at Hot Springs, Virginia, where the forecast was made public Friday at a meeting of the elite business council.

The council's membership reads like a who's who of U.S. business, commerce and finance. Government officials passed the word to them that Johnson administration now expects that the cost of the Vietnam war for fiscal 1968 will be at least five billion dollars above the figure budgeted last January.

Ralph Lazarus, President of federated department stores, told reporters "government officials" told business council economists of the cost escalation.

There was no immediate public comment by officials on the forecast. Treasury Henry J. Fowler made no reference to it in the prepared text of his speech before the council today. Fowler did say Americans can expect lower taxes once the Vietnam war is over.

After his speech, Fowler told reporters that then in Vietnam was "likely" to cost more than the amount budgeted in January but that he had "no information" to support the 5 billion dollars escalation figure.

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On the question of Vietnam war costs, Fowler said he had "a very supposition that the figure in the January budget will not prove the correct figure."

"Such figures are never correct in wartime, Fowler said he had Chairman George H. Mahon of the House Appropriations Committee, said he would "not be surprised" if the costs of the Vietnam war exceeded the administration's budgetary requests.

### N. Y. DAILY NEWS ON THANT'S V. N. WAR STATEMENT

NEW YORK, May 13 (UPI) -- The New York Daily News today characterized United Nations Secretary General U Thant's statement on Vietnam war Thursday "a prescription for a Communist world."

In an editorial, the paper said "If we accept Mr. Thant's Vietnam war recommendations, the world will take a great leap toward Communist conquest."

"We are happy to note that U.S. U.N. Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg is not impressed by the Thant advice (to stop bombing of North Vietnam).

"As for the much dreaded Washington-Beking confrontation, the way to make it virtually certain is to give in to the reds in Vietnam.

"The way to make it less likely all the time is to keep calling red bluffs as fast as they are attempted. When you do that, reds back down, as the Cuba missile affairs showed in 1962."

### NO RESPONSE TO THANT'S PEACE APPEAL YET

UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, May 13 (Reuter) -- Secretary General U Thant said today there had been no official response to his latest appeal for cessation of the bombing of North Vietnam, part from remarks by Mr. Arthur J. Goldberg, American U.N. delegate.

Mr. Goldberg stated that "within framework of U Thant's new appeal, that the United States position retained that there must be indications of reciprocal action from the other side before the raids could be halted.

U Thant said that he was convinced talks would begin within weeks of the cessation of bombing. He also declared his belief that the present trend in Vietnam could lead to World War III.

REDS "DIGGING THEIR OWN GRAVES" IN VN  
WAR : YEN

HOUSTON, Texas May 13 (UPI)--Communist China is so preoccupied with its own political power struggle that it could not start World War III, Vice President C. K. Yen of Nationalist China said Friday.

Yen visited Houston's manned spacecraft center and was shown around by Donald K. (Deke) Slayton, astronaut operations chief.

Yen said he believed neither Communist China nor the Soviet Union was in a position to start a war now.

The Communists, in continuing the war in Vietnam, are 'digging their own graves,' Yen said.

Yen later spoke to the Chinese merchants association and went to a meeting of consular officers of the Republic of China.

RIVAL GROUPS OF RED GUARDS CLASH OUTSIDE  
CHICOM'S FOREIGN MINISTRY

PEKING, May 13 (Reuter)--Rival groups of Red Guards fought and scuffled outside the Chinese Foreign Ministry tonight at the end of a week of demonstrations against Foreign Minister Chen Yi.

Foreign correspondents and diplomats watched the first cuffs among the young Chinese who at times blocked traffic along the narrow street in central Peking where the ministry is located.

Reasons for the clashes were not clear. The excited youths appeared keyed up and ready to dispute with each other.

About 200 people were still crowded around the ministry's high iron gates late tonight, while some climbed on top.

Chen Yi has been accused constantly of suppressing Communist Leader Mao Tse-Tung's cultural revolution in the Foreign Ministry. The Red Guard campaign against him has become more persistent and publicly demonstrative than against other officials under fire except for those branded as Mao's chief opponents, Liu Shao-Chi, Teng Hsiao-Ping and Tao Chu.

The fights were the first clear evidence of violence seen by foreign observers here at the end of a week in which the official press has warned constantly against fighting between cultural revolution organizations. It has attacked 'anarchy' and called for discipline.

### KOWLOON RIOTS RAGE THIRD DAY

HONGKONG, May 13 (UPI)-- Serious rioting raged for the third straight day today in one of the world's most densely populated areas.

Thousands of young Chinese rioters stoned riot police, smashed vehicles and set numerous fires.

Authorities clamped a curfew on the riot area, located less than a mile from Kaitak international airport. It was the third day in a row for a curfew to be imposed in the area; The curfew went into effect at 7 p.m. and was to last until 4 a.m. Sunday.

Despite the continuation of the serious rioting, it has been contained within a relatively small area.

The other parts of this British crown colony seemed calm and almost unconcerned about the disorder. Business went on as usual in most other areas.

While rumors swept the colony, however, that leftist workers intended to call strikes aimed at cutting off power and water throughout this colony of about 3.7 million persons.

Many persons began storing water, causing a severe drop in water pressure in many areas.

Authorities announced that the rumors were not true.

### Much Improved

HONG KONG, May 14 (UPI)-- Riot police patrolled a tense, riot-torn district of Kowloon Saturday night and reported only a few incidents of scattered violence.

Police said the situation in the riot area, was "much improved" over Friday night.

This was the third straight night that police had to clamp on a strict curfew in the heavily populated area to maintain order.

### TAIWAN KEEPING CLOSE WATCH ON HK RIOTS

TAIPEI May 13 (Reuter)-- Taipei is keeping a close watch on the leftist-inspired riots in Hongkong and thinks the British crown colony, unlike Macao, is in a better position to resist Peking's pressure.



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### TAIWAN KEEPING... (2)

In the absence of official comment, political observers said the situation in Hong Kong was far different from Macao in many respects and the Chinese Communists knew they could not "browbeat the British into submission, as easily as the Portuguese.

But they predicted that Peking was not likely to call off the riots until after it had applied the utmost pressure on the Hong Kong authorities.

Giving reasons, they said:

1.- Peking is heavily dependent on Hongkong as a major market for exports estimated at about 300 million U.S. dollars net annually, plus millions of dollars of remittances from Chinese to Mainland China.

2.- Hongkong is better prepared to meet a military attack than neighboring Macao, both geographically and in terms of military deployment, besides, London is in a much better position than Lisbon to send reinforcements to Hongkong in case of necessity.

3.- Britain can count on the support of allies in case of open hostilities with Peking while Portugal is being frustrated by its colonial policy in Africa.

### JAPAN COMMUNIST PARTY PURGES TWO PRO-PEKING OFFICIALS

TOKYO, May 13 (Reuter)-- The Japan Communist Party has purged two senior officials of a pro-Peking trade organization for their anti-party activities, the party organ "Akahata (Red Flag)", reported today.

Akahata identified them as Sadaji Hagiwara, Director General of the International Trade Promotion Association (ITPA) of Japan, and Ichizo Kimura, Director General of the ITPA's branch office in Western Japan.

The Akahata article charged Mr. Hagiwara with, among other things, issuing a joint statement in Peking last March with Chinese trade authorities which the article said contained "open slanders" on the JCP. Mr. Kimura was also accused on similar grounds.

Their purge was one of the latest repercussions here arising from the Japanese party swing away from Peking in the Sino-Soviet ideological rift.

The trade association, comprising about 400 firms trading with Communist countries, was informed about two weeks ago that the Soviet state scientific and technical committee was breaking all relations with it.

### CHICOM AUTO WORKERS QUIT JOB TO FIGHT RIVALS

TOKYO, May 13 (UPI)--Thousands of workers at Communist China's biggest automobile factory have walked off the job to fight rivals, Japanese reports said today.

Japanese correspondents in Peking reported that workers at the auto factory in Changchun city in Chilin province left their jobs to fight a rival group from the Changchun commune.

The Changchun commune includes the Chilin technical college, Changchun technical machinery academy and the Changchun 6th middle school.

The auto workers were remobilized for the fight by the Chilin red revolutionary group, the Japanese reports said.

They said the group had destroyed school buildings in recent clashes with the commune group.

The Peking reports did not contain any information on the casualties or damages suffered in the clashes.

Chilin province borders on North Korea.

### BADGES WITH MAO'S PROFILE TO BE ISSUED TO CHICOM SOLDIERS

PEKING, May 13 (Reuter)--China's Peoples Liberation Army will issue all officers and men with a badge showing communist party's leader Mao Tse-Tung's profile and the inscription "Serve The People," the New China News Agency reported today.

The General political department of the Army also instructed all ranks to study the thoughts while wearing the badge, which "with Chairman Mao's profile in the centre, looks like a golden star with rays radiating from the profile."

### CHINESE LANGUAGE TO BE TAUGHT IN THAILAND

BANGKOK, May 13 (AP)--The Chinese language will be taught in Chinese schools in Thailand this year for the first time in ten years.

The restriction, placed by former Thai Dictator Sarit Thanarat in 1957, has been relaxed for secondary and pre-university schools.

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CHINESE LANGUAGE .....(2)

The government originally banned Chinese language because of fears of Communist Chinese infiltration and indoctrination.

One of the reasons given for the lifting of the ban was that Chinese students had been listening to radio Peking to improve their Chinese.

SUKARNO GETTING READY TO LEAVE PALACE

JAKARTA, May 13 (AP)--Ousted President Sukarno packed his personal belongings Saturday in preparation for his departure from the presidential palace here.

Acting President General Suharto asked him to move out.

Sukarno will be restricted to the palace in Bogor, some 40 miles from Jakarta, and consequently the problem appeared to have risen here how the 65-year-old former president will keep in touch with his children.

With his exile to Bogor, he will be living with his second wife, Hartini. The five children by Fatmajati have an intense dislike for Hartini and refuse to be even in the same building with her.

E U R O P E

POPE LEAVES FATIMA FOR HOME

FATIMA, Portugal, May 13 (AP)--Pope Paul VI left this shrine to the Virgin Mary today at 1650 GMT, en route to Mente Real airport on his return by jet to the Vatican.

WEST GERMANY WILLING TO TALK WITH EAST

AUGSBURG, Germany, May 13 (AP)--West Germany is willing to talk with the Communist East Germans on improving human relations between the two halves of the divided nation, Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger said in an interview published Saturday.

'As soon as the SED (East German Communist Party) is ready to talk seriously with us on this subject, it will be possible to find the proper form and levels for this discussion,' he said in an interview with the Catholic monthly 'Mann I Der Zeit'

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### POPE PRAYS FOR PEACE IN VIETNAM

FATIMA, Portugal, May 13 (UPI)--On a pilgrimage for peace in Vietnam, Pope Paul VI today told more than a million Roman Catholics at the shrine of Fatima the world is threatened and called for an end to war, armaments and hunger.

'We say the world is in danger,' the slight 69-year-old Pontiff told a rain-drenched sea of pilgrims gathered to see him mark the 50th anniversary of the day three shepherd children saw what they was the Virgin Mary. The children said she spoke to them.

'For this reason we have come to the feet of the Queen of Peace to ask her for the gift which only God can give, of peace,' said the Pope in a sermon at the shrine.

Ryal said the world 'is full of tremendously deadly armament and it has not progressed morally as much as it has scientifically and technically. Moreover, a great part of humanity is still in a state of need and of hunger...'

At the climax of a dramatic 12-hour fourth journey abroad, the Pope appealed for prayer and penance so that 'the world shall never again have to face wars, tragedies and catastrophes but the conquest of love and victory of peace.'

### USSR PROTESTS AGAINST US NAVAL ACTIVITY IN SEA OF JAPAN

MOSCOW, May 13 (AP)--The Soviet government Saturday strongly protested what it called 'illegal and dangerous actions of U.S. warships in the sea of Japan' which allegedly caused collisions with Soviet ships and damaged them.

In a note handed here to U.S. Ambassador Llewellyn E. Thompson, the Soviet government charged that two scrapes Wednesday and Thursday between U.S. and Soviet destroyers were "premeditated, arrogant" actions of the United States.

The note, as reported by the official Soviet News Agency Tass, said the scrapes occurred during joint U.S.- Japanese naval exercises, beginning May 8, which Moscow said were so close to Soviet shores that they 'cannot be regarded as anything else but a premeditated, organized provocational military demonstration.'

A spokesman for the U.S. embassy here said the embassy had no comment on the Soviet note.

## A M E R I C A S

### U.S. STUDENTS ATTEMPT TO BURN VC FLAG

NEW YORK, May 13 (UPI) -- Ten college students attempted to burn a replica of the Viet Cong flag today as a prelude to a fifth avenue parade in support of the 442,000 American fighting men in Vietnam.

The youths ripped the blue and red banner with its gold star and ground the pieces on the sidewalk with their heels. But police stepped in before they could douse the shreds with lighter fluid and set them a fire.

The students said they planned to burn the flags, emblem of the Viet Cong's National Liberation Front, in retaliation for the burning of an American flag by anti-war demonstrators in Central park last month.

John Masterjohn, 18, a Queens College political science major, said he had brought the flag for burning because "it represents terror and murder and everything we hate."

### ROMNEY FINDS NEW FORMULA ON VIET NAM

WASHINGTON, May 13 (UPI) -- Republican Presidential Aspirant George Romney, after initial floundering on the Vietnam issue, has found a formula designed to appeal to "moderates" in both parties.

political punch lies in the fact that it preserves the general bipartisan policy front while reserving room for maneuver on strategy.

After endorsing President Johnson's overall policy objectives, Romney is beginning to come up with idea he can contend may achieve those ends more quickly.

A case in point was his proposal earlier this week for direct negotiations between the Saigon government and the Viet Cong in an effort to speed peace.

In this he may have anticipated a stand the administration itself someday will take.

The public position of the administration continues to be that the Viet Cong cannot be dealt with separately, but may only be represented as part of any North Vietnamese delegation which comes to the peace table.

The United States has stood on this public position because of its contention that Hanoi is the principal villain in the grim drama in Southeast Asia.