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E.C.C., S.E.C. MEMBERS APPOINTED

SAIGON, MAY 4 (VP) - President Nguyen Van Thieu on May 1 signed decrees 413/TT/SL and 414/TT/SL appointing members of the Educational Cultural Council (E.C.C.) and the Social Economic Council (S.E.C.) sources from the President's Office reported Monday. (PD11)

DISCARDED AMMO TO BE DESTROYED IN NHA BE

SAIGON, MAY 4 (VP) - The Capital Special Zone Command Monday announced that a quantity of discarded ammunition will be destroyed by the 533rd ammo depot at 11-km southeast of Nha Be on May 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. everyday.

The Saigon inhabitants are requested to keep calm at hearing explosions resulted from the destruction of the discarded ammunition. (PD11)

U.S. DEFENSE SECRETARY SENDS CONDOLENCES ON GEN. THANH'S DEATH

SAIGON, MAY 4 (VP) - Sources from the President's Office Monday reported President Nguyen Van Thieu received on Sunday a letter from US Defense Secretary Malvin Laird who expressed his condolences on the death of Maj. Gen. Nguyen Viet Thanh, commander of the IV Corps and IV Corps Tactical Zone.

Secretary Laird said the RVN had lost an experienced military leader and outstanding combatant at the death of Lt Gen. Nguyen Viet Thanh. The supreme sacrifices of the late General was the sorrow not only for his family but also for the Vietnamese nation which is struggling for peace. (PD11)

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RELIEF COMMITTEE COLLECTS VN\$ 180,000
FROM ROK DANCE TROUPE PERFORMANCES

SAIGON, MAY 4 (VP) - The Committee for Relief and Resettlement of Vietnamese from Cambodia has collected VN\$ 184,102 from the three performances put on by the Republic of Korea's National Dance Troupe at Thong Nhat theater, Saigon.

The first performance which took place Thursday evening with the attendance of government ranking officials and representatives of the diplomatic corps turned in the highest proceeds of over VN\$ 100,000.

The Committee made known that the proceeds will go to the funds for relief to Vietnamese nationals newly-repatriated from Cambodia.

The fund-driving committee is headquartered at the Social Welfare Ministry No 1 Dinh Tien Hoang St, phone No 99,572. (PD11)

L.H. POSTPONES PLENARY SESSIONS

SAIGON, MAY 4 (VP) - The Lower House has temporarily postponed its plenary sessions for a week starting Monday May 4 to enable the Representatives to return to their constituencies to participate in elections of local councils.

However, permanent committees of the Lower House will still work as usual during this period. (PD11)

EX-PREMIER HUONG BACK IN SAIGON

SAIGON, MAY 4 (VP) - Former Prime Minister Tran Van Huong was back in Saigon at 11:30 a.m. Monday from his visit to the Republic of Korea and Japan at the invitation of the governments of these two countries.

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EX-PREMIER HUONG...(2)

On hand to greet the former Prime Minister at Tan Son Nhat airport were Mr. Hideo Kitahara, Japanese Ambassador to Vietnam, Mr. Shin Sang Chul, ROK Ambassador, and a number of Mr. Huong's former collaborators. (PD11)

AN QUANG BUDDHIST YOUTHS OCCUPY

V.N.B.S.

SAIGON, MAY 4 (VP) - About 200 Buddhist youths and students of An Quang faction occupied the Vietnam National Buddhist Shrine (VNBS) No 16 Tran Quoc Toan St, Saigon at 6 p.m. Sunday.

These youths forced 30 student monks of Quang Duc Buddhist Studies Center directed by Ven. Thich Huyen Minh, to go to An Quang Pagoda.

A number of Venerables of the VNBS Vien Hoa Dao Council had to flee away except its head, Ven. Thich Minh Thanh, who was brought to An Quang Pagoda by the occupants.

At a meeting with the press at the VNBS Monday morning, Ven. Thich Nhat Thuong, chief of the committee for recuperation of the VNBS, said he had reported the occupation of the worship facility to Ven. Thich Thien Hoa, head of the Vien Hoa Dao An Quang faction.

According to Ven. Nhat Thuong, the occupation of the VNBS aimed at waking up "intransigent elements" to help them early return to Buddha's teachings.

Ven. Thich Nhat Thuong, Thich Huyen Dieu, Nguyen Minh and Phap Sieu led the youths to occupy the VNBS which is now closed and carefully guarded by them.

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AN QUANG BUDDHIST... (2)

Meanwhile sources from the VNBS monks said they will hold a press conference Monday afternoon at Vinh Nghiem pagoda on Cong Ly St. Saigon to show their attitude toward the above-mentioned occupation.

A meeting also took place at An Quang pagoda on Su Van Hanh St with the attendance of Vens. Thien Hoa, Thien Minh, Huyen Quang, Phap Long and Quang Do.

In an open letter made public Monday morning the An Quang faction's committee for recuperation of the VNBS said the occupation was carried out to 'retake everything which belongs to the church'. (PD11)

TALK ON ARVN DEVELOPMENT GIVEN IN LONDON

SAIGON MAY 4 (VP) - Lt Col. Cao Xuan Ve, Military Attaché at the Republic of Vietnam Embassy in Britain last week gave a talk at the Military Commentators' Association headquarters in London on the development of the RVN Armed Forces in line with the redeployment of US troops from South Vietnam, sources from the RVN Embassy in London reported.

During the lecture, Lt-Col Ve also dealt with the military intervention of North Vietnam and the Vietcong in Laos and Cambodia as well as the influence of recent events on communist military facilities at the RVN-Cambodia border area.

Besides, a military columnist of the 'Daily Telegraph', Maj. Gen. Thompson, who recently ended his observation tour of South Vietnam, praised the achievements scored by the RVN Armed Forces and said that the Communist war potential has been greatly weakened.

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The lecturer also answered questions on the strength of the two sides in the battlefields, the infiltrations of NVN troops into South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos as well as measures taken by the ARVN to check these infiltrations.

Attending the talk were RVN Amb. to Britain Le Ngoc Chan, a number of former British ambassadors, general officers, military attachés and representatives of newspapers and press agencies. (PD26)

WORKERS URGE RMK MANAGEMENT TO RESPECT
PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT

SAIGON, MAY 4 (VP) - Representatives of the workers of the RMK - BRJ construction firm have requested the management of the joint venture to hold discussions on problems stipulated in the provisional agreement signed last March 27, 1970.

At a gathering held at the office of the VCL (Vietnamese Confederation of Labor), 14 Le Van Duyet St. Saigon, Sunday, they said that the management had unilaterally raised workers wages about 10 per cent and had fired a number of workers representatives, contrary to the clauses of the provisional agreement.

An official letter was submitted to the Saigon-Gia Dinh Workers Unions Federation to be forwarded to RMK-BRJ management on these matters. A copy of the letter was also sent to the Labor Ministry for information.

Over 100 representatives coming from various RMK-BRJ job-sites were present at the gathering, attended by Messrs Vo Van Tai, and Nguyen Van Phong, respectively Secretary general and Deputy Secretary general of the Saigon-Gia Dinh Workers Unions Federation.

A labor dispute followed by a strike occurred late March 1970 when RMK-BRJ workers asked for pay hikes and improvement of working conditions. (PD41)

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FOREIGN MINISTRY CLARIFIES MINISTER LAM'S
STATEMENT

SAIGON, May 4 (VP)---The Foreign Ministry's Press and Information Directorate Monday issued a communique clarifying Foreign Minister Tran Van Lam's statement in an interview granted to an Italian newsmen which appeared on the Italian daily Il Tempo and was reprinted by several Vietnamese dailies on May 2 and 3 from a AFP report.

The communique said to a question of newsmen Giorgio Torchia on his impression about the French proposal on the Indochina issue, Foreign Minister Lam said when proposing international negotiations to solve the Indochinese war, France had hurriedly stated that the ultimate goal of these talks will be the neutralization of South Vietnam.

The Foreign Minister expressed the regret that such a proposal would not differ from the setting of the ploughshare in front of the buffalo.

According to Minister Lam no condition would be set before any invitation for conferences or negotiations. The problem of neutrality if pointed out, would only constitute a topic to be discussed later in the negotiation. Moreover everyone knows that at present when Communist North Vietnam is waging aggression against the Republic of Vietnam and dreaming of toppling down the constitutional government of South Vietnam by the force of arms, the RVN could not adopt a neutral position.

Foreign Minister Lam stressed that for the time being the key problem is that the Communists must end their aggression to enable the restoration of peace instead of raising the neutralization of South Vietnam as a measure to solve the war. (PD11)

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RVN INVITED TO INTERNATIONAL ARTS EXHIBIT
IN INDIA

SAIGON, MAY 4 (VP) - The Indian National Arts Institute has officially invited the RVN to attend the 2nd triennial International Arts Exhibit to be held in New Delhi (India) next Janv. 23, 1971.

The Directorate of Fine Arts, Office of the Minister of State in charge of Cultural Affairs, recently released a communiqué asking Vietnamese artists to participate in the exhibit.

Entries must be sent to the Directorate of Fine Arts, 8 Nguyen Trung Truc St. Saigon, before August 15, 1970.

For transportation convenience, paintings' size must not exceed 183 cm x 152 cm and architectural works must be within 183 cm (height) and 93 cm (diameter).

For further details, participants may contact the Directorate of Fine Arts. (PD41)

R.V.N. TO ATTEND ASIAN COCI CONFAB

SAIGON, MAY, 4 (VP) - Mr. Duong Ngoc Suu, Chairman of the Saigon Chamber of Commerce, Craft and Industry will lead a delegation to Japan next May 7 to attend conference of the Asian Chambers of Commerce and Industry to open in Osaka on May 10.

The delegation includes Messrs Nguyen Van Khia, Tran Vinh Huy and Mrs. Nguyen Thi Muoi.

The theme of the conference is 'Economic cooperation for progress in Asia'. (PD15)

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230 FOREIGN WORKERS AUTHORIZED TO STAY
IN VIETNAM

SAIGON, MAY 4 (VP) - Sources from the Labor Ministry reported Monday that in the first three months of 1970, only 230 foreign workers were granted entry-visa or extension of their stay in Vietnam.

Meanwhile application for entry or extension of stay in Vietnam of 1,408 foreign employees was rejected. Besides, 1,020 workers who had their employment ended returned home, and were replaced by Vietnamese workers.

Sources from the Labor Ministry also made known that from 1967 to 1969 the number of foreign workers in Vietnam decreased from 29,529 to 24,753 (or 16 percent) and the figure of third country nationals decreased from 24,029 to 15,926 (or 33 per cent). (PD15)

2,416 TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS RECORDED IN WEEK

SAIGON, MAY 5 (VP) - During the week ending May 4, 2,416 violations of traffic regulation were recorded in the capital. Sources from the Traffic Police Service said Monday.

Most of the violators are motorbike riders and about 698 driving licences were temporarily withdrawn.

During the same period, 171 traffic accidents took place, causing three persons dead, 204 others injured.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

KHANH HUNG, May. 5 (VP)-- The Ba Xuyen Agriculture service last month distributed 642 hectares of land to 272 local farmers, including 351 hectares of expropriated land and 291 hectares of land from former French landowners. (PD.15)

CHAU DOC, May. 4 (VP)--- The opening-ceremony of the moral armament training course for Chau Doc sector's servicemen was held last Thursday at the provincial Civil Servant in-service training center with Chau Doc province Chief. Col. Tran Van Hui presiding.

The twelve-day training course conducted by Polwar personnel gathered 70 officers and non-commissioned officers. (PD.35)

VUNG TAU, May. 4 (VP)-- Thirty one Red cadres in 1970 first trimester returned to the government side and reported at the Vung Tau Open-Arms Service.

Since the launching of the Open-Arms Policy, the Vung Tau Open Arms Service has welcomed 85 returnees who left the Communist ranks. (PD.35)

VINH LONG, May. 4 (VP)-- The Tam Binh district chief last week presided over the opening ceremony of the III Civil Self Defense training course held at the CSD training Center My Thanh Trung village.

The two-week course gathered 106 CSL cadres of Tra Luoc, Soc Rung, hamlets of Long My village, Ngai Lo hamlet of Tra Can village and My Phu V, hamlet of My Thanh Trung village. (PD.35)

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NEWS IN BRIEF.....(2)

PLEIKU. May. 4 (VP)-- Col. Truong Son Ba, Pleiku Province Chief last weekend presided over a special meeting at the provincial administrative office to discuss the war disabled issue.

On the agenda of the meeting were the establishment of war disabled's villages, and the organization of vocational training courses for war dead dependents. (PD.27)

TUYEN DUC. May. 4 (VP)-- In co-operation with the local CORDS agency a delegation of Tuyen Duc provincial Social Welfare Service last weekend visited and presented gifts to 187 war dead dependents at Don Duong, Lac Duong and Duc Trong district.

The gifts presented included 748 cans of powdered milk, and 107 cans of cooking oil. (PD.27)

BINH TUY. May. 4 (VP)-- A medical team of the ROK Civic Action group in Binh Tuy province recently called at Huy Khiem, Duy Can and Nghi Duc villages to give medicare to 1,500 residents 600 children also received anti-cholera injections.

The provincial Psywar group accompanying the medical team on this occasion presented 3,000 "Huong Que" magazines to local people. (PD.27)

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-----FOREIGN PRESS REVIEWCAMBODIAN ACTION COULD HASTEN U.S.
REDEPLOYMENT PAPER SAYS

SAIGON, May 4 (VP) - President Nixon's decision to clean out North Vietnamese sanctuaries in Cambodia could shorten the timetable for U.S. redeployments from South Vietnam, according to a Washington newspaper.

The Washington Evening Star said Mr. Nixon had been advised that the enemy's ability to continue a major war in South Vietnam can be crippled. 'If this advice is right, the timetable for orderly withdrawal will be measurably shortened,' the newspaper said.

Those who have been quick to condemn the offensive as a foregone failure should hold their fire,' it added. 'They might better spend the next six to eight weeks joining in the prayerful hope that, this time, they are wrong'.

The Washington Daily News, ~~repeating~~ that Mr. Nixon has been charged with widening the war, says, 'these are specious charges. He sent troops into areas in Cambodia invaded by the North Vietnamese five years ago and occupied by them since then.'

'By using those areas as a staging ground for attack, it was Hanoi - not us - who made Cambodia part of the Vietnam war,' the News added. 'And Cambodia is being attacked today only because its government had the outrageous nerve to ask the North Vietnamese to go home.'

'We don't know whether Mr. Nixon will succeed in eliminating Hanoi's invasion bases and saving the Cambodian government', the newspaper said. 'But he is not wrong to try'.

The Chicago Tribune wrote, 'rarely if ever has an American President displayed greater courage than Mr. Nixon did on this occasion,' adding that he made his decision amid warnings that 'it would make him a one-term President'.

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The newspaper added, 'we believe most Americans... have the will and character to support whatever has to be done to protect the lives of our men in Vietnam until they can be withdrawn'.

The Christian Science Monitor said 'the President showed great political courage. It would have been ... easier to have done nothing. But, at a time of need, the American people expect their President to act according to his conscience, not according to a political scoreboard'.

The Monitor's editorial urged Mr. Nixon 'to keep these military moves limited in time and space', and the American people 'to be restrained and constructive in their reactions'.

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FEATURE

SVN PACIFICATION PROGRAM AT WORK

(Part III)

SAIGON, May 5 (VP)- Without security, the rest of the pacification program cannot succeed. In Ben Soi military commanders moved swiftly to improve security conditions. The RD team, armed with light weapons set up a nightime outpost along the path usually taken by Viet Cong infiltrators. Modern, high-powered M-16 rifles were issued to the men of the Regional Forces (RF) companies and then to the Popular Forces (PF) platoons in the area, and the resulting increase in their morale and aggressiveness was immediately evident. (&)

In June the RF launched a series of heli-mobile operations and district sweeps that forced the communists' main-force units to withdraw, and the area was declared militarily pacified--i.e., contested only by Viet Cong local-force units capable of being handled by militia forces. And in September General Do Cao Tri, the III CTZ commander, ordered the Special Forces and the CIDG warriors they had trained--Civilian Irregular Defense Group

(&) RF and PF troops now are the military spearhead of the government's pacification campaign in the countryside. In March 1970 there were 270,000 men in RF companies and 260,000 men in PF platoons throughout the 44 provinces, compared with 46,000 men in the regular military branches. Under a US\$200,000 modernization and improvement program, RF, PF recruiting has been stepped up, their pay and training have been improved, their weapons modernized and their missions expanded in scope. All RF, PFs now carry M-16s. See the Vietnam Feature Service release (TCB-074) Ruff Puffs are rough, tough MILITIA TROOPS SPEARHEADING VIETNAM'S PACIFICATION, April 1970.

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counter-infiltration troops guarding the border--to extend their area of responsibility to include Ben Soi. This was an important step, for the CIDG maintain the largest of all the forces in the immediate vicinity of Ben Soi. General Tri also made arrangements for quick-reaction help in case of an enemy attack to be provided by elements of the First Brigade of the 25th U.S. Infantry Division eight kilometers away.

The RD can bo and PF militia meanwhile were busy organizing the teenagers, elderly men and other draft-ineligible males of Ben Soi into the hamlet's own civilian combatant corps, the People's Self-Defense Forces (PSDF). Soon three PSDF platoons of 35 men each had been formed and trained, and 93 weapons were issued to them. Placed under the command of the village chief--who also commands the local PF civilians were assigned the responsibility of creating an early-warning system for the hamlet. When the three-week unit training course was completed the PSDF platoons built outposts around the hamlet perimeter to guard against infiltration. Soon they began sending out squads on night patrols, a dangerous task usually left the militia.

Boys 16 and 17 and men between 38 and 50, under Vietnam's national mobilization law, can be drafted into the PSDF, though many are volunteers. PSDF civilians are unpaid, but they get compensation if they are wounded, they and their families receive free medical care, and the family of a PSDF member killed in action receives, 10,000 piasters compensation. (The official exchange rate is 11 piasters to US\$1). Their weapons are World War II rifles and carbines as well as some shotguns, most of them reconditioned weapons turned over by RF and PF troops after they were re-outfitted with M-16 rifles. (&)

(&) In all 44 provinces, well over 400,000 weapons have been issued and nearly 1,310,000 civilians have been trained to use them. Each weapon usually rotates among three PSDF sentries. The ratio of VC to PSDF killed in action is about one to one. Most PSDF units contain women volunteers-- 70,000 in support roles and 130,000 in combat units defending hamlets and urban neighborhoods throughout the country. But Ben Soi has a large enough male population that women volunteers were not recruited for the PSDF platoons, at least not initially.

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SYN PACIFICATION (3)

Le Van Tho, 43 works a half-hectare of land he owns during the day, and at night he mans a listening post on PSDF duty. I have five small children to raise, he says. If our hamlet is attacked again, I want to be able to fight to protect them. I have practiced long hours with this carbine, and I think I will use it with good effect if the time comes. Once VC guerrilla bands could pass safely through Ben Soi, for without arms none of us dared try to stop them. Now that we have weapons the VC give the hamlet a wide berth.

Leaders Elected

With security improved, the RD team and hamlet committee members moved on to the next step in the pacification program--local elections. Candidates were persuaded to toss their hats in the ring despite the fact that local leaders are prime targets for VC assassination squads. Campaign posters appeared on trees throughout the hamlet, and RD car bo with portable public-address units roamed the lanes to shout out the news of the coming balloting. Soon the people were familiar with the campaign symbols adopted by the various candidates--a palm tree, a farmer's hat a water buffalo. These symbols would appear alongside the candidates' names on the ballots to assist the illiterate in marking their choices.

Late in March the people went to the polls--more than 90 percent of the eligible voters. They elected a village council of six members, and the councilmen then elected from their own ranks a chairman, popularly known as the village chief. Lam Van Duong, a 54-year-old rice farmer, was Ben Soi's choice. He had been appointed village chief by the province chief in 1966, but now he was returned to office as an elected leader of the people. Duong accepted the job despite the fact that several Tay Ninh village chiefs had been assassinated by the VC in the weeks just prior to the election.

Now Duong has more responsibilities and more authority than ever before, because in April 1969 the central government issued the latest in a series of decrees expanding the power of village chiefs and village councils and insuring them against arbitrary removal. The village chief commands the PF, PSDF and RD forces within his jurisdiction.

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He and the councilmen have increased authority over budgets, taxes, land transfers, public services and internal legal matters. They are empowered to make decisions in 15 different spheres, ranging from school construction to management of village markets. And the village chief is the principal architect of the community development program to raise the people's living standards.

(To be continued)

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ASIA

V. N. WAR IS THREATENING TO EXTEND ALL OVER
INDOCHINA : U THANT

NEW YORK, May 4 (AP)-- U.N. Secretary-General U Thant said Sunday that the Vietnam war was threatening to extend all over Indochina.

Reviewing the world's troubles, he told the League of Women Voters at a meeting here, "we see the tragedy of the war in Vietnam threatening to engulf the whole Indochinese peninsula."

Meeting with reporters afterward, he was asked if he had any proposals on how to prevent that. He replied, "yes, I have some ideas," and added that he would include them in a statement to be issued in a few days.

He said, "I don't know how they'll be accepted."

AUSTRALIA REPORTED POSTPONING DECISION ON
CAMBODIAN REQUEST FOR ARMS

SYDNEY, May 4 (Reuter)-- The Australian government has postponed for the time being any decision on a Cambodian government request for arms and other assistance, the national daily "The Australian" said today.

In a front-page story, the newspaper said the government had deliberately avoided making any decision in order not to prejudice its position at talks on the Cambodian situation due to be held in Djakarta on May 16.

For the same reason the government so far had avoided making any public statement on President Nixon's decision to send American troops into Cambodia to attack Communist positions, "The Australian" said.

But correspondent David Solomon said the government was expected to end its silence soon, probably in answer to questions in Parliament tomorrow.

"Cabinet is firmly convinced that President Nixon's decision to invade Cambodia was correct under the circumstances," Solomon wrote.

"The government's unwillingness to commit itself publicly on this and on the question of supplying arms to Cambodia is a departure from its previous policy," he said.

"In previous years it has given quick public support to American decisions on the conduct of the Vietnam war, in the belief that the U.S. needed such moral support.

"This time it has decided it can achieve more by going into the Djakarta talks without any previous public commitment, so as to improve its standing and assert its independence."

PARIS PEACE TALKS MAY BE THREATENED BY NEW U.S. POSTURE OVER INDOCHINA

PARIS, May 4 (Reuter)-- The tough new American posture over Indochina makes the outlook for real negotiations at the Vietnam peace talks here appear bleaker than ever.

North Vietnam and the Viet Cong agreed to the talks as part of a deal in which the U.S. halted bombing of the North 18 months ago. Defence Secretary Melvin Laird on Saturday set out circumstances in which he would recommend a resumption to the bombing. American air action over North Vietnam on a bigger scale than anything since 1968 was also disclosed in Washington.

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PARIS PEACE ... (2)

Observers said that if Mr Laird's warning developed into the basis of the peace talks here would be threatened.

There is no sign that the North Vietnamese or the Viet Cong are anxious to break up the conference, but developments since the U.S. -South Vietnamese advance into Cambodia dim the prospects of progress.

Observer who have been following the conference say that Hanoi is now likely to be more convinced than ever that President Nixon is seeking military victory.

Mr Laird warned that he would urge a resumption of raids if North Vietnam launched any major action across the Demilitarised Zone into South Vietnam.

His Department also admitted that U.S. fighter bombers had struck in North Vietnam but said this was to protect reconnaissance planes, and involved no change of policy.

Hanoi was claimed that more than 100 planes have carried out two days of air strikes over North Vietnam and a New York Times report said that a large raid had been aimed at supply dumps in North Vietnam.

Hanoi has repeatedly alleged that U.S. planes attacked its territory has warned that the U.S. must bear the consequences of its action, without specifying those consequences.

The latest raids however, appear larger than anything since 1968.

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PARIS PEACE... (2)

Hanoi's delegation to the Paris talks said Mr Laird's warning "exposes more clearly the frenzied belligerence of the Nixon administration." But its spokesman made no reference to any effect on the peace talks.

The previous day, in condemning U.S. action in Cambodia, he was also cautious on this point. Pressed by reporters, he said only that the action would have a "bad influence" on the talks.

Observers point out that the Paris talks provide a forum for Hanoi and the Viet Cong to present their views in a Western capital, giving them a means of speaking to world opinion.

N. V. A. TROOPS OVERRUN CAMBODIAN POSITIONS IN PREY VENG PROVINCE

PHNOM PENH, May 4 (UPI)-- A military spokesman announced the first "human wave" attacks of the Cambodian war Monday.

The spokesman said North Vietnamese regulars in two attacks overran Cambodian positions on the Eastern side of the Mekong ferry crossing of Neak Leung in Prey Veng province 40 miles Southeast of Phnom Penh.

The military spokesman said it was the first major penetration so close to Phnom Penh. Friendly casualties were unknown, he said.

S. E. A. STUDENT ASSOCIATION CONFAB TO BE OPENED IN BANDUNG

DJAKARTA, May 4 (Reuter)-- The second conference of the Southeast Asian Students Association will be opened in Bandung, West Java, tomorrow by Indonesian Education Minister Mashuri.

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S. E. A. STUDENTS ... (2)

A conference spokesman said 35 universities in the region had said they would send delegations to the conference which will discuss means to promote cooperation among Southeast Asian students.

P. I. NATIONAL SECURITY, FOREIGN POLICY COUNCILS TO MEET ON CAMBODIAN REQUEST FOR ARMS

MANILA, May 4 (Reuter)-- The National Security and Foreign Policy Councils of the Philippines are likely to meet this week on the Cambodian government's request for arms aid, informed sources here said today.

President Ferdinand Marcos told reporters yesterday in Puerto Princesa, 350 miles Southwest of Manila, he would call meetings of the Council on his return from a tour of the Southern Philippines.

The tour is scheduled to last until almost the end of the week but a Presidential Palace spokesman said it could be cut short.

But President Marcos told reporters that Cambodia had not asked for troops and said that any assistance given by the Philippines would only amount to token aid.

The Councils are composed of former Presidents, cabinet secretaries, ranking members of both the ruling Nacionalista and opposition Liberal Parties in Congress, top defence officials and the President.

President Marcos said that all available information submitted to him showed that American and South Vietnamese action in Cambodia did not constitute an invasion.

"It was not intended to take territories nor attack persons but only to destroy emplacements, supplies and headquarters of operating units-Viet Minh and Viet Cong-that have found sanctuary in Cambodian territory," the President said.

He said that the action had taken place in territory not held by the neutral government of Cambodia and that the American drive was apparently a "legitimate self-defence measure dictated by the combat situation in South Vietnam."

N. V. A., V. C. TROOPS CAPTURE NEAK LEUNG FERRY CROSSING IN CAMBODIA

PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA, May 4 (AP)-- North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops captured a strategic ferry crossing Southeast of this capital and temporarily cut a vital freedom highway that links the capital to the country's only international port in a slashing series of attacks that continued Monday.

Military spokesman Major Am Rong told newsmen the Viet Cong used human wave assault to overrun an estimated two battalions positioned around the ferry crossing of Neak Leung, 60 kilometers Southeast of Phnom Penh. He stressed that North Vietnamese regulars and Viet Cong had long prepared for an attack there by occupying Vietnamese villages nearby along the Mekong river.

Phnom Penh has an oil supply on hand to last only 20 days or less the city's power generators are dependant in fuel oil.

JAPANESE OFFICIAL HOPES RENEWED U. S. BOMBING OF N. V. NOT TO LEAD TO V. N. WAR ESCALATION

TOKYO, May 4 (UPI)-- A Foreign Ministry spokesman expressed the hope Monday that the resumption of U. S. bombing of North Vietnam would not lead to escalation of the Vietnam war.

Naraichi Fujiyama, Director General of the Foreign Ministry's Public Information and Cultural Affairs Bureau, also said he hoped the Allies and the Communists remain patient in their negotiations in Paris.

He said the Japanese government was not in a position to comment on the resumption of U.S. air raids on the Communist country because it had not details of the "circumstance involved in the resumption of the bombing of North Vietnam."

But he said "we hope the resumed U.S. bombing of North Vietnam would not lead to escalation of the war."

AUSTRALIAN PREMIER DUE IN TOKYO

TOKYO, May 4 (AP)-- Australian Prime Minister John Gorton will arrive in Japan Wednesday for a three-day visit which will include a tour of Expo '70 and a conference with Prime Minister Eisaku Sato, officials reported Monday.

Gorton also will have an audience with Emperor Hirohito several hours after his arrival in Tokyo from Canberra.

Gorton and Sato will confer with 30 minutes Wednesday before a dinner which the Japanese leader will give for the Australian Prime Minister.

The meeting will be the first between the two since Gorton became Prime Minister in 1968. Officials said the conference will allow the two to get acquainted and is not expected to take up any pending problems between the two nations.

Gorton's schedule Thursday includes a meeting with newsmen before leaving Tokyo for Osaka.

INDONESIAN OFFICIAL EXPRESSES REGRET OVER
RED COUNTRIES REFUSAL TO ATTEND ASIAN
CONFAB ON CAMBODIA

DJAKARTA, May. 4 (REUTER)-- An Indonesian government official today expressed regret that Communist countries refused to attend and Asian-Pacific conference on Cambodia here later this month.

A Defence Commission official said the conference may have lost much of its significance because the Communist and important neutral countries had refused to attend.

The government spokesman said everyone understands the achievement of peace in this region is of prime importance and poses a crucial issue. That is why it is natural that enthusiasm is devoted to this issue.

"We have invited those who are concerned about peace in the area disregarding their ideological and other differences."

He said the conference had presented an opportunity for nations in Asian and the Pacific to show their maturity to solve their own problems through negotiations.

Parliamentary Defence Commission member, Mr. J. Naro, told reporters last night he thought the conference could now prove to be insignificant.

"A one-sided conference may prove useless," he said.

Indonesia invited 21 nations to the meeting here on May. 16 and 17 but so far China, North Korea, North Vietnam, Ceylon, Burma, India and Pakistan have said they will not come.

R.V.N. TO ATTEND FAR EAST BRIDGE FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS IN DJAKARTA

DJAKARTA, May. 4 (REUTER)-- Eleven countries will take part in the Far East Bridge Federation championships said today.

They are South Korea, Japan, Nationalist China, Hong Kong, South Vietnam, the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Australia, Singapore and New Zealand.

U.S. HAS NO MAJOR CHANGE IN POLICY TOWARD BOMBING IN N.V.N.

WASHINGTON, May. 3 (AP)-- U.S. Defense Department officials said Sunday night that Communist supply dumps in North Vietnam may have been struck by U.S. warplanes in the course of attacking anti-aircraft batteries threatening unarmed U.S. reconnaissance planes.

These officials said there has been no major change in policy toward bombing in North Vietnam, except the recently granted authority for what is called "augmented" protective reaction-- that is, permission for U.S. commanders to send larger numbers of warplanes over North Vietnam than at any time since the formal halt in the bombing of Communist targets in November, 1968.

The targets of such strikes are anti-aircraft gun batteries and surface-to-air missile units, officials said, but they noted that many of these batteries and missile sites are close to supply dumps.

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Thus, as one official put it, "if there is a supply dump in the middle of these antiaircraft positions, that's too bad."

Within the past few days, more than 120 U. S. warplanes were involved in a "protective reaction" operation in the lower panhandle of North Vietnam.

Officials described that area as thick with both antiaircraft batteries and Sam sites and with supply dumps.

They said the North Vietnamese have increased concentrations of both in the lower panhandle, which connects with the Ho Chi Minh trail through Laos and on into South Vietnam.

U. S. CLERGYMAN IN VIENTIANE PLEDGES TO FAST UNTIL GRANTED VISA TO HANOI

VIENTIANE, May. 4 (AP)-- An American clergyman who says he is concerned about American prisoners of war in North Vietnam has pledged to fast until he is granted a visa to Hanoi.

The right Reverend Bartholomew R. Fox of the Eastern Orthodox Church of Antioch, Toledo, Ohio, made his vow during a religious service after his arrival here Sunday and repeated it in a prepared statement.

Father Bartholomew said he has been to North Vietnamese embassies in Stockholm, Moscow and Damascus seeking information about American POWs. He said he was told by Hanoi's representative in Moscow "of the appalling provisions for American servicemen. Food shortages in North Vietnam compound their deprivation."

The priest said his primary mission was to go to Hanoi to Pray with the prisoners, but he also hopes he would be permitted to take food and medicine to them and that the North Vietnamese would release a full list of Americans being held prisoner.

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V. C. , N. V. A. , RED KHMER FORCES REPORTED
IN CONTROL OF CAMBODIA EAST OF
MEKONG RIVER

PHNOM PENH, May. 4 (REUTER) -- Viet Cong, North Vietnamese and Red Khmer forces today appeared to be in control of virtually all of Cambodia East of the Mekong River.

This followed the capture yesterday of the East bank of the Neak Leung ferry crossing which controls Highway One to South Vietnam and the Parrot's Beak operation area where South Vietnamese forces last week crossed into Cambodia.

A military spokesman said today the Viet Cong followed a mortar barrage on Neak Leung with two human wave assaults involving about 2,000 men.

Cambodian river patrol boats joined the fighting to help Army troops on the East bank.

The Viet Cong also cut Route One at Kompong Trabek to prevent reinforcements from East Svay Reing province being brought down to the ferry.

They also destroyed a bridge across a secondary road running North - South between Routes One and Seven to the only other major ferry access the Mekong at Kompong Cham.

Observers here speculated that Kompong Cham, controlling Highway Seven, could be the next target for Communist forces under pressure from U. S. and South Vietnamese forces pushing out from the Fish Hook area on the border.

Contract has been lost with government battallions on the East side of the Neak Leung ferry but some men from these were reported to have crossed the river to safety.

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Neak Leung is 33 miles Southeast of Phnom Penh on the main Phnom Penh- Saigon road and Kompong Cham is 50 miles North-east of the capital and West of the Fish Hook area.

Viet Cong forces were only about 20 miles East of the Kompong Cham ferry and the provinces of remote Northeast Cambodia are traditional Red Khmer and Viet Cong territory.

Observers in Phnom Penh said the military situation for the government appeared to be deteriorating but the results of American and South Vietnamese attacks across the border were as yet unclear.

A 12,000 strong joint task force is sweeping the Fish Hook Salient about 100 miles Northeast of Phnom Penh just across the border from South Vietnam.

Viet Cong forces late yesterday also came close to cutting the vital Route Three linking Phnom Penh and the Port of Sihanoukville on the Gulf of Siam.

The Viet Cong attacked a government post six miles Southeast of the road at a point where it passes through a hilly region but the road was still open this morning.

This was the first attack as far West as Kompong Speu province.

R. O. K. PREMIER, U. S. ENVOY CONFER ON DEVELOPMENTS
IN V. N., CAMBODIA

SEOUL, May, 4 (UPI)-- Korean Premier Chung Il-Kwon met with U. S. Ambassador William J. Porter Monday and discussed the latest developments in Vietnam and Cambodia.

A spokesman for Chung said after the 30-minute meeting that the discussion touched on U. S. military effort in Vietnam and Cambodia. The spokesman did not give any further details of the meeting.

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E U R O P E

W-GERMAN PREMIER TO PROPOSE JOINT
COMMISSIONS WITH E-GERMANY

BONN, May 3 (Reuter)-- Chancellor Willy Brandt will propose that the two Germanies set up joint commissions on questions of common interest when he meets East German Prime Minister Willi Stoph in Kassel on May 21, government sources said here today.

The work of the commissions could be evaluated at a further meeting of the heads of government, possibly in November.

The sources said these proposals had not yet been discussed with East Germany.

Delegations from both countries will meet here on Wednesday to set up the Kassel meeting. A similar Working Party prepared for the first 'summit' in Erfurt, East Germany, in March 19.

5 ITALIANS ORDERED TO BE TRIED ON CHARGES OF
SPYING FOR RUSSIA

ROME, May 3 (Reuter)-- Five Italians are today ordered to be tried on charges of passing military secrets to the Soviet Union, legal sources said here.

The charges arose from the Roskov affairs in 1968 when a Soviet embassy employee was expelled from Italy after being accused of spying.

Four of the five who face trial have been held since October 1968 and the other was charged with minor offences connected with the case but was not detained.

The main accused is businessman Lucio Quarantelli, who is charged with revealing state secrets, fraud, espionage and corruption.

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The five, who include three former minor employees of the Italian Foreign Ministry, were accused of passing on secret information to the Soviet diplomat, Ghenadi Roskov, who worked for the commercial office here.

The investigating magistrate who ordered the trial today, said in his report that the alleged spy cell was discovered when a check showed that extra copies of secret documents were being made on a Foreign Ministry duplicating machine.

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A M E R I C A S

U.S. MUNITIONS SHIP EAGLE DUE TO ARRIVE IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3 (AP)--The Columbia Eagle, the U.S. ammunition ship that was hijacked to Cambodia last March 14, is due to arrive Monday to go into routine quarantine at Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay.

A day out at sea, the Columbia Eagle Captain, Donald A. Swann, told a newsmen by Marine telephone Sunday that the whole experience had been incredible. If anyone should tell him that two seamen could hijack his big ship, 'I'd tell him he was nuts,' Swann said.

Swann has said Alvin Glatkowski, 20, a steward, and Clyde Mackey Jr. 25, a stoker, pulled guns and took over the ship on the last leg of a voyage to Thailand.

Swann said in the interview:

'They told me they would blow up the ship'.

They told him, he said, that 'this was the first in a series of mutinies' designed to 'impede the war effort in Vietnam'.

After lowering away 24 of the 39 crewmen in lifeboats, the Eagle sailed to the Cambodian Port of Sihanoukville where, Swann said, he was well treated.

'They were concerned about my personal welfare and of everyone on the ship,' he said.

McKay and Glatkowski were given asylum in Cambodia. Two days later, the Eagle was permitted leave.

After quarantine, the Eagle is to move to Todd Shipyards, Alameda, for drydock.

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75 DEMONSTRATORS ARRESTED NEAR WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, May 4 (UPI)--Seventy-five demonstrators kneeling in prayer near the White House were arrested Sunday during a religious rally to protest the stepped-up U.S. military action in Southeast Asia.

Dr. Benjamin Spock was among the group taken into custody by U.S. Park police. The demonstrators were charged with failure to move on and disorderly conduct. All were later released after posting 10 U.S. dollars collateral.

About 150 persons took part in the service in Lafayette Park, directly across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House. Police said the organizers, who included clergy and laymen concerned about the war in Vietnam and the fellowship of reconciliation, failed to obtain a demonstration permit from authorities. Leaders applied for a permit Sunday but police said 15 days advance notice was required.

'It was impossible to get such a permit if you want to have a service concerned with Cambodia and the resumption of bombing in North Vietnam,' said the Rev. John Boyles of Philadelphia, one of the participants.

'We thought it was our right to worship in the Park,' Boyles said. 'There was no violence. There was hardly even any movement'.

Police interrupted the service, which consisted of prayers and scripture readings by clergy wearing religious garb, about 10 minutes after the invocation. When the participants were told to move on, about half dropped to their knees in prayer. They were then placed under arrest and led by the arm to police vehicles.

Others arrested included Sam Brown and David Hawk, leaders of the Vietnam Moratorium Committee, the Rev. Malcolm Boyd and Rabbi Balfour Brickner.

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1,500 U.S. STUDENTS DISPERSED IN OHIO

KENT, OHIO, May 3 (AP)-- National Guardsmen (State Militia) used tear gas Sunday night to turn back some 1,500 Kent State University students who demonstrated despite Governor James A. Rhodes' ban on outdoor meetings.

A window in one building was broken as the students made the rounds of dormitories seeking support after the group was dispersed on campus, about 1,200 students staged a sit-in in a downtown street. They were surrounded by guardsmen.

Guardsmen were sent to the campus Saturday night following a demonstration by about 1,000 students during which the Army Reserve Officer Training building was destroyed by fire.

Sunday morning, a trailer office at the airport, a few miles from the Kent State Campus, was destroyed by fire and six planes were rammed with a truck, causing damage estimated at 40,000 dollars.

The Governor appeared in Kent on Sunday and said he hoped to obtain an injunction allowing guardsmen to make the arrests. He blamed much of the trouble on well-trained revolutionary outsiders and said, 'This kind of activity is over with in Ohio.'

REP. BROWN ANGERS OVER SENDING OF U.S. TROOPS INTO CAMBODIA

LOS ANGELES, May 4 (UPI)--Rep. George Brown, D-Calif., angered over the sending of American troops into Cambodia without authorization of Congress, 'has ordered his staff to study the possibility of impeaching President Nixon.

Brown, seeking the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate, said he would announce by the end of this week whether he would initiate impeachment proceedings in the House against the President.

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Brown, seeking the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate, said he would announce by the end of this week whether he would initiate impeachment proceedings in the House against the President.

'I have instructed my staff to examine all the ramifications and implications of the impeachment of President Nixon,' he said Sunday.

'This matter is under active consideration because of the President's action of sending American troops into Cambodia without authorization of Congress'.

'In the meantime, I offer my prayers and support for the brave young American boys who have been ordered into battle as the result of the President's tragic mistake,' he added.

SEN. KENNEDY NOT TO STAND FOR PRESIDENT IN 1972

WASHINGTON, May 4 (Reuter)-- Senator Edward Kennedy, making his first comment on his political future since the release of the transcript of the inquest on Mary Jo Kopechne, has reaffirmed that he will not stand for President in 1972.

In a radio interview broadcast here last night, Mr. Kennedy said that he would neither seek nor accept the Democratic Party presidential nomination. But he looked forward to continued service in the Senate.

'I would not accept a draft and I have indicated as clearly, completely, precisely as the English language allows that I would not be a candidate for the Presidency,' Senator Kennedy said.

Asked about the Vice Presidency, he said 'same response'.

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He had 'given very little thought' to subsequently seeking national office, he said.

He recommended a number of possible Democratic presidential candidates for 1972, including former Vice President Hubert Humphrey, Senator Edmund Muskie of Maine, Senator George McGovern of South Dakota and Senator Harold Hughes of Iowa.

Senator Kennedy also said that he had not planned to run for the 1972 Presidency or Vice Presidency even before the accident in which Mary Jo Kopechne drowned last July in his car.

Mr. Kennedy declined in the interview to make any comment on the report filed by the presiding judge of the inquest, Judge James A. Boyle, who concluded that he found 'probably cause' that Senator Kennedy was operating his car negligently when it went off a bridge on Chappaquiddick Island.

The judge also indicated in his report he believed that Mr. Kennedy and Miss Kopechne were not on their way to the ferry landing when his car went into the tidal pool, as Mr. Kennedy had testified and that he was thoroughly familiar with the dyke road and bridge.

M I D D L E - E A S T

ISRAELI JETS ATTACK EGYPTIAN POSITIONS ALONG
SUEZ CANAL

TEL AVIV, May 3 (Reuter)--Israeli Air Force planes struck at Egyptian artillery positions along the Suez Canal this afternoon, an Army spokesman said tonight.

The spokesman said the raid lasted for over two hours.

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The Israeli aircraft struck at Egyptian artillery and mortar positions in the Central and Northern sectors of the front, the spokesman said.

The raid began at 1830 (1630 GMT) and continued intermittently until 2015 (1815 GMT).

He added that the air raid followed Egyptian artillery and mortar barrages on Israeli positions.

JORDANIAN, ISRAELI FORCES CLASH IN N-JORDAN VALLEY

AMMAN, May 3 Reuter)--Jordanian forces silenced an Israeli artillery emplacement and destroyed an Israeli tank in an 85-minute clash between Jordanian and Israeli troops in the Northern Jordan Valley this afternoon, a military spokesman said here.

It was the second clash reported today.

The spokesman said Israelis opened artillery fire from the Shuwe'er camp in the Kraymeh area at 1420 local (1220 GMT) and Jordanians fired back.

The spokesman had reported the death of two Jordanian civilians and wounding of five Israelis in an earlier clash in the area today.