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RELEASE OF FORMER GOVERNMENT'S POLITICAL
PRISONERS EXAMINED

Saigon (VP) Nov. 12

An inter-ministerial committee met at the Security Ministry last Friday to discuss the cases of people who had participated in either armed or political struggle against the Ngo Dinh Diem government between July 7, 1954 and Oct. 31, 1963.

The Security Minister, Maj. Gen. Ton That Dinh, today said in a communiqué that the purpose of that measure was to speed up the release of people still imprisoned. This measure does not concern those jailed for Communist activities, the communiqué said.

The communiqué said the Security Ministry is "now preparing the necessary documents for signature by higher authorities so that the political detainees may be released as soon as possible and rejoin their families."

The Ministry also plans to examine the cases of those who had worked against the Ngo Dinh Diem regime but had actually been sent to prison under charges other than political. The cases of civil servants and military men discharged or penalized for the above reason will also be examined, the communiqué said. (DL-d)

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR DEAD COMBATANTS

Saigon (VP) Nov. 12

Memorial services for the combatants who gave their lives in the recent revolution were held in many places of worship in the provinces yesterday.

Large crowds were reported to have attended the services at Dalat's Linh Son Pagoda, the Linh Son Co Tu Pagoda at Vung Tau (Phuoc Tuy) and at the Vien Minh Pagoda at Truc Giang (Kien Hoa). (L-d)

GEN. DUONG VAN MINH : "NO" TO NEUTRALISATION

Saigon (VP) November 12

Gen. Duong Van Minh, Chairman of the Military Revolutionary Council, has rejected President Charles de Gaulle's call for the neutralization of Viet Nam, UPI reported from Paris.

In an interview in the liberal daily Le Monde Gen. Minh said "We are not strong enough to be neutral." He was commenting on de Gaulle's claim that the only solution to the Viet Nam problem was the country's reunification.

Gen. Minh said the "struggle against Communism" was the number one point of the Council's programme.

"We have not the slightest intention of reconquest or crusade. We wish to be left alone at home and for this reason we want to put an end to subversion," he said.

MR. TRAN VAN CHUONG DENIES REPORT HE IS CANDIDATE
FOR PRESIDENCY

Lawrence, Kansas (UPI) Nov. 12

Mr. Tran Van Chuong, former Vietnamese ambassador to the United States, journeyed to the Wheatlands yesterday to address a student gathering at the University of Kansas.

Mr. Chuong was scheduled to hold a press conference at 4 p.m. His speech was set for 8 p.m.

The former ambassador is winding up a coast-to-coast tour originally planned as a campaign against the now deposed regime of Ngo Dinh Diem. He resigned his embassy post Aug. 22 following the intensification of the Diem government's policy against the Buddhists.

Mr. Chuong, mentioned as a candidate for president in Viet Nam, plans to return to his country when the speaking tour ends, probably next month.

He said recently, however, reports that he was in line for the presidency were pure speculation. He said he had done nothing to encourage the possibility.

Since the Diem government was overthrown Nov. 1 Mr. Chuong has directed his speeches to the need for continued United States aid to Viet Nam.

YOUTH, SPORTS MINISTER TAKES OFFICE

Saigon (VP) Nov. 12

At the former Civic Action Department, yesterday afternoon Mr. Nguyen Huu Phi officially took office as Minister of Youth and Sports.

After a welcoming speech by a representative of the personnel, the Minister told the audience that his door is always open to welcome loyal collaboration from everyone in the Ministry, and that he is eager to help develop a new generation of youth physically sound and morally healthy. (DG-d)

VINH BINH AND VINH LONG HAVE NEW CHIEFS

Saigon (VP) Nov. 12

Lt. Col. Nguyen Khac Tuan and Maj. Ly Truong Nhon have been appointed the new chiefs of Vinh Long and Vinh Binh provinces respectively. Both took over their new functions yesterday.

Their respective predecessors were Lt. Col. Le Van Phuoc and Maj. Nguyen Duy Bach. (L-d)

REVOLUTION'S OBJECTIVES EXPLAINED TO DA NANG PEOPLE

Da Nang (VP) Nov. 12

An information team from the 12th Tactical Area has toured the Da Nang area the last two days to explain the goals and results of the Nov. 1 revolution.

It was reported to have met with wide enthusiasm from the audiences, who asked many questions. (L-d)

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE : 61 NGUYEN DU ST.

Saigon (VP) Nov. 12

As of last Saturday, the office of the Secretary of State for the Prime Minister's Office has been temporarily set up at 61 Nguyen Du Street, Saigon.

Telephone numbers are :

The Secretary	:	22.409	
Director of Cabinet	:	24.254	
Chief of Cabinet	:	24.270	
Private Secretary	:	22.067.	(DL-d)

VLU OFFICIAL HOPES FOR MORE FREEDOM FOR UNIONS

Saigon (VP) Nov. 12

Mr. Nguyen Khanh Van, secretary general of the Viet Nam Labour Union, yesterday told Labour Minister Nguyen Le Giang he hoped that with the revolution the union's freedom will no longer be limited. He also voiced the hope that this freedom and the right of free assembly would be expanded so civil servants could form unions and thus contribute to building democracy in this new era.

Mr. Van made the above statement while heading a VLU delegation to greet the new Labour Minister. On behalf of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, he told the Minister of its joy that the revolution had liberated the VLU from a nepotic and anachronistic regime.

Minister Nguyen Le Giang said he well understood the workers' aspirations and promised to present the VLU's wishes to the Military Revolutionary Council and the Provisional Government. (CH-d)

US\$13 MILLION TO BE RELEASED FOR CONDENSED MILK, WHEAT FLOUR IMPORTS

Saigon (VP) Nov. 12

Notes have been exchanged by the Foreign Affairs Ministry of Viet Nam's Provisional Government and the U.S. Embassy on the resumption of the American aid programme, well-informed sources said today.

The notes, expected to be ratified by Washington soon, provide for a credit of about US\$13,000,000 to import condensed milk and wheat flour into Viet Nam.

Meanwhile the Directorate General of Commerce today announced that bids will be opened on Saturday for the importation of 7,000 tons of wheat flour.

The flour must arrive in Saigon no later than Dec. 10 in two lots -- 1,000 tons with 8 per cent protein and 6,000 tons with 11 per cent. (DL-d)

FREE MARKET RATES FOR FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Saigon (VP) Nov. 12

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

VN\$ 73.50 : 1 US dollar
" 15.- : 1 French franc
" 205.60 : 1 pound sterling.

INTERSECT COMMITTEE PAYS TRIBUTE TO CAPITAL BUDDHISTS

Saigon (VP) Nov. 12

At an informal meeting at the Xa Loi Pagoda yesterday afternoon, the Venerable Thich Tam Chau related the various episodes of the struggle to defend religious freedom waged by the Buddhist religious and laymen.

The Venerable Thich Tam Chau, chairman of the Intersect Committee for the Defense of Buddhism, revealed that when the former regime began to oppress Buddhism overtly, many monks and nuns were compelled to stop wearing religious robes to avoid identification, while many Buddhist families willingly risked their lives and property to help these monks and nuns continue underground activities in the capital for the defense of Buddhism.

This magnanimous spirit of sacrifice was boundless, the Ven. Thich Tam Chau stressed. For this reason the Intersect Committee and the whole Buddhist clergy pay it so high a tribute and are ever grateful to all Buddhist laymen in the capital.

Also present at the event were the Venerable Thich Tam Giac, the committee's vice-chairman, and Mr. Mai Tho Truyen, secretary general. The latter, who is also vice-chairman of the World Association of Buddhism, described the Aug. 20 attack on Xa Loi Pagoda and his own imprisonment. The sufferings of Venerables (Thich Tam Giac and Thich Quang Lien were also told the deeply-moved audience. (DG-d)

VC BURN HOMES, RICE MILL WHEN ATTACK ON OUTPOST FAILS

My Tho (VP) Nov. 12

A Viet Cong band last Friday set fire to eight houses and a rice mill after failing to overrun a Dan Ve-Bao An outpost at Vinh Kim village (Dinh Tuong).

The damage is estimated at about VN\$ one million. (L-d)

VIET CONG BATTALION SMASHED IN DINH TUONG OPERATION

My Tho (VP) Nov. 12

Operation Duc Thang 56/TG last Thursday in the Phu My area of Ben Tranh district (Dinh Tuong) resulted in 32 Viet Cong killed left behind and a number captured. Many enemy killed and wounded were also carried off.

The VP Dinh Tuong correspondent said a Viet Cong battalion had come to Phu My to prepare an attack on the Ben Tranh district town, but Operation Duc Thang smashed it in time. A fierce battle was reported between units of the 7th Infantry Division and the Viet Cong in the area. A large stock of ammunition was seized and several enemy barracks destroyed.

Two days later Operation Duc Thang 58/TG clashed for about an hour with two companies of Viet Cong regional Battalion 634 at Binh Trung village, Long Dinh district. Five enemy killed were left behind and about 50 killed and wounded carried off, the same correspondent said.

The operational forces suffered no casualties. (CH-d)

BINH THUAN FORCES BAG 22 VC

Phan Thiet (VP) Nov. 12

Government forces last Sunday killed 16 Viet Cong and captured six in two actions in Binh Thuan province, a VP correspondent reported.

There were no Government casualties.

A Viet Cong platoon lost 11 killed and six captured to a sector command operation against the Communists' Le Hong Phong stronghold, about 20 kms east of Phan Thiet. A number of dead and wounded were also believed to be carried away by the Viet Cong. The operational forces seized VN\$2,000 and a large quantity of food.

Five more Viet Cong were downed in an ambush by the security forces guarding the Vinh Hao mineral water bottling plant. The enemy were enroute to attack nearby Vinh Hao village, but the security forces had been forewarned.

Besides the five killed, a Mas-36 rifle and ammunition left behind, the Viet Cong carried off seven seriously wounded.
(CH-d)

MEETINGS IN PROVINCES VOTE SUPPORT TO MILITARY
REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL

Saigon (VP) Nov. 12

The people of Binh Tuy, Kien Giang, Kien Phong, Ninh Thuan, Ba Xuyen, Darlac, Dinh Tuong and Phuoc Long provinces and Dalat held mass rallies and parades last week to voice support for the Military Revolutionary Council.

VP dispatches said the demonstrators took the occasion to denounce the former regime and vote pledges of close cooperation with the Armed Forces to finish the revolution by defeating the Communists and building a strong and prosperous nation.

The meetings ranged in size from 3,000 to 45,000 people.

(DL-d)

TWO VIET CONG COMMISSARS KILLED IN HUE

Hue (VP) Nov. 12

Two Viet Cong district commissars, one political and one military, were killed last Saturday by Combatant Youths of Phu Loc district, Thua Thien province.

Patrols of Youths uncovered the Communists at Ban Mon and An Nong hamlets, 30 and 20 kms south of Hue.

They seized a Mat-49 submachine gun, a Colt 12 mm pistol, two magazines and documents. (DL-d)

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FAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIA

P.M. IKEDA PERSONALLY APOLOGIZES TO NATION OVER
RAIL, MINE DISASTERS

Tokyo, Nov. 11 (UPI)

Shock was already fading in disaster-hardened Japan today over rail and mine disasters that killed more than 600 persons Saturday.

According to police figures, the explosion in Japan's biggest coal-mine complex killed 452 men and injured 470 with 471 escaping unhurt - the three-train crash between Tokyo and Yokohama killed 163 men, women and children and injured 71. The over-all death toll was 615.

Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda personally apologized to the nation. Teams of experts 343 were at the scenes of both disasters to determine what went wrong. Survivors sobbed over their dead at mass memorial services.

Newspaper editorials were indignant, but not outraged. The disasters already were proving a major issue in the current campaign for the Nov. 21 parliamentary elections - but the campaign had lacked issues until now.

The Japanese hold life as much as anyone else. But for reasons both historic and modern, they are more inured to catastrophe than most.

DR. SUBANDRIO REPLACES CHIEF MINISTER DJUANDA

Djakarta, Indonesia, Nov. 11 (UPI)

Foreign Minister Subandrio today was named by President Sukarno to replace Chief Minister Djuanda Kartawidjaja, who died Friday night.

Subandrio will retain his portfolio as minister of External Affairs, however, said Foreign Office spokesman Ganis Harsono, who made the announcement.

The appointment of Subandrio as Chief Minister culminates extension of his administrative powers ever since the campaign launched against the Dutch in West Irian early last year.

Subandrio, 48, has been Foreign Minister since 1957.

FORMER SOUTH KOREAN PM. SONG YO CHAN RELEASED FROM
PRISON ON SICK BAIL

Seul, Korea, Nov. 11 (UPI)

Retired Lt. Gen. Song Yo Chan, Korean war hero and former Prime Minister, will be released from prison on sick bail this afternoon, Lt. Gen. Kim Keh Won, Army Vice Chief of Staff announced today.

However, Kim, President of a court-martial panel appointed to try Song on charges of murder and slander, told newsmen that Song would be restricted to Seoul sanitarium hospital, an American missionary establishment, after his release from West Gate prison.

Song, 45, was required to put up 100,000 won (\$770) as bail.

It was not clear whether Song will eventually come to trial or not. The charges against him were not dropped.

Song had served as the Premier for the present military Junta for year and resigned in disgust in June, 1962. He was first arrested Aug. 11, three days after publishing a letter critical of Junta Chairman Park Chung Hee.

He was later released on court order, but re-arrested by the military authorities Sept. 5 at a Seoul hospital where he was under treatment for high blood pressure and nephritis.

His military trial had been postponed four times because of his illness.

He was accused of the summary execution of one officer and two enlisted men during the Korean war - charges that had long ago been investigated and dropped - and slandering Park's military government.

PRINCE SIHANOUK ANNOUNCES NATIONALIZATION OF CAMBODIA'S
EXPORT, IMPORT BUSINESSES

Phnom Penh, Nov. 12 (UPI)

Prince Norodom Sihanouk has announced the nationalization of export and import businesses.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1964, these commercial houses will become state-owned "bureau of sale and purchase," he told a news conference.

Six months later, banks of Cambodia will be nationalized. Private banks will be taken over by the national bank.

The Prince said he took the decision on nationalization because private capitalists had abused the position and deprived the state of important revenues.

ANOTHER TRAIN ACCIDENT IN JAMAGUCHI LEAVES
6 SLIGHTLY INJURED

Yamaguchi, Japan, Nov. 11 (UPI)

Only 36 hours after a train collision near Tokyo killed 163 passengers, a south-bound express train crashed today into another south-bound express on the main Sanyo line in Yamaguchi prefecture.

Railway officials breathed a sigh of relief when it was discovered that only six passengers were injured and that their injuries were slight.

The engineer of the express, which was carrying 560 passengers in 14 coaches, had stopped to check a faulty brake. Another 14-coach express, carrying 360 passengers, crashed into the rear observation car of the Mizuho.

Six passengers in the observation car were injured.

The collision occurred at a section featured with numerous turns.

The engineer of the second train saw a "stop" signal and braked, but failing to see another train ahead on making a turn, the engineer eased the brake. But the next turn showed the stopped express ahead and there was not enough time for the engineer of the Asakaze to come to a full stop.

P.M. NEHRU TALKS ABOUT LEAVING RULING CONGRESS PARTY

New Delhi, Nov. 11 (Reuter)

Mr. Nehru, Indian Prime Minister, was quoted today as saying he felt like leaving the ruling Congress Party - to do some constructive work" because group rivalries inside the party disheartened him.

The newspaper "The Statesman" said Mr. Nehru appeared "visibly annoyed" at a rally of Congress Party workers near here yesterday when he found that only selected members of one group in the party had been invited.

It was the first time Mr. Nehru was talked about leaving the party of which he has been a lifelong member and main source of its popularity among Indian villagers. Opening a youth festival here today, Mr. Nehru again referred to disunity in the country, adding :

"If we allow our petty differences to persist we will not be able to make progress."

15TH COLOMBO PLAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OPENS IN
BANGKOK

Bangkok, Nov. 11 (Reuter)

The 15th Colombo Plan ministerial conference opened here today.

Nineteen nations are taking part and two more - Afghanistan and the Maldivé Islands - are expected to arrive during this five-day session.

The conference is also expected to be overshadowed by the Malaysia dispute which involves four members - Malaysia, (controversial federation of Malaya, Singapore, former British North Borneo and Sarawak) and Britain which sponsors it and the Philippines and Indonesia which oppose it.

MR. KHOMAN GOING ALL-OUT TO BRING TOGETHER REPRESENTATIVES
FROM MALAYSIA, PI, INDONESIA,
STRAITS TIMES REPORTS

Kuala Lumpur, Nov. 11 (UPI)

The Straits Times reported today Thailand's Foreign Minister Thanat Khoman "is going all-out" to bring together representatives from Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines.

Delegates from the three countries are currently in Bangkok to attend the Colombo Plan ministerials meeting. Malaysia is represented by its Deputy Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak.

The newspaper's special correspondent in Bangkok said Khoman, who has been trying to mediate the Malaysia dispute, "is said to be going all out to make the three countries forget their differences and revive the spirit of Maphilindo".

Maphilindo was the concept of a loose three-nation association which the countries agreed to form before the birth of Malaysia and the subsequent break in relations.

The Times correspondent said "several social functions have been arranged to which the leaders of the Maphilindo countries have been invited."

Razak arrived in Bangkok yesterday and repeated his stand that Malaysia would not hold talks with Indonesia and the Philippines until they resumed normal diplomatic relations with Malaysia.

JAPAN'S 60 MILLION VOTERS TO GO TO
POLLS NOV. 14.

Tokyo, Nov. 16 (UPI)

Japan's 60 million voters will go to the polls Thursday to decide a parliamentary contest between the Conservatives who run the country and the Socialists who would like to.

So far, the sounds like almost any election in almost any democracy.

And the fact that Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda called the election a full year early, while riding a crest of personal popularity, would have a familiar ring in any parliamentary system.

The big issues are the American alliance and rising prices - neither particularly surprising.

Japan's present democratic forms were introduced by the American occupation forces and retained, after the occupiers had left, by a people thoroughly disillusioned with dictatorship.

But the Japanese essentially are not imitators, but adapters. In Japan, democracy is different.

NINE MILLION FILIPINOS GO TO POLLS

Manila, Nov. 11 (Reuter)

About 9,000,000 Filipinos are expected to go to the polls tomorrow to vote into office eight senators, and thousands of provincial, municipal, city and town officials.

Some 39,000 candidates are this year aspiring for 17 elective offices throughout this Southeast Asian archipelago, including two vacant seats for the Lower House of Congress.

The entire armed forces of the Philippines comprising 50,000 officers and men went into "red alert" early this morning to prepare to check the rash of violent incidents which seem to go with every Philippine elections. "Red Alert" means that all passes and furloughs have been cancelled and all units are ready to move to any given spot throughout the country.

BRITAIN TO FIGHT ANY ATTEMPT BY INDONESIA OR PHILIPPINE
DELEGATES TO INJECT MALAYSIA DISPUTE INTO COLOMBO
PLAN CONFERENCE

Bangkok Nov. 11 (Reuter)

Britain would fight any attempt by Indonesia or Philippine delegates to inject the Malaysia dispute into the week-long Colombo Plan ministerial conference beginning here today.

BRITAIN TO FIGHT ANY(2)

Mr Robert Carr, heading the British delegation told newsmen "we will make sure that confrontation on any political matters does not interfere with the conference and its work".

Mr Carr said he hoped Indonesia, which vowed to destroy the newly-formed Malaysian federation would not bring its hostility to the Bangkok ministerial talks.

PI. FOREIGN MINISTER LEAVES FOR BANGKOK.

Manila, Nov. 11 (UPI)

Foreign Secretary Salvador P. Lopez was scheduled to leave tomorrow for Bangkok prepared to hold talks with Indonesian and Malaysian officials on the Malaysia dispute.

He said today his official mission was to participate in the Colombo Plan ministerial meeting in Bangkok but pointed out that "if I should happen to run into any diplomats from Indonesia or Malaysia during the meetings in Bangkok or at any social functions, I would be prepared to discuss informally with them any subject of common interest, including the weather, ASA (Association of Southeast Asia), Maphilindo and Malaysia."

The Philippines, through Thailand's Foreign Minister Thanat Khoman, has proposed that a tripartite meeting be held to serve as forum for settling differences between Malaysia on one hand and the Philippines and Indonesia on the other.

Philippine Foreign Undersecretary Librado Cayco left last Friday for Bangkok to look into the prospects of such a meeting.

Malaysian officials have been cool to the proposed tripartite conference. They said Indonesia and the Philippines must make the first move and recognize Malaysia before talks could be held.

Malaysia broke off diplomatic relations with Indonesia and the Philippines when the two countries refused to recognize the federation on its birth.

EXPORT OF RUBBER, COPRA FROM SUMATRA COMES TO
STANDSTILL

Djakarta, Nov. 11 (UPI)

Exports of rubber, copra and other produce from Sumatra have "come to a standstill" since the trade and diplomatic break between Indonesia and Malaysia, the official news agency Antara said today.

The Government has announced that several ports are to be enlarged to handle exports and imports that Singapore formerly handled.

Dumai, on the east coast of central Sumatra, will be enlarged to an ocean port, Antara said.

COLOMBO PLAN; SHINING EXAMPLE OF HOW COUNTRIES
WORK TOGETHER FOR COMMON GOOD, PRINCE WAI THAYAKON
SAYS

Bangkok, Nov. 11 (UPI)

Thai Deputy Premier Prince Wan Waithayakon opened the ministerial level Colombo Plan conference today and hailed it as a "shining example of how countries with varied backgrounds can come together and work for the common good."

Prince Wan took the place of Thai Premier Sarit Thanarat who was to have opened the conference himself.

"You are gathered here," Prince Wan told the delegates, "to pool your resources in mind and in materials for the benefit of peoples in this region.

"The Colombo Plan is a shining example of how countries with varied backgrounds can come together to work for the common good."

The Prince said Thailand benefited a great deal under the Colombo Plan—from the United States, Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Japan.

"In mutual cooperation," Prince Wan said, "there must be give and take, and we in our turn welcome every opportunity of being of help to member-countries."

He mentioned the assistance afforded the government of strife-torn Laos and plans to provide more training awards to other member-countries.

"Our problems are many and of various kinds. The most delicate and difficult of them all is to find means of adjusting the interest of the fully developed countries with that of developing countries.

"In my view, concerted effort and mutual understanding are needed. Export earning from primary exports have on one hand to be stabilized. On the other hand, ways must be found to admit exports of manufactured goods of developing countries.

"Time and again, the need for such a policy has been recognized. We all look forward to implementation of such a policy and I earnestly hope this conference will give the matter serious consideration."

The Prince expressed appreciation for the achievements made so far and voiced his hope that the past "has provided a secure basis to build a more glorious future.

He then extended his best wishes for the conference's success.

U.S. STRIKE COMMAND CHIEF ARRIVES IN NEW DELHI

New Delhi, Nov. 11 (Reuter)

General Paul Adams, commander-in-chief of the U.S. Strike Command-in-America's mobile "Fire Brigade" forces - arrived here today on a two-day visit. He will confer with Indian army and defence officials on the progress of India's preparedness to meet any future Chinese attack.

General Adams who was recently given command of U.S. defence activities in the Middle East and Southern Asia, had weekend talks in Rawalpindi with President Ayub Khan of Pakistan.

PRINCE SIHANOUK DECLARES INTENTION TO REJECT WESTERN AID

Phnom Penh, Nov. 11 (Reuter)

Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Cambodian head of state, declared his intention in a speech published by the Cambodian news agency here today, to reject Western aid, "particularly the U.S.A., if the voice of (the anti-Sihanouk) Khmers Serei (Free Khmers) is not silenced by next December 31.

The Prince recalled the existence of "active interested patronage exercised by certain circles of the free world.

"It is enough for the free world to silence radio Khmers Serei to prove its real desire to achieve peace.

"It is difficult to admit that the fact that Cambodia is being pushed into the arms of Communism means the imminent fall of the last bastions of the free world in South-East Asia.

"The veiled intentions of these omnipotent countries of the free world are revealing themselves to our eyes - we must unmask them and prepare means of defence.

E U R O P E

3 EAST GERMAN SOLDIERS, 15 CIVILIANS FLEE TO WEST

Bad Hersfeld, Germany, Nov. 12 (UPI)

Three East German soldiers and 15 civilians fled to the West last month, a West German customs report said. But another Communist border guard who tried to defect was overpowered by fellow soldiers.

3 EAST GERMAN SOLDIERS.....(2)

Customs officials at Fulda, responsible for the border between West German state of Hesse and East German Thuringia, said Communist authorities continued to strengthen the anti-refugee fences and mine fields of the Iron Curtain. Old sections of barbed wire that have collapsed are being backed up with a second and, in some places, a third fence.

The would-be defector broke away from a two-man patrol near the Bebre-Gersteungen interzonal rail crossing, Western railroad workers said.

His companion shouted at him to halt, then unlimbered a machine pistol which jammed. But the fleeing soldier tripped.

Before he could cross the border he was caught by East German border guards alerted by his companion's shouts.

Among the 15 civilian refugees were four teen-agers, The youths between 14 and 16 years old, said they fled because the East German regime barred them from professional training unless they served two years in a farm collective, the report said.

FRENCHMEN CELEBRATE 45 TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARMISTICE ENDING WORLD WAR I

Paris, Nov. 12 (UPI)

Frenchmen Monday celebrated the 45 th anniversary of the armistice which ended World War I.

In cities, towns and villages across the country hundreds of wreaths were laid at public memorials and cemeteries.

The armistice celebration is an annual national holiday in France. The country does not mark publicly the end of World War II in Europe.

President Charles de Gaulle led anniversary celebrations in Paris when he visited the memorial to Georges Clemenceau, France's World War I Premier, and laid a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier under the Arch of Triumph.

FRENCHMEN CELEBRATE.....(2)

A gendarmerie band at the Arch of Triumph forgot to play "Aux Morts" and the "Marseillaise," the French national anthem, and De Gaulle, obviously nettled, moved on five minutes ahead of schedule to another ceremony.

High winds and rain swept much of France during the morning. In some places flags were ripped from buildings and armistice ceremonies held up until the rain stopped.

At the Gare Montparnasse in Paris, six cars were damaged when wind tore off a metal support for flags and sent it crashing to the pavement. No one was injured.

BRITAIN PREPARING FOR SHOWDOWN IN WESTERN ALLIANCE OVER NATO
RESTRICTIONS ON TRADE WITH SOVIETS, DAILY MAIL
CLAIMS

London; Nov. 11 (Reuter)

A commentator of the Daily Mail (Conservative) today claimed that Britain is preparing for a showdown in the Western Alliance over N.A.T.O. restrictions on trade with Russia.

"Mr. Butler, Foreign Secretary, and Mr. Edward Heath, President of the board of trade, will fight for an extensive liberalisation of Western policy when Mr. George Ball, United States Under-secretary of State, reaches London in Aid-week," the Daily Mail writer predicted.

The Daily Express urged Britain to tell Mr. Ball that she wanted more and not less trade with Russia.

"The exchange of goods will lessen Russia's isolation and raise the living standards of her people," this independent rightwing newspaper argued.

"And the more affluent the Soviets are, the less revolutionary they are likely to be.

"It is not Communism that will benefit, but the cause of peace."

U.S.I.A. OVERHAULING PROGRAM IN WESTERN EUROPE

Washington, Nov. 11 (Reuter)

The United States Information Agency is overhauling its programme in Western Europe, aiming at more direct contact with intellectuals and opinion makers and distribution of fewer books and periodicals, it was disclosed today.

Mr. Lowell Bennett, the Agency's information officer, told reporters the plan follows a four-month survey of the Agency's European operations.

"The survey took cognizance of the new relationship between Western Europe and the United States and the fact that the mass approach no longer is necessary," Mr. Bennett said.

"The reasoning is that Europe has rebuilt its information apparatus and the free flow of ideas between the United States and Europe is very much a reality."

MR. BALL TO CONFER WITH CHANCELLOR ERHARD, DR. ADENAUER

Bonn, Nov. 10 (Reuter)

Mr. George Ball, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, flew here today for a two-day visit during which he will meet the West German Chancellor, Professor Ludwig Erhard, and his predecessor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer.

He is expected to discuss East-West questions, including recent holdups on the Berlin autobahn, preparations for the "Kennedy round" of tariff-cutting talks, and other European questions.

Mr. Ball will also confer with the Defence Minister, Her Kaiuwe Von Hassel, about his forthcoming American tour.

YUGOSLAVIA'S FIRST URANIUM MINE GOES INTO OPERATION AT KALMI

Belgrade, Nov. 11 (UPI)

Yugoslavia's first uranium mine went into operation Sunday at Kalmi, a small village in Eastern Serbia near the Bulgarian border.

A M E R I C A S

U.S. INDEFINITELY POSTPONES PLANS TO LAUNCH "IMP"
SATELLITE INTO ORBIT AROUND EARTH

Cape Canaveral, Florida (UPI) Nov; 12

The Federal Space Agency has indefinitely postponed plans to launch a 138-pound satellite named "IMP" into a wide-swinging orbit around the earth.

The agency said it was displeased with the results of a ground test on a third-stage motor. The shot had been scheduled for today.

Informed sources said the delay could last as long as two weeks or more.

The satellite is the first of a series of seven that U.S. scientists will use to measure and map so-called solar "winds" or high-energy waves of radiation that could kill astronauts on flights to the moon.

The Space Agency said ground test on the X-258 third-stage motor of the launching rocket "indicated that a spacecraft contamination condition may exist from exhaust... following burnout."

A spokesman said this meant that under existing conditions there was a possibility the rocket motor could damage a part of the satellite -- possibly its solar panels -- in the flight into space.

Officials said "changes in the separation sequence" would be made to eliminate the possibility. A new launch date was not set immediately.

PRES. KENNEDY LEADS NATION IN OBSERVANCE OF
VETERANS DAY

Washington (UPI) Nov. 12

President Kennedy leads the nation in observance of Veterans Day by laying a wreath on the tombs of the Unknowns in Arlington national cemetery.

The President planned to fly to the White House from his country home near Atoka, Virginia, where he spent the weekend, and then drive to Arlington for the 11 a.m. (1600 GMT), ceremony honoring American war dead.

PRES. KENNEDY... (2)

Kennedy was not scheduled to speak at the Arlington observance. Gen. David M. Sheup, retiring Marine Corps commandant, was to deliver the main address in the Arlington amphitheater.

A wreath of poppies from Flanders field was to be placed on the Arlington tomb of Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of American Expeditionary Forces in World War I.

Similar observances and speech-making was planned across the United States to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the end of World War I. The theme of the speeches was expected to deal with the necessity for keeping America strong.

UNITED NATIONS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S POLITICAL COMMITTEE AGREES TO
ADJOURN ARMS DEBATE

United Nations (UPI) Nov. 12

Russia's demand for drastic changes in a 46-power resolution forced postponement of a vote on disarmament in the General Assembly's Main Political Committee Monday.

The 111-nation Committee agreed to a Nigerian proposal to adjourn its arms debate to let the sponsors consider the changes sought by Russia.

The Committee called a meeting for this afternoon to debate a 10-nation resolution calling for denuclearization of Latin America. Success of the proposal, which grew out of last April's joint declaration by five Latin American countries that the area should be made nuclear-free, depended upon the attitude of the United States and Cuba.

The disarmament delay came after Russia had forced a weekend recess of the Political Committee to get instructions from Moscow.

BRITAIN CIRCULATES AMENDMENT TO UN PROPOSALS FOR
WORLD CAMPAIGN AGAINST ILLITERACY

United Nations (Reuter) Nov. 10

Britain circulated an amendment to UN proposals for a world campaign against illiteracy -- and misspelt the subject of the debate "illiteracy."

A F R I C A

PEACE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN REESTABLISHED ON MOROCCAN FRONTIER, PRS. BEN BELLA SAYS

Algiers (Reuter) Nov. 11

President Ahmed Ben Bella said here today that peace "seems to have been re-established" on the Moroccan frontier.

The President, in uniform, spoke at the first meeting of the Algerian National Assembly since the dramatic session at the height of the border crisis with Morocco on October 16 when he suspended the Assembly for the duration of hostilities.

Before Mr. Ben Bella spoke, Assembly members stood for one minute in silence in memory of the "martyrs fallen on the frontier."

UAR ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF CONTINUES TALKS WITH ALGERIAN LEADERS

Algiers (UPI) Nov. 11

United Arab Republic Army Chief of Staff Marshal Ali Amer Sunday delayed his return to Cairo presumably to continue talks with Algerian leaders on their border conflict with Morocco.

Amer who Friday visited Algerian Army advance headquarters at Colomb Bechar, 500 miles southwest of here, put off his departure until Tuesday amid increasing accusations in Rabat that the UAR was intervening militarily on the side of Algeria in the clash.

The UAR military chief's activities were kept under wraps as part of the Government's policy to decline official public comment on the quarrel with Morocco. The Marshal arrived here late in October to represent UAR President Gamal Abdel Nasser at ceremonies marking the Nov. 1, 1954 anniversary of the revolt against France.

Amer, who was scheduled to fly home Sunday, decided to stay two more days after Moroccan government officials renewed charges that sizeable quantities of UAR war material, including armor and war planes, have arrived in Algeria.

SOUTH AFRICA MUST CONTINUE ATTEMPT TO RESTORE
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH INDEPENDENT AFRICAN
STATES, MR. LOUW SAYS

Pretoria (Reuter) Nov. 11

South Africa must continue attempts to restore diplomatic relations with independent African states, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Eric Louw, said here today, Mr. Louw, in a speech after receiving a certificate of honorary life membership of the Africa Institute (an African affairs study group), said he felt in time there would be an improvement. At present South Africa's relations with the African states had reached a low level and their hostility at the United Nations had not declined.

But despite hostility, he added, South Africa was still willing to give the African states technical assistance provided that a direct approach was made.

Even today, Mr. Louw said, Ghana was still importing machinery from South Africa -- and one African state which had declared hostile feelings towards South Africa had celebrated its independence with fireworks imported from South Africa.

Mr. Louw declared that the restoration of good relations with African states was being made more difficult by "the activities of certain organisations in the Republic, as well as in the United Kingdom and the United States, and by the activities of certain ultra-liberalist and leftist individuals in the Republic.

PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE PLANE CRASHES IN NORTHERN
ANGOLA : 9 KILLED

Luanda, Angola (UPI) Nov. 12

Nine officers and enlisted men of the Portuguese Army and Air Force were killed in the crash of a military transport plane near San Salvador in Northern Angola Friday, it was announced Monday.

The delayed official announcement said the cause of the crash was not yet determined.

MONSTER REPORTEDLY SIGHTED AT WAAL DAM, SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg (UPI) Nov. 11

A 25-foot monster has been reported sighted at Waal Dam, a popular pleasure resort 60 miles south of here.

MONSTER....(2)

A number of people including policemen shot at it last week, but it disappeared underwater.

The monster was reported to have a flat head about 8 inches wide, when it surfaced it opened its jaws wide and made a hoarse blowing sound.

Only its head and neck have been seen, according to the reports, but from the disturbance it made in the water, it was estimated to be about 25 feet long.

Africans from a small town overlooking the dam believe the monster to be the spirit of a god. They say to kill it would invoke the wrath of the god and cause a great fire which would destroy them.

M I D D L E E A S T

AL AHRAM PUBLISHES PICTURES SHOWING UAR TROOPS
SERVING UNDER ALGERIAN FLAG IN ALGERIA

Cairo (Reuter) Nov. 11

The newspaper Al Ahrām today published the first of a series of pictures showing Egyptian troops in Algeria serving "under the Algeria flag."

An accompanying article did not give the strength of the contingent, but said the Egyptian troops had become a unit of the "fabulous Algerian Army" even in matters of supply.

The pictures showed the Egyptian Chief of Staff, General Ali Amer, troops in battle dress.

FEATURE

CLOUD OVER SOUTH KOREA

By William L. Ryan

Korea generates a feeling of apprehension in an American who has just seen South Vietnam.

He has a vague feeling that he may be watching the beginning of a rerun of the same old story with some geographical variations.

Korea's present situation generates misgivings, anxiety, uncertainty. A number of factors - including the government's foggy ideas about how South Korea should develop - conceivably could blow the lid from a bubbling kettle of trouble.

The result could be that the United States, for all its vast popularity among South Koreans and for all the billions of dollars invested in military and economic aid, could sustain a painful black eye.

There is hope that South Korea can grope its way out of a murk of frustration and economic-political confusion without sustaining lasting injury. But time after time one hears, from both Koreans and Americans, these words: "It all depends upon what Park Chung Hee does before Nov. 26 and after Dec. 17".

Gen. Park is the top man of a military junta which, in May, 1961, overthrew an elected regime which had made a feeble attempt at representative government. Nov. 26 is the date for election of a 175-member House of Representatives. Dec. 17 is the date a new government - the Third Korean Republic - will be inaugurated. Gen. Park was elected its president by a narrow margin in October.

South Korea now is run by the Supreme Committee for National Reconstruction under Gen. Park's chairmanship. It began in a burst of ideals and good intentions, and like most authoritarian regimes, gradually degenerated into repression and financial scandals. It did many things that could be considered laudable, and American officials applauded the results, though not always the methods.

If the Nov. 26 elections are demonstrably free, and if the inauguration means easing of political repression, South Korea can escape an explosion. If not, there are unhappy parallels with South Vietnam.

CLOUD OVER KOREA (2)

Like ill-fated President Ngo Dinh Diem of South Vietnam, Gen. Park's career as leader of the nation began with a large measure of popular sentiment behind him. The elected government of President John M. Chang, which had succeeded the deposed Syngman Rhee, had become involved in a mass of confusion, chaos and rampant corruption.

Like Diem, Park became steadily less popular with the intellectual class, paradoxically, while he was elected, narrowly, by what passed for a fairly free popular election in October, his now legitimized government suffers from a growing degree of unpopularity, especially in the capital. Many seemed to have voted for Park for reasons short of a conviction that he was a champion of representative government.

Americans, who have contributed nearly 5.5 billion dollars to military and economic aid for South Korea since 1945, and whose dead in the Korean war exceeded 20,000, are looking on nervously, with fingers crossed. As was the case for a long time before Diem was toppled in Vietnam, one hears from Americans that "Park is the only man available we have to work with."

Americans are aware that Park's background includes some sort of involvement with the Communist about 15 years ago, but most Americans in Seoul vow that Park is not a Communist or anything like it.

Yet there is concern about the fogginess of Park's political aims, which include expressed admiration for Egypt's Gamal Nasser and Indonesia's Sukarno. Park's lieutenants say this doesn't mean he wants a system like either of those, but that he respects them for backing systems each believes suited for his own country. This implies that Park wants to institute a system he deems best for Koreans.

Park calls his system by various names, including "administrative democracy" and "national democracy". I asked Kim Chong-Pil, the man who was his chief lieutenant, the architect of Park's party and his secret police network, just what the terms mean.

Brig. Gen. Kim - he was a Lieutenant Colonel when he helped engineer the 1961 coup - answered amiably. His relaxed, self-assured manner was strangely reminiscent of the personality of Ngo Dinh Nhu, gray eminence of the Saigon regime which went down in a burst of violence.

"The idea," replied Kim, "is based on a belief in underdeveloped countries in the need for a strong executive in government. We greatly need political and economic stability to achieve progress, so all elements of a democratic society contribute to this."

CLOUD OVER KOREA (3)

I asked the same question of the present Prime Minister, Kim Khun-Chul.

The Prime Minister replied that administrative democracy was an attempt to lay down "guiding principles." That sounded like Sukarno's guided democracy, but the Prime Minister said it was not the same thing.

"After all," he said with a pleasant smile, "You have a new frontier in the United States. What chairman Park is trying to build here is a new frontier."

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