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# STRIKERS GRAB PARIS PLANT

## Offensive In Valley Winds Up

By John Wheeler

PHU BAI, Vietnam (AP)—The allies ended their month-long sweep through the A Shau valley Friday and North Vietnamese were believed moving back to the area, their biggest supply and staging base in South Vietnam.

U.S. officers said the drive killed 726 enemy troops.

More than 50 miles east of the valley, U.S. marines were engaged in heavy fighting for the second day south of Da Nang. Field reports said they killed 130 North Vietnamese while suffering 25 dead and a number wounded. This pushed the two-day toll to 261 North Vietnamese and 51 marines killed.

Lt. Gen. William Rosson, commander of the A Shau invasion, said his forces turned up a fourth of the enemy supplies stockpiled in the 25-mile long valley.

### Monsoon Rains

The cost, according to the U.S. command, included 139 Americans killed, 662 wounded seriously enough to require hospitalization, 21 helicopters destroyed and 108 damaged.

There was no report from South Vietnamese in the operation, named Delaware.

U.S. commanders said the allied force—estimated earlier at more than 15,000 men—closed out the operation in the valley 370 miles northeast of Saigon because the approaching monsoon rains were about to cut off their air support.

Although there was no official word because of security requirements, it was assumed that U.S. ambush patrols and other such units remained in the general area.

### Only Months

Major Gen. John Tolson, whose First air cavalry division on April 19 made the first allied invasion of the valley in two years, said Hanoi should realize that Americans can go back in any time.

Another invasion soon appeared unlikely, however. April and May are the only two months of the year when the weather is good enough in the area for the air strikes and supply flights which U.S. forces require in such remote sectors.

The enemy has no airpower or air supply facilities in South Vietnam and has never been dependent on them.

U.S. officers had said the allies force would not try to hold the valley but would make a reconnaissance in force, meaning they would look around and destroy or remove what they could find.

### Weapons Seized

The U.S. command said the Americans seized nearly 2,000 rifles, 60 machine guns, more than 250,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, some 4,500 rounds of artillery, rocket, mortar and recoilless rifle ammunition, one tank, 66 trucks, several bulldozers and 71,205 tons of rice.

"I credit the enemy with being able to restore his lines, with cost, within a matter of weeks," said Rosson. "We don't know fully the extent of the valley stockpiles. Vastly greater amounts are still in there."

B-52s shook buildings in downtown Saigon as they dropped tons of explosives in two raids before dawn Friday on Viet Cong troop concentrations and bunkers 15 and 16 miles south of the capital.

### Today's Chuckle

When a woman says she won't be a minute—she's usually right.

## Hanoi Veto of Deal Points to Stalemate

By William L. Ryan

PARIS (AP)—North Vietnam refused any compromise Friday on the issue of a complete halt to U.S. bombing of that country. The stand posed a prospect of deep stalemate in the preliminary peace talks.

With the talks resuming Saturday after a two-day recess, a North Vietnamese delegation spokesman said Ambassador Xuan Thuy would again demand that the Americans stop the bombing and other acts of war against the North. Hanoi has repeatedly said it is unwilling to offer any concession in return.

The United States insists that an end to the bombing must be matched by some form of de-escalation of North Vietnam's contribution to the Viet Cong war in South Vietnam.

### No Formula

The U.S. delegation declined to be pinned down to any specific formula for a total end to the bombing, but it has tied such action closely to a demand for a significant letup in North Vietnam's infiltration of men and supplies to the South.

Hanoi, the delegation spokesman said, intends to hold out for a bombing halt indefinitely.

"We will ask it again and again until it comes to pass," said the spokesman. Nguyen Van Sao, asked if North Vietnam would offer anything in return, he replied: "There is not a single Vietnamese plane flying over the United States. The United States must stop the bombing."

## Crash Fatal to Two C.R. Men

Special to The Gazette

ANAMOSA — Two Cedar Rapids men were fatally injured about 12:45 a.m. Friday when their car left highway 151 on a curve and rolled over. Both men were thrown out.

Dead are James William Shugart, 23, of 1119 Sixteenth street SW, and Donald Frost, 25, of 1506 Eleventh avenue SW. Both were taken to University hospitals in Iowa City. Shugart died at 4:20 a.m. and Frost at 6:15 a.m. Friday.

The accident occurred at the Zimmerman corner a mile north of the junction of highways 151, 64 and 428 east of Anamosa. The convertible was going southwest on highway 151 when the driver apparently lost control on a curve. Highway patrolmen declined to give further details of the accident or say who was driving.

Donald Lee Frost, a lifelong resident of Cedar Rapids, was born September 8, 1942. He was a member of Olivet Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Claude P. Hixenbaugh, two sisters, Lois Valentine and Linda Hixenbaugh, and his grandfather, J. F. Wubbens, all of Cedar Rapids.

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bombing. There is no compromise possible on this issue."

William Jordan, spokesman for the U. S. delegation, told correspondents a North Vietnamese agreement on any one specific point — for example on restoration of the demilitarized zone between North and South Vietnam — would not be enough to justify an end to all military action against the North.

### Elbow Room

This gives the Americans some elbow room to maneuver. Jordan emphasized this by disagreeing with a questioner that restoration of the buffer zone — where heavy concentrations of North Vietnamese troops now operate — would bring an end to the bombing.

"I would say that the condition for the cessation of the bombing would have to be based on the total situation prevailing at the time," Jordan said, adding that such a decision would have to be made personally by the President of the United States.

The aim of the American effort seems to be to seek a step-by-step matching of concessions, ruling out any gesture to Hanoi without assurance of reciprocity.

The first step might, as Ambassador Averell Harriman, the chief U.S. negotiator, has suggested, involve the demilitarized zone created at Geneva in 1954 when Vietnam was divided. If the North Vietnamese were willing to re-establish the DMZ, the United States probably would be willing on its part to take a definite step toward de-escalation of the war.

### Second Step

The next step might involve Laos and Cambodia, Vietnam's sister nations in what once was French Indochina. The United States wants the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the two agreed to and guaranteed by international supervision. This could be a likely key to the total end of the bombing.

If agreement could be achieved on these points, the meeting could proceed to complex questions of how to disengage the warring troops and to other military and political issues.

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Stripped of its trees, First avenue NE at Oelwein emerged from a layer of rubble as workmen made "good progress" in cleaning storm debris from the city. Tornado funnels cut a large swath through the city shortly before 5 p.m. Wednesday, causing millions of dollars in damage and killing at least two persons. However, by Friday, most of the rubble was reported cleared away and the long, hard work of rebuilding was well under way. Oelwein's badly damaged city hall is shown at right.

## Senate Lets Murder Go On: Johnson

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson complained Friday that the senate had adopted merely "a halfway version of a gun control bill" which he said would continue to permit "murder by mail order."

He took issue with Thursday's senate action which limited federal gun control to handguns. Senators rejected an administration proposal to regulate mail order sales of rifles and shotguns as well.

"I believe we need to go all the way to safety now, not just part of the way," Johnson said at a ceremony marking the first day-issue of a land-and-order postage stamp.

He said there were "efforts under way to water down" other important provisions of the anti-crime bill which contains the gun control program.

## Oelwein Begins Long Road Back to Normal

(Maynard Victims' Services, Page 7.)

First the clean-up, then the rebuilding.

That was the situation in the tornado-ravaged cities of Oelwein, Maynard and Charles City Friday.

The clean-up work was well under way — with hundreds of volunteers from all over Iowa helping out — in the three communities, but the rebuilding phase may take years.

The tornadoes, which slashed the three cities and adjoining rural areas within a few minutes shortly before 5 p.m. Wednesday, took at least 18 lives and caused nearly \$40 million damage, in addition to leaving hundreds homeless.

Floyd County Sheriff L. L. Lane ordered Sheriffs Friday to enable a concentrated search for bodies and a concentrated attack on debris clean-up. Two bodies had been found in the rubble there Thursday bringing that city's storm toll to 14.

Good progress was reported in Oelwein and officials Friday said most of the rubble had been removed. The city's water and sewer systems were functioning, but telephone service was still hampered.

Gov. Harold Hughes Thursday night wired President Johnson requesting "all possible" federal assistance to the tornado-ravaged areas. Hughes had declared the northern Iowa region a disaster area Thursday after personally inspecting it.

Other federal agencies, and

## Clifford: Cut In Aid Might Seem Retreat

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Defense Clifford said Friday that further cuts in U.S. military aid "might be misinterpreted by some" as a retreat from this country's commitment to world security.

Appearing for the first time before the senate foreign relations committee, he appealed for continuation of the arms aid program that has drawn stiff criticism from several members.

"We can prevent both a crisis in allied confidence and a degrading of our common defense posture by insuring continuation of an effective but austere military assistance program," he said.

Clifford said the \$420 million proposed for military grants in the 1968-69 fiscal year is moderate.

He said it should be compared to potential manpower and (Continued: Page 3, Col. 3.)

## Kosygin Paying Visit to Prague

PRAGUE (AP)—Soviet Premier Kosygin arrived Friday for what was officially described as medical treatment. His plane touched down only hours after that of a Soviet military delegation led by Marshal Andrei Grechko, defense minister.

The announcement said, Kosygin would use his time here for talks with Czechoslovak leaders "on questions of mutual interest." The nature of his ailment was not given.

## Time of Terror . . . At Oelwein . . . Time of Thanks

just north of Oelwein lake and the city park on highway 150, said he saw two funnels dip out of the clouds.

"A cloud dipped down, went back into the air, and then two funnels came down," said Williams.

"I saw what I thought was a flock of birds, but then I could see that it was debris. One of the funnels looked like an elephant's tail swinging back and forth.

"One funnel took off to the east of the highway and the other one came right through behind our building on the west side of the highway. There was a dull roar. I felt like my ears were going to pop out.

"The thing picked up our five-ton truck in the parking lot and moved it 60 feet, then set it down on its side," Williams said.

Williams, watching from the rear door of the furniture store, said, "How it missed our building I'll never know. I'll tell you one thing, she WANTED to go. The place really shook."

Across the highway from the furniture store the storm ripped the front away from the Farm Fleet Supply Store and shredded much of the roof.

Scenic little Oelwein lake and the city park nearby presented a picture of broken trees and foliage. It appeared that the trees there had been struck by straight wind rather than a funnel.

Some witnesses said they saw three funnels in the south part of town. The national guard showed Gov. Hughes a city map with three paths of destruction traced on it. One line ran just west of Frederick street, another to the east of it around First avenue and a third in the vicinity of Sixth and Seventh avenues.

## But Student Hookup Bid Draws Veto

By Allan Priaulx

PARIS (UPI)—Forty thousand communist-led workers, who seized control of the huge state-owned Renault automobile factory in the Paris suburbs, Friday rejected efforts by rebellious students to link their "cultural revolution" with that of the workers.

About 20,000 of the workers went on strike Thursday and the others Friday.

The students had wanted to move their revolt into a joint effort with factory workers and they appeared stunned by the unions' cautious attitude.

The communist-led General Labor Confederation appeared fearful that student entry into the plant would result in police retaliation.

### Reservists Called

The government called up thousands of police and 10,000 gendarme reservists—French equivalent of the national guard. Striking workers have occupied the Renault plant and numerous other factories throughout the country, but the strikes have been peaceful.

The decision to rebuff the students emphasized the communist party's careful handling of the student and labor crisis shaking France.

It was the first break of solidarity between students and workers since student protest rallies against obsolete teaching methods served as the fuse for a massive explosion of pent-up anti-government discontent.

### TV Shutdown

The protest movement spread to the state-owned radio-television network. Television programs abruptly ceased.

Militant workers struck two factories in Lyon, struck Paris newspapers and crippled the nation's largest airport in Paris.

Students and workers defied a warning by Premier Pompidou Thursday night that the agitators aimed at "destroying the nation and that the government would crush any attempt to spread 'anarchy' in France."

Pompidou notified President de Gaulle, visiting Romania, of the worsening situation that began with student unrest over archaic conditions at the University of Paris and snowballed into a torrent of discontent against the 10-year-old De Gaulle regime and the establishment in general.

### Emergency Meeting

Pompidou called an emergency meeting with Defense Minister Messmer, Interior Minister Fouchet and commanders of the police and gendarmerie.

Labor unions attempted to exploit the unrest that erupted at the Sorbonne.

In Lyon, workers struck and occupied the Rhodiaceta synthetic textile factory, one of France's largest plants. More than 10,000 struck at the Berliet truck factory.

Orly airfield in Paris was crippled. One plane grounded was a special Caravelle jet which was to carry 500 pounds of choice French food and wine to the French embassy in Bucharest for a reception honoring De Gaulle.

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