

East Iowans Strut Their Stuff.

Picture Story on Tree Houses

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Weather-- Mostly cloudy and cool through tonight. Occasional light showers. Highs today in 50s. Partly cloudy and a little warmer Monday.

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DE GAULLE TAKES COMMAND

Kind Words By Kosygin For Czechs

PRAGUE (UPI)—Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin assured Czech reformist leaders Saturday their liberalizing moves are "met with understanding" in the Kremlin and apparently gave them hope of receiving a Soviet loan.

Kosygin slipped into a side door of Prague castle, seat of the government, at noon to confer with the entire Czech leadership in the midst of their increasingly tense dispute over the Czech "democratic socialist revolution."

At the same time Soviet Defense Minister Andrei Grechko and the political chief of the Red army, Alexei Yepishhev, met with Czech Defense Minister Martin Dzur and later President Ludvik Svoboda.

The Czech news agency said Kosygin told Czech communist party secretary Alexander Dubcek, Premier Oldrich Cernik, national assembly president Jozef Smrkovsky and President Svoboda that their democratization process was "met with understanding among Soviet leaders."

Some observers believe the Dubcek regime may succeed or fail on its ability to solve Czechoslovakia's pressing economic problems.

The news agency said political problems were discussed "in a spirit of comradely frankness" which in communist language often means a dispute. The agency said both sides agreed communism must not be "endangered" in this nation.

The first meeting already showed signs of the continued positive relationship between Moscow and Prague, the agency said.

While the communique tried to give a picture of harmony, the official Soviet press continued its anti-Czech campaign. Newspapers panned the Oscar-winning Czech movie, "Closely Watched Trains," as a "rude, cynical farce" that proved "art in Czechoslovakia had begun to retreat from the traditions of (socialist) realism." Other Soviet newspapers reprinted recent attacks on the Czechs by Polish party chief Wladyslaw Gomułka and the East German press.

Nixon Delegates Win in Vermont

MONTPELIER, Vt. (UPI)—The presidential candidacy of New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller suffered a setback Saturday when the Vermont Republican state convention elected nine of its 12 national delegates favorable to former Vice President Richard Nixon.

Rockefeller secured only two delegates with Republican state chairman Elbert Moulton elected uncommitted. Both Nixon and Rockefeller backers had predicted support of at least 60 per cent of the state delegation.

Ho's Birthday Present: VC Shells Hit Saigon

SAIGON—The Viet Cong fired at least 12 rocket and mortar shells into the center of Saigon early Sunday.

Some of the shells were reported to have exploded in a U.S. Aid mission compound, killing or wounding at least six Americans. Three South Vietnamese policemen were killed and another wounded when shells hit their station just north of the presidential palace.

Fragments from another shell that landed south of the palace wounded an American military policeman.

A South Vietnamese police source said some civilians had been hurt in the shelling. The presidential palace was not damaged and President Nguyen Van Thieu was not believed to have been in the building at the time of the attack.

Several of the explosions started fires and one of them near the market place swept through an entire block of buildings. Flames leaped 50 to 100 feet into the air.

Minutes after the first shells whistled into the city at about 1 a.m. U.S. helicopters and twin-engine flareships swarmed into the sky. The southern and eastern fringes of the city glowed in the yellow light of the flares as gunners aboard the helicopters sprayed red tracer bullets into suspected enemy positions.

The shelling was the first significant enemy action against Saigon since last Monday, when an eight-day drive on the city fizzled out.

Although there had been no specific intelligence reports indicating the likelihood of an attack, many South Vietnamese officials felt that the enemy might strike in commemoration of the 78th birthday today of Ho Chi Minh, the president of North Vietnam.

C.R. Boy Hurt In Bike Mishap

Ten-year-old Matthew Fishel, of 1887 B avenue NE, was taken to University Hospital at Iowa City last evening with serious head injuries suffered when his bicycle was struck by a car.

The boy's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Merle Fishel. Police said the accident happened shortly after 6:15 p.m. in an alley between C and D avenues NE in the 1800 block.

Officers said the boy rode his bike from between two buildings into the path of a car driven by Allen Fay Bennett, 19, of 812 Eighth street SE.

Matthew was taken by ambulance to St. Luke's hospital, where it was determined that he suffered a skull fracture. He was transferred to Iowa City by ambulance, and was listed in fair condition.

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Gazette Photo by John McIvor

Queen Connie from Traer

Connie Claussen, Traer junior, was crowned queen of the 1968 Eastern Iowa Band Festival Saturday at a banquet served in the Montrose hotel. Officiating was State Senator Tom Riley, grand marshal of the Band Festival parade. Originally scheduled for Greene Square, the crowning was conducted inside because of rain. (Other Band Festival pictures on pages 3A and 5B).

Crash Landing By F-111 Near Air Show Crowd

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. (UPI)—An F-111 taking part in an armed forces day air show at Holloman air force base crashed Saturday only 100 yards from 2,000 spectators. Neither the pilot nor any of the crowd was injured.

Air force officials said the plane was making a low-level fly-by when the civilian pilot, Fred Voorhies of General Dynamics Corp., brought it in for an emergency landing.

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Today's Chuckle

A yawn is Nature's way of letting a married man open his mouth.

Kennedy Opposes Idea of Guaranteed Annual Wage

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Robert F. Kennedy said Saturday an abundance of jobs rather than a guaranteed annual income for all families is the proper and essential national substitute for a welfare system "which embitters all those who come in contact with it."

In a 3,200-word policy paper on "The Welfare Crisis", Kennedy attacked "the myth that the poor and unemployed do not want to work" and said society loses billions of dollars and forces indignity on the poor by not providing jobs.

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Humphrey Says Crew of Pueblo 'May' Be Freed

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Vice president Hubert Humphrey said Saturday night there were "some indications" that North Korea may release the crew of the captured U.S.S. Pueblo.

Humphrey emphasized the word "May" in a question and answer session following an address at a meeting of the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists.

At the same time, he indicated that release of the crew of the U.S. ship may be "part and parcel" of Vietnam talks in Paris.

Not The Ship

"There are some indications that North Korea may release the crew — the crew but not the ship," the Vice-president said. "I want to emphasize the word 'May'—they may release the crew at some future uncertain date. When we talk about Vietnam, it (release of the crew) may well be part and parcel of the talks."

Humphrey also said the release of the men might result from talks with the Soviet Union.

Crew Is Safe

Humphrey said diplomatic sources report the surviving crew members are safe. North Korea earlier reported the death of one crewman. Humphrey said reports indicated that equipment on the Pueblo was still being dismantled for communist study.

Later, in talking with newsmen, Humphrey emphasized that nothing was imminent. "I don't want to give the impression that something is going to happen next week or next month."

He said the issue was "diplomatically alive," but did not identify any sources of indications the crew might be released.

Koreans Killed

SEOUL (UPI)—A South Korean army deserter threw two grenades into a movie theater Saturday killing seven Koreans and wounding about 50.

Returns To Face Worst Govt. Test

PARIS (UPI)—President Charles de Gaulle dashed home from Bucharest Saturday night and took personal command of France, trapped in chaos by a burgeoning labor revolution that paralyzed vast sections of industry and public service.

De Gaulle arrived in Paris after cutting short his state visit to Romania to find more than 100 French factories seized by workers and transportation a nightmare.

There was mounting doubt even De Gaulle himself could check the worst crisis of his administration.

The 77-year-old general was expected to make a dramatic gesture to try to stem the mushrooming rebellion — much of it aimed at toppling his decade-old regime.

Censure Vote

The Gaullist government of Premier Georges Pompidou, which faces a risky censure vote in parliament Wednesday that could throw it out of office, appeared paralyzed before the mounting unrest.

The national railway system was brought to a halt by striking workers, air traffic was spotty and Orly airport was hit by a strike of air tower control technicians and workers who occupied the Air France hangars.

Many of the strikes were called by young laborers without the consent of union leaders. Not content with mere wildcat strike action, workers occupied some 400 factories, sometimes imprisoning management personnel.

The full brunt of the strike action probably would be felt on Monday, when almost all public transport was expected to be down and banks would be closed by striking tellers. Other public services may also be interrupted or shut—postal workers have already stopped sorting mail in Paris and other cities.

Television Strike

News announcers on the national television and radio networks said Saturday night they were ready to strike, but gave no date.

In Cannes, on the Riviera, the international film festival was cancelled Saturday night after several Red film workers seized the festival hall in surprise.

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—UPI Telephoto by Kyoichi Sawada

Saigon Cleaning Up, Too

South Vietnamese last week began the task of sifting through rubble to find usable construction materials in preparation for rebuilding their homes in Saigon's Cholon district, largely destroyed in the recent communist spring offensive. The scene was reminiscent of the aftermath of last week's tornadoes in the Midwest.