

ASKS \$3.9 BILLION FOR VIET

Reds Shell Americans Near Hue

By George Esper

SAIGON (AP) — North Vietnamese forces slammed 500 rounds of mortar and 100-pound rockets into four U. S. headquarters in the Hue area Tuesday in one of the heaviest coordinated shellings of the war.

Infantrymen attacked one of the headquarters but were repulsed.

The shellings followed a destructive rocket attack on Camp Evans, a U. S. air cavalry division headquarters in the northern war zone, Sunday. It was attacked again Tuesday, but damage was far lighter.

Viet Cong shelled three provincial capitals and two airfields — all but one in the Mekong delta — inflicting at least 65 allied casualties.

"Seems Increasing"

General William Westmoreland said, "The intensity of the war seems to be increasing."

Asked if he thought this was deliberately timed with the Paris talks as part of a communist talk-and-fight strategy, he said circumstantial evidence would indicate this.

Westmoreland's headquarters announced that thousands of American helicopter-borne infantrymen and paratroopers were on the move against North Vietnamese menacing Hue and Quang Tri to the north in two newly-announced operations to "seek out and destroy or capture enemy personnel, material and installations."

Both drives were launched Friday, but the announcement was delayed for security reasons.

Picking Place

Results so far have generally been unimpressive, indicating that the enemy is again picking the time and place to fight and resorting more and more to shellings. These are far less costly to the enemy in casualties, but often inflict serious damage to U.S. installations and aircraft.

The heaviest shelling Tuesday was on Camp Eagle, headquarters of the U. S. 101st Airborne Division's Screaming Eagles, six miles southeast of Hue.

A force of unknown size attacked the perimeter at dawn. Fighting continued for three hours. Headquarters said 21 North Vietnamese were killed. Eight paratroopers were reported killed and 51 wounded as a result of the shelling and the ground attack.

Light Damage

Casualties in the other shellings were called light. In all the shellings, damage was described as negligible or light.

A delayed report of Sunday's shelling of Camp Evans described damage to helicopters there as moderate.

For security reasons, the U. S. command did not specify the number of helicopters destroyed or damaged, but American sources said it would be reasonable to assume many were hit. In defining "moderate," an American spokesman said any damage beyond moderate requires a unit to curtail its mission.

Earlier, U. S. headquarters had announced the attack did heavy damage to the ammunition stores, a description meaning the unit could not operate until it received new ammunition. Presumably that was hurriedly flown in.

The U. S. command reported Tuesday that American casualties in the attack were light.

Today's Chuckle

Anyone who claims he can do at 50 what he did at 25 probably didn't do much at 25. (Copyright)

French Cabinet: No Student Punishment

By Stephens Broening

PARIS (AP) — The French cabinet, faced by ever-expanding economic paralysis and the threat of parliamentary censure, decided Tuesday there should be no punishment for students charged with violence in the street fighting that led to the strike crisis.

(Photo on Picture Page)

Summoned by President de Gaulle, the ministers approved an amnesty bill at a 25-minute meeting. Information Minister Georges Gorse announced that the bill, forgiving all charges against students except theft in the period between Feb. 1 and May 15, will be submitted to parliament Wednesday for ratification.

Premier Georges Pompidou

Rebuilding Next Goal In Oelwein

Special to The Gazette

OELWEIN — A two-pronged tornado recovery operation was under way in this area Tuesday.

First, emphasis was being put on rural clean-up work to aid the dozens of farmers near Oelwein and Maynard hit by the twisters May 15.

Secondly, the city of Oelwein was finishing up its clean-up work and turning to rebuilding plans.

Volunteers

Groups of volunteers met early Monday and Tuesday at Trimble's Implements on the north edge of Oelwein and at the Maynard community hall to fan out into the farming area to help clean up the debris of shattered farm houses, barns and other outbuildings.

An Oelwein Citizens committee has been formed with Ken Hartung and John Enke as co-chairmen to provide guidance for business and individual rebuilding.

Bill Wilson, head of the Oelwein Development committee, was put in charge of obtaining disaster funds for the community. City officials, in the meantime, met with various federal officials to discuss Small Business Administration and Office of Emergency Planning programs. Another meeting is planned with representatives of the Iowa development commission and Chicago engineers in drawing up a comprehensive plan for Oelwein. "This will be a Twentieth century city," Hartung said.

Permits

In another action, the city council Monday evening passed a resolution requiring contractors and individuals planning to repair or rebuild their structures to have a permit. This includes buildings, electrical service, plumbing, etc.

The Oelwein school board Monday evening decided that

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Vice-Presidency Tag Irks Reagan

By Jack Bell

WASHINGTON (AP) — California Gov. Ronald Reagan has given congressional Republicans the clear impression he is highly irked at being tagged as a possible vice-presidential nominee.

Some senators and house members who joined him at a private luncheon Monday at the Capitol reported he talked most about why he isn't — and not likely ever to be — available for second place.

He was said to have minced few words in discussing his displeasure at New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller's comment, in reply to questions,

faced the national assembly for debate on a censure motion expected to come to a vote Wednesday night.

The governing Gaullist coalition expressed confidence it would survive the vote, but gave no indication what it would do about the workers' revolt for higher pay, shorter hours and job security.

Still Spreading

Far from abating, the strike wave, which has idled more than six million, was still spreading. A Paris newspaper estimated about half of France's 16 million workers would be away from their jobs by nightfall.

Though its staff showed up, the Paris stock market closed. It was announced it could not function because of communications difficulties and lack of orders.

Indirect effects also hit Simca, a French automobile company controlled by the Chrysler Corp. It closed its plants at Poissy and La Rochelle, employing about 30,000. Management said the decision was due to a shortage of parts from subcontracting firms affected by strikes.

Strikes stopped trains, subways, buses, taxis and garbage collection in Paris and closed coal mines, airports and seaports. Some tourists were stranded. Lines formed at food and tobacco shops, banks and gasoline stations.

Monstrous Jam

Amid a monstrous traffic jam in Paris, made worse by cars that were abandoned after running out of gasoline, few policemen were in sight. Although not on strike, many apparently stayed home.

Facing the gravest threat yet posed by his 10-year-old Fifth Republic, De Gaulle has made no public statement since breaking off a visit to Romania Saturday and returning to the Elysee palace.

He is to address the nation on television Friday night, and there was no indication of what he planned for a situation strongly reminiscent of the turmoil that brought him back to power in 1958.

Opposition political leaders conferred with trade union leaders in preparation for their attempt in the assembly to oust Pompidou and his cabinet.

The French communist party

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Rocky Does a Double Take

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP)

— A long-haired member of the audience stood to attract the attention of Nelson Rockefeller at a question-and-answer session Monday at the University of Florida.

"That young lady over there," Rockefeller said. The crowd looked and roared. "I'm sorry. Let's start this over. That young gentleman over there," Rockefeller said.

that it would be nice to have Reagan as second man on a ticket with him.

The informal conclusion expressed by those Republicans was that Reagan is sighting broader horizons than the favorite-son role he has carved out for himself in California.

It's doubtful that conclusion was weakened by his Monday night appearance before a Fort Lauderdale, Fla., audience. When a man asked if he would seek the presidency, Reagan replied:

"No, I don't think any useful purpose would be served by saying so. But when the convention opens in Miami Beach next August I will be nominated as a favorite son

Patrolmen Ordered To 'Get Tough'

DES MOINES (AP) — Iowa

highway patrolmen have been instructed to "get tough" with traffic violators, Public Safety Commissioner Jack Fulton said Tuesday.

"In the past they have merely patrolled our highways," Fulton said. "But beginning immediately, they will not only patrol, but seek out violators as well."

Suspension

Fulton announced adoption by the department of public safety of doubled periods of license suspension for drivers convicted of serious traffic violations.

Beginning Memorial day, (May 30) the suspension period will jump from 30 to 60 days, Fulton said and license suspensions will be ordered for persons speeding more than 16 miles an hour over the posted limit, whereas suspensions previously were only ordered for violations of more than 21 miles an hour over.

The actions embody recommendations made by Gov. Harold Hughes last week to "stop the senseless slaughter" on Iowa highways.

Fulton said 277 persons have died in traffic accidents so far this year, the highest traffic death rate in the state's history. "As you will note, we are imposing heavier restrictions on those persons who choose to flout the law," Fulton said. "We are attempting, in this manner, to weed out those drivers who have demonstrated a disregard for our traffic laws and others who are using the highways."

60 Days

Under the new policy, a driver who exceeds the legal speed limit by 16 miles an hour will lose his license for a minimum of 60 days. The license will be suspended for one year if the driver exceeds the speed limit by 41 miles an hour or more, Fulton said.

Persons convicted of a violation which contributed to a fatal accident will lose their licenses for 120 days, he said, and drivers with three moving traffic violations in one year will be subject to license suspension, revocation or probation.

"Our purpose in this new enforcement drive is not to infringe on the privileges of the vast majority, but rather to remove those persons from the highways who place their own lives and the lives of others in jeopardy," Fulton said.

Fulton said patrol of highways will be beefed up during holiday periods, with all patrolmen working Sundays and the normal 10-hour day increased to 12 hours.



REAGAN VISITS FLORIDA — California Gov. Ronald Reagan (left)

arrived in Fort Lauderdale Monday night and was greeted by Florida Gov. Claude Kirk, Jr., right. Reagan, a possible G.O.P. presidential nominee, was host to Republican leaders at a breakfast in Fort Lauderdale and at a luncheon in Miami. In a speech at the breakfast, he charged the Democrats with a "morally bankrupt" foreign policy, saying the U.S. had to stoop to ransom the Bay of Pigs prisoners. (See Reagan story bottom page 1.)

Haiti Links Landing Unit With Cuba

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti

(AP) — Unidentified planes dropped four bombs on Port au Prince Monday without causing any damage and also attacked the city of Cap Haitien with bombs and a landing of armed men, officials said.

Haiti's ambassador in Washington blamed Haitian exiles and Cubans, and the Haitian consul in Miami said, "More than 4,000 Haitian workers have been trained in Cuba for guerilla warfare."

In Port au Prince, one bomb exploded near the palace of President Francois Duvalier. He was not hurt. Three other bombs, including one which hit the military airfield, did not explode.

Ambassador Arthur Bonhomme said in Washington: "The planes which landed the armed men at Cap Haitien are on the ground, and the Haitian army believes it has surrounded the

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Williams: 'Tax Package Foes Use Scare Tactics'

WASHINGTON (UPI) —

Senator Williams (R-Del.) Tuesday accused President Johnson of attempting to kill the tax increase-spending cut bill through scare reports and backstage maneuvers.

"Nero fiddled while Rome burned and the administration insists on playing politics while the American dollar goes down the drain," Williams said.

"This no time for politics. American boys are dying on the battlefield and we at home face a serious financial crisis."

Williams, ranking G.O.P. member of the senate finance committee, said the administration has been circulating "scare reports about cutbacks in popular programs."

"Now the administration through its backstage maneuvers is trying to defeat the conference report," Williams said.

"No Holiday"

He noted that the house Democratic leadership has not scheduled action on the com-

promise until after Memorial day. He said congress should not take any Memorial day holiday until it has acted on the package.

Williams noted that interest rates are "at the highest level in the past 100 years," the price of gold is soaring in free markets and a recent issue of government bonds has been selling below par.

In the face of these warnings of trouble for the dollar, "we find the administration and its liberal supporters in congress still talking in terms of politics rather than in terms of what must be done for the good of our country," he said.

Cut Reports

Williams said the White House and cabinet members have been "leaking so-called unofficial reports" of heavy cuts in education, cancer and heart research, rural electrification, veterans aid, school lunch and welfare programs.

He said congressmen from the area served by the Tennessee Valley Authority have told him the budget bureau is warning that the spending cut might keep TVA from using its power of revenues to pay interest on its outstanding bonds. Williams called that absurd.

"Let us face it," he said. "All of these scare reports represent backstage tactics on the part of an administration which in effect wants to defeat any plan which would curtail its right to spend the taxpayers' money with a free hand."

Goddard Quits Food-Drug Job

WASHINGTON (AP) — The

resignation of Dr. James L. Goddard, commissioner of food and drugs, was announced Tuesday by Welfare Secretary Wilbert Cohen.

Goddard, who has headed the Food and Drug Administration almost two and one half years, is to leave the government July 1 to move to Atlanta to become vice-president of a data processing company.

Goddard, 45, a career Public Health Service officer, was one of the most outspoken and often controversial officials in the top levels of government.

He caused a furor when he said he thought alcohol was

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Church Gives Sanctuary To 2 Military Fugitives

BOSTON (AP) — Two men

who say they are military fugitives and expect to be arrested have been granted asylum in Arlington Street church and fellow resisters vow they will protect them from police.

Victor Jokel, executive director of the Unitarian-Universalist church, told a news conference Monday that they will be given sanctuary as long as they need it.

Ira Arlook, a spokesman for New England Resistance, a group opposing the draft and the Vietnam war, said its members would attempt to obstruct law enforcement officers if they went to the church.

"We shall not allow the government to arrest these men for their opposition to the war in Vietnam," he said.

Appeal Denied

The two men identified themselves at the church news conference as Robert Talmanson of Boston and William Chase of Dennis, Mass.

Talmanson said he was convicted a year ago of failing to report for induction and his appeal from a three-year prison sentence was denied last week by the U.S. supreme court.

Chase said he served in the army in Vietnam but is refusing additional military service and is absent without leave from Fort Lewis, Washington.

Colonel Paul Feeney, deputy director of the Massachusetts selective service system, said no one was trying to bring in Chase or Talmanson so far.

Court Order

He said U.S. attorneys would have to get a federal court order calling for Talmanson's sentence to be invoked before acting. The case of Chase, he said, is a problem for the U.S. provost

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Supplement Sum Sought By Johnson

WASHINGTON (UPI) —

President Johnson Tuesday asked congress for an additional \$3.9 billion to finance the war in Vietnam for the remainder of the fiscal year ending June 30.

The request erases a proposed \$1 billion savings in defense department operations and adds on another \$2.9 billion to support combat operations in Vietnam.

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Nitze said the new money was needed as a result of increased combat operations in Vietnam since the Tet offensive last January.

Aid to Korea

He also cited increased U.S. military support for South Korea since the January seizure of the Pueblo.

All but \$300 million of the new request, however, was for use in Vietnam.

The President, in a letter to House Speaker John McCormack, said the new money request stemmed from events he described in his March 31 address to the nation.

At that time, he said the military situation in the Far East would require an increase in expenditures of \$2.5 billion in fiscal 68 and \$2.6 billion in fiscal 69.

Exceeds Budget

The new supplemental request is \$2.5 billion more than the President requested in his fiscal 1968 budget in terms of actual expenditures. The \$3.9 billion figure is the result of a complicated proposal for defense savings that has now been abandoned.

February 12, the President sent a supplemental defense appropriation request to congress for \$1.7 billion which was to be offset by \$1.7 billion in savings. The February request basically involved a shift of money from one defense department fund to another.

But now, the President is erasing a billion dollars from the proposed savings plan and adding it into the new supplemental appropriation. This, added to the new \$2.5 billion figure, equals \$3.5 billion. Nitze said another \$300 million had been added to this figure as a hedge against further unexpected developments in the war.

"Without Delay"

In requesting the additional money, the President said:

"The congress will, I believe, want to act promptly on this request so that we can meet our present military commitments effectively and without delay.

"Our hope is — and all our energies are directed toward — achieving a just peace as quickly as possible. However, until peace comes we must provide our fighting men with all the support they need to carry out their missions and to protect their lives."

The breakdown of the new spending figure given by the White House totals \$3.8 billion. Nitze explained that the difference between his figure and the \$3.9 billion over-all figure in the request to congress was a result of a rounding off of the breakdown figure.

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