

S. Vietnam Political Crisis Threatening U.S. Position

PARIS, (AP) — A government crisis in South Vietnam introduced a new element into the peace talks between the U.S. and North Vietnam today, threatening to weaken the American position.

U.S. officials declined comment on the resignation in Saigon of Premier Nguyen Van Loc and his Cabinet. Privately diplomats were inclined to seek the immediate causes in South Vietnamese politics rather than in the diplomatic situation.

North Vietnam was expected to use the newly demonstrated instability of the political leadership in Saigon to its own advantage. Indications were that the United States would have to proceed with extraordinary care in the conference to minimize the danger of inflaming suspicions and enlarging the political crisis in South Vietnam.

Ambassadors W. Averell Harriman and Xuan Thuy held their third session of the Paris talks shortly after news of the Saigon shakeup reached here. Neither offered any comment on it or its implications for the conference.

Thuy had the opportunity to speak first today, under the rotation system which has developed here, and was expected to strike out again at continued U. S. bombing of the southern panhandle of North Vietnam. He is pressing for total cessation of all U.S. attacks on the North.

A spokesman for Thuy said Friday there could be "no compromise" on this North Vietnamese demand. Harriman has been urging the North Vietnamese to take steps to de-escalate the war in order to justify an end to U.S. attacks on the North.

He called for lowering infiltration from the north and re-establishing a buffer zone between North and South.

The entire complex of issues centering around the bombing appeared to be wholly deadlocked until one side or the other was ready to make a major breakaway move. Without such a move the talks could founder. For the moment both sides seemed to be fighting a battle for public opinion.

Against this background news

came from Saigon of Loc's resignation and reports spoke of this development as reflecting differences between President Nguyen Van Thieu and Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky, including their disagreement over peace negotiations.

Harriman told newsmen as he went into the conference that he had no information, evidently meaning official information, on the Saigon development.

The American position here and in any future peace negotiations is based on building and preserving maximum political strength, stability and independence in South Vietnam. Adverse trends damage this position.

One aim of the Communists in going into peace talks is believed by U.S. experts to be to try to make trouble between the U.S. and South Vietnamese government. That they will try to exploit the latest development related to that apparent purpose seemed beyond question.

South Vietnamese Ambassador Bui Diem, here for Washington as an observer of the Harriman-Thuy discussions,

said the Cabinet resignation "came as no surprise" and its basic purpose was to "strengthen the government." He denied reports of rivalry between Thieu and Ky as being "out of date."

Diem did say, however, that he thought the Communists would attempt to take advantage of the development. He said they would try to use it in their propaganda as evidence that the Saigon regime was crumbling.

So far the Americans have been adamant about not stopping all the bombing without some matching cutback in Hanoi's military aid to Communist forces fighting in South Vietnam.

The newest element in the apparent stalemate was a statement by Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey at the University of Maine Friday night. "It has now been agreed at Paris," Humphrey declared, "that the North Vietnamese can have whomever they want on their side and we will have whomever we want on our side."



Young Artists Show Works

Nearly 1,000 art works by more than 800 elementary students from throughout the Iowa City school system go on public display Sunday in the Kirkwood School gym in Coralville. The display, under the direction of Baiba Kuntz, elementary art coordinator for the district, also will be open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through next Saturday. Ann Stasi, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stasi of Coralville, and Jim O'Neill, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neill of Coralville, examine some of the exhibits.

(Press-Citizen Photos by Joseph Novotny)

Motorcyclist Killed Here

A University of Iowa sophomore was killed about 9:30 p.m. Friday when his motorcycle crashed head-on with a car on Governor Street, a one-way street.

Police said the cycle was headed the wrong way.

Dead is Peter A. Bursten, 19, of Milwaukee. His passenger, Justean S. Sparks, 18, a UI freshman from Oskaloosa, is

listed in serious condition at University Hospital.

Bursten died of chest injuries, Dr. Victor G. Edwards, acting county medical examiner, said today. Miss Sparks is being treated for head lacerations and a broken leg. She lives at the Carrie Stanley Hall women's dormitory. Bursten lived at 518 Seventh Avenue, Coralville.

City police said the motorcycle struck the car while going the wrong way in the 900 block of Governor Street, around a slight curve. They said it would have been in the proper lane if the street were two-way. The car was driven by Brint A. Adams, 1, of rural Solon, who was uninjured.

According to skid marks, the

car was traveling about 30 miles an hour, police said, adding that the cycle's speed has not been determined. The cycle left no skid marks.

Police speculated that the motorcycle flipped up and backwards after running into the car, leaving the two riders in the street in front of the stopped car.

'Things Looking a Lot Better' — Setback to Towns 'Not Permanent'

CHARLES CITY (AP)—Residents of Charles City and neighboring Oelwein, struck what looked like a knockout blow by twin tornadoes, are bouncing back quickly to rebuild their shattered lives.

Shaking off the awesome destruction that wrecked their communities only three days ago, they are pushing plans to rebuild.

"This is too solid a community to be permanently disrupted," said Floyd County Sheriff L. L. Lane, watching from his office window as volunteers picked up the rubble that remains of most of this town of 10,000. "The town will pitch in, start repairing and replacing."

"This town will come back," declared Oelwein Mayor Sam Mazzotti. "I'm going to urge all businessmen to rebuild."

"Things are looking a lot better," said John Sebern, Charles City junior high school teacher, former City Council member and Red Cross disaster director for the county.

Sebern was one of the few who could see, even by the weekend, a bright spot in the disaster that left 17 dead, more than 600 injured and property

damage estimated at nearly \$40 million.

He commented that the Charles City tornado had done "a lot of what urban renewal would have done." The City Council had rejected an urban renewal plan only two weeks before the twister hit.

The tornadoes pounced out of sudden clouds late Wednesday afternoon. They knocked out electric power and left a darkness over the two communities—a darkness of more kinds than one.

A malevolent driving rain and chill winds added to the dark-

ness invading survivors' minds. National Guard sentries waded in pairs along the business district, dodging piles of rubble.

Inside the headquarters, four survivors sat staring blankly ahead. "They look like refugees from a war," whispered a Red Cross nurse. A tiny terrier belonging to one of them played around their feet, becoming a favorite with the volunteers.

At 5 a.m. Thursday the black sky became grey and teams went out to assess the damage, searching for possible victims buried under collapsed buildings.

The ghost like ruins "look like

buildings bombed out in the war," murmured Lt. Col. Francis Kelly, head of the National Guard troops.

The rain continued off and on Thursday. But the silence gave way to the buzz of chain saws as crews chewed up fallen trees into manageable pieces. The darkness of the mind began to lift.

By Thursday night portable electric generators replaced the whine of saws. The four refugees continued their silent vigil, but there was light.

Friday morning the Oliver Corp. tractor factory—mainstay of Charles City, employing about 2,300—began work on a limited scale, bringing in about 400 men. The factory and Salisbury Laboratories, manufacturer of poultry medicines, were largely undamaged in the storm.

With the two main industries functioning, the sun came out Friday for the first time since the tornado.

By Friday night, telephones had stopped ringing continuously at the Red Cross information desk. A weary volunteer rested her head on the table, her hands clasped in her lap.

The four refugees had disappeared.

Strand Theater Demolition To Begin Here Next Week

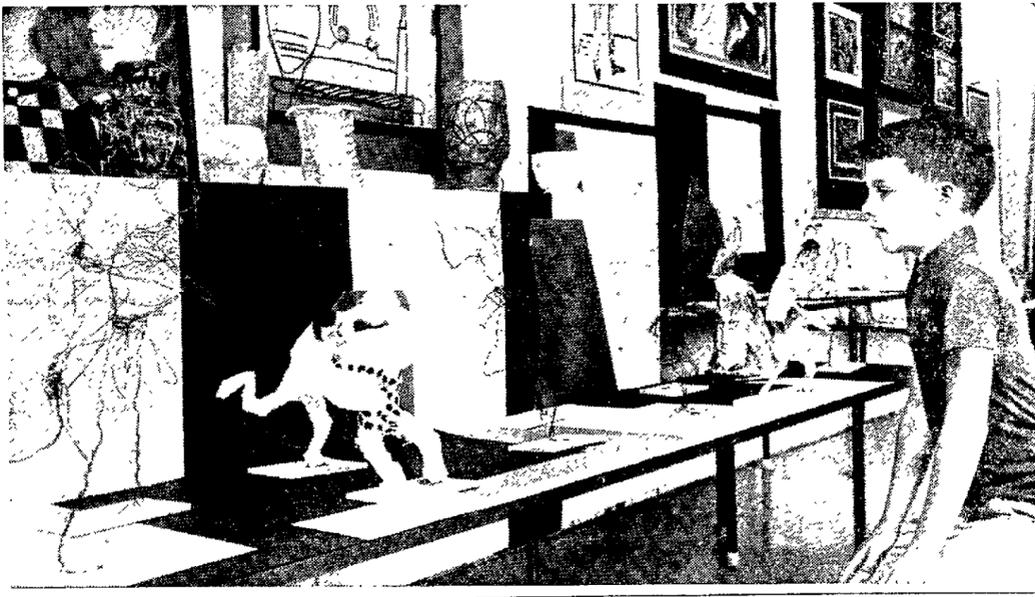
Demolition of the fire-ravaged Strand Theater building at College and Dubuque Streets in downtown Iowa City will begin early next week, A. Kent Braverman said this morning.

Braverman, representing the owners, said plans for the development of a new multi-story building at the site at 129 East College Street are being made, but declined to give details. He said an announcement of construction plans will be made later.

Fire broke out last Feb. 1 in a third-floor apartment in the northeast corner of the building, and spread through the top

floor of the structure before firemen put it under control. Water damage to lower floors was extensive, with total loss now put at about \$120,000.

Braverman said the adjacent flower shop and paint store building will remain.



French Face New Crises From Revolt

PARIS (AP) — The mushrooming student-labor revolt triggered a breakdown in transportation and many state services today, threatening France with semiparalysis.

President Charles de Gaulle will cut short a state visit to Romania and fly to Paris tonight to be in close touch with the situation, French sources in Romania said.

Red flags flew from more than 40 factories occupied by striking workers. Dozens of other plants were shut down and as the weekend began the list of crippled plants grew. Agitation seemed at a peak in southwestern France and around Paris: the northern and eastern sections were less affected.

Personnel of the state-run radio and television networks threatened today to call strikes that would cut off De Gaulle's main communications link with the French people.

Hoover Scores New Left, Black Nationalist Groups

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover says revolutionary stands taken by militant black nationalist groups and students of the new left pose a threat to the nation's security.

He told Congress the black nationalist groups he had in mind were the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the Black Muslims and the Revolutionary Action Movement. They are, he said, "a distinct threat to the internal security of the nation."

The FBI chief said the new left, typified by the Students for a Democratic Society active in campus disturbances, is "a new type of subversive, and their danger is great."

Hoover appeared before a House Appropriations subcommittee Feb. 23 and his testimony was released today. He seeks approval of a \$207.5 million

budget for the fiscal year starting July 1.

He expressed concern over reports that black nationalist groups are stockpiling weapons "for use against the white man."

He said these reports could well be true because guns are easily obtained and "in light of the inflammatory urgings of such agitators as Stokely Carmichael, H. Rap Brown and James Forman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee."

Hoover also testified:

—Membership in racial groups like the Ku Klux Klan is dwindling in the heart of the South—Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana—with about 14,000 klansmen still in business. But, he added, "there are thousands of sympathizers."

—The FBI investigated 29,228

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Democratic Presidential Convention Coming Up — Climax Next Week in 3-Way Scramble for Iowa Delegates

By WILLIAM L. EBERLINE
DES MOINES (AP)—A three-way scramble for Iowa delegate votes for the Democratic presidential nomination comes to a head at the party's state pre-convention here next week-end.

Backers of New York Sen. Robert Kennedy, Minnesota Sen. Eugene McCarthy and Vice

President Hubert Humphrey have been contacting the 4,045 state convention delegates in search of support for their favorites.

All three camps say they have had some success and are hopeful of winning commitments of pre-ballot support from some of the Iowa delegates to the national convention in Chicago next August.

"It's going to be a great convention," said Democratic State Chairman Clark Rasmussen. "I think all three candidates have some significant support in Iowa."

Democrats like to broaden participation in party affairs as much as possible, and this leads to some complications.

For instance, there are only 3,093 total state convention

votes but 4,045 delegates. That means some delegates can cast only fractional votes—as little as .473 per cent of a full vote, Rasmussen said.

By the same token, the state convention will choose 32 national convention delegates to cast 46 votes.

Each congressional district will elect four national convention delegates, and the 2nd and

5th districts get a "bonus" delegate each because they have Democratic congressmen.

Three of the four delegates from each district will have a full vote each, as will the two "bonus" delegates. The remaining district delegates will have half a vote each.

The convention also will name 22 delegates at-large, 17 with a full vote each and five with half a vote apiece. This the district delegates will have 261 votes, and the at-large delegates 101 votes.

Convention activity gets under way at 5 p.m. Friday with an old-fashioned beef barbecue at the State Fairgrounds. Minnesota Sen. Walter Mondale, attending the convention in be

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