

Defiant DeGaulle to Fight Leftists

PARIS (UPI) — President Charles de Gaulle Thursday angrily refused to resign and called a showdown with the Communist and leftist adversaries he blamed for the chaos wrecking France. He dissolved parliament, ordered new elections and threatened to use military force to save his paralyzed Fifth Republic.

Fears of civil war cloaked the strike-stunned nation in the aftermath of De Gaulle's defiant speech. French Army units had leaves cancelled and were reported on standby alert around Paris and in neighboring West Germany. Military leaders vowed to back De Gaulle while he holds power.

De Gaulle declared his confidence in Premier Georges Pompidou, who gathered his Cabinet for an apparent major reshuffle.

Trying to curb the run on the franc abroad, the government ordered currency exchange controls to halt a massive flight of capital from France.

More than 300,000 French citizens tramped through the Right Bank boulevards of Paris with waving tricolors and hasty.

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LBJ CHALLENGES REDS ON PEACE

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (AP) — President Johnson told Hanoi Thursday that the United States is "ready to go far and fast" toward a peace in Vietnam if the Communists will do likewise.

The President also said for the first time that he will accept, if forced to, a \$6 billion cut in spending in return for congressional approval of his proposal for a 10 per cent income tax surcharge.

The announcement is expected to assure congressional approval of the measure in the next few weeks.

At a news conference at his Texas ranch, Johnson added that so far he cannot report to the American people any substantive progress in the U.S.-North Vietnamese talks now under way in Paris.

But he reviewed the steps the United States has taken to bring the war to an end—including his March 31 bombing cutback order and his announcement not to seek reelection—and he declared:

"We shall continue to do everything we know how to do to bring peace to the world."

With Johnson at the news conference were Australian

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AP Radiophoto

PRESIDENT AND MRS. CHARLES DE GAULLE ARRIVE AT ELYSEE PALACE WHERE CABINET MEETING WAS SCHEDULED.

\$500,000 Hijacked

NEW YORK (AP) — New York State Police said Thursday three men hijacked a Railway Express Agency truck in New Jersey carrying \$500,000 worth of dimes from the U.S. Silver Depository at West Point, N.Y.

The tractor-trailer was stopped on Route 9W near Fort Lee, N.J., at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

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Navy Halts 'Lone Voice' Hunt, Concentrates on A-Sub Route

NORFOLK, Va. (UPI)—The Navy said Thursday an intensive search of the Atlantic 110 miles off Norfolk had failed to turn up "any evidence of the source" of a mysterious radio voice message using the code name of the missing USS Scorpion.

The Navy said it was continuing its search for the nuclear submarine, which has been missing since Monday with 99 men aboard, but was halting its hunt for the source of the single radio transmission.

Some officials had expressed the view earlier that the radio

transmission was a hoax.

The Navy said at about 1 p.m. Thursday:

"Throughout last night, four destroyers and a patrol aircraft conducted a thorough search for approximately 150 nautical miles, east-northeast along the

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Love at First Size

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (AP)—This classified advertisement appeared in the University of Minnesota "Daily" following a Monday night "panty raid" on a girls' dormitory: "Will the girl who threw the red 38B bra Monday at Pioneer Court please call me. I think I love you. Bob. 339-7421."

Unser Wins Lady as Turbines Fall

1,000 Reds Die in 6 Days of DMZ Action

SAIGON (AP) — Struggling through a blazing sun that sent temperatures soaring above 100 degrees, weary U.S. Marines battled North Vietnamese troops along the Demilitarized Zone in a savage two-day fight that raged until Memorial Day morning Thursday.

In the sixth straight day of fighting on the northern frontier, Marines reported killing 63 North Vietnamese in the two-day fight, raising the toll of enemy killed by allied forces along the DMZ since last Saturday to more than 1,000.

Nine Marines were killed and 43 wounded in the battle, military spokesmen said.

(United Press International said out-

numbered American soldiers Thursday hurled back a fanatic attack by North Vietnamese troops who stormed their fog-covered hilltop defending the gateway to Dak To.

(UPI correspondent Nat Gibson reported from the Dak To base camp that the North Vietnamese Thursday morning charged from all sides around Hill 990, tossing grenades into bunkers and screaming "Kill GIs."

(After the three-hour attack, Gibson reported, U.S. 4th Inf. Div. troopers found the bodies of 25 Communists inside the base and counted about 125 others outside the wire.

(Eight infantrymen were killed and 47 wounded.)

Fighting continued on the western edge of Saigon for the sixth straight day. Viet Cong again sent rockets tearing into the heart of the capital, three provincial capitals and a refugee center.

The rocket and mortar attacks killed five South Vietnamese civilians and one soldier and wounded 47 civilians and eight soldiers.

B52 bombers hit the jungled Central Highlands Thursday in efforts to break up mass North Vietnamese concentrations of perhaps as many as 15,000 troops.

In a record 11 missions in the past 24 hours, more than 30 B52s unleashed nearly 2 million pounds of bombs on enemy troop concentrations and weapons posi-

tions along the Laotian and Cambodian border sanctuaries of two North Vietnamese divisions.

The strikes were northeast of Dak To and west of Kontum City, the two American bastions standing in the way of an enemy drive across the center of South Vietnam.

Air Force, Navy and Marine fighter-bombers streaked through enemy anti-aircraft fire to pound North Vietnam's southern panhandle in efforts to stem the flow of guns, ammunition and men south.

U.S. pilots flew 129 missions on the North Wednesday and reported a big catch—54 trucks and five supply boats destroyed or damaged.



The U.S. flag flies atop Fire Support Base 29, east of Dak To, on the eve of Memorial Day. The 4th Inf. Div. defenders of the base

recently repelled a fierce attack by North Vietnamese troops who penetrated the base perimeter. (AP Radiophoto)

U.S. Toll For Week Declines

SAIGON (AP) — The number of American servicemen killed in Vietnam decreased last week although more were wounded than in the previous two heavy-loss weeks, the U.S. Command announced Thursday.

It said that 426 Americans were killed in the week ending Saturday and 2,687 were wounded. Of the wounded, 1,419 required hospitalization and the other 1,268 were treated and returned to action.

South Vietnamese Army Headquarters also announced that casualties among government troops were down despite the continuing fight around Saigon. It listed 340 killed, 1,151 wounded and 24 missing last week compared to 475 killed, 1,476 wounded and 71 missing the preceding week.

The allied command announced that 2,550 enemy soldiers were killed last week—less than half the number slain the week before.

NVA in Laos, Phouma Says

VIENTIANE (AP) — Laotian Prime Minister Prince Souvanna Phouma Thursday declared "there are North Vietnamese troops in Laos, supporting the neo-Lao Haksat," the pro-Communist Pathet Lao. He spoke at the second session of the sixth congress of the Laotian National Assembly.

A score of Russian and Chinese-made weapons and documents in Vietnamese captured in Laos were shown to the press by Gen. Oudone Sananikhone, Chief of Staff of the Royal Army.

The spokesman of the Ministry of National Defense said 57 North Vietnamese battalions are in Laos.

The Royal Government of Laos has in its custody 61 prisoners of war including North Vietnamese captured after shooting engagements with the royal forces.

It Was 'Them or Us' in Fire Base Battle

By SPEC. 5 BRUCE McILHANEY
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DAK TO, Vietnam — "They blasted through seven rolls of barbed wire," said Spec. 4 John A. Senter.

"First they hit the wire with 75mm recoilless rifle fire. Then suicide teams with satchel charges tied to their bodies would dive on the wire and set off the charges."

Senter described an attack May 25 in which 100 North Vietnamese soldiers penetrated the perimeter of Fire Support Base 29, 12 miles east of Dak To. His unit, the 1st Bn., 8th Inf., spent five hours throwing back the attackers.

Fire Support Base 29, nick-

Bulldozer Deal OK With Mother

BOONE, N.C. (AP)—The wife of a Boone minister says she will buy a bulldozer herself—if the government won't—to ransom her son, an Army military policeman being held in Cambodia.

The Cambodian Government has offered to trade Pfc. Jerry Tester and an unidentified companion for two bulldozers. "I'll borrow the money, buy one and make the swap myself," Mrs. Albert Tester said.

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named "T-Bone," contained no artillery that night. A and C Cos. occupied it to deny the high ground to enemy rocket crews.

"We had advance warning that they were coming," said Senter, a radio operator in C Co. headquarters. "We had our ammo ready and we knew what was coming when the mortars started to hit."

The first positions hit were three bunkers containing machine guns and recoilless rifles covering the easiest attack lanes. One of the bunkers took direct hits from five rockets and three mortar rounds. The gunners retreated.

Squads of enemy soldiers carrying B40 rockets rushed through two gaps in the perimeter wire and began blasting away at perimeter bunkers from within. Five bunkers were

taken over by the NVA. Light machine guns were set up along the fire and sent arcs of fire ripping through the camp, pinning down the defenders.

"We were trying to get organized," said Senter. "The NVA were in a trench 10 meters from our trench. About that time they took over the 106mm recoilless rifle position in the highest portion of the camp and we knew it was all up to us."

C Co.'s first sergeant, Melvin Hewit, organized a counter-attack to retake the 106 position and the high ground. The counter-attack was repulsed and the first sergeant wounded.

"We knew we had to get rid of those NVA," Senter said. "About 10 of us started back up the hill. No one thought about it. If we had, we never would have done the thing we did."

The Americans inched their

Tet Attackers Killed 7,424 Civilians

By BOB CUTTS
S&S Correspondent

SAIGON — The South Vietnamese Government has released a report of the staggering cost in civilian lives of the Viet Cong's Tet offensive: 7,424 Vietnamese men, women and children died during the February fighting.

A total of 15,434 were wounded in the same period. The govern-

ment has not broken down the figures into victims of the fighting and those killed or wounded by Viet Cong terrorism in the same period.

Along with the Tet statistics, the Government announced that acts of VC terrorism in the week ending May 25 claimed another 108 civilian lives and left 395 wounded.

The terrorism total since Jan.

way up the hill, snapping off shots and flinging hand grenades.

"One guy from New York took a can of gasoline and wrapped explosive detonation cord around it," Senter said. "It cleared out one bunker very nicely."

As the sun rose, there were no aggressive enemy within the perimeter. Scattered around the company command post and slumped over machine guns on the wire were 147 dead North Vietnamese. Fifty U.S. troops lay wounded or dead.

Bunker Visits Wife

SAIGON (AP) — Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker, America's chief representative in South Vietnam, left Thursday to visit his wife, Carol Laise Bunker, the U.S. ambassador to Nepal.

1 has risen to 3,243, 1,778 victims killed, 3,811 wounded and 3,398 kidnaped. These figures are independent of the Tet fatalities.

Meanwhile, screening of intelligence reports, prisoner interrogations and after-battle evaluations have given military analysts a fairly complete picture of the infiltration of combat forces from North Vietnam.

Figures released this week show that at least 26 regiments of North Vietnamese regular Army troops were infiltrated to the South either "by crossing the demilitarized zone . . . or by passing through Laos," military spokesmen say.

The figures take in a three-year period from mid-1964 to mid-1967.

Seeing Is Believing For GI

SAIGON (IO)—"It was weird, something I never expected to happen!"

First Lt. Charles T. Collins, of Spokane, Wash., a platoon leader in L Troop, 3rd Sq., 11th Armored Cav. Regt., was talking about his first major encounter with the VC.

It was a day full of surprises. "I'd been in-country only a month. Everybody told me I would never see Charlie," Collins remembers, "just hear him. But that's not the way it happened."

L Troop was sweeping an area near a rubber plantation north of Saigon when a team of scout dogs picked up a scent.

"We followed the dogs for about 15 minutes, through the dead rubber trees," Collins said, "when we discovered a ring of bunkers." They continued through the thick underbrush when Collins' gunner grabbed him and pointed.

The lieutenant didn't know quite what to think.

"There were a half dozen armed soldiers popping up out of their bunkers and running from my ACAV (Armored Cavalry Assault Vehicle)," Collins said, "I was stunned for a second, because I couldn't believe my eyes."

The lieutenant opened up with his M79 Grenade Launcher. "As soon as I fired, the rest of the Troop opened up," he said.

"We were firing with no trouble finding our targets," he added, "when I felt something hit my shoulder." Quickly he jumped into the ACAV to avoid the sniper fire.

L Troop found 67 dead VC after contact was broken. The Blackhorse Troopers suffered no casualties. L Troop discovered later that the VC unit, an estimated battalion, was on its way south toward Bien Hoa Air Base.

MP Unit Wins Service Award

LONG BINH, Vietnam (IO)—Lt. Gen. Bruce Palmer, deputy commanding general, United States Army, Vietnam, awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation Award to the Hq. and Hq. Det. of the 18th Military Police Brigade in a special ceremony at Long Binh post.

The award covers the period from Sept. 26, 1966 to Sept. 25, 1967, the first full year of the 18th Brigade operations in Vietnam.

Praising the "great fighting MP Brigade" commanded by Brig. Gen. Karl W. Gustafson, Palmer said, "As combat troops you have been outstanding . . . I was particularly impressed by your effort in the Tet offensive and the recent attacks on Saigon."

The End of the Line for Stephanie

DA NANG, Vietnam (IO)—It started — appropriately — on April 1.

An operator with the Long Lines North Det. at Da Nang was conversing on a teletype order wire with an operator in Udorn, Thailand. Order wires are used by electronic technicians to exchange information concerning communications circuits.

The Thailand operator flabbergasted the Vietnam counterpart when she transmitted her

Bet Their Lives on 5 Shots

Navy Advisers Help Repel VC

HOI AN, Vietnam (PAO) — Three American Navymen, advisers at the Vietnamese Navy's junk base south of Hoi An, bet their lives on five shots in the night—the signal that the Viet Cong are attacking.

Shortly after midnight recently, five shots rang out and Vietnamese and Americans leaped from their beds and grabbed their rifles. Within seconds, "battle stations" were manned. The air was already filled with the chatter of automatic weapons as tracers criss-crossed the dark sky. Attacking VC were at the base's outer perimeter.

Lt. (j.g.) John Lehman, of Waynesboro, Pa., was in his command bunker, eyes squinting in the dim glow of a flashlight as he tuned his radio. "Break, break, break, I have immediate traffic. I have heavy contact," the words came clear and sharp.

Lehman has been an adviser to the base since last August. In the heart of VC country, enemy probes are nothing new. This time, however, it was more than a probe.

Shouting over the "thud, thud" of mortar fire, Chief Gunner's Mate Billy McCook, of

Center, Colo., reported to Lehman. "It looks bad. There's about 150 of them out there."

Lehman called for Spooky—a twin engine plane with a battery of small machineguns that spit thousands of rounds a minute. But, Spooky had other "business" and wouldn't be able to get to them for 45 minutes. A Navy Swift boat was called.

Meanwhile, the fight at the base perimeter continued. Bullets flew by Lehman's bunker. Lehman, still working by flashlight, coordinated the base defense in a calm voice as the battle raged.

About 2 a.m., a loud buzzing filled the air and soldiers looked up to see a red stream of fire pour out of the dark sky into the Viet Cong positions around the base. Spooky was on the scene. Then larger tracers slammed into the VC as the Navy Swift joined the fray.

However, a new problem arose. The base junk fleet, firing at the VC from the river, reported on the VC's movements.

McCook reported back to Lehman. The VC are pulling back into Doi (a nearby, friendly village)."

The base was still under fire from an enemy it could no longer shoot at without endangering innocent civilians.

As Spooky circled overhead, covering routes out of the village with flares and machine guns, one of the junks made a dash into the village beach to evacuate wounded.

The junk returned a 10-year-old girl to the base. The Viet Cong had slashed the girl's abdomen with a knife. As a Vietnamese medic worked to save her, Lehman called for a Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC) helicopter.

Engineman 3.C. James Rockwell, of Sunland Park, N. M., ran to the landing zone, drawing sporadic fire, and lit four pots of oil to guide the incoming chopper. The girl was taken out alive and flown to a Navy hospital in Da Nang.

Two more MEDEVAC helos were needed before dawn as the junks continued their runs into the village, rescuing victims of the Viet Cong.

Shortly before dawn, enemy fire abated and Spooky reported that the VC were fleeing. McCook and Rockwell accompanied a young Vietnamese officer as he dashed off with a patrol to cut off the escaping enemy.

The VC escaped, taking 20 of their dead with them. Many more had been wounded. But the village of Doi is strongly pro-government, and the VC had murdered six civilians and kidnaped five young boys.



The Boss Says Goodby

Gen. William C. Westmoreland, commander of U.S. Forces in Vietnam, says goodbye to a group of sergeants as he visits the Long Binh head-

quarters of U.S. Army Vietnam. Westmoreland is making a farewell tour before he leaves Vietnam next month to become Army chief of staff. (AP)

Big Red Arms Cache Seized

BONG SON, Vietnam (IO)—Two days of searching a suspected NVA divisional headquarters northeast of An Khe recently by paratroopers of the 173d Airborne Brigade have resulted in the seizure of a significant cache, including a printing press, battle maps, documents, propaganda leaflets, 700 pounds of rice, stoves and weapons.

Members of A Co., 2d Bn., 503d Inf., were alerted to the possible prize when they re-

ceived sniper fire while moving along a ridgeline.

"NVA don't usually show themselves on ridges," said Alpha's company commander, Capt. Frederick Peters, of Toledo, Ohio. "So I thought they might be trail watchers and I was on to something big."

The paratroopers saw the snipers flee into an adjacent valley and followed. Peters then called an airstrike into the valley and sent a platoon to check it out.

Two hundred meters into the valley they found the entrances to the first cave complex.

A pair of "tunnel rats", Pfc. Miguel L. Ybarra, of Brownsville, Tex., and Pfc. Carl W. Young, of Salisbury, N.C., were the first to go in. The enemy had fled, leaving behind, in the three-level complex, three cases of typewritten documents, a large printing press with propaganda leaflets printed in Korean and Vietnamese, a collection of battle and aerial photography maps and camera equipment.

Withdrawing for the night, the company returned to search the area again in the morning.

It was then that two more complexes were discovered by Alpha's second platoon under the direction of 1st Lt. Michael Jennings, of Richmond, Va.

Jennings found a Russian and North Vietnamese flag and numerous documents while other members of his platoon located three mess halls, 700 pounds of rice, a 100-pound block of salt, a variety of cooking gear, and some weapons including a French submachine gun found by Pfc. Charles W. Scudder III, of Kansas City, Mo.

Coconut Saves Life

BONG SON, Vietnam (IO)—A coconut recently saved a paratrooper from possible death along South Vietnam's central coast.

Pfc. Robert R. Montgomery of South Haven, Mich., a rifleman with C Co., 2nd Bn., 503rd Inf., 173rd Airborne Brigade, was on patrol in the Tiger Mountains south of Bong Son. His platoon was running low on water and the afternoon sun was hot.

As his platoon stopped briefly in a coconut grove to rest, Montgomery spotted the fruit, shimmied up a 30-foot tree and dropped five of them to his buddies on the ground.

All but one coconut was opened and shared. Montgomery kept one for later and stuffed it into his rucksack.

Fifteen minutes later he accidentally stepped on an enemy booby trap. The coconut caught five large pieces of shrapnel that otherwise would have lodged in his back.

Italy's Reds Urge Protests to Support French

ROME (AP)—Italy's Communist Party—the biggest in the Western world—called Thursday night for massive demonstrations "in all forms" in solidarity with protesting workers and students in neighboring France.

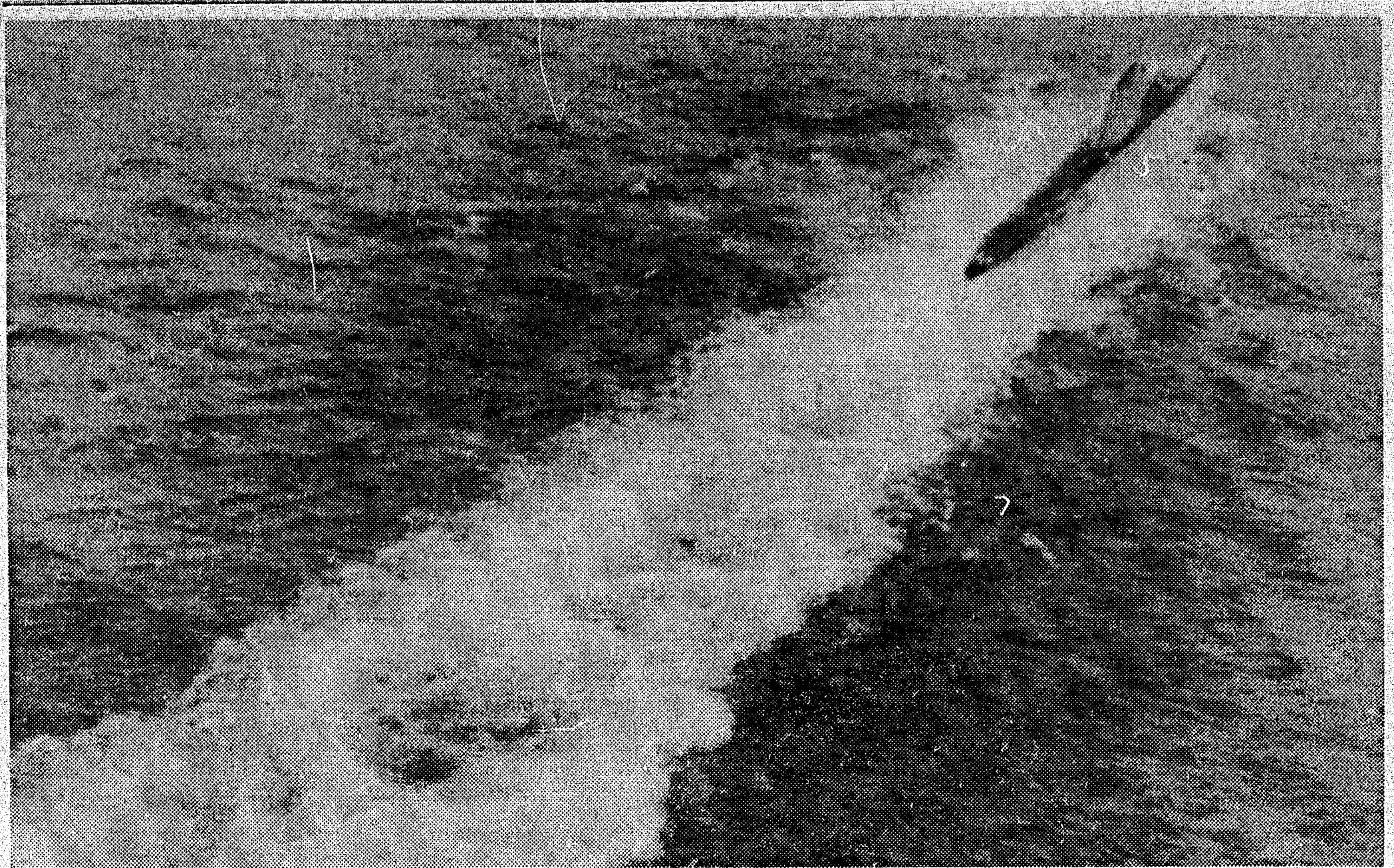
The party organ L'Unita denounced President Charles De Gaulle, saying he was trying to "blackmail and intimidate" the French people with "an appeal for anti-Communist violence."

The call for demonstrations, issued just 11 days after the party made record gains in the Italian national election, carried an implicit threat of violence.

Thursday night's Communist appeal was promptly seconded by the pro-Communist Proletarian Socialist Party.

In a statement, the party called on workers and militants "to mobilize themselves in support of the struggle of the democratic forces of France to defeat the Gaullist maneuver and for the general advancement of the struggles in Europe."

The party press has expressed solidarity. Communist-led dockworkers unions have refused to handle ships diverted to Italian ports by the French walkouts, but until now there has been no plea for nationwide demonstrations.



SUBMARINE REQUIN LEAVES TURBULENT WAKE OFF VIRGINIA COAST AS IT SEARCHES FOR THE SUBMARINE SCORPION. AP Radlophoto

De Gaulle—

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ly-painted signs saying "Vive De Gaulle!"

Across the Seine on the Left Bank, thousands of rebelling students and workers unfurled red and black flags of communism and anarchy and pledged to oust De Gaulle.

"We will fight on the barricades until he has gone for good," declared a young worker with a red kerchief around his neck.

The French Communist Party called his six-minute speech a "veritable declaration of war."

Leftist Federation leader Francois Mitterrand branded it "the voice of dictatorship. It is a call for civil war."

De Gaulle returned from his country retreat and went on radio to tell the French people, "I shall not resign." The 77-year-old president said his Fifth Republic "will not abdicate." He spoke for six minutes in firm and defiant tones.

The new currency control measures were designed to prop up the franc, which has received a severe knock on foreign exchange markets. The Bank of France has been supporting the franc heavily while many foreign banks have stopped accepting the French currency pending solution of the crisis.

LBJ Promotes Gen. Palmer To Army Vice Chief of Staff

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (AP)—President Johnson announced Thursday the promotion of Lt. Gen. Bruce Palmer Jr. to full general and his assignment to become vice chief of staff of the Army under Gen. William C. Westmoreland.

Westmoreland's reassignment

to be Army chief of staff effective July 2 was announced in March.

Palmer currently is deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army in Vietnam, having served there with Westmoreland.

A veteran of 31 years in Army service, he has been in Vietnam since March, 1967, serving as commanding general of the Second Field Force and as deputy commanding general.

The President also announced reassignment of Gen. Ralph E. Haines Jr., now vice chief of staff of the Army, to become commander in chief of the U.S. Army in the Pacific. In his new post, Gen. Haines replaces retiring Gen. Dwight E. Beach.

Other top-level Army promotions and reassignments announced by the Texas White House:

Maj. Gen. John E. Kelly was named commandant of the National War College in Washington to take over the post recently vacated by Lt. Gen. Andrew J. Goodpaster, now the U.S. mil-

itary representative at the Paris peace talks. Gen. Kelly has been assistant deputy chief of staff for personnel at Army Headquarters.

Maj. Gen. Richard G. Stilwell becomes commanding general, 1st Field Force in Vietnam, replacing Lt. Gen. William B. Rosson, who is being reassigned. Gen. Stilwell now is Army deputy to the commanding general of the 3rd Marine Amphibious Force.

Maj. Gen. Walter T. Kerwin was named commanding general of the 2nd Field Force in Vietnam, replacing reassigned Lt. Gen. Frederick C. Weyland. Gen. Kerwin is now chief of staff U.S. Army Military Assistance Command in Vietnam.

Scorpion—

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reported bearing of the voice transmission which was heard at 8:28 yesterday evening by an aircraft and six ships.

"This extensive search failed to discover any evidence of the source of the transmission and was discontinued as a separate effort early this morning.

"The search is now concentrated on the expected path of the submarine east of the continental shelf."

Cmdr. Doug Madison, public affairs officer for the Atlantic Fleet headquarters in Norfolk, said the search also had failed to turn up any sign of oil slicks and debris which had been reported by a hunter plane Wednesday.

The debris report was made by the same Navy P2V Neptune submarine spotter plane which picked up the "single transmission" Wednesday night.

The transmission said: "Any station this net (network)—this is (the code word for the Scorpion)." The code name is classified.

The message also was received by six ships of the search fleet which has been trying to locate the Scorpion.

The signal was on the main submarine rescue frequency. The code names of submarines are secret, but some Navy officials noted the Scorpion's code name had been widely used on the airwaves during the search.

Peace Talks Set Friday

PARIS (AP) — The United States and North Vietnam will hold their sixth meeting Friday on Vietnamese peace issues.

In advance of the session there was no evidence in Paris that

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either side was prepared to modify its position enough to make a breakthrough of the present deadlock.

U.S. Ambassador W. Averell Harriman and Ambassador Xuan Thuy of North Vietnam last met on Monday.

Will Go Far for Peace: LBJ

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Prime Minister John Gorton, Mrs. Gorton, Mrs. Johnson, and Gen. William C. Westmoreland, U.S. military commander in Vietnam.

Johnson said that over the years the United States has found no better friend in battle than the Australians.

"The war is not being fought in Vietnam simply by Americans," he said. "Together we shall bring a just peace to Southeast Asia. That is our only objective."

Westmoreland, joining the conference discussion, said it is estimated there are about 90,000 North Vietnamese soldiers in the south and that more are arriving every day.

But he said that in spite of the effort, the only victories the Communists have won in recent years have been those of propaganda.

The ranch gathering was a combination of top-level talks and a social interlude, with the President eager to show off his Pedernales River ranch to the Gortons, who were ranchers themselves back in Australia.

The flag at the LBJ Ranch was to be at half staff for Me-

morial Day—the special mark of respect Johnson ordered at home and abroad in memory of "gallant Americans who sacrificed their lives in Vietnam."

On another domestic matter, Johnson said he would work on a special message to Congress this weekend on how to extend voting rights to 18-year-olds. Generally the vote now is limited to those 21 years old or older.

A questioner returned to the subject of Vietnam and asked whether Johnson expected an increase in the troop level in Vietnam. The President replied that, "Gen. Westmoreland has made no such recommendations."

Weather

Asian Weather Central

TOKYO AREA

Friday Night: Cloudy, Rain; Low: 55
Saturday: Cloudy, Rain; High: 75

TEMPERATURES

May 30					
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Bangkok	93	78	Naha	79	64
Chitose	47	43	Saigon	90	77
Guam	83	75	Seoul	63	55
Honolulu	73	58	Taipei	89	72
Manila	91	75	Tokyo	70	59
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Albany	55	47	Memphis	83	67
Albuquerque	88	59	Miami	84	71
Amorita	92	57	Milwaukee	59	48
Atlanta	75	52	Moscow	63	48
Birmingham	82	54	N. Orleans	88	61
Bismarck	78	52	NYC	71	53
Boise	78	52	N. Plate	80	38
Boston	57	51	Okla. City	87	58
Chicago	58	51	Omaha	71	48
Cincinnati	67	50	Paris	66	54
Cleveland	62	51	Phila.	74	58
Denver	85	47	Phoenix	107	68
Des Moines	70	49	Pittsburgh	67	40
Detroit	63	51	Port., O.	64	49
Fairbanks	68	43	Rapid City	79	46
Fargo	72	45	Reno	84	41
Fort Worth	91	62	Richmond	78	48
Hong Kong	77	72	Singapore	80	72
Honolulu	84	71	St. Louis	70	55
Houston	90	72	St. Paul	65	47
Indianapolis	61	49	Salt Lake	87	59
Jack'ville	84	60	S. Antonio	89	67
Jakarta	91	73	San Diego	71	63
Kansas City	70	54	San Fran.	64	54
K. Lumpur	90	73	Seattle	65	52
Las Vegas	103	76	Shreveport	89	60
London	66	53	Sydney	62	50
L.A.	77	64	Tucson	102	64
McLbourne	74	58	Wash.	77	53

Hijack—

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day, but the hijacking was not discovered until the driver was released in Ulster County later in the day.

Police said the driver, Charles Depew, 52, of Newburgh, N.Y., said he had stopped at a light near Fort Lee when an armed man jumped into the truck from a car and directed him to drive into New York City.