

Claim 2 Million Out

Massive Strikes Strangle France

PARIS (UPI)—Almost total economic paralysis gripped France Sunday. President De Gaulle and Premier Pompidou met with key cabinet ministers to find ways to halt the fast-spreading, Communist-led social unrest which is aimed at toppling the 10-year-old Gaullist regime.

Massive police and gendarmerie forces were mobilized to avert violence. None was reported, but dozens of police buses were parked at strategic points.

Unions claimed 2 million workers were on strike. If coal miners and others walk out as expected Monday, the figure could double.

More than 100 factories, ranging in size from small 100-employee plants to the giant Renault auto works and Sud Aviation aircraft plants were occupied by striking workers. Non-strikers were barred from entering at closed steel gates. In many cases, executive personnel were locked in their offices.

Public transportation was at a standstill. No trains, subways or buses were running. Busy Orly Airport in Paris was occupied by striking technicians and other workers and hundreds of tourists and businessmen were stranded. Air France, the nation's foreign air carrier, said it was taking passengers to Brussels by bus to make up at least three outgoing flights daily.

The famous Opera House in Paris was occupied and closed by striking workers, along with the Light Opera House. Telephone operators refused to handle long distance calls and only direct-dialing links were available with foreign countries.

The government's CRS riot police moved into the Paris international communications center and the telex center but teletype operators still refused to handle ordinary messages, sending a printed signal to callers, "Occupied . . . by the CRS."

All national electric plants and substations were occupied, but unions said they had no immediate plans to cut power.

The full brunt of the strike (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)

Marines Kill 224 Reds Near Da Nang

SAIGON (UPI) — U.S. Marines battled large-sized North Vietnamese forces menacing their base at Da Nang for the fourth day Sunday.

They ran into stiff opposition from communists in concrete-lined bunkers equipped with periscopes and firing holes.

"Everytime you move the NVA shoot at you," reported UPI photographer Kent Potter from the Song Thu Don Valley about 20 miles southwest of Da Nang.

U.S. Military spokesmen said at least 224 Communists were killed Saturday and Sunday in at least three fights swirling around the jungle-covered valley. About half were killed by artillerymen following the instructions of spotters who reported large-scale movements along coastal lowlands a few miles to the northeast.

American casualties were put at 19 killed and 117 wounded.

Heaviest of the fighting centered around Marine efforts to capture a North Vietnamese Regimental command post and rest and recuperation area.

Potter reported U.S. jets laid napalm and 500 pound bombs within 50 yards of American troops.

"If you move a foot you are going to get shot," he reported. Potter watched a machine gunner, shot in the head, who helped four other wounded marines move back for evacuation.

"He disobeyed orders and went back to the front," Potter said.

"At the front he helped three other wounded marines and then went back to his machine-gun post which was still pinned down and stayed there until dark.

"At many times the enemy was within 50 feet."

South Vietnamese and Korean troops joined the battle Friday (Continued on Back Page, Col. 3)

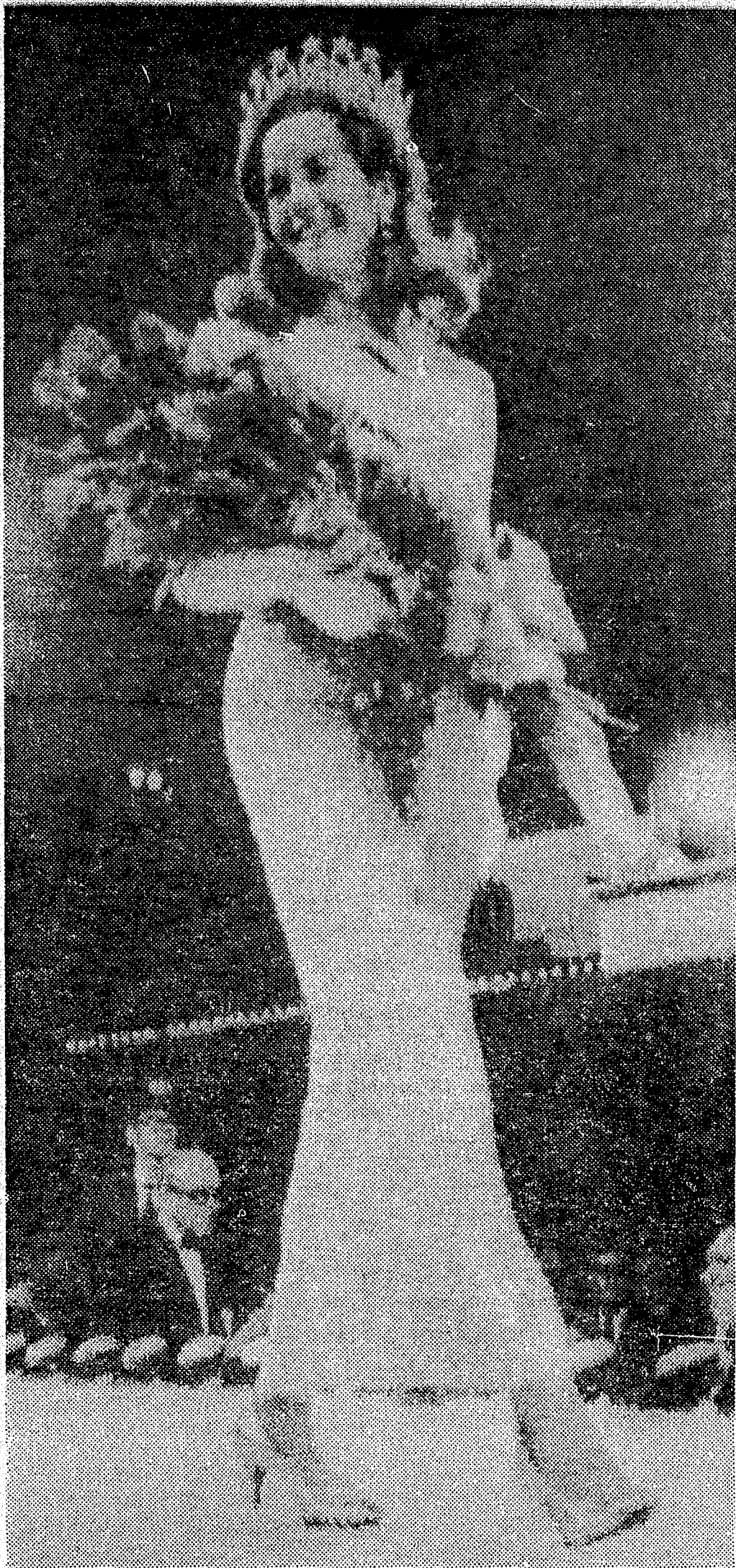
Oregon Frog Hurdles Nev.

ANGELS CAMP, Calif. (AP) — Oregon Gov. Tom McCall's entry, Big Tom, won the governor's cup Saturday at the 40th annual Angels Camp frog jump competition.

Nevada State Senator Jim Slattery, who handled his state's frog, agreed to jockey Oregon's Big Tom. Slattery's amiable helping out cost Nevada first place by two inches.

Big Tom covered 13 feet in three leaps and beat out Nevada Gov. Paul Laxalt's Slattery's People No. 1 at 12 feet 10 inches.

California Gov. Ronald Reagan's sluggish contender, called Jumping Jellybean III, was dead last. It covered only 7 inches.



Dorothy Catherine (Didi) Anstett of Kirkland, Wash., carries her victory bouquet and wears her crown as she walks the footlights at Miami Beach after being selected Miss USA 1968. (AP Radiophoto)

Washington Girl Named Miss USA

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Miss Washington, Dorothy Catherine Anstett of Kirkland, one of nine children of an aircraft plant worker, Saturday night was chosen Miss USA 1968.

The 20-year-old English major from the University of Washington will carry her nation's colors to the Miss Universe contest here in July.

First runner-up in the contest was Miss Maryland, Paulette Reck of Baltimore, who celebrated her 20th birthday Saturday night by winning the chance to serve as Miss USA if the first-place finisher cannot complete her term.

Other finalists, in order of their finish, were Miss Nevada, Kathy Landry of Las Vegas;

Miss Louisiana, Kathy Hebert of Franklin; and Miss New Mexico, Bonnie Lynn Tafoya of Las Cruces.

The winner, known to her friends as Didi, was the bustiest girl in the contest with measurements of 40-25-36.

The walnut-eyed brunette's other statistics were equally healthy, 127 pounds and 5-feet-9.

"I was too skinny for the boys in the eighth grade," Didi said after winning the crown.

The statuesque beauty said she never felt too tall for the boys, just too skinny.

She said she received a telegram from her 23-year-old brother Terry after she won

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Army Calls, Bride Goes

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind. (AP)—Lester Engle Jr. says eight hours after he was married, he told his bride he had received his Army induction notice. He told the judge that the former Darlene Brady of Indianapolis promptly left for home. And, he says, he hasn't seen her since. The court ruling: divorce granted.

Briton's Home Was His Wife's Castle

LONDON (AP) — John Hatch, 39-year-old veterinary surgeon, was granted a divorce from his wife Jean, described by a judge as "excessively houseproud."

Hatch complained: —When he watched television he sat on the floor because she didn't like her chair cushions crumpled.

—When he undressed at night he used the bathroom as the bedroom curtains were nearly always kept open to preserve the folds.

—He was not allowed to take off his jacket in the living room . . . "because it would cause dust."

—He wasn't even allowed to

take his suit out of the wardrobe because it would "disturb" his other clothes. She did it and set the key of the wardrobe at a certain angle so she could know if he was cheating.

—She insisted on washing his hair — in case he splashed soap on the bathroom floor and walls.

—At home he sat in the kitch-

en most of the time.

—He normally handed a pay envelope unopened and she allowed him only 5 pounds (\$12) a week. If he wanted more money he had to ask her for it and give an accounting of his spending.

—Hatch, under pressure of (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)

U.S.-Thai Dam In Works

NEW YORK (AP)—On the basis of new and more favorable reports, the United States has agreed with Thailand to complete engineering studies by 1969 — two years ahead of schedule—on a huge dam at Pa Mong to tame the Mekong River.

It could conceivably provide power from Bangkok to Hanoi, once peace is restored, according to U.S. authorities. And it was cited as dramatic evidence of U.S. intent to stay in Southeast Asia in a peaceful role after hostilities end in Vietnam.

The vast project, estimated to cost \$800 million in its first stage, would erect a 325-foot high concrete dam at Pa Mong in Communist-troubled northeast Thailand by 1980. It would have a power capacity of 20 billion kilowatt hours per year—more than 2½ times the output of the Russian-built Aswan High Dam in Egypt and 1½ times the present capacity of Grand Coulee Dam, the biggest U.S. hydro-electric plant.

The recent meetings between President Johnson and Thailand's Prime Minister Thanom Kittikachorn, ended with a reference in a communique to the "favorable outlook" for the Pa Mong Dam and agreement on its importance.

At a weekend meeting of the Southeast Asia Development Advisory Group (SEADAG)—a collection of experts from government, universities and foundations interested in development problems of the region—further steps were called for in studying specific problems to avoid possibly massive mistakes in a project of this magnitude.



Communist Attack Lights Up Night

Flames light up the sky in Saigon early Sunday after Communist forces fired mortar and rocket rounds into the city. U.S. spokesmen reported 11 Vietnamese killed and 51 wounded. Fire touched off by

the rockets destroyed about 150 homes. The heaviest attack occurred about 1 a.m. Sunday but six hours later at least three other rocket rounds hit the downtown area. (UPI Radiophoto)

5th Assault in Saigon Channel

VC Attack British Tanker

SAIGON (AP) — The British tanker Anco Queen was attacked by Viet Cong Sunday near Saigon and authorities reported the vessel took at least two rockets on her superstructure.

U.S. Navy officers said the Reds fired rockets, automatic weapons and small arms against the tanker while she was proceeding in the Long Tau shipping channel, 17 miles south-east of Saigon.

Spokesmen said there were no casualties and termed damage light.

The attack was the fifth in the last five days against merchant ships in the Saigon shipping channel.

Last Wednesday, the Japanese merchant ship Niekai Maru and the U.S. merchant ships Transglobe and Fairland came under rocket attack in separate incidents. On Friday, the Fairland hit a mine in the channel 14 miles southeast of Saigon. None of the ships was disabled.

The Anco Queen came under enemy attack at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

U.S. Army gunship helicopters, flying escort, spotted the attack and within 45 seconds began raking the ambush area with rockets and machine guns, Navy spokesmen reported. U.S. Navy river patrol craft also joined the attack and 20 minutes later U.S. Air Force planes bombed the enemy positions.

The Navy said at least five Viet Cong were killed by the copter fire.

The attack occurred while the Anco Queen was headed for Nha Be, the biggest oil tank farm in South Vietnam about six miles south of the capital. The installation, used by the Esso and Shell oil companies, has itself been a frequent target of Viet Cong attacks.

While the Anco attack was under way, other allied river patrol boats sped into another section of the channel to form a blocking force. Navy spokesmen said these craft came under heavy automatic weapons fire from both banks.

U.S. Navy copter gunships attacked the enemy with rockets

and machine guns and an Air Force bomber flew strikes against the Red emplacements.

Navy spokesmen said several American Navy personnel were wounded, but were treated at Nha Be and returned to duty.

South Vietnamese Regional Force troops made sweeps of the two Viet Cong positions, but results were not announced.

Unwelcome Gift for Ho

CU CHI (IO)—Ho Chi Minh got an unexpected birthday present Saturday night. The 25th Inf. Div. gave him some of his own medicine.

Division artillerymen fired captured 122mm rockets at Viet Cong positions located seven miles north of Cu Chi. The rockets had been captured earlier by the division's 2nd Brigade and turned over to Col. Gordon Sumner Jr., division artillery commander for special delivery Saturday night, Ho's birthday.

Casualties in Vietnam

WASHINGTON (S&S) — The Defense Department has announced the following casualties in connection with the conflict in Vietnam.

KILLED IN ACTION

Army
 SSG. Michael C. McCain, Birmingham, Ala.
 SP4 Robert Alexander, Tuskegee, Ala.
 SP4 Robert H. Mundy, Anniston, Ala.
 SP4 Craig C. Walters, Tucson, Ariz.
 SP5 John L. Vories, Booneville, Ark.
 Cpl. Earl Woods, Osceola, Ark.
 1Lt. Kenji J. Yamashita, Sanger, Calif.
 2Lt. Roger L. Duce, Granada Hills, Calif.
 Sgt. Albert F. O'Bannon Jr., Redlands, Calif.
 Cpl. Patrick A. Higgins, Porterville, Calif.
 SP4 Winford R. Crabb, Shafter, Calif.
 SP4 Leland P. Finley, Long Beach, Calif.
 Pfc. Thomas W. Cranford, Redding, Calif.
 Pfc. Steven A. Sommers, Buena Park, Calif.
 Pfc. Lee R. Wright, La Veta, Colo.
 SP4 Timothy W. Keller, Wallingford, Conn.
 SP4 Perry L. Whittington, Washington, D.C.
 Sgt. Leroy Cone, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Sgt. Richard C. Jackson, West Palm Beach, Fla.
 Sgt. Robert E. Whitten, Fort Myers, Fla.
 Cpl. Dwight E. Bozeman, Cochran, Ga.
 Cpl. James D. Roy, Norris City, Ill.
 Pfc. Brian J. Cannada, Des Plaines, Ill.
 Cpl. William D. Nixon, Hopkinsville, Ky.
 SP5 Michael L. Brewer, Fredrick, Md.
 SP4 Frederick A. Barclay, Silver Spring, Md.
 Sgt. John F. Moran, Dorchester, Mass.
 SP4 Normand E. Fontaine, Westport, Mass.
 SSG. Rick H. Fosburg, Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Sgt. Donald E. Honeycutt, Utica, Mich.
 Pfc. Ronnie L. Obney, East Detroit, Mich.
 Sgt. Sydney W. Klemmer, Owatonna, Minn.
 Pfc. James C. Bang, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Pfc. Fred K. Fish, Warroad, Minn.
 Cpl. Larry G. Caldwell, Omaha, Neb.
 Sfc. George L. Dale, Berlin, N.H.
 Pfc. Wayne T. Provencher, Concord, N.H.
 SSG. Armstead Johnson, Willingboro, N.J.
 SP4 Gerald W. McConnell Jr., Albuquerque, N.M.
 Sgt. Michael D. Connolly, Woodside, N.Y.
 Sot. Daniel G. Gladding, Babylon, N.Y.
 Sgt. Joseph Greene, New York City.
 Cpl. Donald A. Testa, East Northport, N.Y.
 Pfc. David B. Knapp, Rochester, N.Y.
 Pfc. Steven J. Prescott, Brightwaters, N.Y.

Navy
 Sgt. Theodore R. Bonham Jr., Wilmington, N.C.
 Pfc. Ronald L. Hurst, Lake Lure, N.C.
 SP4 Mitchell McGuire, Hanoverton, Ohio.
 Cpl. Keith D. Vincent, Bokoshe, Okla.
 SSG. Albert E. Smith, Elizabeth, Pa.
 Pfc. Morris L. Fleming, Latta, S.C.
 SP4 William E. Pasch, Groton, S.D.
 1Lt. John C. Dougherty, Houston, Tex.
 Sgt. Warren Gray, Cushing, Tex.
 SP4 Richard E. Noble, Smithfield, Utah.
 1Lt. Steven A. Jarrett, Newport News, Va.
 WO James L. Daylon, Colonial Heights, Va.
 SP4 Jim S. Traw, Lake Stevens, Wash.
 SP4 Allen R. Gibney, Kenosha, Wis.
Navy
 HM3 Winston G. Parker, Philadelphia, Pa.
Marine Corps
 LCpl. Homer Mitchell Jr., Montgomery, Ala.
 LCpl. Donald G. Jackson, La Mesa, Calif.
 Pfc. Edward A. Gillaspay, La Habra, Calif.
 Pfc. Pedro Romero Jr., La Mirada, Calif.
 Pfc. Ralph C. Stewart, Hayward, Calif.
 Pfc. Daniel W. Keo, Honolulu, Hawaii.
 LCpl. Verle J. Skidmore, Terrelton, Ida.
 LCpl. Kurtis N. Chapman, Belleville, Ill.
 Pfc. Edgar C. Lays Jr., Chicago, Ill.
 LCpl. Stephen D. McGee, Elkhart, Ind.
 Sgt. Joseph A. Zutterman Jr., Murysville, Kan.
 Cpl. Paul L. Frederickson, Battle Creek, Mich.
 Pfc. Gerald S. Williams, Greenville, Mich.
 Capt. Robert C. Onslow, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Cpl. Robert N. Minetto, Reno, Nev.
 Pfc. James P. Nicholson, Manchester, N.H.
 Capt. Edward J. Hughes Jr., Maplewood, N.J.
 LCpl. Jackie E. Marshall, New York City.
 LCpl. Robert P. Sickles, Avon, N.Y.
 Pfc. Billy G. Stewart, Swannanoa, N.C.
 Pvt. Eugenio E. Fernandez Jr., Wilmington, N.C.
 LCpl. Jack E. Porter, Dayton, Ohio.
 LCpl. Lonnie R. Young, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Pfc. Charles T. Boyer, Toledo, Ohio.
 SSG. Thomas C. Schriver, Eddyville, Ore.
 Sgt. Robert R. Beanner, Greensburg, Pa.
 Cpl. James A. Daugherty, York, Pa.
 Pfc. Raymond M. Dasilva Jr., Swoyersville, Pa.
 LCpl. James R. Overson, Helper, Utah.
 Cpl. Sidney B. McCleod Jr., McLean, Va.
 Cpl. Thomas J. Richards Jr., Staunton, Va.
 LCpl. Robert J. Diedrich, Random Lake, Wis.
Air Force
 Major Bernard L. Bucher, Eureka, Ill.
 A1C George W. Long, Medicine Lodge, Kan.

Major John L. McElroy, Frankfort, Ky.
 Captain Griffin E. Scarborough, Wendell, N.C.
 SSG. Frank M. Hepler, Oliver Springs, Tenn.
DIED OF WOUNDS
Marine Corps
 Cpl. Fernando J. Hughes, Detroit, Mich.
 Cpl. Ralph J. Lydon Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa.
MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE
Army
 1Lt. Donald D. Randall Jr., Flint, Mich.
 2Lt. Ronald T. Stetter, Buffalo, N.Y.
Marine Corps
 Pfc. William W. Wymar, Ravenna, Ohio.
MISSING IN ACTION
Army
 2Lt. Gary A. Guasp.
 SSG. Thomas F. Crews.
 SP5 Ernest Payne.
 SP4 Barry T. Reinhardt.
MISSING TO CAPTURED
Army
 WO David W. Sooter.
 Pfc. Joe L. Delong.
DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION
Army
 SP5 William J. Moltzan, Colorado Springs, Colo.
 Pfc. Joy T. French, Virginia, Ill.
 Sgt. Philip L. Culver, South Ashfield, Mass.
 Pfc. Ronald D. Richardson, Portageville, Mo.
Navy
 BM1 Walter G. Pope, Chula Vista, Calif.
 RMSN Michael J. Balitchik, New York City.
Marine Corps
 Sgt. Samuel D. Smith, Cordova, Ala.
Air Force
 A1C Marshall Tallent, Greenville, S.C.
MISSING TO DEAD—NON HOSTILE
Navy
 BM3 Charles L. Perry, Columbus, Ohio.
CORRECTIONS
 Maj. Adrian L. Del Camp, USA, Change Status from missing to dead—non hostile to missing to dead—hostile.
 Capt. James P. Cawley, USMC, Change Status from died not as a result of hostile action to killed in action.
 1Lt. Robert C. Kimmel, USMC, Change Status from died not as a result of hostile action to killed in action.
 Pfc. Brook R. Schramm, USMC, Change Status from died not as a result of hostile action to killed in action.
 LCpl. Melvin J. Decker, USMC, Change Status from killed in action to died not as a result of hostile action.
 Pfc. Fred A. Miller, USA, Change Status from missing to dead—hostile to missing to dead—non hostile.

AF F100 Explodes; 2-Man Navy Jet Lost

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON — Two more U.S. jets were destroyed Saturday making a total of six lost during the week of May 11-18.

U.S. officials said that an Air Force F100 striking a target near Duc Hoa in South Vietnam exploded in midair, apparently a victim of enemy ground fire. The pilot was killed and the plane destroyed.

A Navy RA5C Vigilante jet was later downed by unknown causes northwest of Vinh. The

two-man crew is listed as missing. The RA5C is a reconnaissance aircraft that carries complex electronics and costs \$6 million.

The downings brought totals of aircraft lost to 838 in the north and 263 in the south.

U.S. aviators flew 120 missions over North Vietnam Saturday. The day's largest targets were seven bridges, 23 trucks and 18 barges.

Air Force B52 bombers flew eight missions Saturday night and Sunday morning, striking targets near Kontum City, Dak To, Da Nang, Saigon, and Khe Sanh.

Helicopter Shuttles Chaplain to Sea Parishes

ABOARD THE USS BON HOMME RICHARD (PAO)—On the after deck of the destroyer Floyd B. Parks a signalman crosses two red hand flags and 50 feet above the pitching deck the twin jet H2E helicopter slows to a hover.

A small knot of men gather under the helo as a cable drops to within a few feet of the deck.

Dangling from the end of the cable is the Protestant chaplain, Cdr. James Reid, of San Diego, Calif. He is assigned to this attack aircraft carrier.

It's Sunday in the Tonkin Gulf and, like the old time circuit rider, the chaplain is going from one place to another holding services. Bringing men to God and God to men is part of the chaplain's job in the Tonkin Gulf.

As the helo makes a tight arch in the sky and heads back to the carrier, Reid heads for the small drone hangar on the fantail of the destroyer. Here he will conduct Protestant services for the destroyer men.

"The job of a Navy chaplain

at sea," said Reid, "is not too different from that of the average pastor, priest or rabbi in a small town in the States. We travel a lot more though, and our church is wherever we can find the room."

Reid is the senior chaplain on the Bon Homme Richard. His assistant is a Catholic chaplain. They hold services for the 3,000-man crew, plus the men on the smaller support ships.

The chaplain's day starts early and ends late. In the morning he handles all the mail requiring action by a chaplain.

A part of each morning is set aside to hold religious instruction for the men and to talk with them about personal problems.

Much of his time is spent responding to Red Cross messages. Some bring good news more often than bad. One chaplain's job is to inform the men of his ship of these messages. Then he helps arrange emergency leaves if warranted.

In the afternoon one can find the chaplain touring the ship seeing and being seen. Like a small town minister he visits

people where they work. He talks with men on the hangar deck of the aircraft carrier, pilots in their ready rooms or patients in sick bay.

"The multi-faceted conflict in Vietnam," Reid said, "confronts men with many problems they don't normally have to contend with."

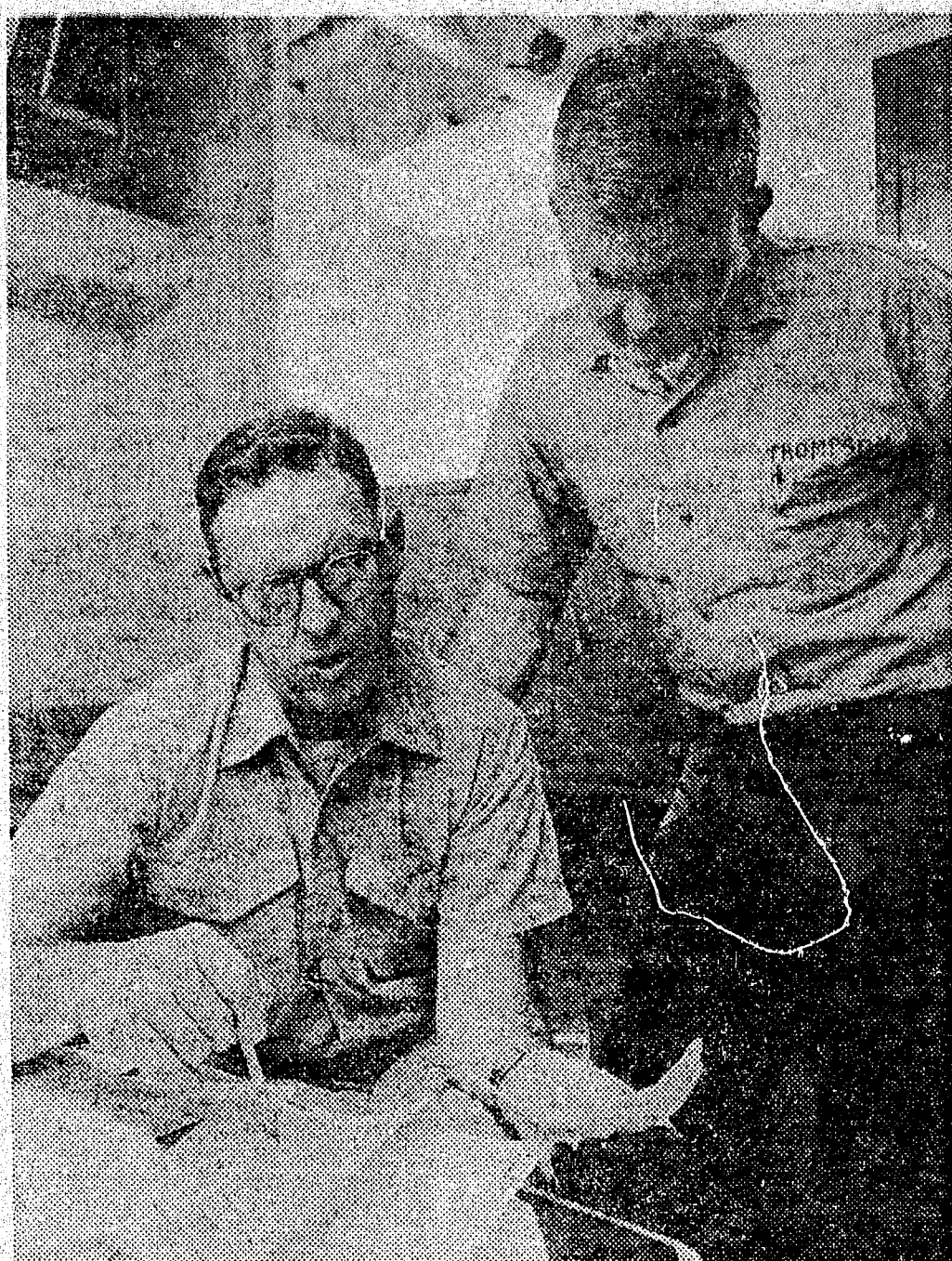
He said it is very satisfying to counsel these men, many of whom were only boys a short time ago, in their moments of sorrow or anxiety.

"Real counseling requires compassion and sharing the burdens of these young warriors," Reid said.

The evenings are devoted to personal appointments with the men to either talk over their personal problems or hold religious training.

At ten o'clock every night one of the two chaplains aboard Bon Homme Richard holds evening prayer.

"The day of a chaplain at sea is busy and varied," says Reid. "We don't object to 16-hour days. Men at war need their God as much as their weapons."



Chaplain Reid discusses a sermon with one of his assistants, Personnelman 3.C. Charles F. Thompson, of Calumet Park, Ill. (USN)

VC Guns Silenced By Marine

PHU BAI, Vietnam (ISO) — Cpl. Allen G. Arbogast, 19, of Medford, Minn., knocked out two enemy machine gun nests hidden in haystacks during a platoon sweep north of Phu Bai.

As the platoon from A Co., 1st Bn., 27th Marine Regt., 1st Marine Div., swept toward a village, six Viet Cong soldiers opened up from two enemy machine guns hidden in two haystacks 30 meters away.

The Leathernecks set down a base of fire as Arbogast grabbed three grenades and started crawling toward one of the haystacks.

Arbogast hurled all three grenades and silenced the position. He crawled back to the platoon and obtained three more grenades.

As enemy fire splattered the ground around him, Arbogast crawled to the second haystack and hurled the grenades. Thinking he had knocked out the gun, Arbogast returned to his men.

Just then the second gun opened up again. Arbogast collected two more grenades and crawled toward the enemy a third time.

As soon as he was close enough, Arbogast threw the grenades and killed all three of the VC manning the gun.

Copter Crew Chief Leads Rout of VC

CAMP ENARI, Vietnam (IO) — A 4th Inf. Div. helicopter crew chief recently jumped from his ship, overcame the enemy's fire superiority and began an action which cost the enemy 12 dead and an arsenal.

The arsenal included 20 122mm rockets, seven AK47s and three 75mm recoilless rifles in addition to assorted automatic and small arms ammunition.

On a reconnaissance mission 10 miles west of Camp Enari, a helicopter from Troop D, 1st Fq., 10th Cavalry, spotted a

large thicket and descended to investigate.

As the helicopter touched down, Spec. 5 Thomas J. Ewing of Nashville, Tenn., the ship's crew chief, his door gunner and a Chieu Hoi interpreter dismounted from the aircraft and set out to catch what they thought was a single foe.

Moments later the three men located and took under fire a much larger number of enemy soldiers than they had expected.

The three men were all wounded by the initial barrage. But it didn't stop Ewing.

He let loose with a steady stream of M16 fire, and, after expending his last shell, returned to the ship to get more.

The crew chief then made his way toward the wounded Chieu Hoi. Ignoring his own wounds and safety, he carried the wounded Vietnamese back to the helicopter, dodging heavy enemy fire.

Ewing then grabbed an M60 machine gun from the helicopter and went back to rescue the wounded door gunner. "His friend, however, had died from his wounds.

Soon thereafter the cavalry's Aero-Rifle Platoon, led by 1st Lt. Robert J. Young, of Breckinridge, Mich., made contact and completed the rout of the enemy.

When the platoon later swept through the area, it uncovered the arsenal of rockets.

GI Takes Lucky Fall

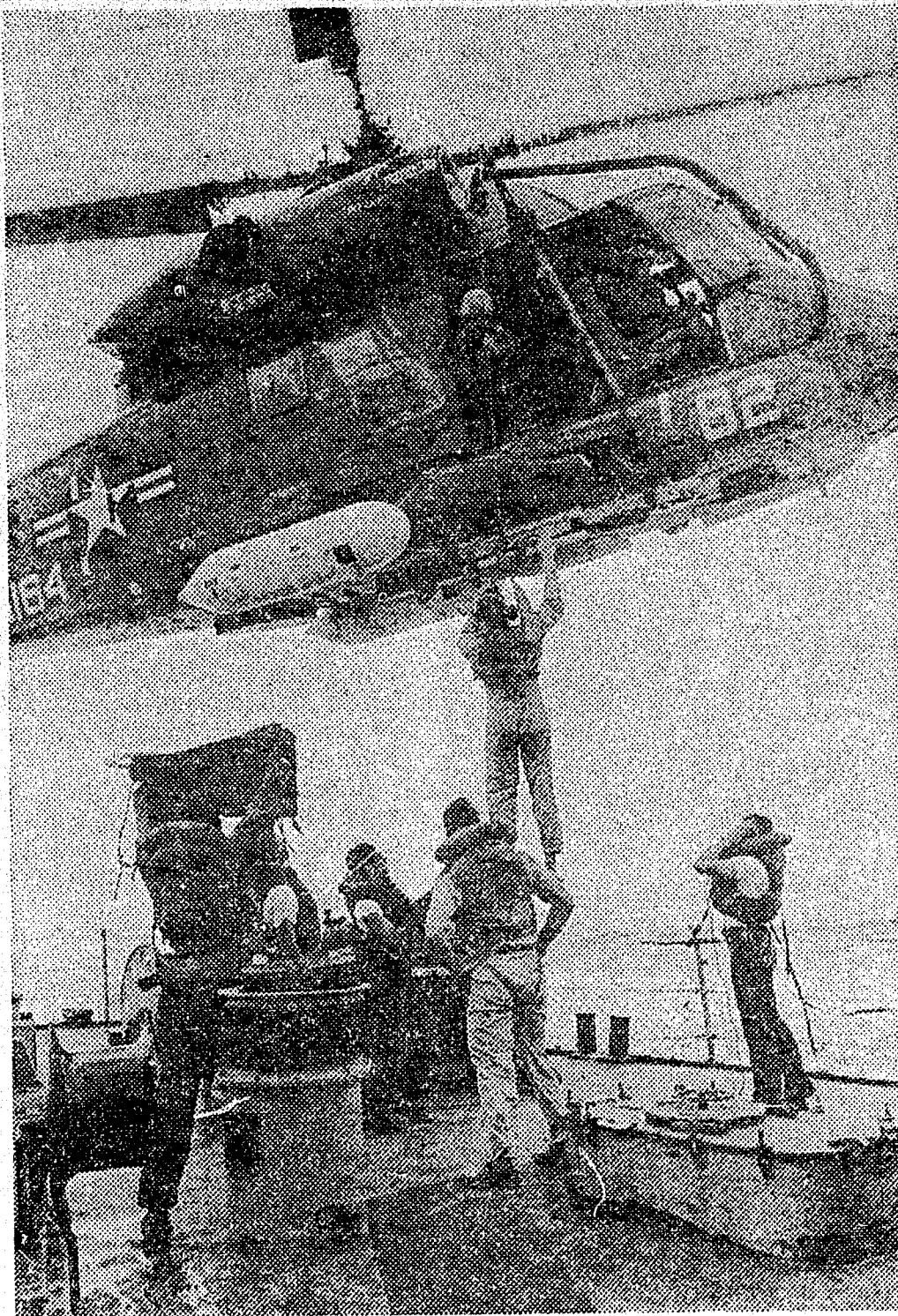
CHU LAI, Vietnam (IO) — A not so surefooted member of the Americal Div.'s 196th Inf. Brigade fell into something rewarding recently while dodging Charlie.

Spec. 4 George Queen, of Centralia, Ill., and his squad were walking behind another squad when they came under enemy fire. Queen's squad then moved up a ridge line to help out.

"I was almost at the top when the rocks gave way and I went smashing to the ground," said Queen. "When I looked around, I could hardly believe my eyes. There was an enemy machine gun on wheels."

Fortunately, there was no one behind the partially camouflaged 7.62mm heavy machine gun. "I signaled my platoon leader and we began combing the rocky area," Queen said.

The squad fanned out and found over 10,000 rounds of ammunition for the gun, three more heavy machine guns, 22 122mm rockets, 123 82mm mortar rounds and four 4.2-inch mortar rounds.



Chaplain (Cmdr.) James D. Reid, senior chaplain on the aircraft carrier Bon Homme Richard, is lowered from a helicopter to the deck of the destroyer Floyd B. Parks. (USN)

GIs Build Home for Widow

DA NANG, Vietnam (ISO) — Nghi An is a hamlet in the Da Nang area comprised of women and children. Their men serve in the armed forces of the Republic of Vietnam.

Most of the thatched roof huts are run down, even by Vietnamese standards, and it's not uncommon to see the outside walls reinforced with flattened cardboard boxes. The hamlet has no electricity.

Mrs. Nguyen Thi De, 39, is one of the residents of Nghi An. Her husband, a staff sergeant in the Vietnamese Army, was killed by the Viet Cong in 1964. She lived in a one-room hut with her five daughters, aged 12, 11, 8, 6 and 4. The house had only two beds.

Mrs. De works as a housemaid in the Force Logistic Command's Maintenance Bn. compound near Nghi An. One of her employers is WO Jack D. Cospoer, battalion industrial relations and civil affairs officer.

He is in charge of the 90 Vietnamese employes who work in the compound and is concerned with relations between the hamlet of Nghi An and the battalion.

In one of his frequent visits to the hamlet he noticed the dilapidated shape of Mrs. De's house and decided she and her family deserved something better.

He put Cpls. Jude J. Andros and Ronald A. Dahl and other

Marines to work building a new house for the family. In three weeks the two Leathernecks built the new dwelling.

"It's no mansion," Cospoer said, "but it's a lot better than the thatched hut."

Andros and Dahl are well known to Nghi An residents. They have repaired and painted the village schoolhouse and have hauled several truckloads of lumber to the village chief, who distributed it to the people so they could make repairs to their homes.

The Marines have also helped install several water pumps in the village and distributed books and school materials to the children.

Knowlton Gets Post

WASHINGTON (S&S) — Brig. Gen. William A. Knowlton, assistant division commander of the 9th Inf. Div. in Vietnam, is being transferred to the Army General Staff in mid-July, the Army announced.

France Is Strangling as Strikes Spread

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action would be felt Monday. Already taxi drivers were besieged by long lines of customers at every cab rank who could get no public transport. The cab drivers themselves threatened to strike.

National radio and television network employees served notice they were ready to strike, but set no deadline and all programs were being broadcast as scheduled Sunday evening.

De Gaulle indicated that he planned some dramatic move to end the confrontation between his regime and the unions, but he gave no indication what or when it would be.

"Various arrangements concerning the public order have been examined," said Information Minister Georges Gorse after Sunday's cabinet session. "I can tell you that General De Gaulle concluded this meeting with these words: 'Reform, yes, chaos, no.'"

Later De Gaulle saw Pompidou for a second meeting.

The president returned some 10 hours early from a trip to Romania to take charge of the situation which stemmed from two weeks of student unrest

earlier this month and bloody student-police battles in the Latin Quarter.

Though the undergraduate students still occupy their universities — and have now been joined by medical students — the unions have taken the initiative and their actions now call the tune for the unrest.

Former Premier Pierre Mendes-France, a bitter foe of De Gaulle, said the crisis was brought on by "10 years of constant refusal to talk with the workers, students and farmers and with the people." He said De Gaulle "could render only one more service to the country — to retire so that the necessary changes can be started."

The Pompidou government faces a censure vote in parliament Wednesday. Already some leftwing Gaullists have said they would vote against the government, joining Communists, leftists and other opposition deputies.

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Wednesday night's bathing suit competition. It said, "Don't get too cocky."

Miss Anstett said, after she was crowned, "If I believed it I would cry but I don't believe it."

Asked if she thought she scored highly in the swim suit competition because of her measurements, she said, "I think it's silly to go by numbers. It really doesn't say anything."

Miss Anstett said she didn't know if she would have nine children as her parents did. "I'm not as organized as my parents and it takes a lot of organization for a family that size," she said.

She offered a partial explanation for her robust appearance when master of ceremonies Bob Barker asked about dinner table conversation at her home with two parents and nine youngsters at the meal.

"We don't talk much," she replied with a twinkle. "You just eat as fast and as much as you can."

Didi said in her contest entry form she thought Bob Hope was the greatest man in the world today.

Miss Anstett was crowned by the current Miss USA, Cheryl Patton of Miami.

The crown carries a \$10,000 first prize and a wardrobe filled with fringe benefits to wear on a year-long personal appearance tour.

The 51 contestants voted Miss Kentucky, Julia Pinkley of Murray, Miss Amity, a coveted award among the beauties. Julia, a 19-year-old college student, accepted the honor by winking at her audience.

Student Pilot In Suicide Dive

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (UPI) — An aviation student committed suicide Sunday by diving a stolen light plane into the ground from an altitude of 1,000 feet, authorities said.

Justice of the Peace Charles Luke, acting as coroner, listed the death of John Edward Boyer, 26, as suicide after listening to a tape recorded radio conversation between Boyer and the control tower operator at Daytona Airport.

Luke said Boyer stole a Cessna 100 plane and flew to an altitude of about 1,000 feet. Then he notified the tower he planned to dive the plane into the Daytona Speedway.

However, Luke said Boyer apparently lost his bearings and dove the plane into a wooded tract. Police searched for nearly an hour before finding the aircraft with Boyer's body.

Briton—

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nagging, eventually had a nervous breakdown.

Mrs. Hatch, 37, denied the allegations.

But Justice Sir Alan Orr, while explaining he felt some sympathy for her as she was in many respects a good wife, found for the husband.

"Her conduct," the judge commented, "certainly amounted to cruelty. It went far beyond the ordinary wear and tear of married life."

Viet Veterans Escort Beauties

Their Orders of the Day: Don't Touch

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Five Vietnam veterans, chosen by computers, sat out four days of hardship duty last week—ogling beauties competing in the Miss USA Pageant.

The five men, one from each branch of the service, escorted the five loveliest—Miss USA and her court—to the after-the-show coronation ball.

Capt. Gary W. Lawhead, an Army man based at Ft. Gordon, Ga., won the right to escort the queen by a flip of a coin.

"A debriefing squad will be waiting for me when I get back to base," said Lawhead, a 30-year-old, cigar-smoking bachelor.

Lawhead and the representative from the Coast Guard, Kenneth Borchers, a 21-year-old engineman third class, had to do some explaining to their steady girl friends.



Vietnamese search through the debris of houses destroyed Sunday when Communist rocket and mortar rounds hit the town, setting off a fire which destroyed about 150 homes. (AP Radiophoto)

Marines—

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and formed a blocking force at one end of the valley.

In Saigon Communists marked Ho Chi Minh's 78th birthday Sunday by slamming more than 20 mortar and rocket rounds into the heart of the capital. The attack started at 1 a.m. and continued sporadically until 9 a.m.

U.S. spokesmen reported 11 persons killed and 51 wounded, all but eight of them civilians. A huge fire touched off by rockets destroyed about 150 Vietnamese homes two blocks from the central market.

Some rounds hit in the downtown district. One slammed into the old American Embassy, now used as a U.S. office building, but did little damage.

With the step-up in harassment of the capital, the top American and Vietnamese military commanders announced a new project to help Saigon's 180,000 homeless clear the rubble from their neighborhoods and rebuild.

Brig. Gen. A. P. Rollins Jr., director of construction for the U.S. Military Assistance Command, and Col. Nguyen Chan, chief of the South Vietnamese Engineer Corps, will head the task force.

Hanoi Stand Irks U.S. Negotiators

PARIS (UPI) — The United States attitude Sunday appeared to have stiffened in the slow-moving Paris Vietnam talks as a result of Hanoi's continued refusal to admit the presence of North Vietnamese troops in the south.

U.S. officials said there still was no thought of cutting short the discussions.

But they said there was growing American irritation over the

bland insistence by Hanoi's envoy Xuan Thuy that there are no North Vietnamese troops in the south despite evidence produced by U.S. Ambassador-at-large W. Averell Harriman that there are at least 85,000 there.

U.S. sources said Hanoi's continued denials in the face of detailed American evidence had not increased confidence in the possibility of reaching a workable peace agreement.

The talks are marking time until Wednesday after the first three sessions which showed little or no prospect of compromise.

Harriman and his deputy Cyrus Vance spent Sunday morning working in their U.S. Embassy offices. Harriman lunched with U.S. Ambassador Sargent Shriver at the embassy residence.

Thuy and the Hanoi delegation spent the day quietly at the villa at suburban Choisy-le-Roi belonging to the French Communist Party into which they moved Saturday.

Moro Win Likely In Italian Voting

ROME (UPI) — Italy's once-feared Communist Party, the largest in the west, appeared to be in trouble Sunday as about 36 million Italians went to the polls to choose their government for the next five years. Indications are they will return Premier Aldo Moro's center-left coalition to power.

The Communists captured one out of four votes in the 1963 elections.

Weather

Asian Weather Central
TOKYO AREA
Monday Night: Partly Cloudy; Low: 50
Tuesday: Fair; High: 70

TEMPERATURES

May 19					
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Bangkok	93	81	Naha	77	63
Chilose	58	46	Saigon	97	75
Guam	85	77	Seoul	73	48
Itazuke	68	61	Taipei	79	73
Manila	91	75	Tokyo	63	57
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Albany	68	42	L.A.	84	60
Anchorage	63	43	Melbourne	54	41
Atlanta	78	65	Memphis	75	52
Boston	51	48	Miami	81	78
Chicago	64	50	Moscow	70	50
Cincinnati	69	49	N. Orleans	88	65
Cleveland	57	49	NYC	67	52
Denver	62	39	Paris	53	41
Detroit	65	39	Phila.	75	61
Fort Worth	79	51	Phoenix	96	54
Hong Kong	81	74	Singapore	81	73
Honolulu	80	75	St. Louis	70	47
Houston	84	65	Salt Lake	74	41
Jakarta	93	75	Son Fran.	63	53
K. Lumpur	90	75	Sydney	57	47
London	55	41	Wash.	79	66