

Briefly speaking...

Mistake kills 9 Viets

SAIGON (AP) — The U.S. Command said today that nine South Vietnamese civilians were killed, 25 wounded and 15 missing as the result of a mistaken attack by American helicopters on a group of fishing boats last June 20.

The command said a joint U.S.-South Vietnamese inquiry had shown that the U.S. and South Vietnamese armies "share responsibility" in the case and that persons who file valid damage claims will be compensated.

Sniping brings battle

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — A British soldier shot a civilian early today during a four-hour street battle between Roman Catholics and troops which the army said was punctuated by sniping.

The army brought the rioting under control with riot gas just before dawn.

An army spokesman changed an earlier statement that said the civilian was wounded accidentally.

More Viet air strikes

SAIGON (AP) — For the first time since 1965, South Vietnamese pilots flew more air strikes in Vietnam during a single week than American fliers, the U.S. 7th Air Force reported today.

Air Force Headquarters said South Vietnamese pilots flew 330 sorties in the week that ended Thursday, compared with 293 sorties flown by the U.S. Air Force. A sortie is a one flight by one plane.

Large airline losses

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) — The 12 largest United States airlines, in the grip of a rising cost inflation and major dips in traffic, may lose up to \$200 million in 1970, their financially worst year in history, Trans World Airlines President F.C. Wiser said today.

He urged immediate fare increases and also proposed a moratorium on new route authorizations by the American Civil Aeronautics Board plus curbs on the supplemental airline industry as key parts of an effort to bring economic relief.

First cholera death

GENEVA (AP) — The World Health Organization today reported the first cholera death in Czechoslovakia in the current epidemic in the Middle East and Southeast Europe.

The U.N. agency said five persons have been stricken in the Czechoslovak village of Vojany, in the Trebisov district, and all were employed at the local power plant. It said four healthy carriers also have been identified.

400 held in kidnapping

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — An estimated 400 persons were reported held today in connection with the kidnaping of Ecuador's air force chief as 14,000 soldiers and police searched private homes, hospitals, churches and convents for him and his captors.

The government said there was no news concerning the abductors of Gen. Cesar Rohn Sandoval, and that the investigation was continuing. The general was seized Tuesday, the 50th anniversary of the creation of the air force.

3 bombings in Queens

NEW YORK (AP) — Three bomb explosions within 20 minutes early today damaged two military reserve buildings in Queens and a police motorcycle headquarters in the Bronx, police said.

There were no injuries although two of the buildings were occupied. A police spokesman said the blasts apparently were coordinated. Windows were shattered and outside walls slightly damaged in each instance.

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Iowa Weather

Cloudy through Saturday with chance of light rain tonight with lows in mid 40s and highs in low 50s. Rain chances is 30 per cent tonight and 10 per cent Saturday. High temperature Thursday 55, low during the night 42. Precipitation .08 inch.

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Muscatine school children to participate in medical study

IOWA CITY — Muscatine school children will soon have the opportunity to participate in a University of Iowa medical study aimed at identification and treatment of heart disease risk factors.

Letters will be sent Wednesday, Nov. 4, to all parents of children in grades three through 12 in the 14 Muscatine schools explaining the project to parents and seeking permission for their children to participate.

Primary objective of the study is to identify children who might be prone to develop heart attacks, stroke, high blood pressure, obesity, and diabetes in adult life.

If the children at high risk for these disorders can be

identified, treatment can be undertaken in childhood that might prevent early onset of the disorders in adult life.

The project, said U of I officials, has been approved by the Muscatine Community School District and the Muscatine County Medical Society. Muscatine was chosen as the site for the study because of its stable school enrollment and the excellent cooperation of school and health professionals.

So as many children as possible can benefit from the program, U of I physicians hope that nearly all parents of the 5,500 Muscatine school children will permit their children to participate. There will be no charge for examinations.

Financial support for the study is being provided by the Iowa Regional Medical Program, which has headquarters at the U of I. The project will be directed by the U of I's Clinical Research Center and the Departments of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics.

All examinations will be carried out at the Muscatine schools and will include measurements of height, weight, blood pressure, skinfold thickness (a measurement of body fat) and a blood sample.

Blood samples will be analyzed at the U of I for fat, cholesterol, and sugar content. If any of these substances are found to be elevated in the blood, students will be given dietary counsel and special

treatment under a physician's guidance.

Results of all examinations will be held in strict confidence and will be reported only to parents and family physicians, U of I physicians said.

U of I physicians, nurses, and nutritionists, aided by Muscatine school nurses, will carry out the examinations.

Principal investigators for the study are Dr. William E. Connor, director of the U of I Clinical Research Center and professor of internal medicine, and Dr. Ronald M. Lauer, professor of pediatrics.

Special consultants are Dr. Arthur A. Spector, assistant professor of internal medicine and biochemistry; Dr. Charles

H. Read, Jr., professor of pediatrics; and Dr. Paul E. Leaverton, associate professor of biostatistics in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Environmental Health. Nutritionist for the study is Mary Ann Ebbing.

Little is known about the prevalence and incidence of certain disease risk factors in children and Dr. Connor said students who participate in the project will help provide data that may mean better health not only for themselves but for many persons in the nation in the future.

"Many diseases which cause disability and death in adult life have their origins in childhood and adolescence," Dr. Connor said.

"In many instances, the risk factors which predispose to the development of the adult disease can be detected in apparently healthy persons years before the disease actually produces illness.

"Several of the disorders for which we are seeking risk factors in children are inter-related and, indeed, may occur in the same individual at various times during his or her life.

"The importance of these disorders to Americans may be illustrated by the fact that they cause over 60 per cent of the adult deaths each year in the United States," the U of I physician said.



Teachers tour on B-E Day

Educators in the Muscatine Community School District, visited 22 firms Thursday afternoon as part of Business-Education Day sponsored by the Muscatine Chamber of Commerce. This

group of teachers is pictured as they watched Anna Allen (left) and Tillie Henry counting and sorting coupons at Nielsen Clearing House. (Journal photo by Lois Weggen) (More photos on page 2)

By Citizens Advisory Committee

Safety, annexation reports endorsed

By GIL DIETZ —Editor—

Recent sub-committee reports on Public Safety and City Annexation were unanimously endorsed Thursday evening by members of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Improvement of Muscatine and will be officially recommended to the Muscatine city council for appropriate action. Reports on youth

and recreation, urban renewal and housing were also heard.

The Public Safety and Annexation committee reports have both been informally presented to the mayor and council members previously, and have been reported by local news media.

Bill Angell, chairman of the Public Safety sub-committee, said the key change urged in that report would have the

city administer all departments of the city, including public safety. "This committee feels strongly that a program in which the police chief and fire chief report directly to the city administrator is imperative and that such a program should be instituted immediately."

The report also urges that the city administrator review the emergency services, communications and policies of both fire and police facilities for a more combined and coordinated effort. It urges that police patrol cars be equipped with chemical fire extinguishers and other apparatus to handle minor emergencies; that present police and fire personnel be cross-trained in supporting functions; and that a department of public safety be established with the post of director of public safety.

Norbert Beckey, chairman of the citizens' advisory group, said that making the change to have the police chief and fire chief report directly to the city administrator

would have to be voluntary on the part of the mayor. Under existing Iowa law, the police chief is appointed by the mayor — but the mayor could still appoint the chief and then delegate the chain of command to the city administrator. The fire chief is covered by Civil Service and is not subject to political appointment.

"This is not a criticism of the present mayor," Beckey said. It is a criticism of the system. The whole concept of the police chief being a political appointment is ridiculous."

Beckey said "We do not intend to criticize or tear down — but to take a serious look at public safety and see how these services can be improved through a better utilization of manpower and facilities."

Annexation

Robert Toborg, chairman of the Annexation sub-committee, said there were "impelling" reasons for the city to consider annexation of more than 24 square miles of adjoining territory.

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Ground war lull is shattered

SAIGON (AP) — North Vietnamese troops shattered the lull in the ground war in Vietnam today with heavy attacks on two allied positions. Four Americans, three South Vietnamese and 16 North Vietnamese were killed, and 27 Americans and 12 South Vietnamese were wounded.

Americans were killed and 21 wounded in the five-hour, pre-dawn battle, and some of the artillery was slightly damaged. Field reports said three South Vietnamese troops also were killed and 11 wounded. The North Vietnamese lost 14 men, some of them cut down by American helicopter gunships.

U.S. officials had been anticipating a stepup in enemy activity to "grab headlines" just before the U.S. congressional elections next Tuesday. They said the North Vietnamese hoped to influence American voters against candidates backed by the Nixon administration.

In the heaviest assault, North Vietnamese troops moving under cover of a mortar barrage attacked Landing Zone Oasis, a U.S. artillery base in the central highlands defended also by South Vietnamese forces.

The U.S. Command said three

Other North Vietnamese troops 28 miles north of Saigon made a similar attack on troops of the U.S. 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in night bivouac 28 miles north of Saigon. One American and two North Vietnamese were killed and six Americans were wounded.

Army expresses concern about drug problem

SAIGON (AP) — The U.S. Army said today that 89 American soldiers may have died from overdoses of drugs in South Vietnam during the past 10 months.

Expressing "grave concern" about the problem, the Army said 25 drug abuse deaths were confirmed through autopsies and that doctors suspected overdoses caused 64 other fatalities.

The Army also disclosed that 746 troops were admitted to medical facilities in drug-related cases through September, compared with 527 cases during all of 1969. Last year, there were 16 confirmed drug deaths, the Army said.

The Army statement came after Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., issued a statement in

Washington Thursday saying investigators of his Juvenile Delinquency subcommittee had found that GI deaths in Vietnam from overdoses of drugs had skyrocketed and that military leaders had failed to clamp down on drug abuse.

The Army announcement in Saigon acknowledged a "significant increase in incidents of drug abuse," but said also that a new and more accurate reporting procedure went into effect last Aug. 1. Prior to that time, some drug-related cases may have been listed on medical records under other categories of illness, the Army said.

The army said, however, that the new procedures alone could not account for the increase. The announcement also blamed

more widespread usage of hard drugs such as heroin for the higher toll.

To alleviate the drug problem, the Army said, new programs are being inaugurated which involve improvement in law enforcement, better educational programs and more intensive medical and psychiatric treatment.

The Army already has inaugurated an amnesty program under which drug users can turn themselves in for treatment and rehabilitation without risking punishment.

"Responses to this program have indicated that military personnel are seeking assistance in stopping the use of drugs," the Army said.

President encounters troubles

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. (AP)

— President Nixon, the target of rocks, bricks, bottles, eggs, red flags and other missiles hurled by antiwar demonstrators in his native state, says he was attacked by "an unruly mob that represents the worst in America."

Nixon, riding away from a Republican rally Thursday night in the San Francisco bay city of San Jose, was besieged by hundreds of obscenity-shouting protesters. With him in his limousine were California Gov. Ronald Reagan and U.S. Sen. George Murphy.

Later, after the President arrived at the Western White House in San Clemente, a fire caused smoke damage in the oceanside villa and forced a pajama-clad Nixon to evacuate. Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said the blaze was caused by heat conducted downward from the fireplace in Nixon's second-floor study to wood within the hollow wall of the dining room below.

The San Jose violence was the most serious aimed at any president in this country since the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963.

Emerging from an auditorium

where GOP partisans had given him a warm reception, Nixon climbed atop the hood of his limousine in the glare of photo floodlights.

Facing directly toward his noisy opponents about 50 yards away, he thrust his jaw forward and flung both arms upward. With his fingers, he formed "V" symbols, waving toward the crowd.

The mobbing of the Nixon motorcade lasted perhaps five minutes as his car moved through a narrow opening that had been cleared in the crowd by helmeted riot police.

His limousine and other vehicles in the cavalcade were hit repeatedly by large rocks and other objects. Several persons, including a Secret Service agent, a newsman and a television cameraman suffered minor injuries.

In a statement issued after he arrived here for a five-day stay at his oceanfront home, Nixon said:

"The stoning at San Jose is an example of the viciousness of the lawless elements in our society. This was no outburst by a single individual. This was the action of an unruly mob that represents the worst in America."



Loveable puppies

Thirteen loveable puppies are awaiting homes at the Muscatine County Humane Society shelter on route 5, Muscatine. Pictured is Leonard Thomson, dog marshal, with several of the three-month-old puppies. A \$3 donation is asked of those wishing to adopt an animal from the shelter.

(Journal photo by Lois Weggen)

Ben Wicks

Do we qualify for the Nobel Peace Prize?