

French Paratroopers Seize Position

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Vital Base Of Vietminh Is Captured

Major Threat To Thai Tribal Capital Is Removed In Big Move

HANOI, Indochina (AP) — Thousands of French and Vietnamese paratroopers have jumped deep into mountain territory of the Communist-led Vietminh to grab a major base for new raids on their guerrilla foes.

The French High Command announced their forces, supported by U. S.-supplied fighter bombers, yesterday seized the big rebel war base of Dien Bien Phu, 180 miles west of Hanoi.

Gen. Rene Cogny, French commander in north Indochina, said the capture:

1. Provides a center of the rallying and training of partisan fighters from the pro-French Thai tribes and for raids by them and the French forces on the Vietminh.
2. Removes a major threat to the Thai tribal capital of Lai Chau, 50 miles to the north. The Vietminh failed to capture Lai Chau in their sweeping offensive last winter which seized large areas of the Thai country.
3. Takes from the rebels a potential springboard for a renewed attack on the kingdom of Laos, whose northern frontier is less than 100 miles south of Dien Bien Phu.
4. Seizes "highly important" Vietminh base in the center of a rice growing area and at the crossroads of supply routes to the northeast and to the south.



ROSEBURG'S OWN—The Postal Notes above are scheduled to perform tonight at the Junior High School for the first annual benefit by the SPEBSQSA. The show featuring many of the Northwest's top quartets will start at 8 p.m. Shown above from left to right are: Lawrence Rand, tenor; Paul Cacy, lead; Emmet Meek, baritone; and Walter Rosser, bass.

Smaze And Smog Hit New York City Area

Sun Trickles Through; May Offer Relief

NEW YORK (AP) — Sunshine trickled down onto the metropolitan area Saturday, trying hard to burn off a five-day curtain of smaze and smog.

The smog—fog added to smoke—was a new development in the eastern seaboard's unseasonal warm weather. For three days it was just smaze—smoke and haze—but last night fog crept into the picture.

The effect was the same, visibility almost nil in many places and a damp, stifling feeling on respiratory organs.

The Weather Bureau in New York expected the fog to be gone by noon, but with the smoke and haze still around, the difference would be one of degree.

Busy Idlewild and LaGuardia airports were at a standstill all night and through the morning hours.

In Connecticut, road traffic was snarled and more than 20 accidents were reported on one stretch of the Merritt Parkway.

Traffic on the northern section of the New Jersey Turnpike was slowed to 35 miles an hour.

Health Department authorities in the New York Metropolitan area and New Jersey were keeping a close watch on death reports to see if the twilight-gray "smaze" would add to fatalities.

Hundreds of persons have complained of scratchy throats and irritated eyes and noses, with chronic asthma sufferers being the worst hit.

Manhattan's famed skyscrapers often appeared blotted out in the gloom.

The unseasonably warm weather—yesterday's high was 69—has caused this unusual situation. A layer of warm air has formed a ceiling over colder air at ground level, with the upper air acting as a lid to keep fumes and smoke from dispersing. The Weather Bureau terms this an "inversion" of the usual process.

Allies Say Reds Holding Back Some Prisoners

PANMUNJOM (AP) — The Allies Saturday accused the Communists of holding back some prisoners of war and told the Reds to turn over to Indian custody immediately "all those POWs you still retain."

The chief Allied member of the Military Armistice Commission that three Korean soldiers who sought refuge at an American sentry box Thursday were South Korean war captives who had been forced into the Red army.

The Communists asked for a recess to study Lacey's statement, then 30 minutes later asked for and were granted more time.

The ARMC (Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission) told newsmen the ROK soldiers provided evidence that the Communists "have forcibly retained prisoners after they had certified that all prisoners had been turned over to the ARMC (Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission)."

Lacey also told the Communists to "cease delays" and get on with the job of interviewing Chinese and Korean war prisoners who have refused to go home.

Water Survey For Douglas County Asked

Gen. Curtis T. Beecher, member of the Governor's Water Resources Committee, Friday night recommended a survey of Douglas County water needs which would cost an estimated \$150,000.

He made the recommendation to 59 members of the Umpqua - Coquille chapter of the Society of American Foresters at Carl's Haven.

He stated the county should hire engineers locally to make the survey and an analysis of needs on the South Umpqua, particularly. He said the survey should be extended to the Calapooia and other streams where there is substantial flood damage.

He said money to pay for such a survey could be paid for with a one mill tax levied for two years.

Beecher emphasized a crying need for water regulation in Douglas County. He pointed out that no new water-using industries could be brought into the Coos Bay area or Douglas County until more water became available. He cited the solution as flood control in the winter and increase of the summer low flow. This may require impoundment of winter water, he said. He added that much of the flood damage in Douglas County is being caused because houses are built within the flood planes of the rivers.

Beecher related that at present the state engineer has no authority to stop removal of water from streams even though he knows it is being overdrawn. He said, however, the Governor's Water Resources Committee is going to make an effort to formulate a statewide water policy considering all uses of water. One phase of this policy, he said, would be to eliminate the advantage of one water-using demand over another.

The next meeting of the foresters is scheduled at Coos Bay in January.

Two Men Injured When Car Plunges Into Little River

One man is in Douglas Community Hospital with back injuries and another was released after treatment after both were pinned in a car that plunged into Little River early Saturday morning about three miles above Glide.

Ambulance and wrecker attendants worked an hour to free Frank Tyler, Glide, and Ray Roberts, Winston, from their battered '94 Dodge after it tumbled over an embankment into the river.

They told state police that neither was driving, that the driver fled after the accident. Both were in the back seat of the car when rescued.

Their plight was discovered by a passing motorist. The car couldn't say how long they had been in the water.

Billy Mohr wrecker attendants had to anchor the car with a chain to keep it from washing away while the rescue was under way.

The accident occurred at 2:30 Saturday morning. Extent of Tyler's injuries hadn't been determined by midmorning.

The men were brought to Roseburg by Mohr ambulance.

Skyrocket Flies Twice Speed Of Sound Friday

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Research pilot Scot Crossfield, flew the Douglas Skyrrocket twice the speed of sound Friday, it was announced Saturday. Crossfield attained a speed of more than 1,327 miles an hour which the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics said was actually 2.01 times the speed of sound. This is the fastest man has ever flown.

Only last week it was disclosed the Skyrrocket flew the Skyrrocket 1,273 miles an hour Oct. 14 for a new world speed record.

The previous mark was set by the same Skyrrocket plane, with Douglas test pilot William Bridgeman at the controls in Aug., 1951, with a speed of 1,238 miles an hour.

The sensational new record set Friday beats the previous mark by more than 50 miles an hour and is almost a hundred miles an hour better than Bridgeman's mark.

The new record Skyrrocket, now nine years old, also holds the world's altitude record of 83,235 feet, set by Marine Lt. Col. Marion Carl last Aug. 21.

Hall Believes White Issue Has Helped GOP

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican National Chairman Leonard W. Hall said today the Harry Dexter White case has given a "tremendous lift" to the GOP in advance of next year's congressional election campaigns.

But Democratic senators said they doubt any advantage the Republicans may have gained will be lasting. They predicted the spending programs will be regarded by the voters as far more important.

Hall said in an interview he believes the charges of laxity toward Communists in government, made by Atty. Gen. Brownell against former President Truman, "have helped us."

"The impression I have gained by talking to people all over the country is that this matter has given a tremendous lift to our organization," he said.

Although Hall didn't say so, he Brownell's sensational charges—that Truman promoted White despite FBI reports of White's alleged espionage activities—put the Republicans back on the offensive after they had lost special congressional elections in Wisconsin and New Jersey.

World Picture Brighter, Robert Gros Tells Teachers At Institute Conclusion

By GEORGE CASTILLO
City Editor, News-Review

The two-day Douglas County Teacher's Institute closed out in a flashing display of oratory by world traveler Robert Gros that held a crowd of perhaps 600 teachers for an hour and a half in the Roseburg High School auditorium Friday afternoon.

With his crackling delivery, he painted a much brighter picture of the world and its affairs, than he had on another speaking stop in Roseburg last winter.

Playing the role of a man who finds the answer first hand, he has interviewed most of the world's great leaders. Choosing from the statements of one of them, John Foster Dulles, Gros reported the international situation was improving, Gros said Dulles showed he was more optimistic than he had been at any time in the last decade.

Gros said Dulles ironically pointed up his optimism with a statement credited to Karl Marx, the father of socialism. "The situation is pregnant with revolution."

The honey-tongued Gros, who had been in Washington, D. C., only a week ago, went on to itemize areas of the world where the war was being won.

1. Europe. The continent is showing great advances both economically and industrially. Triumph of Konrad Adenauer in the recent presidential elections by such a heavy majority was a major triumph for the West. Harold Stassen, now mutual security director in Europe, told Gros Europe is moving "closer to union."
2. Middle East. The Anglo-Gyptian pact is closer to being completed. We have won a victory with the ousted Mohammed Mosaddegh.
3. Far East. The State Dept. of the U. S. has now given it

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Hall And Heady Arrive Friday At Penitentiary

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., (AP) — Carl Austin Hall and Mrs. Bonnie Heady today were held in death row behind the gray, forbidding walls of the Missouri Penitentiary.

The condemned kidnappers of little Bobby Greenlease were brought here late Friday from Kansas City where they were sentenced to death Thursday. The 150-mile trip was made by automobile.

The prisoners, in separate cars, were chained under heavy guard.

They will die together in the gas chamber Dec. 18.

While they were being fingerprinted, officials said Mrs. Heady remarked to Hall "this is almost like a homecoming."

Officers said he remarked: "Lots of people are in here because of liquor. They usually learn too late."

Attorneys for both have said they do not plan an appeal. The state sentence was imposed by U.S. District Judge Albert L. Reeves after a three-day advisory trial.

Hall and Mrs. Heady had been quoted as saying they wished to be married before their execution. The Justice Department said yesterday, however, such a marriage would not be permitted.

Roseburg City Council Passes Bond Ordinance

The Roseburg City Council Thursday night passed an ordinance calling for the sale of \$50,000 worth of general obligation bonds to finance construction of the recently approved West Roseburg fire substation.

Bids on the bonds will be opened at the first council meeting next month, Dec. 7, according to Mildred Hennessey, city recorder.

The bonds will mature, \$5000 each year, on Jan. 2 of each year until 1964, Mrs. Hennessey said.

William Oleson Named Industrial Arts Head

William Oleson of Glide was elected president of the Douglas County Industrial Arts and Vocational Instructors group at the County Teachers' Workshop at Roseburg High Friday.

Other officers elected were Omer McCaleb, Reedsport, vice president and Roland Edie, Roseburg, secretary-treasurer.

The group also made plans for its first meeting at Glide Jan. 11.

Thirteen schools were represented at the meeting. Instructors present numbered 20. They came from Days Creek, Douglas High, Drain, Elkton, Glendale, Myrtle Creek, Oakland, Sutherlin, Yoncalia, Reedsport, Roseburg and Glide.

Queen Elizabeth, Duke Dance Before Departure

LONDON (AP) — Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh danced until 3 a.m. Saturday in a final fling before their departure Monday night for sunny southern islands and a trip around the world.

With some 40 close friends, they celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary at a secretly-planned dance in the ballroom of Clarence House, home of Queen Mother Elizabeth and Princess Margaret.

Between dances, the party laughed at cabaret acts by stage stars Noel Coward and Peter Ustinov.

Then the royal couple went off to Windsor for a last visit with their children.

Dr. Millar Is Speaker For Chamber Meeting

Dr. James Millar, educator, world traveler, lecturer and present interim pastor at the Roseburg First Presbyterian Church, will be the featured speaker at Monday's Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon.

Dr. Millar has quickly become one of the most sought after local speakers since his arrival in Roseburg to take over the temporary reins of the church. He has termed his speech Monday "Our World Today."

Gordon Stewart, chairman of the forum committee, announced the program today.

Junior Chamber Sets Boss Night

The Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce will honor members' employers Monday night at its annual Bosses Night in the Civic Room of the Umpqua Hotel. Gray Mankins is in charge of arrangements.

The annual dinner meeting is designed to acquaint the employers with the activities of the Junior Chamber.

There also will be a report from the nominations committee, with its slate for next year's officers. Don Hagendorf, secretary, said. Nominations may be made from the floor during the meeting, he added.

The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Three Men Are Taken To State Penitentiary

Three men convicted of burglary of Nielson's Market were taken to the state penitentiary by Sheriff Cal Baird Saturday morning. They are George R. Barber, 44, John Daugherty, 35, and George Schneider, 28. Barber was sentenced in Circuit court Friday to serve 25 years. The other men each received three-year terms.

Myrtle Creek To Vote On Improvement Bonds

Myrtle Creek voters will ballot on a charter amendment Dec. 8. They also will elect a mayor and councilmen, according to the Myrtle Creek Mail.

The Amendment would enable the sale of \$15,000 worth of water improvement bonds authorized in 1947 when the city's pumping station was built. The bonds since have been carried on the city budget.

The charter amendment was necessary because the city had adopted a new charter since 1947. They had been advertised earlier this year to help pay for the new city reservoir, and were purchased by Marshall and Sons, Portland.

Eagle Scout Award

Myrtle Creek's first Eagle Scout will receive his coveted honor Tuesday night at a Boy Scout Court of Honor.

The affair will be held in the Eagles Hall, Myrtle Creek. The scout is Dick Lowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lowell.

Eight City Managers Attend Roseburg Meeting Friday

Eight Southwest Oregon city managers met in Roseburg Friday to discuss problems of city government and exchange information in what is hoped will be the kickoff of a series of such meetings.

The managers met with Roseburg officials for a luncheon and a dinner at the Hotel Umpqua. During the afternoon, they toured Roseburg for a look at the city's facilities and planning.

Roseburg City Manager W. A. Gilchrist was host at the luncheon. Managers attending were Hugh McKinley of Sutherlin, L. B. Bartlett of Springfield, Robert Finlayson of Eugene, James Conville of Corvallis, Robert Kyle of Coos Bay, Robert Duff of Medford, John Porter of Grants Pass and Gilchrist.

Also attending were the following Roseburg officials: Mayor Percy Croft, Councilmen William Adair, Gordon Harnes and Rudolph Ritzman, City Engineer John Loozley and John Felt, president of the planning commission.

Wives of the visiting officials were the guests of Mrs. Gilchrist at the Gilchrist home.

GETS 3-YEAR TERM

Charles F. Cash, 19, a Roseburg truck driver, was sentenced to a three-year probationary term in Portland, reports U. S. District Judge Claude McCulloch. He pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery.



MANAGERS MEET—City managers from Southwest Oregon gathered at the Hotel Umpqua Friday for a luncheon hosted by Roseburg City Manager W. A. Gilchrist. Left to right, front row, are Robert Duff of Medford, Robert Finlayson of Eugene and L. B. Bartlett of Springfield. Standing are James Conville of Corvallis, John Porter of Grants Pass, Gilchrist, Robert Kyle of Coos Bay and Hugh McKinley of Sutherlin. (Picture by Paul Jenkins).

Driver Cited Following Accident Here Friday

A Roseburg man was cited on two charges, city police said, after he was involved in a two-car collision on E. Second Avenue S. Friday evening.

Officers said that Herbert Wayne Hostadt, 56, 917 Eddy St., pulled from the curb near E. Third St. into the path of a car driven by Charles Everett Hodson, 39, 1525 Cedar St. Total damage to the cars was \$300, police estimated.

Hostadt was cited for failure to yield the right-of-way and for failure to have a driver's license on his person.

Jury Awards 65 Percent Disability Claim In Suit

A circuit court jury has awarded 65 per cent permanent partial disability equivalent to the loss of use and function of an arm in the case of Ward Phillips vs. the State Industrial Accident Commission.

Phillips had asked 100 per cent disability in the same degree from injuries received in an accident at Little River Lumber Co. Sept. 17, 1952. He was hurt when a piece of lumber kicked out of an edger.

Previously, the commission had awarded the plaintiff 15 per cent disability on his claim.

Leonard Peterson Jailed For Drunken Driving

Leonard Peterson, 29, Winchester Bay, was lodged in the county jail at Roseburg Friday. He was given a \$150 fine and 60-day jail sentence in municipal court at Reedsport on a charge of driving while under the influence of liquor. He was arrested by Reedsport police.

Also lodged in jail was William Leon Short, 36, Sutherlin, who is being held for Tillamook authorities on a warrant charging non-support.

National Forest Timber Sale Set For Dec. 28

Oral bids will be received on 6,450,000 board feet of Umpqua National Forest timber in the Coffee Pot area, 17 miles upriver from Tillamook, on Dec. 28, according to the U. S. Forest Service.

The area contains 5,200,000 feet of Douglas fir appraised at \$3.70 a thousand; 800,000 feet of sugar and ponderosa pine valued at \$29.45 a thousand; and 450,000 feet of other species set at \$1 a thousand.

Total appraised price is \$43,250. In addition to the price bid for stumpage, a cooperative deposit of 40 cents a thousand is required for slash disposal, planting and timber stand improvement.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Michigan University's president emeritus predicts a 25 percent increase in the enrollment of American colleges by 1960. Can it be that he thinks all of the late King Ibin Saud's descendants will move to the United States for an education?

The Weather

Shows this afternoon tonight and Sunday, with partial clearing Sunday afternoon.

Highest Temp. last 24 hours	49
Lowest Temp. last 24 hours	41
Highest Temp. for any Nov.	76
Lowest Temp. for any Nov.	14
Precip. last 24 hours	3.3
Precip. from Nov. 1	2.07
Precip. from Sept. 1	7.22
Excess from Sept. 1	11
Sunset today, 4:44 p.m.	
Sunrise tomorrow 7:14 a.m.	