

Swedes Report Indochinese Red Leader Suggests Truce

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — The Stockholm newspaper Expressen published a cable Sunday over the name of Ho Chi Minh, Moscow-educated president of the Vietminh, offering to discuss a possible armistice for ending the seven-year stalemated war in Indochina.

First French reaction was chilly. The published message said the Vietminh would "be ready to meet" a proposal from France and that neutral efforts for a settlement would be "welcome." It said "American imperialism" was to blame for prolonging the war

and took a sideswipe at the European army plan. In Paris, Marc Jacquet, French secretary of state for Indochinese affairs, said the statement was interesting but could not be considered a basis for opening negotiations.

"If Ho Chi Minh wants to make the same declarations officially," he told reporters, "there is no lack of means of doing so."

However, a subsequent communique from French Premier Joseph Laniel's office said his statement "can in no case be considered as corresponding to the position of the French government."

A spokesman for Laniel's office said this simply meant that the position of the French government cannot be formally announced until the Cabinet has discussed it. There has recently been strong sentiment in France for ending the costly, bloody conflict in the steaming Indochinese jungles. The French National Assembly approved a resolution a month ago urging that all possible be done to get the fighting stopped.

U.S. Bears Costs
The United States began a strong campaign a short time later to persuade the French to get on with the war. The United States is bearing about a third of the financial cost of the fighting, but has no troops involved.

There have been mummings from Peiping radio to the effect that a negotiated peace is possible. These started as far back as Sept. 2. Red China is giving strong material support to the Vietminh—at least 3,000 tons of it a month.

Responses to Questions
Expressen, which said Ho's message was in response to five questions it submitted to him Nov. 5, took a dim editorial view of the Vietminh President's offers. It said:

Is it a coincidence or the result of skillful synchronization that the mild expressions from Ho Chi Minh come like an echo of the peace cooings from Moscow? The French political storms have not yet died down and the Bermuda meeting has not begun.

"If the intention in both cases was to spread confusion and insecurity about Communism's real intentions, it could not have been better coordinated."

From Peiping
The published cable, which came in English and was dispatched from the Peiping Embassy of "the democratic republic of Viet Nam," said, among other things:

"If, having learned the lesson of these years of war, the French government wishes to have an armistice and settle the question by negotiations, the people and government of the democratic republic of Viet Nam will be ready to meet the French proposal."

(The Communist-led nationalists of the Vietminh call their state by the same name — Viet Nam — as that used by the French affiliated state headed by former Emperor Bao Dai. The latter, with Laos and Cambodia, comprise the French associated states of Indochina.)

The cable added: "If any neutral nations desire to see the war in Viet Nam come to an end and try to bring about negotiations, they will be welcome."

Carl-Adam Nyrop, executive editor of Expressen, said he sent the questions to Chau Luong, Ho's ambassador in Peiping, and the reply reached Stockholm Saturday. Expressen, Stockholm's largest afternoon newspaper, with a circulation of 181,000, is affiliated with the Liberal Party.

One-Legged Man Shot in Leg by One-Legged Man
RHINELANDER, Wis. (AP) — A one-legged man was wounded badly in his good leg Sunday afternoon by a bullet fired by another one-legged deer hunter.

Melvin Kuhnert, 31, Route 2, Wausau, who lost his right leg in a bird hunting accident 11 years ago, was taken to a Rhineland hospital where surgeons worked to save his shattered left leg.

The accident occurred while Kuhnert and Ervin Tritten, 35, also of Route 2, Wausau, were walking through woods about 10 miles west of here. The two men had hunted together frequently in past years. Kuhnert wore an artificial limb, while Tritten used a simple peg leg.

HEAVY FOG IN FRISCO
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Pea soup fog blanketed northern California for the second straight day Sunday, grounding planes and slowing down auto traffic.

Reds Make 2 Concessions in Korea Parley Proposal, But U.N. Reports 'No Progress'

BY WILLIAM C. BARNARD
PANMUNJOM (AP) — The Communists Monday made two concessions to the United Nations in a 5-point Korean Peace Conference proposal the Allies promptly called an old Red plan "dressed up with altering tinsel."

The Red concessions were in proposing New Delhi instead of Panmunjom as the peace parley site, starting Dec. 28 and in agreeing that neutrals would have no vote.

U.N. special envoy Arthur Dean called for an adjournment until Wednesday to allow the 17 Allied nations a chance to study the Red proposal in detail.

Dean said he was "exceptionally disappointed" the Reds had "no new ideas" and had not answered his 12-point program offered Saturday. He said there was a "complete lack of progress" and he would have to report "no progress" to the Allies.

The Communists again insisted that Russia sit in the conference

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Kittens Go and Tears Flow



OKLAHOMA CITY—Little Walter Gatlin, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Gatlin, Oklahoma City, Okla., turned his two pet kittens over to the animal shelter by request of neighbors who complained the cats kept them awake. A photographer snapped the youngster's expression just before the torrent of tears. (AP wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Hall's Jailmate Learns More Of Ransom, Newspaper Claims

KANSAS CITY (AP) — The Kansas City Star said Sunday night that a prisoner planted next to Carl Austin Hall got some new information on the missing \$300,000 ransom money in the Greenlee kidnaping case.

Hall and Mrs. Bonnie Brown Heady will file Dec. 18 for the Greenlee Sept. 28. Only half of the \$600,000 ransom has been accounted for.

The newspaper said informed sources, who were not identified, indicated the Federal Bureau of Investigation is beginning to believe Hall was lying when he said he did not know anything about the missing money.

Mossy Ends Hunger Strike, Admits Orders
TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A hunger strike by Mohammed Mossadegh petered out in a giant chicken dinner Sunday, and the former Premier capped the performance by making two important admissions at his trial before a military tribunal.

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Refuses Comment
James A. Robey, special FBI agent in charge here, would not confirm or deny reports that the FBI got new information from Hall or Rasmussen.

FBI agents quizzed Hall in the Missouri Penitentiary Wednesday, the Star said, and two prisoners in the New Orleans City Jail were questioned Thursday.

The two were Victor Linkletter, 31, Salem, N. J., and Thomas Bordelon, 25, New Orleans. The newspaper said Hall asked Rasmussen to contact Linkletter and Bordelon.

Linkletter denied in New Orleans Saturday that he had received any of the missing money. He quoted an FBI agent as telling him that a prisoner "got into a conversation with Hall and Hall told him to notify me not to use what Hall had sent me because it was hot."

Linkletter said the "whole thing is so ridiculous that it seems like a joke."

BEAUTY QUEEN CROWNED
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Blonde Maribel Arrieta, 18, of El Salvador was crowned Miss Pan America of 1953 Saturday night at the annual ball of the Latin-American consular corps of Los Angeles.

Husband Kills Himself In Strangulation Case

Hardman Found Dead In Car of Gun Wound

By THOMAS G. WRIGHT JR.
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Waldo V. (Jack) Hardman, who apparently strangled to death the woman he said he could "not carry on without", was found dead Sunday by his own hands on a lonely country road south of Salem.

Thus the mystery in the Cottage 13 murder of pretty Frances Hardman came to an end less than 24 hours after the 25-year-old brunette's body was found sprawled across a bed in a south Salem motel Saturday.

Death by suicide was the preliminary verdict Sunday of Marion County Coroner Leston Howell who said Hardman had apparently shot himself with an old Smith and Wesson revolver shortly after choking the life from his estranged wife.

Hardman's body was discovered by State Patrolman Byron Hazelton about 9 a. m. Sunday after he had been summoned to a little used road connecting 99E and the old Pacific highway five miles south of Salem by a duck hunter.

Continue Inquiry
City Police Chief Clyde A. Warren said his department would continue investigations into facets of the crime, but other than checking out blood samples, finger prints, etc. he considered the case closed. No warrant had been issued.

Discovery of Hardman's body ended an intense manhunt for the 36-year-old ex-convict who was being sought by police as a prime suspect in the strangulation slaying of his wife. Hardman and his wife had reportedly quarreled violently at the Minnesota Motel cottage Friday, a day before the crime and a man answering his description had also been seen there Saturday morning. However, no one had heard the struggle in the cabin or had seen Hardman leave. During the Friday quarrel Hardman also reportedly choked Frances, his wife of six years.

Discussed Action
After Friday's quarrel, Frances and Mrs. Edna Baker with which she shared the cottage, discussed the possibility of obtaining peace bond action to restrain any further action by Hardman. However, it was never taken.

It was Mrs. Baker, who works at nearby Vista Cleaners, who discovered the slaying when she returned to the cottage shortly after 11 a. m. Saturday. She came back at that time because she feared for Mrs. Hardman's safety, she indicated. She called police and first aidmen who attempted to revive the victim.

Contemplated Suicide
A note apparently written over a month ago indicated that Hardman had long contemplated suicide over the separation of her and his wife. The note, dated Oct. 22, was addressed to Mrs. Hardman with directions that it be given to her "When you find me..."

It read: "Dear Frances: 'I am writing this letter with a pain in my heart, and tears in my eyes. As you know my life was all tied up in you, which I can't carry on with out you. As you know of course you will get everything I have which isn't much. Please give me a nice funeral, and I will haunt you all your life. This is the last words from your lover. Goodbye, Jack'"

(Additional details on page 3, sec. 1.)

Fair Weather On Forecast
Fair weather is forecast for the Salem area tonight and Tuesday, according to weathermen at McNary Field, with only light showers predicted for this morning.

Cooler temperatures will accompany the clear skies and a low of near 34 degrees is forecast for tonight with some frost predicted in low areas.

Freezing Rain In Midwest
By The Associated Press
Showers and freezing rain spread over a wide section of the Midwest Sunday but elsewhere normal fall weather — dry and cool — was the rule.

A small storm center moved eastward from Iowa, dropped snow and rain. The storm, making driving hazardous in some sections, pushed east to Indiana and north to Wisconsin.

The Weather Bureau said it will reach the Lake Erie area by Monday afternoon. Up to five inches of snow was reported at South Bend, Ind.

100 Men at Ft. Dix Get Food Poisoning
FT. DIX, N. J. (AP) — The Army said almost 100 men got food poisoning after eating breakfast in a Ft. Dix mess hall Sunday.

Public Information Officer Capt. Harry Lapham said the men reported sick a few hours after eating a breakfast of ham and eggs.

TRUMAN TO VISIT ROYALTY
CHICAGO (AP) — Former President Harry Truman Sunday left Chicago for New York to attend a luncheon for King Paul and Queen Frederica of Greece Tuesday.

Shasta Climber Dies Despite Rescue Try By Lindbergh's Son

MT. SHASTA, Calif. (AP) — A Swiss mountaineer died early Sunday after an 800-foot tumble down the steep, wind-blashed slopes of icy Mt. Shasta—despite a daring effort by Jon Lindbergh to save him.

Gail Gilbert, 18, a member of Lindbergh's eight-climber party said no one saw Edgar Werner Hopf start his plunge at the 11,000-foot level of 14,161-foot mountain

"but they saw him flashing down in a shower of snow."

"Jon and another Stanford student, Vlado Kovalik, axe-jumped onto the ice chute and tried to save him, but they missed him," Miss Gilbert said.

The 31-year-old Stanford University researcher was found at the foot of the precipitous incline by the son of the famed flier and other members of the Lindbergh party.

A terse radio message from a ranger station reported Hopf "passed away during the night" in an improvised ice igloo.

Young Lindbergh and four other men brought the body down from the slopes Sunday afternoon on a makeshift toboggan.

Lindbergh, reserved and publicly shy as his father, Charles A. Lindbergh, refused to talk with reporters.

He gave a statement to authorities, then slipped away and returned to his Palo Alto, Calif., home before newsmen knew he was gone.

Hopf, a graduate electrical engineer from Switzerland, had been associated with Stanford University's Research Institute for some two years.

Queen Helps To Put Ship Through Canal
PANAMA, Panama (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, helped put a ship through the Panama Canal Sunday by operating eight levers on the control board at Miraflores Locks at the Pacific end of the waterway.

The Queen, following the directions of Edward Barlow, the control house supervisor, turned the six handles which slowly opened the 730-ton gates. The duke put the machinery in motion which lowered the 30,000-pound ferret chains.

Then the royal couple watched electric towing locomotives pull the United Fruit Company's banana boat, Junior, through the locks.

The Queen came ashore at Cristobal from the 15,000-ton British cargo-liner Gothic Sunday morning on their round-the-world tour of British dominions and possessions.

The couple drove to Colon in the Republic of Panama for an official reception, and was greeted by thousands of excited Panamanians. Then they toured the Canal Zone to the Miraflores Locks where they spent half an hour.

Reboarding their cars they drove to nearby Balboa. Although they entered the city in a pouring rain, thousands of American employes of the Panama Canal lined the route. At Balboa, the royal couple had lunch at the residence of the Canal Zone governor, Brig. Gen. John S. Seybold.

Philadelphia 18th Century Papers Found
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — City records dating back to colonial days have been found in a forgotten safe in the City Hall annex, acting Commissioner of Records William A. Hennegan said Saturday.

The existence of the locked safe was called to the attention of the Department of Records, Hennegan said, and a safe opener was called to open it.

Among the papers found in the safe were minutes of Select Council dating as far back as 1796. The minutes of Common Council for 1791 and the years at the beginning of the 19th Century. Also found were recordings of indentures and marriages entered from 1800 to 1806.

Indenture records were vital to securing the freedom of some immigrants who, as payment for their passage to America, sold their services to others for certain periods. Their outright releases were often established by state or municipal records.

THE WEATHER
Salem Max. Min. Precip. 50 44 01
Portland 57 45 25
San Francisco 57 47 20
Chicago 55 32 25
New York 44 35 20
Williams River 52 35 20
FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy with showers this morning. Some clearing this afternoon. Fair tonight and Tuesday morning. High today near 52. Cooler tonight with a low near 34. Temperature at 11:01 a. m. 48.

SINCE START OF WEATHER YEAR Sept. 1, 1947
This Year Last Year Normal
11.56 2.36 10.34

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"This way they're milder—much milder."

Tito Suggests Troops Leave Trieste Border

JAJCE, Yugoslavia (AP) — President Tito called Sunday for joint Yugoslav-Italian withdrawal of troops from the borders of Trieste's Zone A as a peaceful preliminary to settlement of their explosive quarrel over the future of the free territory.

He spoke before a crowd officially estimated at 50,000 assembled in this small Bosnian village where 10 years ago he and his partisan followers organized this country's Communist government.

In Rome, the Italian Foreign Ministry indicated Sunday night that Italy is prepared to agree promptly to joint withdrawal of Italian and Yugoslav troops from the sensitive Trieste border.

A statement issued by the Foreign Ministry less than 12 hours after Tito spoke said that a withdrawal "could be effected in a few days — if statements made at Jajce today reflect real intentions."

(Additional details on page 3, sec. 1.)

Dallas Girl Pinned by Car, Back Broken

DALLAS—Darlene Elliott, 15-year-old Dallas girl who sustained a fractured spine when a car fell on her Saturday, was transferred to Providence Hospital in Portland, Sunday from Salem Memorial Hospital. Her condition was said to be "serious."

Miss Elliott, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Elliott, Dallas Route 3, was injured when a junk car she and her younger brother were lifting at their farm home slipped off the jack and pinned her to the ground, according to Elmer Massiker, Dallas city ambulance driver.

Saturday she was taken to Dr. Bartell's hospital in Dallas, and later was transferred to Salem.

Eola Home Burglarized

Statesman News Service
EOLA—The home of Mrs. Kay Schimmitt at Eola was burglarized Sunday night and a 15-year-old Eola boy is being sought for questioning, according to Tony Neufeldt, Polk County sheriff.

Taken from the house, Sheriff Neufeldt reported, were a \$65 camera, hunting knife, a new pair of shoes and several cans of spam and tuna fish.

Entry was made through a bedroom window, the sheriff said, and a cap, thought to belong to the burglar, was found in the house.

U. S. Mill Manager Kidnaped by Huks

MANILA (AP) — The Defense department disclosed Monday an American sawmill manager was kidnaped by Communist Huks guerrillas Nov. 17 and was being held for \$15,000 ransom.

The manager was identified as James Porter. His age and hometown were not immediately available. The U. S. Embassy said it had not been informed of the incident.

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