

Security Measures Protect Yankees on Indochina Airfields

By LARRY ALLEN
HANOI, Indochina (AP)—Rigid security precautions protect Americans working on airfields in Indochina from attacks by Communist-led Vietminh commandos, a French air commander said Monday.

More than 300 American air technicians and civilian transport pilots are now aiding the French air forces in servicing planes or delivering supplies.

Brig. Gen. Jean Dechaux commands the warplane operations from military airports in the intensive assaults upon the Vietminh rebels besieging the dustbowl fortress of Dien Bien Phu.

He said every step is being taken to assure the safety of American air technicians and the pilots of the Civil Air Transport.

Airfields Fortified
The airfields have been encircled by barbed wire and fortified with machine gun pillboxes. Each airport has strong paratrooper or French infantry patrols.

Forty-four Americans live in quonsetype huts on the fringe of Catbi airbase near Haiphong, servicing French aircraft.
Another 107 are based at Doson airstrip, 12 miles southeast of Haiphong.

About 130 Americans work at Tourane naval airbase on the coast of Annam.

Commandos Raid
Within the last two months, Vietminh commandos have raided the civil airport at Hanoi and military bases at Catbi and Doson, wrecking aircraft. This was before most American air technicians arrived in Indochina.

The air technicians have not gone into the actual zones of fighting.

At Saigon, the French Command denied Vietminh radio and Red Chinese agency reports the French had been forced to evacuate two support positions at Dien Bien Phu.

A wounded French lieutenant brought out of Dien Bien Phu told reporters at Saigon that morale among the outnumbered, fortress defenders was good. Some German and Italian Foreign Legionnaires are among the group, he said.

CAP Cadets to Vie for Trips

Two cadets of the Salem Capitol Squadron's Civil Air Patrol have been selected to compete with cadets of 22 other squadrons in Oregon for trips to foreign countries this summer. Capt. Wilbur D. Garrett, commanding officer, announced Monday.

The two are Theodore Lawson, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lawson, 1162 N. 14th St., and Miss Joanne Everhart, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Everhart, 3755 Garden Rd.

State competition in Portland is scheduled for late April. Capt. Garrett said, and winners, two

Mrs. Wilson, 93, Dies; Rites Set Thursday

Statesman News Service
MONMOUTH—Mrs. Sarah E. Wilson, 93, former resident of Salem, died at her home near Monmouth Monday.

Born in Illinois April 6, 1861, she moved with her parents to Story County, Iowa, as a girl and taught school there for many years. In 1882 she was married to James U. Wilson in Iowa and in 1900 the couple moved to Salem.

Following her husband's death in 1921 Mrs. Wilson took an active part in religious life in the community and for many years acted as pastor and evangelist. During the last years of her life she lived with a son, S. C. Wilson, at Monmouth Route 2.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. W. J. Morford, Boring, Ore.; son, S. C. Wilson, Monmouth; 11 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the W. T. Rigdon Chapel, Salem, under the direction of the Bollman Funeral Home, Dallas, with interment at City View Cemetery, Salem.

State Medical Groups Adopt Press Code

CLEVELAND (AP)—Thirty state medical societies, units of the American Medical Assn., now have adopted codes of cooperation with the press, radio and television, an AMA spokesman said Monday night.

The codes "are a tremendously encouraging sign that physicians and newspapers are alive to the importance of giving adequate medical information to the public," John L. Bach, director of public relations for the AMA, told the American Academy of General Practice.

The codes name official medical spokesmen whom the press can consult for quoting on medical matters and authenticating medical information.

CLEVELAND (AP)—Dr. John R. Fowler of Barre, Mass., Monday was named president-elect of the American Academy of General Practice, the medical organization of family doctors. He will take office in March, 1955, at the annual meeting in Los Angeles.

Four Salem men were among those reporting for duty. They were Lieutenants William D. Troth, Ralph Valentine and Ed Schiess, all pilots, and Thomas H. Makey, aviation machinist mate first class.
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Air Reservists Get Briefing Before Take-Off



Getting a final briefing before taking off on the first flight of a two-week training cruise which began Monday at the Salem Naval Air Facility are members of squadron AAU 891—first of four groups to train here this year. Squadron members shown are (from left to right) Lt. Cmdr. Boyd Baker, Eugene; Lt. Paul George, The Dalles; Lt. (jg) R. S. McClain, Albany; Lt. Ralph Valentine, Salem; Lt. Wesley Mays, Medford, and Lt. Cmdr. Ivan Esau, Dallas. (Statesman photo.)

Navy Reserve Airmen Start Salem 'Cruise'

Twenty-three Naval Reservists—13 pilots and 10 enlisted men—from Western Oregon reported at Salem Naval Air Facility Monday morning to begin their two-week annual training cruise.

The cruise is the first of four which will run through to the end of June, according to Lt. Cmdr. James L. Thornton, officer in charge.

Squadron AAU 891 commanded by Lt. Cmdr. Ivan Esau, Dallas, checked in yesterday and immediately began training which will include instrument, formation and navigation flying for pilots and maintenance checks on planes and studies for advance in rating for enlisted men. Both groups will attend ground school.

Pilots will be flying three types of aircraft: TBM torpedo bombers, SNJ single engine trainers and SNB twin-engine Beachcrafts.

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Simmons Faces Arraignment

Arraignment on a charge of conspiring to commit a felony was continued Monday in Marion County District Court to Wednesday for Vernon Glenn Simmons, 472 N. 17th St.

The charge evolved in connection with several bad checks the man had allegedly had a 16-year-old youth pass for him in Salem stores. The arrest was made by city police Saturday afternoon and Monday Simmons was held in lieu of \$3,500 bail. The teen-ager was charged with juvenile delinquency.

Northwest Science Exposition Opens

PORTLAND (AP)—The second annual Northwest Science Exposition, featuring some 500 exhibits made by 1,230 Oregon school children, opened at Portland State College Monday.

The entries are from grade and high school students. They include tiny radio sets, miniature volcanoes, growing plants, and elaborate mechanical devices. About 40 or 45 of the entries will win prizes before the exposition closes Friday.

through 30. The final cruise will be held June 15 through 28 for personnel unable to report for the regular cruises due to their jobs.

Dirt Moved Across Street

About 7,600 cubic yards of earth was shifted recently from the east to the west side of 12th Street onto Sweetland Field at Willamette University's campus.

The dirt is to be used in the landscaping program of the proposed Bishop Memorial Health Center and Fine Arts Auditorium Building. The building is part of the university's expansion program.

The earth was dug out across 12th Street where the state's new Finance Building is to be located.

Dog Obedience Show Scheduled

A public dog obedience demonstration, sponsored by the Salem 4-H dog training club, will be held Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the State Fairgrounds in the sales arena of the livestock barns.

With a Labrador retriever and an Irish setter, Miss Lucile Lund, dog trainer, Silverton Route 3, will demonstrate basic obedience techniques.

McCarthy Rank Clarified

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Marine Corps Monday ended published speculation about the reserve rank of Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) by stating that he is a lieutenant colonel and has been for a year.

Declaration Of Caracas Wins Approval

CARACAS (AP)—An affirmation of the political principles of the American states—which may become known as the Declaration of Caracas—was approved Monday night by a 10-nation subcommittee of the Inter-American Conference. The resolution recognizes the "inalienable right of each American state freely to choose its own institutions in the exercise of representative democracy... without foreign intervention in its internal or external affairs and, in particular, without intervention by any form of totalitarianism."

Argentina and Mexico abstained, while Brazil, Panama, the United States, Uruguay, Peru, Venezuela, Colombia and Nicaragua voted in favor of the declaration. Brazilian Foreign Minister Vicente Rao, whose proposal constituted 50 per cent of the final declaration, said his resolution was intentionally written in general terms.

Uruguay reserved the right to introduce amendments when the full Juridical-Political Committee takes up the declaration.

Less Making of U.S. Films Abroad Asked

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—The Hollywood AFL Film Council announced Sunday night that because of growing unemployment in film studios it is asking government help to curtail the number of movies produced abroad by American companies.

The council is composed of unions and guilds representing more than 24,000 film studio workers.

Stock Trader Faces Charge

KLAMATH FALLS (AP)—A Klamath Falls stockman Monday accused George A. Martin, 71, of writing a worthless \$3,175 check and then leaving town last month. The stockman, Reuben S. Lauthammer, signed a complaint against Martin, a stock trader who had lived here 18 years before his disappearance early in February.

WRECK INJURIES FATAL
GRANTS PASS (AP)—Injuries from an automobile collision proved fatal Sunday to Newton Lott, 49, Crescent City, Calif., in a hospital here. His car collided with one driven by Walter Yarborough, 42, Selma, Ore., on the Redwood Highway Friday. Yarborough is recovering from his injuries.

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