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# **Vietminh Units Force French To Leave Post**

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HANOI, Indochina @-Vietminh troops infiltrating the Red River Delta forced the French Thursday to abandon a post only 30 miles from Hanoi, overwhelmed a Vietnamese strong point in the Phat Diem sector and attacked a string of other Vietnamese posts.

The infiltrates, now numbering more than 100,000, are stepping up their assaults as the main rebel units tighten their lines threatening 'the delta's outer defenses on the west, north, and south.

The French are pulling out of thinly-manned posts not considered essential for defending key towns and the rail-highway route over which American supplies move from the port of Haiphong to Hanoi Blow Up Post

A French High Command spokesman said French Union forces evacuated and blew up a little brick and mud post at Haiyen, four miles east of Hung Yen and 30 miles southeast of Hanoi. after the garrison of about 160 had beaten off two big Vietminh attacks.

The rebels hit the post with everything in their armory-heavy mortars, recoilless rifles, bazookas, and machineguns. The French said the post, on the Boamboo Canal, was no longer an essential link in the defense network of the Hung Yen sector.

A Vietnamese detachment which had been sent to relieve Haiyen after a particularly heavy pounding Tuesday night fought its way through encircling rebels and delivered much needed supplies and reinforcements

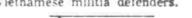
#### Heavy Ambush

heavy ambush and divided forces. anniversary this week. half continuing to Hung Yen and the others returning to Haiyen. The French also landed naval craft along the canal with troops five years ago. which set up three beachheads. Between 1,000 and 2,000 Vietminh promptly attacked these troops.

However, the French relief force Alaska Bush reached Haiyen and evacuated its men. They fought their way back Pilot Beats bush lasting several hours.

French fighter planes straffed NW Overcast appreciable losses," the French said

Rebels stormed a post at Lachtien near Phat Diem, 75 miles southeast of Hanoi, and captured it from the heavily outnumbered land and continuing south, then living on her ranch at Jefferson. dreds of square feet of gold leaf Vietnamese militia defenders.









**Recap Shop To Celebrate** The OK Rubber Welder shop at tivities, greeting visitors, serving Foul Play

1820 S. 12th St., operated by Jim coffee and doughruts, and giving But on the way back to Hung Sidwell and his son, Carl, since balloons to children. Yen, the detachment ran into a its inception, is observing its 15th The Carl Sidwell's daughter,

Berdine Fryer, will pin orchids The shop first was on Church on the first 100 women who stop Street, later at High and Ferry, in Friday.

The wives of both partners will and moved to its present location assist with the anniversary fes-

> **Co-Workers Fete Miss Edith Libby** A 29-year veteran of state serv-

ice, Miss Edith Libby, was guest of honor Thursday noon at the Senator Hotel where some 70 of her GOLD CLEANUP

tribution of law code books.

**Red Hot** 

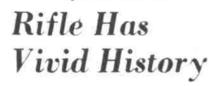
**Specials** 

PORTLAND I - When a Seattle pilot reported Wednesday that he was above the overcast over Portfailed to check in again, the Oregon state air search and rescue









1886 Michael Daly, a sergeant in trip to California. the 69th Regiment, Irish Brigade, New York Volunteers, wrote the and being somewhat uncertain of mayor of Portsmouth, Va., that he his position, he ducked through a had picked up in the bloody battle hole in the clouds and landed on of Seven Pines a beautifully carved the beach, he told R. B. Taylor rifle which had belonged to a brave and Mike Gray, who took off from soldier in the 9th Virginia Confed- North Bend to look for him in reerate regiment who was killed. But Private J. Tyler Jobson had request.

not been killed, only seriously | Taylor and Gray led the Hanson

minutes the plane was found nearly out of gas-on the beach near Reedsport. The pilot, Clifford Hanson, said he was an experienced Alaskan bush pilot. With him were his wife RICHMOND, Va. up - Back in and their small daughter, on a

organization went to work. In 20

After flying above the overcast sponse to the search organization's

wounded. Daly returned his rifle, plane to the North Bend airport



