

Vietminh Units Force French To Leave Post

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 HANOI, Indochina (AP)—Vietminh troops infiltrating the Red River Delta forced the French Thursday to abandon a post only 30 miles from Hanoi, overwhelmed a Vietminh 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 Hai-yen, 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 Boambo 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
 But on the way back to Hung Yen, the detachment ran into a heavy ambush and divided forces, half continuing to Hung Yen and the others returning to Haiyen.

The French also landed naval craft along the canal with troops which set up three beachheads. Between 1,000 and 2,000 Vietminh promptly attacked these troops.

However, the French relief force reached Haiyen and evacuated its men. They fought their way back to Hung Yen through another ambush lasting several hours.

French fighter planes strafed the rebels heavily. Both sides had "appreciable losses," the French said.

Rebels stormed a post at Lach-tien near Phat Diem, 75 miles southeast of Hanoi, and captured it from the heavily outnumbered Vietnamese militia defenders.

Rifle Has Vivid History

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Back in 1886 Michael Daly, a sergeant in the 69th Regiment, Irish Brigade, New York Volunteers, wrote the mayor of Portsmouth, Va., that he had picked up in the bloody battle of Seven Pines a beautifully carved rifle which had belonged to a brave soldier in the 9th Virginia Confederate regiment who was killed.

But Private J. Tyler Jobson had not been killed, only seriously wounded. Daly returned his rifle, which he kept until his death in 1927. His heirs have presented it to the Confederate Museum here.

Schooner Crew Rescued After Tense Struggle Against Seas



HONOLULU—Crew members of the dismantled schooner Idalia work to clear decks of wreckage as the doomed craft wallowed in rough seas 180 miles northeast of Hawaii. This picture (left) was taken May 25th by Janet Mosure of Santa Rosa, Calif., one of the nine persons who were rescued by the Navy cargo transport L. Robert Craig on June 4th. Sea cocks on the Idalia were opened after the rescue, leaving the craft to sink. Left to right, are: Harold Clark of Reno, Nev., Steven Morales of Honolulu, and Owner Budd Carew of Azusa, Calif., battling for survival against the seas. Crew and passengers of the ill-fated schooner Idalia are shown aboard the Navy transport (right). They sailed from Honolulu May 9th bound for San Pedro. Left to right (front), Capt. Floyd Nelson, skipper of the rescue ship; Clark; Carew; Mrs. Carew; Mrs. Clark; Morales, Honolulu; Janet Mosure, Santa Rosa, Calif. Background William Hitchcock, Kingston, Mass., and George Davis and Frank Akon of Honolulu. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).



Recap Shop To Celebrate

The OK Rubber Welder shop at 1820 S. 12th St., operated by Jim Sidwell and his son, Carl, since its inception, is observing its 15th anniversary this week.
 The shop first was on Church Street, later at High and Ferry, and moved to its present location five years ago.

Alaska Bush Pilot Beats NW Overcast

PORTLAND (AP)—When a Seattle pilot reported Wednesday that he was above the overcast over Portland and continuing south, then failed to check in again, the Oregon state air search and rescue organization went to work. In 20 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 and their small daughter, on a trip to California.

After flying above the overcast and being somewhat uncertain of his position, he ducked through a hole in the clouds and landed on the beach, he told R. B. Taylor and Mike Gray, who took off from North Bend to look for him in response to the search organization's request.

Taylor and Gray led the Hanson plane to the North Bend airport where it arrived with three gallons of gas. After refueling, it took off for San Francisco.

Foul Play to Fowl Play

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Henry Sikkelee found the compensation low in chasing the folks suspected of foul play. The policeman started raising chickens on the side to augment his income.

In 10 years the chicken business was doing so well he gave up his policeman's job. Two years ago he decided turkeys would be even more profitable and today his 8,000 turkeys on the hoof constitute one of the largest flocks in Henrico County.

Firms Low in Unemployment

Lowest unemployment taxes under experience rating for 1953 and were paid by construction concerns unable to get their rate banks and trust companies, paper mills, primary metals and printing and publishing firms, according to computations completed by the unemployment compensation commission Thursday.

All of these groups had average rates under 0.6 per cent last year. The highest proportion of taxes der experience rating for 1953 and were paid by construction concerns unable to get their rate banks and trust companies, paper mills, primary metals and printing and publishing firms, according to computations completed by the unemployment compensation commission Thursday.

LONELY HEART AT ZOO
 SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Zoo-belle is a very lonely giraffe. City Zoo Director Carey Baldwin says lonesome male giraffes might drop her a line.

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