

INDOCHINA ARMISTICE SIGNED

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Pact Divides Coastal State Of Viet Nam

By JOSEPH DYNAN
GENEVA (AP)—French and Vietnam officers, enemies for eight years of bitter warfare in Indochina, signed an armistice early Wednesday. The cease-fire will split the big coastal state of Viet Nam between pro-Western and Communist-led regimes.

The agreement to halt the fighting on the jungled mountain and rice paddy battlefields of Viet Nam and Laos was signed by representatives of the two commands at 3:50 a.m. (6:50 p.m. PST, Tuesday). The signing ceremony in a room of the Palace of Nations, the old home of the League of Nations, began at 3:42 a.m.

The records establish the new east-west boundary along the Song Ben Hai River, which is roughly on the 17th parallel. (Map on page 2, sec. 1.)

They provide for a French-held enclave above this line around the big northern industrial city of Hanoi and its port of Haiphong. These two centers must be progressively evacuated and yielded to the Vietminh within 300 days.

The Vietminh in turn will hold five small areas south of the line which also will be subject to evacuation within 300 days.

Five Small Areas
Neither side is to bring in reinforcements of men or materials. No new military bases can be established either by the belligerents or by other nations. This was an obvious reference to the projected Southeast Asian defense pact which the United States has been pushing.

To Release PWs
All prisoners of war and civilian internees are to be liberated within 30 days, and each side pledged itself to assist in the transfer of populations in cases where residents wish to move to the other zone. This clause fulfilled one American demand that no one must be forced to live under a Communist regime.

Immediately after the signing ceremony, which took place under a battery of klieg lights for the benefit of a handful of photographers, instructions were dispatched to field commanders to carry out the cessation of hostilities. The field commanders are to counter-sign the agreements.

Gen. Georges Deteil signed the two accords—one covering Viet Nam and the other Laos—on behalf of the French Union and the French-Laoian commands, while Gen. Quang Buu signed them for the Vietminh.

Exact Date Secret
Raymond Offroy, French ambassador to Thailand and a member of the French delegation, said the exact date for the end of hostilities was secret for reasons of military security.

A Vietnamese official said the cease-fire orders would be effective July 28 for regular units, with a longer delay allowed to spread the word to various guerrilla forces in isolated mountain villages.

Officials said the texts of the agreements signed here Wednesday would not be published for two or three days—time to allow them to reach the scene in Indochina—but their contents already were generally known.

"Neutralization"
They provide for a military division of Viet Nam—the so-called "troop re-assembly" zones—roughly along the 17th parallel of a line about 12 miles north of Colonial Route Nine from the sea coast to the Laotian border, and for the "neutralization" of Laos and Cambodia.

Foreign — that is, Vietminh—troops are to withdraw from Laos and Cambodia, and the present regimes in those Indochina kingdoms are to be recognized by the Communist states which heretofore have supported Vietminh claims there.

In return, Laos and Cambodia bind themselves to remain out of any Western-backed Southeast Asia alliance and to forbid Western military bases on their soil.

The armistice is to be supervised by a neutral nations commission composed of India, as chairman, Canada and Poland.

Their decisions must be unanimous on points which might lead to a resumption of the fighting. (Additional details on page 2, sec. 1.)

THE WEATHER
Salem Max. 63 Min. 54 Precip. Trace
Portland 60 54 .33
Baker 71 49 .00
Medford 73 56 .00
North Bend 69 51 Trace
Roseburg 66 53 .00
San Francisco 67 52 .00
Chicago 68 70 .50
New York 81 71 .00
Los Angeles 79 69 .00
Willamette River — 2.5 Feet.

FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem): Partly cloudy today and tonight, mostly fair Thursday; slightly warmer today, with highest near 80, lowest tonight near 48. Temperature at 12:51 a.m. today was 50.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1
This Year Last Year Normal
45.14 43.25 32.29

Guns Rumble In Indochina Despite Truce

HANOI, Indochina (AP)—Guns still rumbled in the Red River delta Tuesday, despite the news from Geneva that a ceasefire agreement to end the shooting troubled land for eight years had been signed.

Some of the key bases and outposts held by each side were subjected to sharp, quick attacks. Communist-led Vietminh troops attacked a French Union post manned by a Vietnamese battalion only eight miles south of Hanoi during the night. A French briefing officer said the rebels made a hit and run assault, inflicting "appreciable casualties."

Rebel mortars also bombarded Kesat, 12 miles east of Hanoi on the important supply route to the port of Haiphong. The briefing officer said the rebels, apparently trying to hit French artillery positions, had killed or wounded 10 civilians and destroyed 30 houses.

Ten thousand French and Vietnamese troops, supported by tanks, pushed mop-up operations against rebel guerrillas in the Phuc Yen and Luc Nam sectors 18 miles northeast of Hanoi Tuesday. Motorized infantrymen have been operating in that area for several days pushing guerrillas out of village bases they have been using to harass supply routes to outlying French posts.

Light clashes with the rebels also were reported in the Hung Yen area, 25 miles south of Hanoi. French warplanes bombed and strafed Vietminh barracks and troop concentrations at Vinh, 150 miles down the coast from Haiphong. Other bombers harassed Vietminh bases along the northern, western, and southern edges of the delta's defenses.

Bonds Voted At Mill City
MILL CITY — A \$93,000 bond issue for improvement of Mill City streets passed by a majority of 4 to 1 in an election held Tuesday.

Of 258 ballots cast, 203 were for the issue and 53 against. Two were voided.

The third time proved the charm for the measure, which provides for draining, grading and paving of a number of streets. The bond issue was on the ballot on two other occasions, having lost by only three votes in an election held last year. The 1953 measure did not, however, provide for paving.

The program of street improvements is expected to get underway next spring.

State Seeks To Build Dam
SEATTLE (AP)—The State Power Commission decided Tuesday night to apply for a federal permit to construct the 380 million dollar Priest Rapids Dam on the Columbia River.

The commissioners, voting 4-to-1 for the proposal to construct the 1,500,000 kilowatt power unit, decided to begin negotiations with various consultants for preliminary work on financing the project.

Tom Quast of Marysville was the only commissioner voting against the move.

The action was taken despite strong protests made last week by the Grant County Public Utility District, which already has filed for a temporary permit to construct the dam.

Clearing Weather Expected Today
Cloudy conditions and a trace of rain were the lot of the Salem area Tuesday and the Weather Bureau predicts partly cloudy conditions today and tonight.

But the weather man says it will be mostly fair Thursday.

Tuesday's maximum of 63 will be topped slightly today with an expected high of near 68, says the bureau.

Public Housing Rejected

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Tuesday passed a compromise general housing bill after defeating a final Democratic effort to restore "President Eisenhower's proposal to build 140,000 public housing units in four years.

The bill would permit a much more restricted public housing program — a maximum of 68,000 of the low-rent units over the next two years.

It would lower down payments on FHA loans and try to prevent further "windfall" profits such as disclosed in the recent housing investigation.

It would make many other changes which Rep. Wolcott (R-Mich.) said would encourage a building industry boom and provide for private construction of 1,250,000 to 1,400,000 new houses a year.

Wolcott, chairman of the House Banking Committee and sponsor of the bill, said it would give President Eisenhower 95 per cent of his housing recommendations.

But Rep. Garmatz (D-Md.) said the bill, a compromise between earlier versions passed by the House and Senate, meant only a "lingering, agonizing" death for public housing.

Rep. Spence (D-Ky.), senior Democrat on the Banking Committee, said it did nothing to end misery in slums. He predicted Democrats would be returned to power in Congress for the next 20 years because of the House action.

The compromise permits construction of 33,000 public housing units on which commitments already have been made for this fiscal year, which started last July 1. For the next year, it authorizes 35,000 units — but only where needed to house persons displaced by public alum clearance projects.

Injury Ends Europe Tour For Student
What started out as a student tour of Europe this summer for William F. Schantz ended this week in a bed at Salem Memorial Hospital.

Young Schantz, son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Schantz, 1900 Park Ave., aggravated an old back injury while crossing the Atlantic and was flown back to Portland from London late last week. His parents reported Tuesday he was "resting well" at Salem Memorial.

Schantz, a political science senior at the University of Oregon, left Salem four weeks ago Europe-bound with a group of students, led by Mark Hatfield, dean of students at Willamette University.

After a stop-over in Washington, D. C. and New York City, the group shipped out for Europe. While aboard ship, Schantz, "somehow or other," re-injured his back. When the ship docked in Ireland he took a plane to London and then enplaned for Portland, arriving early Friday morning.

The rest of the touring group "is making it fine," Schantz said. The tour will cover much of Western Europe and the travelers expect to return home in September.

Danish Liner Fire Quelled
GREAT YARMOUTH, England (AP)—The 3,968-ton Danish ship Kronprinsesse Ingrid, carrying 301 passengers and a crew of 90, caught fire Tuesday night off this port. Less than two hours later the ship radioed the fire was out.

When the ship first radioed, several trawlers altered course and rushed to her aid. One of them, the Cockler, almost alongside the burning vessel, messaged the fire appeared under control and the Danish ship was in no immediate danger.

Later the Kronprinsesse Ingrid sent this message: "Fire out, assistance no longer required."

Portlander New Tarzan
HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Gordon M. Werschul, 25, a native of Portland, Ore., has been selected by producer Sol Lesser as the new Tarzan of the films.

Werschul, whose film name is Gordon Scott, was offered a screen test after he was spotted in a newsreel shot at a Las Vegas, Nev., hotel swimming pool where he was working as a life guard.

He beat out 15 other contenders for the job.

Werschul is the 11th man to be cast as Tarzan since the first movie of the series was made in 1918.

McCarthy Accepts Cohn's Resignation

By DOUGLAS CORNELL
WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator McCarthy (R-Wis.) Tuesday reluctantly accepted the resignation of Roy Cohn as chief counsel of the Senate investigating subcommittee and transferred Donald A. Surine, another aide who has been under fire.

The moves came in advance of a showdown session of the subcommittee, a majority of whose members had demanded a "house-cleaning" of the staff.

Surine, a former FBI agent, was one of two McCarthy subcommittee assistants who have been re-fused clearance by the Defense Department to handle secret matters. The other, Thomas Lavenia, was kept in his post, at least temporarily.

McCarthy announced that Surine was being transferred from the post of assistant counsel to the subcommittee to McCarthy's Senate office payroll.

Praising Surine in a statement, McCarthy accused an unnamed Democratic committeeman of using an affidavit of "a jailed white slaver in an attempt to discredit Mr. Surine." No details were given.

This maneuvering beat to the punch members of McCarthy's subcommittee bent on a staff shakeup. The upshot was that when six of the seven subcommittee members met over a steak lunch in the old Supreme Court chamber in the Capitol Building there was nothing that could be done about firing Cohn or Surine.

And a decision on Lavenia was put off until a report comes from the Defense Department regarding its refusal to grant him security clearance for handling secret correspondence.

Members from nearly 30 chambers of commerce in Western Oregon will be invited to the no-host meeting which is open to the public.

Johnston in private life is president of the Britol Grocery Company and an officer and director of several other large business organizations.

Eisenhower To Dedicate McNary Dam
PORTLAND (AP)—President Eisenhower will dedicate McNary Dam on the Columbia River late this summer, the Oregonian said it had learned Tuesday.

The newspaper reported that the President's speech even has been written for the occasion.

It said Eisenhower's appearance is expected to be a high point in Republican Senator Guy Cordon's campaign for re-election. Democrat Richard L. Neuberger is opposing Cordon.

The senator and several other Republican members of the Oregon and Washington congressional delegations Monday visited the White House to give Eisenhower a formal invitation. Cordon said the President showed interest and said he believed it might be possible to make the trip to Oregon during his summer vacation in Denver.

Last week Eisenhower said he planned after Congress adjourned, to make trips to dedicate some dams, although he did not specify any of them.

Employes Given 10 Years to Move Inside City Limits
PORTLAND (AP)—The Portland City Council Tuesday approved giving city employes 10 years to move into the city.

Some 800 municipal employes are suburban residents. An effort to force them to move to within the limits in five years or lose their jobs was opposed on the ground that they would suffer financial loss. So the council decided to change a ballot measure to a 10-year limit.

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Pine Belt Walkout Possible

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Possibility of the 30-day-old Pacific Northwest lumber strike spreading to the region's pine industry was seen in an announcement by AFL union officials Tuesday.

Kenneth Davis, secretary of the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers Northwest Council, reported after a meeting of the union's policy committee that district councils in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana have been authorized to strike where pine operators refuse to make wage offers.

The lumber strike, a joint action by the AFL union and the CIO Woodworkers—so far has been generally confined to the Douglas fir-belt of Oregon and Washington.

Meantime, three settlements involving nearly 400 striking workers were reported Tuesday.

Other developments included a vote against local negotiations with the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. at Springfield, a report of violence on the Springfield picket line, and a step-up of work behind a picket line at Redmond, Ore.

The settlements were at Cottage Grove and Medford.

In Full Production
The W. A. Woodard Lumber Co. was back in full production with 250 men returning to work. AFL union officials said they went back pending consideration of a company offer of a 5-cent hourly wage increase. But Carlton Woodard, company president, said the men returned at the old rate with pay to be adjusted to any level reached in a regional settlement.

The Cottage Grove pact was the first major settlement in the Eugene area.

The AFL union and the CIO Woodworkers went on strike for a 1 1/2-cent hourly increase. Most employers have refused to offer any boost.

To Resume Output
The Medford Door Corp. and the Medford Veneer and Plywood Corp. were ready to resume production after agreement between the companies and 140 striking AFL men. Davis said they received increases of 5 and 7 1/2 cents, with some workers getting one figure and some the other.

At Springfield, it was reported that 600 of 800 striking CIO employes of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co.'s sawmill division voted 3-1 at a closed meeting Monday night against negotiating on a local basis. They decided to have the union's regional committee continue to represent them.

Weyerhaeuser recently notified its employes throughout the Northwest that it no longer will negotiate company-wide.

Worker Beaten
George Weyerhaeuser, Springfield plant manager, said a non-union worker, Magnus Bolken, was beaten as he tried to walk through the picket line Tuesday morning. He said Bolken, whom he called a semi-supervisory employe, suffered a badly cut eye and damage to the nose when struck by a picket and that Bolken was sent to a doctor for treatment and X-rays.

Weyerhaeuser said the union doubled the size of its picket line when back-to-work sentiment developed after Monday night's meeting. Some 200 supervisory employes and 300 AFL Pulp Workers, under a separate union contract, are at work in the Springfield operation, which includes a sawmill, a plywood plant and a pulp mill.

Workers Return
At Redmond, where some CIO Woodworkers went through their union's picket line Monday to resume work at the Ponderosa Lumber Sales plant, more workers returned Tuesday despite an increase in the number of pickets to about 35. A company spokesman estimated that about 75 workers, all of whom were on the payroll when the strike was called, crossed the line without incident.

He said some of the pickets are company employes and some are from locals at Bend or Prineville.

Operators reported Tuesday the summer strike has drastically cut into the stockpiling of logs for winter.

Blow Dealt to Paris Motorists
PARIS (AP)—Police Tuesday dealt Paris motorists the cruellest blow since the spotlight was invented.

In a city whose honking horns inspired composer George Gershwin's "An American in Paris," the police prefect said the tooting had gone too far.

He ruled: No honking of horns except to avoid serious accidents.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles Sprague

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, July 18 — We arrived here at 8:30 p.m. on a Saturday night with a Golden Days celebration in progress, and the Shrine Circus arriving from Anchorage to thrill the Northland with its first circus—and found our hotel reservations mixed up. Fortunately, the University of Alaska, situated a few miles from the center of the city, is permitting a dormitory to be used as a summer hotel, so we were comfortably accommodated for the night—only it was quite warm, the closeness to the North Pole being offset by the long hours of sunlight.

En route, we stopped at Mt. McKinley Park Hotel; but the name is deceiving. It is located on the edge of the park but the big mountain, highest in North America, is many miles away and cannot be seen from the vicinity. For that matter, the tour which went 68 miles into the park failed to get a glimpse of the mountain. It seems that it is enveloped in clouds much of the time, and really gets its snows in summer because the cold winters are dry on the mountain.

The one-day stop, however, was not without profit if only to breathe the mild air, soft and fresh. Then, via the illustrated lecture of the park naturalist, we learned quite a little about the flora and fauna of the region. At a distance the ground cover on the mountainside looks an unvaried green; but actually the vegetation is highly diversified with many flowers and shrubs. The animals subsist largely on vegetation here—berries, roots, browse of small trees and shrubs, bark. Nature preserves a balance: as the rabbit population increases (Continued on editorial page, 4.)

Canada Wages War on Worms

WINNIPEG (AP)—Manitoba waged war Tuesday on worms. Except in greater Winnipeg, the worms appeared to be winning.

Prof. A. V. Mitchener of the University of Manitoba's Department of Entomology identified the invaders as army worms which reach a length of 1 1/4 inches and can strip whole fields of vegetation.

They travel in columns, like an army on the march — hence their name.

J. A. Tooth, Agriculture Department agronomist, said calls have been coming in "by the dozen" from the Whittemouth area 65 miles east of Winnipeg. Mrs. G. Erskine of Whittemouth said the district is "alive with worms."

"People here are terrified," she said. "The worms are crawling in homes, and millions of them can be seen creeping along the pavement."

Government sprayers in many areas have been at work, but damage is heavy.

BASEBALL

WESTERN INTERNATIONAL
At Salem 4, Victoria 1
At Yakima 2-2, Tri-City 6-1
At Lewiston 3, Wenatchee 2
At Edmonton, Vancouver (rain)

COAST LEAGUE
At Seattle, San Diego (rain)
At Portland, Sacramento (rain)
At San Francisco 2-0, Hollywood 1-1
At Los Angeles 3, Oakland 0

NATIONAL LEAGUE
At Cincinnati 1, New York 3
At Chicago 3, Brooklyn 2
At St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 3
Only games scheduled.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
At New York 4, Chicago 1
At Boston 5, Cleveland 3, Erskine
At Philadelphia 0-3, Detroit 12-4
At Washington 5, Baltimore 1

Animal Crackers



"Go ahead, ask him to say 'prunes'."