

French Evacuate Troops, Vehicles

HANOI, Indochina (AP) — The French announced Friday their troops have "successfully completed" evacuation of five fortified cities and 2,000 square miles of populous rice land in the south of the Red River delta.

Most of the thousands of soldiers involved in the massive withdrawal already have taken up defense positions farther north around Hanoi, an army spokesman said.

Vietminh efforts to disrupt the movement were beaten off with only a few French soldiers killed, he said, and there was "almost no loss of ammunition, vehicles or guns."

In Singapore, Associated Press Correspondent Larry Allen, who recently left Indochina after two years, reported Thursday that the windup of the operation would leave more than half of the strategic Red River delta in control of the Communist-led Vietminh and put an additional four million Vietnamese under the Red flag.

The major centers abandoned to the rebels were Nam Dinh, Ninh Binh, Phat Diem, Lac Quan and Thai Binh. They spread in an arc 50 to 75 miles south and southeast of the French headquarters city of Hanoi.

WAVERING LINE
The new southern front in the Red River lowlands runs a wavering line from south of Phu Ly, 30 miles south of Hanoi, eastward to the seacoast. The line is parallel with and about 25 miles south of the railway and highway linking Hanoi with the seaport of Haiphong. The French must defend this "lifeline" route to the last, as it is the only supply line and escape corridor for the tens of thousands of French Union troops in North Indochina.

CAMBODIANS DUE
They were met by members of the Laotian delegation here and by Philip Bonsai, director of the U. S. State Department's office of Philippine and Southeast Asian affairs.

A Cambodian military delegation headed by Gen. Nhek Tioulong is due to arrive here Saturday.

With the top Cambodian and Laotian military representatives in Geneva, it is expected that the military phase of the discussions here can be brought to a speedy conclusion. Both the Cambodians and Laotians have stated they will walk out of any discussions in which the Vietminh try to claim parts of their territory.

Both contend they are victims of open invasion by Vietminh elements and the only solution is the withdrawal of these forces.

DELTA AREA FALLS
Friday's conference session was the first since the evacuation of the southern portion of the Red River delta began, an action whose implications hung heavily over the conference.

The evacuation in the delta, it was learned on high authority, was taken independently of the negotiations here.

It was understood the action did not come as a surprise in Western delegation circles and apparently the French had kept their Western Allies advised of events in Indochina. The U. S. State Department in Washington said Thursday it had no advance information.

Citizens Sworn In

PORTLAND (AP) — Two hundred and fifty seven men and women from 28 foreign countries were sworn in as new U. S. citizens by U. S. District Judge Claude McColloch Thursday. Included were 66 from Japan to whom the oath of citizenship was read in Japanese, the first time it has been done in Oregon.

Emperor Healthy

NEW YORK (AP) — Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia has been found in "perfect health" by doctors at Presbyterian Hospital.

The monarch left the hospital Thursday after a general check-up. He's been in the United States for the past four weeks.



PROJECT PINWHEEL — The first U. S. rocket-powered helicopter, the RH-1, hovers in flight as it undergoes tests at the Los Alamitos Naval Air Station, Calif. Labeled Project Pinwheel, it has been under development for the Navy for nearly four years. The one-man craft is designed and built by the Rotor-Craft Corp. of Glendale, Calif. (NEA)

Mundt Opposed To Rules Change

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Mundt (R-SD) said Friday a rules change urged by the Senate Republican Policy Committee for adoption by investigating committees would give the minority "a Russian-type veto."

The rule, one of nine advanced Thursday by the policy group to meet criticisms of congressional investigating methods, would ban one-man hearings for taking sworn testimony.

MAJORITY VOTE
It provides that no hearing to take sworn testimony or testimony from subpoenaed witnesses shall be held unless a quorum of

a committee is present, except that by majority vote a committee could authorize one majority party member and one minority member to constitute a quorum. A quorum normally consists of one-half the committee membership plus one.

Mundt, who presided over the Senate investigations subcommittee in its televised probe of the McCarthy-Army row, said adoption of the proposal would set "a dangerous precedent."

He contended it would "give a Russian-type veto to the minority and provide for government by absenteeism."

Ex-President 'Progressing'

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Harry S. Truman's doctors say the former President is suffering from a "devastating and debilitating" illness and "cannot be expected to respond quickly."

However, a research Hospital bulletin last Thursday night said the 70-year-old Truman is "progressing well, but slowly" from the effects of a double operation.

Hospital administrator Robert Adams said "much depends on his spirit and constitution." It appeared the doctors had little to worry about on that score. The former President maintained his usual optimistic and tough-fibred attitude towards his ailment.

Adams added, however, that Truman was becoming more aware of pain and discomfort as he became more alert.

Truman entered Research Hospital June 19, suffering from what was believed to be a stomach ailment. A few hours later Dr. Wallace Graham, onetime White House physician, performed an emergency operation to remove a gangrenous gall bladder and infected appendix. Mrs. Truman, a constant visitor to her husband's sick room, told newsmen he asked her "to express his grateful thanks to everyone for the kind, helpful and encouraging messages you sent him."

PROTECT WITNESSES
Sen. Ferguson (R-Mich.), chairman of the GOP Policy Committee, announced Thursday the group had unanimously approved the nine rules changes which are intended to "assure the rights of witnesses and insure effective action by committees handling investigations."

A Senate rules subcommittee under the chairmanship of Sen. Jenner (R-Ind.) began hearing earlier in the week on a variety of proposals looking toward the establishment of a uniform code of fair procedures for investigating committees.

Stevenson in Denver To Talk to Luncheon

DENVER (AP) — Adlai Stevenson, in obvious good spirits as he arrived late yesterday, addressed a \$6-a-plate noon luncheon for Democratic workers Friday.

"I'm not the advance man for the President—I'm the also-ran man for President," quipped the 1952 presidential candidate, referring to President Eisenhower's prospective Colorado vacation.

Stevenson is stopping here for 26 hours en route to Alaska. He leaves by plane for Portland, Ore. late Friday.

Waters Recede; Toll a Mystery

Ike Declares Area Eligible for Loans

EAGLE PASS, Tex. (AP) — The Rio Grande was back in its banks Friday, its receding waters carrying the secret of how many died and leaving mounds of foul, disease-breeding mud.

Hidden in the muck and in the draining waters was the answer to whether the best available figures—62 dead, 90 to 400 missing—fall short of the truth.

DISASTER AREA

President Eisenhower declared the stricken borderland eligible for disaster loans. Gov. Allan Shivers' own state disaster task force flew to the border to work with the federal people. The Red Cross, the Salvation Army and individuals had little rest.

Clothing, food, medicine and money were on the way.

The need was greatest across the river in Piedras Negras, whose announced toll of 38 dead and 90 missing may be mockery. One Mexican army major said the dead there may number more than 400.

Nuevo Laredo, sister Mexican city of Laredo, Tex., counted its first dead—the bodies of five members of a family identified only as Gomez. They were recovered Thursday.

PRIDE BLOCKS AIDE

Mexican pride prevented delivery of aid which the United States was anxious to send across the river. Apparently protocol demands a formal request from the Mexicans. The request was not forthcoming, although everyone here knew food, medicine, water and technical help was needed in Piedras Negras.

Disorganization reduced the effectiveness of such help as the U. S. delivered despite protocol. Food ferried over by helicopter was distributed by truck—to the outstretched hands of the hungry.

2nd Wounded Plane Arrives

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — The second plane load of French soldiers wounded in Indochina flew Friday to Westover Air Force Base, Mass., on their way home to France.

The 50 evacuees landed here Thursday and took off for Westover aboard a U. S. Air Force C-97 Stratocruiser shortly before midnight.

The wounded soldiers, including 12 stretcher cases, were the second group to land here in the "wrong way" airlift. On Wednesday 47 wounded arrived here.

The new group departed in a happy, joshing mood. Air Force public information officers, who were among the first to board the Stratocruiser, reported seeing two of the French troops engaged in a friendly scuffle.

The third flight is expected to arrive here at noon Saturday. Seven more flights will follow, with tentative arrival times set for noon Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Earnings Increase

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. Tuesday reported net income of \$13,858,730, equal to \$2.03 a common share, for the three months ended May 31. In the similar period a year ago the company earned \$1.86 a share. Earnings for the 12 months ended May 31 equaled \$7.84 a share against \$7.77 a year ago.

Guatemalans See Victims of Torture

By JACK RUTLEDGE Of The Associated Press

GUATEMALA (AP) — Handkerchiefs to their noses, a long line of men, women and teenagers bled past a row of mutilated bodies in tropical Guatemala's capital Friday.

The smell of death was overpowering as the curious populace lifted the lids of the crude wooden coffins to peer at some of those the new military government says were tortured to death by deposed President Jacobo Arbenz Guzman's dread secret police.

Some of the lookers fainted. Others vomited at the stench. Most fled.

In the small, plaster-walled room in Guatemala City's morgue a statue of Christ loomed behind the coffins, candles burning at its side.

The gruesome display was part of the drive by Guatemala's new government against Arbenz's Communist backers, who sparked the terror wave which preceded his downfall and who now are reported stirring up peasant opposition to his conquerors.

In the weeks just before and after Col. Carlos Castillo Armas' "liberation" army of exiles invaded from neighboring Honduras, the police rounded up hundreds of anti-Communists and opponents of Arbenz's red-backed regime.

Of those picked up, the bodies of some 60 so far have been brought to the capital—torn, battered and broken by police torture.

Six of these, brought in Thursday from the little village of Villa Lobos, were typical. After several days of working over by the police, they were machine-gunned on June 24 and left in a shallow grave.

All were men. Their bodies were purple from beating, slashed and cut by floggings. Eyes were gouged out and teeth were kicked in. The groins had been a favorite target.

Each man's hands were tied behind him.

Why they were tortured was not known. Probably they had refused induction into the army of peasants Arbenz tried to recruit to fight the onrush by Castillo Armas' insurgents, the hastily

armed farmers who now are threatening whatever regime the rebel chief and the current military government set up.

Possibly they were just overly active against the Communists, who were strong in the Villa Lobos area.

Anyway, they are dead, horribly so.

In Guatemala City, most victims of the police were opponents of Arbenz's Communist backers. Many of their bodies already have been recovered—tossed in front of their homes or left in the streets.

More are being discovered daily.

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