

U.S. concerned over harsh measures against Buddhists

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The saffron robes of the Buddhist monks and the gleaming Buddhist temples are as much a part of Southeast Asia as the monsoons and the rice paddies. Buddhism is the state religion of Thailand. Laos is Buddhist and in South Vietnam it is estimated that 70 per cent of the population is Buddhist.

Which helps to explain mounting United States concern over the harsh repressive measures of South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem's government against the Buddhist majority there.

As a religious dispute between the Catholic president and the Buddhists, it is an internal matter and one thing. Its effect upon a war in which the United States is deeply committed and upon the feelings of millions of Southeast Asians toward the United States is still another.

Committed To Win

For, like it or not, and many Americans in South Vietnam do not, the United States is committed to win the anti-Communist struggle in South Vietnam on a slogan "Win with Diem."

The United States is doing its best to disassociate itself from the present dispute. UPI Correspondent Neil Sheehan reported on the basis of reliable sources in Saigon that, privately, U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission William Trueheart has urged Diem to settle the quarrel and get on with the war.

U.S. military commander Gen. Paul D. Harkins has ordered all American military advisers not to accompany Vietnamese units suppressing Buddhist demonstrations.

But this counts for little when the Vietnamese use easily identifiable airplanes and equipment obtained through American aid in their repressive actions and in deliberately link the United States with them.

Once more from Saigon sources Sheehan reports that the United States so far has refrained from publicly rebuking Diem out of fear of losing what little influence it now has with his government.

But U.S. representatives are finding it more and more difficult to maintain a position that Diem is leading a broad, popular movement, when at the same time it is obvious he is in deep political trouble with a majority of his own population.

This is far from the first time that Diem has ignored U.S. advice.

U.S. military forces in South Vietnam are there to advise and not to command.

Diem himself assumes direction of all military operations.

As a result, a large portion of the South Vietnamese Army is held immobile against a supposed threat of mass Communist attack across the 17th parallel from North Vietnam.

"Clear and hold" operations against Communist-held villages usually result in the immediate return of the Reds once government forces depart. Enemy casualties are exaggerated and some operations fail simply because of faulty intelligence.

U.S. aid has helped to stem the Communist advance in South Vietnam.

But, if events continue to follow their present course the fat well could be in the fire.

child safe

MEDFORD (UPD) — Searchers who had hunted in the Applegate Valley area west of here all night for Mark Koon, 2-year-old son of Mrs. Mary Koon, found the child late Tuesday, sitting on a river embankment. He apparently suffered no ill effects from his night out.

Sherry Johnson, a baby sitter employed by Mrs. Koon, said she let the boy outside to play early Monday night and when she went to check on him later, he could not be found.

Temperatures

Temperatures during the 24 hours ending at 4 a.m. PDT today.

	High	Low	Precip.
Bend	78	43	
Astoria	61	53	.02
Baker	77	46	
Brookings	74	47	
K. Falls	77	51	
Medford	86	52	
Newport	60	52	T
N. Bend	66	55	
Pendleton	86	63	
Portland	76	55	
Redmond	83	43	
Salem	79	51	
The Dalles	86	64	
Chicago	68	53	
Los Angeles	66	58	.02
New York	74	69	.01
San Fran.	62	52	
Washington	84	66	

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HUTCHINSON, Kan. (UPD)—Police Sgt. J. B. Johnson was lauded today for skidding his motorcycle into the path of a runaway car.

Two-year-old Leo Millet, who had slipped the car out of gear, was saved.

"He sure flunked his first driving test," Johnson said.

Final figures on recent wheat vote show no percentage change

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Agriculture Department said a canvass of the May 21 wheat referendum ballots showed that 47.8 per cent of the 1,222,856 farmers voting favored marketing quotas on the 1964 crop. The final vote was 584,284 for and 638,572 against.

There will be no marketing quotas in effect of the 1964 wheat crop because they were not approved by the necessary two-thirds of the farmers voting.

The final percentage was almost the same as the 47.79 per cent favoring as announced in the preliminary report early on May 22. The final tally shows an increase of 77,929 votes from the preliminary vote total of 1,144,927. The department said the canvass showed challenged ballots disallowed totaled 12,740.

In announcing final results of the referendum, the department said that price support for the 1964 wheat crop will be available

to producers who stay within their 1964 allotments at a national average price of 50 per cent of parity as of July 1, 1964. This price presently is \$1.25 per bushel.

Revisions of the 1961 and 1962 sugar crops by the Crop Reporting Board show that sugar beet growers in 1962 harvested the largest crop of record — 18,240,000 tons of beets—exceeding the 1961 crop of 17,704,000 tons by 3 per cent. The 1962 tonnage was produced

on 1,103,500 acres. The average yield per acre was 16.5 tons, one-tenth more than in 1961, but 2.3 tons less than the record yield harvested in 1959. Record yields per acre were set in Ohio, Kansas, and Washington.

The board said sugar cane harvested for sugar in 1962 totaled a record 19,231,000 tons compared with 18,749,000 tons a year earlier. The final production was 7 per cent smaller than the December, 1962, estimate, largely as a result of a mid-December freeze

on the mainland. Damage was heavy in Florida resulting in production 21 per cent less than was estimated in December. Cane production in Hawaii was 3 per cent less than estimated in December, 1962.

The board said the 1962 record production of beet and cane sugar amounted to 4,557,000 tons, raw value, up 5 per cent from the preceding year. Sugar production in 1962 consisted of 2,534,000 tons from beets and 1,973,000 tons from cane.

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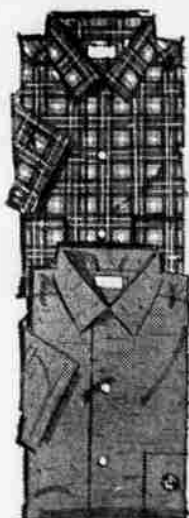
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