

Diem regime overthrown by rebel military units

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63 killed, 341 injured in Indianapolis Coliseum ice show explosion catastrophe

Halloween tragedy: bodies of spectators hurled 50 feet in air

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (UPI)—A tremendous explosion turned a gala Halloween ice show into a nightmarish tragedy Thursday night, killing at least 63 persons and injuring 341.

Officials said the explosion might have been caused by compressed gas used in cooking hot dogs and for pop corn popping.

The catastrophe—largest in Indianapolis history—killed 63 men, women and children, according to official sources. There was such confusion after the explosion some bodies were counted twice and, at one point, officials had set the toll at 70 before revising it downward.

The explosion roared through the Indiana Coliseum at the conclusion of the opening night performance of "Holiday On Ice." It tore through the concrete floor beneath the \$3.30 box seats, finest in the house, and hurled bodies 50 feet through the air onto the ice, where moments before skaters had pirouetted.

Panic swept through parts of the audience. Crowds surged toward exits. One spectator said, "I saw people jumping over the balconies to their death." Shortly, there were mink coats from women in the audience strewn on the ice, along with popcorn boxes and empty beer cups.

Many of the box seats directly above the explosion were occupied by prominent Indianapolis residents.

Coroner Dennis Nicholas said, "apparently it was an accumulation of leaking propane gas used for the concession stands." He said the explosion may have been caused by a leak in copper tubing and not in a gas tank.

Gov. Matthew E. Welsh ordered an immediate investigation. To the stunned city of Indianapolis, the reasons why seemed secondary for the moment.

The shocking and most important fact was a sheet of ice scarred with dead—mothers, fathers, a few children; a holiday Halloween night which became a real nightmare while a band played jazz music; the double row of covered bodies laid out in the coliseum under the merry eye of a past-board chorus girl which had

7 killed in Georgia drug store blast

MARIETTA, Ga. (UPI)—An explosion shattered a neighborhood drug store Thursday night at the height of a Halloween costume judging contest, killing seven persons and injuring scores of others.

Rescue workers pulled the seventh victim from the rubble of Atherton's Drug Store early today. He was identified as Terry Carter, 7. He had last been seen entering the store with his father.

"They were holding hands when they walked in," said the youngster's uncle, John Carter. They were going to buy Terry a mask.

The boy's 33-year-old father also was killed by the blast. The explosion, believed caused by gas leaking from a heater located in a shallow basement near the front of the store, sent splintered glass, chunks of concrete and other debris hurtling across the street toward the square.

People standing on the sidewalk watching the festivities were knocked over and the body of one victim was hurled into the street.

serve as a prop for the show.

Survivors Tell Story

Those who lived through it told the story: Policeman Jack Olburg: "It's the first time I've ever had a 3-year-old girl die in my arms crying 'Daddy, daddy'."

Richard Crowell, 20, college student, who dragged his girl friend from the rubble and struggled towards safety: "There was a popcorn concession stand beneath us... all over us. I carried Karol. I could see people screaming and running. Legs and arms were sticking out of the rubble. On the way out we had to cross people I believe were dead. One man had his head sticking in the flames."

John Williams, Columbus, Ohio, a member of the company of "Holiday On Ice": "No performers were hurt but some were knocked off their feet from the impact. Fire and flame followed immediately. People ran onto the ice. They didn't know what to do. They were slipping on the ice. The people were just like cattle. They came across the ice and got out of there."

Police Chief Robert Reilly: "I thought I had seen death, but I guess I was wrong. I don't care if you have seen five wars."

Critical Condition

Some of the injured were in critical condition. Other survivors thought at first the explosion was part of the show.

The skaters were twirling in center ice at 11:11 p.m. EST when the southern end of the barn-like arena exploded. To some, it sounded like firecrackers and they started moving peacefully towards the exit.

But suddenly bodies were falling onto the ice, hurled from as far as 50 feet away. So were huge chunks of concrete. Flames leaped from the wreckage. Parents clasped their children, tried to shield them, and died with them. Some fled across the ice, slipping, falling, and rising again.

The dead lay between twisted steel, broken concrete, empty beer cartons and crumpled popcorn boxes.

The klieg lights still shone early this morning on the figures stretched on the floor of the coliseum. They were covered by canvas, coats, blankets, sweaters, anything which could hide the horror and lend dignity to sudden death.

Eight of the mounds on the floor were small children's bodies.

Coroner Dennis Nicholas said he had counted the bodies of at least 32 women.

Electrical firm facing walkouts

PITTSBURGH (UPI)—The Westinghouse Electric Corp. and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) resumed negotiations today amid a threat that walkouts at the firm's 61 installations may spread.

Negotiators for both sides began meeting shortly after 10 a.m. EST, with federal mediators as workers manned picket lines at plants in Dover, N.J., and Cheswick, Pa. The old IBEW contract expired at midnight.

An IBEW spokesman reported last night that employees at the firm's Horseheads, N.Y., plant had also walked out. But it was announced today by Westinghouse here that there had been no strike at Horseheads and that both sides began meeting on a local level at 11 a.m. EST.



HOOTENANNY... HOOTENANNY—Bend teenagers had a Halloween party to end all Halloween parties last night when the Teenage Recreation Council sponsored a chaperoned Hootenanny and dance following a hayride. Here one of

several groups that led singing goes through its paces. Singers are, from left: Kip Kemple, Sue Langworthy, Sandy Griffith and Ray Gumpert. Over 200 Bend youths turned out for the affair at the home of Pat Metko. (Nate Bull photo).

Police pick up 41 youngsters, take statements

Eggs directed at pedestrians, homes and passing autos filled the air last night in Bend.

Forty-one young people, whose ages range from 14 to 19 years, were brought to police headquarters where they signed statements admitting their Halloween activities.

Aside from the egg damage and the turning on of five city fire hydrants, said Chief Emil Moen, the evening was relatively quiet. One boy was placed in detention for snapping the aerial of a parked car. Another was brought to the station after tossing a firecracker.

The five hydrants turned on kept city fire crews hopping between 6 p.m. and midnight. Probably causing the most damage was a hydrant on Glenwood Drive which police said flooded a storage warehouse owned by Maurice Olson. An officer said the water may have caused extensive damage to equipment.

Other activated hydrants were at Sisemore and Georgia, Sisemore and Delaware, Estes and Vicksburg and one directly in front of the fire station.

'Triple Pops' program tonight

The Bend High School music department presents its "Triple Pops" program tonight at 8 o'clock in the high school cafeteria. A program of popular music is offered free of charge, and refreshments of popcorn and soda pop will be available.

Groups participating will be the orchestra, band, chorus, dance band, folk singers and Melodiers. Bear Antics Chorus girls will sell refreshments. Dave Paustian, band president, is in charge of arrangements, assisted by Norman Whitney and Donald Goodwin of the school music staff.

To be televised Valentina to wed cosmonaut Saturday

MOSCOW (UPI)—Soviet space woman Valentina Tereshkova will be married Saturday to cosmonaut Andrian Nikolayev in a unique ceremony that will be televised to the nation. It was confirmed today.

The entire space colony and perhaps Premier Nikita Khrushchev himself were expected to attend the brief civil service in one of Moscow's two "palaces of marriage."

Publicity such as this for a Soviet wedding, involving public figures, is almost unprecedented in the Soviet Union.

The exact time and place of the wedding were not announced, presumably to keep a semblance of semi-privacy although all the Soviet Union will be looking in by television.

Valentina, the world's first cosmonette, went coolly about her official duties on the eve of her wedding—delivering an address to the trade union congress in a Kremlin hall packed by 6,000 delegates. There was no sign of her husky 33-year-old fiancé.

Valentina promised new "and much more difficult flights" by Soviet spacemen and presumably women.

Shortly after she spoke, Moscow radio announced the orbiting of a new "maneuverable" space vehicle into an unusually elliptical orbit.

Valentina, or Valya as she is known to her friends, is 25 years old and has indicated that she wants to continue space flights even after she gets married.

The attractive girl started out as a paratrooper. But last June she was at the controls of Vostok VI as it covered 1.24 million miles and whirled around the earth 48 times in less than three days.

Nikolayev, 33, orbited the earth 64 times in August, 1962. He was the nation's most eligible bachelor and No. 1 pinup boy until Valentina captured his affections.

A rugged former lumberjack, Nikolayev is an air force major. His bride-to-be recently was promoted from junior lieutenant to captain.

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BSHS honors 4 Merit scholars

Four Bend High School seniors were honored at an assembly program this afternoon, for their high performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test given last spring. Letters of Commendation were presented by Ray Talbert, principal, to Scott B. Beauvais, Kathleen Candland, Ronald L. Gist and Marcia L. Kanne.

The commended students, together with the semifinalists, the top scorers, constitute about two per cent of all high school seniors.

The commended students were among the high school juniors in approximately 16,500 schools who took the NMSQT last March. The test is a three-hour examination that covers five separate areas of educational development.

The commended students and the semifinalists who did not win four-year Merit Scholarships to the colleges of their choice are considered for certain other scholarships that are offered through the facilities of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

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Four children lose lives in La Grande fire

LA GRANDE (UPI)—Flames raced through a two-story home here early today and took the lives of four small children.

The victims, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mann, were identified as Robbin Marie, 4; Timothy Ray, 3; Sonora Grace, 2; and Brian Seth, 1.

Mrs. Mann said the children were asleep in two upstairs bedrooms when the blaze broke out about 7 a.m. Mrs. Mann was asleep downstairs and Mann had left for work.

Firemen were seeking the cause of the blaze.

Mrs. Mann said she awoke after 7 a.m. and saw the flames roaring around a chimney in the kitchen and the stairwell leading upstairs.

She said she ran to her brother's home nearby for help when she was unable to get through the flames to the children's rooms.

She said her brother, Nick Scholer, tried to enter the house four times but was driven back by the flames.

When firemen arrived the whole house was aflame.

She told the medical examiner's office she believed the fire started in a trash burner in the kitchen.

Both parents were put under sedation.

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U. S. moving forces toward S. Viet Nam to protect Americans

By United Press International
Military forces rebelled against the regime of President Ngo Dinh Diem today and appeared to have won control of all key points in the country except the presidential palace in Saigon, where fighting rages.

The uprising was led by a "revolutionary committee" of 14 generals and 10 colonels, supported by the marines, paratroopers, the air force and key units of the army. Some army elements and the tiny navy remained loyal to Diem.

The rebel leaders included Gen. Duong Van Minh, a pro-American former presidential adviser, and Maj. Gen. Tran Van Don, acting chief of the joint Vietnamese general staff.

Chief opposition to the coup seems to have come from the "special forces" troops of Diem's brother and chief adviser, Ngo Dinh Nhu, but a broadcast over the rebel-controlled Saigon radio said Col. Lee Quang Tung, the special forces

The rebels struck at midday. By nightfall they were reported in control of most of the country following fierce fighting.

(The American forces ordered to Viet Nam are primarily part of the 7th Fleet, and were expected also to include some air and ground units. The United States already has an estimated 15,000 troops in Viet Nam.

One unconfirmed radio report said Diem had taken refuge on a naval vessel off Saigon.

(The rebels appeared to be in virtual control of Saigon and other parts of the country except for the immediate area around the presidential palace, according to reports reaching Washington. Heavy fighting continued around the palace. Diplomatic sources in Washington cautioned, however, that it still was uncertain whether the coup was successful.)

There was no immediate word about the fate or whereabouts of Ngo Dinh Nhu, Diem's brother and head of the government security police. Madame Nhu, the president's controversial sister-in-law, is touring the United States and currently is in Beverly Hills, Calif., with her 18-year-old daughter, Le Tuy.

The Japanese foreign office in Tokyo also said it had received a cable from its acting ambassador in Saigon reporting that Saigon radio announced the formation of a new government some time around 4 a.m. EST. The coup forces were believed to be pro-American.

(A U.S. Embassy official in Manila said there had been fierce fighting. "One plane has been shot down and the president's palace has been surrounded," the official said.)

The United States has made no secret since then that it would like a change in the Saigon government. The English-language Times of Viet Nam charged here Sept. 2 that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency had planned a coup against the regime Aug. 28 but "postponed the plot" because the "Vietnamese knew and were prepared to... fight to the end."

The United States dismissed the accusation as a fantasy. President Kennedy said earlier this month that the United States would continue its support of Diem's guerrilla war against the Communists, but would like to see a change in "policies and personnel." This was believed directed particularly against Nhu, who has been reported to be the real ruler of Viet Nam and chief instigator of the crackdown campaign.

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Mme. Nhu says revolt great shame to U.S.

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (UPI)—Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu said today that "if press reports of a revolt in Viet Nam are true, it is a great shame to many Americans."

Mme. Nhu issued her statement through her traveling companion, T. M. Thach, South Viet Nam's observer at the United Nations.

He said he told Mme. Nhu of the reported revolt and she gave him a statement which she wrote out by hand.

She said: "Indeed, we all know many of them (Americans) wanted this for a long time. Now that victory was coming for us, they thought they could rob us of the real fruits of that victory with the help of little men who are traitors."

"No foreign interference can be tolerated in our country."

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The United States today emphatically denied that it had anything to do with the military coup in South Viet Nam.

State Department press officer Richard L. Phillips said shortly before 2 p.m. EST: "I can categorically state that the United States government was not in any way involved in this coup attempt."

commander, had been captured and persuaded to issue a cease-fire to his troops.

Other developments: —The United States ordered forces in the Pacific to start moving toward Viet Nam to defend American lives if necessary. The forces included units of the 7th Fleet, and probably air and ground units, to supplement the 15,000 American troops already in Viet Nam as advisers.

—Diplomatic sources in Tokyo reported that Diem was arrested and jailed and Nhu assassinated by rebel forces. This report could not be confirmed from other sources.

Kennedy Meets Leaders —In Washington, President Kennedy conferred for 45 minutes today with top diplomatic and military advisers to discuss the new crisis. At mid-afternoon a State Department spokesman said: "I can categorically state that the United States government was not in any way involved in this coup attempt."

—The rebel radio in Saigon claimed that the police commissioner, the chief of the air force and the commander of the civil guard had been captured. The rebels also claimed that the navy had capitulated. The insurgents also announced a nighttime curfew in Saigon and its sister city of Cholon, and announced they had set up a new government for which they asked popular support.

A spokesman said afterwards that the President was given "direct information" on the situation in Saigon by Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara.

Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said that there would be no immediate White House comment on the fast-developing situation. He said, however, that there is "no problem" in White House communications with Saigon and "our reports are coming in very fast."

Those attending the meeting also included Central Intelligence Agency Chief John A. McCone; Gen. Maxwell Taylor, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Undersecretary of State W. Averell Harriman; Roger Hilsman, assistant secretary of state for Far Eastern affairs, and McGee Bundy, the President's assistant for national security.

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Weather

Cloudy tonight with showers. Partly cloudy Saturday with mountain showers. High temperature, 47-52. Low, 30-35. High yesterday, 60 degrees. Low last night, 28 degrees. Sunset tomorrow, 4:56. Sunrise tomorrow, 6:42, PST.

FIREMEN DASH Bend firemen dashed to the B C Cafe, 301 E. Franklin Avenue, at 1:20 today to find a compressor burned up. There was some smoke but no damage.

\$421 collected for UNICEF

Bend's Halloween teenage UNICEF collectors probably added the trick-or-treaters last night.

According to Mrs. Lawrence Christian, chairman of the drive for the United Church Women, the teenagers collected \$421. However, they were unable to contact everyone.

For those then, who were not contacted, a donation container will be placed in the City Meat Market.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

By United Press International
Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 753.73, off 1.50; 20 railroads 170.56, up 1.10; 15 utilities 138.99, off 0.07; and 65 stocks 263.51, up 0.06.