

# Reliable sources indicate coup in S. Viet Nam caught American military commander by surprise

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SAIGON, South Viet Nam (UPI)—Reliable sources said today that the Nov. 1 coup against President Ngo Dinh Diem caught U.S. military commander Gen. Paul D. Harkins by surprise despite warnings from his subordinates.

The U.S. Military Assistance Command formally denied the report that Harkins had ignored warnings. It said the coup leaders maintained strict secrecy until the time of their attack.

The sources said Harkins also sent a paragraph in a report to Washington from the military and Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) here saying he did not believe a coup was imminent.

They said that after the beginning of the coup, Harkins asked to have the paragraph deleted from the report.

**Denies Report**

The Military Assistance Command denied that any such paragraph was included in the report originally and thus no deletion was made.

It issued this statement on the coup:

"The Revolutionary Military Committee (which staged the coup) advised the Military Assistance Command headquarters of the coup at 1:45 p.m., on Nov. 1, which was approximately the time of their initial attack.

"At the time, they regretted not having been able to take the headquarters into their confidence, but considered absolute secrecy paramount to the success of their plan."

The statement said the U.S. military had been told of troop movements on the morning of the coup "but the cover planning had been so well conceived and executed that the imminence of a coup d'etat was not apparent."

**Didn't Advise Harkins**

The sources said Harkins was not taken into the confidence of the coup leaders because they considered him too closely connected to the Diem government.

They said U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge was kept up with coup plans and told two days before the revolt when it would occur.

Sources in the new military government of South Viet Nam said junta leaders have made it clear to the U.S. Embassy that they privately regard Harkins as a symbol of the old U.S. policy of support for the Diem regime, although they have made no specific desires known to the embassy concerning Harkins' future in Viet Nam.

**Prof. Gasbarrini taken by death**

BOLOGNA, Italy (UPI)—Prof. Antonio Gasbarrini, a physician who treated the late Pope Pius XII and John XXIII, died today in a Bologna clinic.

Gasbarrini, 81, had been operated on recently for prostate trouble and bladder stones. His condition kept worsening despite the surgery and he died this morning.

Pope Paul VI, who knew Gasbarrini and received him in audience shortly after his election to the papacy, sent a special blessing to the dying doctor.

As head of the Military Assistance Command, Harkins has charge of the 15,000 U.S. officers and soldiers serving as advisers to the Vietnamese army in the war against the Communist guerrillas.

## 2 Bend students enroll in OSU honors program

**Special to The Bulletin**

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY — Charles E. McKinney and Alexander Adams of Bend are enrolled in the School of Science Honors Program at Oregon State University. The program is designed to let students "go faster and farther" during their years of college work.

The names of the 102 new freshmen chosen for the program were announced at the start of fall term. The new list includes the names of the 51 sophomores, 38 juniors and 21 seniors in the program.

Under the honors program, students do special extra work and follow an accelerated course of study. If they complete the program, they are graduated with honors. They may, however, withdraw from the program at any time and resume normal course loads.

McKinney, a sophomore, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. I. McKinney of Route 2, Box 63, and Adams, a junior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Adams of 32 E. 10th Street.

# Ohio areas receive snow, south gets freeze warning

**By United Press International**

Blustery northeast winds drove up to 10 inches of snow across parts of Ohio today and brought a touch of winter to the Southland. Schools were closed in some Ohio communities.

Heavy snow warnings were posted for throughout the day in Ohio, Pennsylvania and western New York. The Weather Bureau issued freeze warnings for tonight as far south as Mississippi and Alabama.

Hambden, Ohio, reported 10 inches of snow today and Kirtland, Ohio, reported 5 inches. Snowfall along the southern

edge of Lake Erie averaged about 3 inches.

The mercury fell to 30 degrees at Raleigh, N.C., Richmond, Va., and Asheville, N.C. Temperatures hovered just above freezing at Louisville, Ky., Memphis, Tenn., Birmingham, Ala., and Shreveport, La.

The lowest temperatures reported in the nation today was 6 degrees above zero at Bismarck, N.D., Dickinson, N.D., and Philip, S.D., both recorded 9 degrees above zero.

Many sections of the North got their first snow of the season Tuesday, but it was mostly flurries. A narrow area around Ironwood, Mich., however, was blanketed with nearly a foot of snow. Houghton, Mich., had 2 inches and Houlton, Maine had 5 inches.

Rain also fell during the night, with Erie, Pa., reporting .23 inch, Marquette, Mich., getting .31 inch and about .10 inch falling at South Bend, Ind., and Buffalo, N.Y.

Nearly an inch of rain fell at Newport, Ore., and up to a half inch was reported along the Washington and Oregon coast.

Meanwhile, conservation officials in Oklahoma suspended the deer hunting season in seven southeastern counties because of the danger of forest fire. Woodlands in the area were tinder dry because of the extended drought.

## Oregon counties on ban list

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Thirteen Oregon counties were listed as off limits to Russian citizens traveling in this country, the State Department said Tuesday.

In addition, six of the counties also are restricted to members of Bulgarian, Czechoslovak, Hungarian, Polish and Rumanian missions in this country. They are Benton, Coos, Klamath, Linn, Morrow and Multnomah counties.

Clackamas, Douglas, Lane, Marion, Polk, Washington and Yamhill counties are closed to Russians, but open to the Eastern Europeans.

**POSTAL PUZZLER**

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (UPI)—Rufus K. Barton Jr. addressed a letter to:

"0-5220837  
"110423  
"79916."

His son, Lt. Rufus K. Barton III, received it at Ft. Bliss, Tex., one week later.

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# Courtrooms serve as backdrops in rights fights

**By United Press International**

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Justice Department attorneys appeal to the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans today for a temporary restraining order blocking an Alabama grand jury investigation. A Federal District Court judge Tuesday refused to grant such an order.

A grand jury at Selma, Ala., is investigating the free government transportation given Negro leader Martin Luther King Jr., last month from Birmingham to a civil rights rally at Selma. The Justice Department contends the probe amounts to harassment of federal officials.

At Clinton, La., Tuesday state Judge John Rarick, in defiance of a federal order, renewed an injunction against racial demonstrations by the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE).

School board attorneys asked a federal court at Greensboro, N.C., Tuesday to dismiss a desegregation suit by more than 100 Negroes on grounds Cabarrus County schools will lower racial barriers in September. The Negroes are seeking immediate desegregation.

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Elsewhere in the nation: **Macon, Ga.:** A key witness was expected to testify today in the trial of Miss Joni Rabinowitz, a 21-year-old New Rochelle, N.Y., white woman charged with giving false testimony to a federal grand jury.

**Lexington, N.C.:** A police official testified Thursday that one of three Negro youths charged with second degree murder admitted shortly after his arrest that he fired several rifle bullets into a crowd of whites during a June 6 race riot. It is alleged that one of the bullets killed mechanic Fred Link, 24, and another wounded Art Richardson, a photographer for the High Point Enterprise.

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