

Vietnam Checks 'Cancer Growth,' Bengé Declares

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working to improve their standard of living, helping promote education. They are a Malaya-Polynesian-Burmese people and are more primitive than the Vietnamese who came out of Southern China, he said.

Many of the Montagnards are involved in the war, some serving as defense groups with American special services.

The Vietcong have not been very successful in infiltrating among the Montagnards because of the communal nature of the latter, Bengé pointed out. Montagnards have not been particularly friendly to either the North or South Vietnamese and have pressed for their independence.

"They don't 'buy' what the Vietnamese have to 'sell' was the way Bengé put it. But the Vietcong come in at times, take their villages, strip them and deport the people."

In Darlac province there are about 232,000 persons of which 60% are Montagnards and 40% are Vietnamese.

Bengé can see several weaknesses in the United States effort in Vietnam. He said that we trained the South Vietnamese in conventional warfare tactics in the late 1950's.

"Conventional warfare, with tanks and trucks, doesn't work in the rice paddies," he said. "This, to a considerable extent, immobilized the South Vietnamese army."

Since then, attempts have been made to convert to guerrilla tactics. The same is pretty much true of the American soldier sent to Vietnam, the lone man said.

One of the main faults of our system is the short period of time that our people serve in Vietnam, he said.

In his own case, Bengé said that he never felt until two years ago that he was really making gains in his work.

"Then I began believing it sincerely," he said.

With the new civilian personnel coming in, "... a large percentage of the time is spent trying to convince them not to try to rediscover the wheel," he said.

The newcomers know very little about the area or the people. One will specialize in one thing, and another in another thing. When one leaves, the emphasis shifts, and it becomes confusing.

Shell Hits Near House
Bengé said that he has seldom been under fire although military activity is going on continuously in the province. Recently, mortar shells hit about a quarter-mile from his house.

Elements of the 4th division are now in the province, which is used for infiltration routes by the North Vietnamese. The Montagnards are good about getting information on the infiltrations and passing it along.

The Morrow county man had high praise for American leadership in Vietnam, although he belittled some of the reports that he is called upon to make, answering such questions as, "Show what you have accomplished in the last three months."

He said that he has had visits from "generals on down" and spent four hours escorting Rich and Nixon on a tour several months ago.

"I think we are very very fortunate," he said of the leadership in Vietnam. "These men are intelligent and they are real Americans."

Bengé believes that as the South Vietnamese gain more confidence in their government, and as the government proves itself, a gradual pullout may be started—as in Korea, but he believes it will be necessary to maintain a force there for years to come.

He believes that the close coverage by television of the Vietnam war has had an adverse effect on the American public.

See Sons Killed
"It is the first time they have seen the horrors of war as they develop," he said. "It is the first time that they see their sons get killed."

He told of the enemy's ingenious methods of protecting itself. Even against napalm, they have devised methods of with-

Old-Time Fiddlers To be Featured

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third place, \$10 and trophy; and fourth and fifth places will receive plaques.

The seven-county winner will receive \$25 and trophy; second, \$15 and trophy; third, \$10 and trophy; and fourth and fifth places will receive plaques.

The regional contest, open to both men and women, will carry a trophy and \$75 for first place. Second place winner will receive \$50 and a trophy, third will get \$25 and a trophy, fourth will receive \$15 and a trophy; and fifth will get \$10 and a trophy.

For the classic old timers contest, limited to those 65 years and older, trophies will be awarded for first, second and third.

Entry fees for intermediates and the 7-county contest are \$3 each. For the regional, the fee is \$5, and for the old timers, there is no entry fee.

Each contestant will play three pieces, including a hoedown, a waltz, and one of the fiddler's choice. In the regional contest only, the fiddler's choice must be other than a waltz or quadrille.

A fiddler may enter more than one of the four contests, but any who have previously won prizes may not enter the intermediate class.

The Jaycees are undertaking this project for the first time at the request of the Eastern Oregon association. It is probably their biggest project to be undertaken to date and a good attendance by the public is necessary to cover expenses. They hope to realize some proceeds to devote to community projects.

Tickets are now on sale from all Jaycees at \$1 for adults Friday night, \$1.50 on Saturday night, and 75c for students either night.

Dixons Are College Visitors in Seattle

The Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Dixon enjoyed some of the parents' week-end activities at Seattle Pacific University on November 4 and 5 as guests of their daughter, Marti, who is a senior student there. They continued on to Seattle after performing the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Pierce in La Grande on November 3, toured the campus and attended a banquet on Saturday and special morning church services on Sunday.

Coming home Sunday, they stopped at Othello, Wash., to visit the Rev. and Mrs. Don McCarty, former residents here, who are enjoying their new pastorate of the Othello Nazarene church.

standing all but a direct hit. They cover their conical hats with mud and get down in "spider" holes, and the mud covered hats protect them from the flames.

Bengé made the trip to the United States on an airplane with Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker. This was by coincidence since the ambassador was headed home in the Air Force plane at just the time Bengé received his emergency leave. The lone man will fly to Washington, D. C., at 5:30 Sunday morning to return on the ambassador's plane.

He expects to be back in the States on a regular leave next April but says that he will sign for another two or three years. "I will continue working as long as I feel I am making a contribution," he said.

Likening the war in Vietnam to insurance again, Bengé summarized, "You don't like the high rates of insurance, but let your house get burned down and then where are you?"

Daniels Discusses Changes Started in School System

Changes underway to improve the school system in Morrow county and some of the problems being encountered in the system were discussed by Ron Daniels, superintendent, in a talk before the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce Monday noon.

He showed a copy of a new teacher and school board policy handbook which is designed to help answer questions on policies which have been made throughout the life of the administrative district.

Another handbook has been developed for custodians, bus drivers and cooks.

He said that it had been discovered that many residents in the district are not aware of the structure of the advisory committee despite the fact that they have been active since its inception. The advisory committees meet monthly. In addition, the district has transportation, secondary curriculum and elementary curriculum committees, composed of certified personnel, board members, advisory committee members and lay people.

Student handbooks also have been prepared for each school, and development of these has been left to the individual schools to a large degree to avoid "regimenting" the schools, the superintendent said.

Daniels told of the development of a new system of accounting that will keep an accurate record of where the district's money is going and will keep an account of expenditures in relation to amounts budgeted for particular purposes.

Development of a county-wide testing program to provide uniformity and economy was also described. Under this system, the same standardized tests will

be administered in the various schools with the Lexington office serving as the central location for distributing the tests.

Construction of Riverside High school should complete the county's building program, but Daniels said, the county should be aware of some needs that remain in the future. One such is the need for a Heppner High vocational building.

A standardized committee from the state that visited Heppner and Morrow county schools recently said that the programs in the schools were excellent, Daniels reported, but some points on building improvements were brought out for consideration, such as changes in rest rooms.

As to the current reorganization of the Intermediate Education districts, Daniels said that Morrow county undoubtedly will be placed with the Umatilla County I.E.D. but said that cost should be on a student population basis instead of an assessed value basis. This should be in operation by 1969-70. The student population basis would find Morrow taking about one-tenth the cost as compared with one-fourth under the assessed valuation plan.

The superintendent discussed the property tax relief picture and said that it is possible that the legislature may present the "smorgasbord" plan. Either the sales tax or the broadened income tax is devised to provide \$100,000,000 to schools as a property tax offset. This would mean an additional \$185,000 to \$200,000 to Morrow county in addition to present basic school support.

This would provide some 9 or 10 mills reduction in taxes here, but the county's offset would go from 18% to 35%, while the statewide goal is 50% in school support. Thus Morrow would not receive as much benefit as many other counties.

The new superintendent, who took the position in August after serving as Riverside High and Boardman Elementary principal for six years, also discussed briefly the professional negotiation committee, which by new state law, discusses salaries with the board; the prospects for the budget; and the new Riverside building.

Rands Lose Case In Supreme Court

A unanimous decision of the United States Supreme Court Monday ruled in favor of the federal government, as plaintiffs, in a condemnation case in which Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Rand of Boardman were defendants.

The action involved damages for two tracts of land taken from the defendants along the Columbia River waterfront in connection with the John Day dam project.

The couple had been awarded \$9,420 for the 260-acre tracts in U. S. District Court. In the initial action the court agreed with the government that the land's special value as a port site should be disregarded.

However, the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco reversed this decision. The justice department appealed, contending that if the Circuit Court's decision stood it could result in "windfalls" to owners of riverbank land and could encourage speculation on such properties.

The Supreme Court took jurisdiction, and recently, Robert Abrams of Mahoney and Abrams, Heppner, went to Washington, D. C., with Alex Parks of Portland to appear before the court in representing the defendants.

Justice Byron R. White announced the decision which stated that owners of riverbank land, taken by the federal government, are not entitled to be paid for the land's value as a potential port site.

White said, "Special values rising from access to a navigable stream are allocable to the public and not to private interest."

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Fred Bartholomew Dies in Estacada

Fred C. Bartholomew, 83, who grew to manhood in Heppner and was son of A. G. Bartholomew, Morrow county judge from 1896 until his death in November, 1903, died at his home in Estacada last Thursday, November 9.

Funeral services were Sunday, November 12, at Clayville Funeral Home in Estacada and interment was in the Estacada IOOF Cemetery.

He was born at Milton, October 22, 1884, and had served as mayor of Estacada in 1945 and 1946. In addition, he had held numerous other elective and appointive offices. For many years he operated a grocery store in Estacada prior to his retirement in 1946. He was a charter member of the Estacada Kiwanis club and was past master of Estacada Lodge No. 146, AF & AM.

Judge Bartholomew, his father, was county judge when the present Morrow county courthouse was built. Fred Bartholomew solicited the money to buy the courthouse clock and have it installed.

Survivors include the wife, Mrs. Rose L. Bartholomew of Estacada; a daughter, Mrs. May Rose Godsey of Rhododendron; two sons, Walter A. (Bud) Bartholomew in West Pakistan and Robert B. Winston; and eight grandchildren.

Mrs. Phebe Bartholomew of Butter Creek, a sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Myers, also of Butter Creek, and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Finch of Hinkle attended the services.

Fred Bartholomew returned to Heppner on visits quite often and attended the Memorial Day picnic regularly until the past few years when his health did not permit.

Film to be Shown Two Nights Here

High school and college students are invited to a showing of the sound motion picture film, "Berkeley Revolution," on Friday night, November 24, and adults and children are invited to see the film Saturday night, November 25, at special showings in the multipurpose room of the Heppner Elementary school. Time is 7 p.m. each evening.

The 50-minute film deals with the conflict of college students today and frankly discusses questions of interest to both youth and adults. It will be shown here under sponsorship of Campus Crusade for Christ, International, with Heppner area college students in charge.

There will be no admission charge and refreshments will be served after the picture is shown. It is 50 minutes in length. Students are invited to stay after the Friday showing for a discussion period with the sponsoring students leading the discussion.

Prindles Attend Logging Congress

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Prindle of Kinzua Corporation were among those who attended the 58th session of Pacific Logging Congress, held last week at the Olympic Hotel in Seattle, Wash. Prindle serves as one of the directors of the organization.

One of the highlights for the wives of those attending was the opportunity to tour the Renton plant of Boeing Company, and were escorted through the new Boeing-707, a 490-passenger plane with cruising speed of up to 700 miles per hour.

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HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients who were admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital during the past week, and are still receiving medical care, are the following: Sybil Bran, Heppner; Clarence Jacobson, Fossil; Grace Byrne, Ione; Ima Jean Mooney, Ione; Ray Nulf, Heppner; Emma Hager, Heppner; C. N. Jones, Heppner; John Reeder, Pilot Rock; Florence Ervin, Kinzua, and Louis Bisbee, Heppner.

Those who were given medical care, and were later dismissed, were the following: John Stevens, Hardman; Joel Peterson, Ione; Bess Huddleston, Heppner; John Ceglia, Heppner, and Michael Hartin, Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Carrick, Heppner, are announcing the birth of their second child, a son, born Thursday, November

9. His birth weight was 7 lb., 12 oz., and has been named Craig Stuart. He joins a brother, Scott. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pendleton, Stayton; paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Carrick, Portland; other grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Killingberg, Vernonia, and Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Cupp, Aumsville.



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