



Fighting Rages in Saigon

Reinforcements Of Loyalists Gain Control of City

120 Dead Counted In Cholun Suburb

Saigon, Indochina—(U.P.)—Rebellious warlord troops opened fire on government forces in Saigon today, touching off bloody fighting that raged for hours until loyal reinforcements roared into the city in tank-led convoys and regained control.

Early this morning at least 120 dead and 300 wounded were counted in suburban Cholun alone, and government quarters said the over-all death count may reach several hundred.

The government and rebels agreed on the second cease fire of the day at 5 p.m. (2 a.m. PST) and fifteen minutes later, only a few scattered machine-gun bursts could be heard above screams of the wounded and dying.

The fighting flared when troops of the Binh Xuyen gang of ex-river pirates ambushed a government convoy moving through the crowded streets.

The European quarter of the city where several hundred Americans lived escaped the full fury of the fight.

One of the heaviest battles raged around the headquarters of Free Viet Nam's high command. Counterattacking government troops drove off the fanatical rebels in hand to hand fighting.

French military authorities intervened in the early stages of the fighting but it lasted only an hour and 20 minutes.

First official reports said the government had picked up more than 50 bodies and taken several hundred to hospitals.

Parents Urged To Go Ahead With Plans To Give Children Salk Anti-Polio 'Shots'

Washington—(U.P.)—The Public Health Service urged parents today to go ahead with any plans they have to get Salk polio shots for their children.

It said they can have "complete faith" both in the effectiveness of the serum itself and in the vaccination program now underway throughout the country.

The health service made the statements in a frank effort to calm a wave of concern and uncertainty set in motion Wednesday by a government ban on all vaccine produced by Cutter Laboratories in Berkeley, Calif.

The ban was ordered as a precautionary measure because one child died and at least nine possibly 11 suffered paralysis from polio after receiving Cutter vaccine.

Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, U.S. surgeon general, said some deaths and some cases of paralysis must be expected this year because the vaccine is not 100 per cent effective.

Dr. Jonas E. Salk, the vaccine's developer, said in Pittsburgh "it is difficult to say" whether the vaccination in these cases was "one of cause and effect or one of coincidence."

He endorsed the federal investigation. (See stories on Page 8)

Defeat Urged for Compulsory State Meat Inspection Measure Carries \$75,000 Appropriation

Salem—(U.P.)—A bill that would set up a pilot program for compulsory state meat inspection was reported out of the Joint Ways and Means Committee today with a recommendation that it be defeated.

First vote on the adverse report was 7 to 7 but Rep. Alfred Corbett (D-Portland), fearing that the bill would be buried in committee, changed his vote to yes, thus forcing the measure to the floor for further debate.

Sen. George Ulett (R-Coquille) said consumers who want inspected meat can find it in reputable stores in all parts of the state and that the relatively small amount of bad meat could easily be controlled at the local level.

Urban Services Eyed The Ways and Means Committee also approved a resolution calling for an interim committee to study the problem of providing urban services for fringe areas.

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Earlier, Dr. Erickson had protested the state's allotment of the vaccine. "Now, we're getting everything we asked for," he said.

Dr. McGinnes said he has instructed Parke-Davis Company to ship vaccine to Oregon for arrival April 30 on a basis of 95 per cent of those eligible for first inoculations.

Dr. Erickson last night wired Dr. Otis Anderson, chief of the bureau of state services of the United States Public Health Service in Washington requesting additional information about the government's precautionary ban on vaccine manufactured by Cutter Laboratories of Berkeley, Calif.

Decision on Program "We need supplemental information in order to make a decision on the school vaccination program," Dr. Erickson said.

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SWEET OFF FEET, so to speak, by beauty of candidates for queen of Miami Beach, Fla., press photographers, Chris Hansen falls in pool, stoutly denying he did it purposely. (International)

New Church Position Created by Conclave Of Assemblies of God

Election of an assistant superintendent of the Oregon district of the Assemblies of God was scheduled today by delegates to the 19th annual district convention, meeting here at the Medford Assembly of God, 1108 West Main st.

The position is a new one, created by vote of the delegates at yesterday afternoon's business session. In support of the proposal, it was explained that the responsibilities of the superintendent have increased greatly with the increase in the number of member Assemblies, and that it has become necessary to provide additional help to carry on the administration and leadership of the 190 churches in the district.

The new post will be for a paid, full-time man. Has Other Duties The present superintendent, the Rev. Atwood Foster, Salem, also is director of the church extension plan, a corporation of the Oregon district, which helps finance church building and expansion programs.

Also on the agenda today were reports of a number of committees which have been meeting separately. Committee recommendations will be put to a vote of the convention. Among the items expected to be considered is a plan for development of a more comprehensive financing plan for operation of district programs.

The Rev. Peter Jepson, North Bend, is chairman of the finance committee.

Fred E. Robinson, Medford city councilman, brought the greetings of the city of Medford to the convention at last night's devotional and inspirational program.

Other Officials Here The Rev. Kenneth Haystead, assistant superintendent of the

Sen. Lowry Supports Wire Tap Measure

Salem—(U.P.)—The Senate today passed a bill to ban wire tapping in Oregon.

Sen. Phil Lowry (R-Medford) explained that just before the Legislature convened, the attorney general ruled that there is no prohibition against wire tapping in Oregon.

The objective of the measure passed today, Senate bill 165, is to make it illegal for private detectives and others to tap telephone wires to get information concerning divorce cases and business deals. It also is a protection against blackmail, Sen. Lowry said.

He explained that law officers could legally tap wires in cases against Communists or felons by getting a "listening warrant" from a circuit or district court judge. That would be similar to getting a warrant to enter a man's home.

Atomic Test Blast Rescheduled Saturday Atomic Test Site, Nev.—(U.P.) The Atomic Energy Commission postponed the atomic destruction of Survival Town, U.S.A. today until Saturday morning as the weather jinx continued to hound the multi-million dollar experiment.

Coffee Urn Explodes Burning Man Nearby

Don Wood, 41, of 1952 Marsh lane, received second degree burns about his face, neck and shoulders about 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, when a coffee urn at the Elks club, exploded, according to reports by Medford ambulance service and Sacred Heart hospital attendants. He is reported as "doing very well."

Wood, a salesman for Armour Meat company, was working for the evening for Chef Danny Marmo of the Medford hotel, who was catering at the Elks club to the 50th anniversary banquet of the southern Oregon Rotary clubs. He was standing near the urn when it exploded, Marmo said.

Baker, Ore.—(U.P.)—Sale of radio station KBKR here to Oregon Trail Broadcasters Inc. by Inland Radio Inc. has been announced.

McCarty Wants Efforts Turned To Free Americans Held in China

Cincinnati, O.—(U.P.)—Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wis.) said today United States leaders ought to concentrate on getting back the 521 Americans now prisoners in Communist countries instead of thinking about negotiating with Chou En-lai or Red China on Formosa.

"We ought to get back the 521 Americans imprisoned behind the bamboo curtain who are being tortured into oblivion," McCarthy said. The Wisconsin leader chided President Eisenhower for failing to take action.

Knowland Rebellion Casts Shadow Over President's Hope for Peace

By LYLE C. WILSON United Press Correspondent Washington—(U.P.)—A Far East policy rebellion led by Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland cast chilling shadows today on President Eisenhower's welcome hunch that peace prospects are brightening.

Mr. Eisenhower uttered his cautious hopes at Wednesday's morning news conference. Some five hours later, the California senator brusquely repudiated the President's newly stated willingness to meet with Red China to discuss a Formosa cease fire, return of U. S. prisoners and "advancement of world peace."

Knowland said he could not understand how any talks could be had "without the interests of the republic of China being deeply involved." The senator was equally critical of an earlier policy statement by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles which considerably amended the original department position that Nationalist Chinese must participate in any discussion.

But with or without the Nationalists, Knowland found no good in the proposal of Chinese Premier Chou En-lai that his government and representatives of the U. S. should meet.

"There are many persons at home and abroad," Knowland said, "who believe the Communists are now merely following a long established technique to use negotiations, as at Panmunjom in Korea, for the purpose of building up their striking powers."

He said the Reds would demand the offshore Matsus and Quemoy islands as a "down payment" and ultimately demand Formosa, either by negotiations direct or through the United Nations or by force. No need, he said, to discuss a cease fire because that could be achieved if the Red Chinese merely would stop shooting.

County Budgeters Near End of Work

Work on the Jackson county budget for the 1955-56 fiscal year was nearing completion today, and County Judge Rodney Keating indicated budget figures probably will be available about the middle of next week.

The budget committee met again this morning with the county court, and Judge Keating said shortly before noon that actual work on the fiscal program was about done. However, he noted, that necessary paper work will take several days.

Members of the city budget committee are scheduled to meet at 7:30 p.m. today in the council chambers of the city hall. The session will be the committee's first since an organizational meeting held last week, and City Manager Robert Duff indicated that work at tonight's meeting will still be in the preliminary stages.

Jacksonville Man Gets Jail Term on Charge

Arthur Linebaugh, 21, Jacksonville, was sentenced to six months in the county jail yesterday in district court on a charge of malicious destruction of personal property.

A 16-year-old Jacksonville boy involved in the same case was referred to the juvenile department of circuit court.

District Judge Rawles Moore sentenced Linebaugh with the proviso that the Jacksonville man can be released to another institution or may be paroled for good cause.

The charge involves damage done at a Miller's gulch cabin owned by Hugh McInty, 1944 Stewart ave., according to deputy sheriffs.

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