

Pirates Attack Saigon Outposts

Saigon—(U.P.)—Some 2,500 river pirates attacked government outposts within 15 miles of the city Saturday. The thunder of artillery echoed through the capital.

The barrage sent survivors of the rebel force scurrying for cover in the marshes and bamboo thickets which blanket the southern approaches to Saigon.

Official reports said the attack was organized by rebel Warlord Le Van Vien, notorious son of a buffalo rustler who leads the racketeering Binh Xuyen Sect, in an effort to isolate Saigon from the "Rice Bowl" area of southern Indochina.

The Binh Xuyen, which formerly controlled both the police and the gambling racket in Saigon, was thrown out of the city in April by forces loyal to U. S. supported Premier Ngo Dinh Diem.

Remnants of Vien's gang of underworld toughs and "river rats" fled to the swamps surrounding Bungsat, 28 miles south of here, to lick their wounds and prepare a new bid for power.

The rebels, apparently deciding their moment had come, struck out of the swamps Thursday night at the outpost of Kinh Lo, 12.5 miles south of here. They partly overran the river-side position and captured a number of army speedboats.

Farm Timber Sales Nearly \$1,000,000

Salem—(U.P.)—Sale of farm woodland timber during the last fiscal year grossed some \$1,000,000, Charles H. Ladd, Chief Farm Forester for the State Forestry Department has reported.

Ladd said woodland harvests included 21,340,000 board feet of lumber, 6623 cords of firewood, 22,630 posts, poles and pilings, Christmas trees, cascara bark, herbs and floral products.

The state forestry department assisted in the management of 57,645 acres of farm woodlands, and marked more than 11,000,000 board feet of timber for cutting.

SPORTS

Ransom Holds Lead In Open Golf Tourney

Akron, O. — (U.P.) — Henry Ransom, the fireball golfer from St. Andrews, Ill., shot a 67 Saturday to hold a two-stroke lead after the third round of the \$15,000 Rubber City Open Golf tournament.

Ransom toured the first nine in 33 and the second in 34 for a 68-66-67—201 card going into the final 18 holes today.

This was the same score chalked up by defending champion Tommy Bolt, of Chattanooga, Tenn., last year after the third round. Bolt's final tally for the 72-hole course was 265.

Bolt walked off the course and out of the tournament yesterday. He picked up his ball on the 17th hole, explaining that he was feeling ill. "I'm also tired of golf," he added.

Behind Ransom is newly-crowned PGA champion Doug Ford, of Klamath Lake, N. Y. Ford shot a four-under-par 68 Saturday on the Firestone Country club course for a 203 card.

In third place was Jackson Bradley, of Houston, Tex., who shot a 67 for a 204 total. Ed (Porky) Oliver, Lemont, Ill., and Dow Finsterwald, Bedford Heights, O., shared fourth place honors at 205. Oliver went the course yesterday in 67 and Finsterwald in 68.

Oaks Sell Swift To Seattle Club

Oakland, Calif. — (U.P.) — Catcher Bob Swift has been sold to Seattle and joined the Rainiers in San Diego yesterday for the first game of their important series with the Padres, the Oakland management announced.

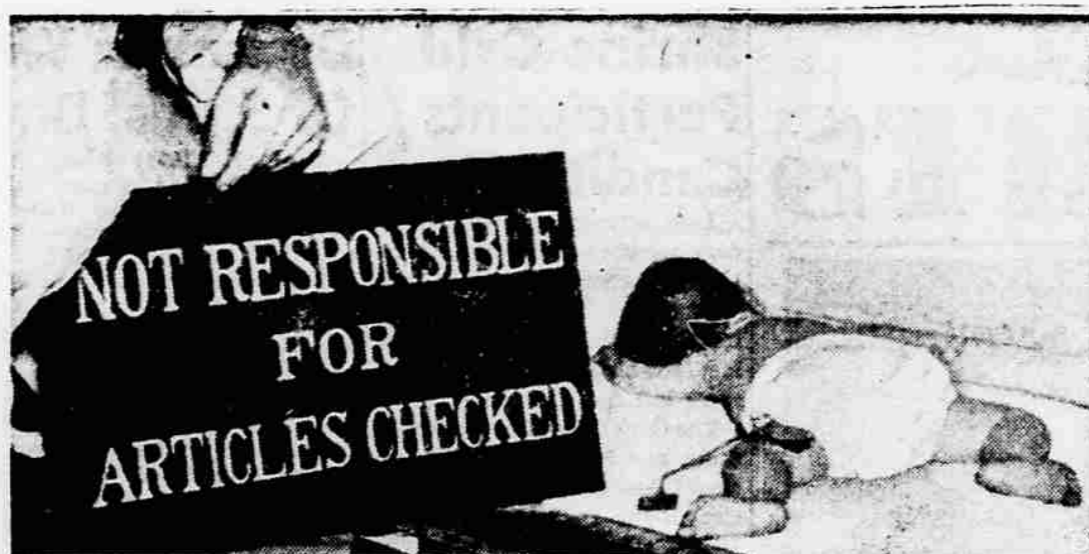
The 39-year-old receiver was bullpen coach for Fred Hutchinson when the present Seattle manager piloted Detroit last year. Before that he was a regular catcher for the Tigers for 10 years.

Swift was expected to bolster the catching staff weakened by the loss of Ray Orteig with an injured leg.

FISH INVADE BEACHES

La Mesa, Calif. — (U.P.) — Dr. Carl Hubbs, biologist at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, said Saturday that millions of small, jelly fish-like sea creatures which invaded southern California beaches are called salps—and are harmless to swimmers. Dr. Hubbs said salps usually are found in deep water.

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SLEEPING CONTENTEDLY, Holly Ann Staser, 8 months, is unaware parents, Rev. and Mrs. Carl Staser, New Haven, Conn., have deposited her in U. S. Senate checkroom while they spend hour in visitors' gallery listening to solons debate national issues. (International)

'Turnabout Turncoats' Pace Cells As Army Prepares Court Martial

San Francisco—(U.P.)—Three "turnabout turncoats" quietly paced their cells in an isolated guardhouse Saturday apparently resigned to an uncertain fate before a court martial board which could sentence them to death for collaboration with the Reds.

Sixth Army sources said the three, Otho G. Bell, 24, Hillsboro, Miss., William A. Cowart, 22, Dalton, Ga., and Lewis Griggs, 22, Jacksonville, Tex., were "quiet and cooperative."

The three were locked up in a little-used guard house. They were the only prisoners in the 50-by-50 building.

To Prevent Incidents "They will be treated as any other prisoner," a spokesman said. However he admitted they were isolated "to provide a degree of protection" from other prisoners and to "prevent any incidents."

When asked if they would seek civilian counsel Bell said "The folks have taken care of that." The others indicated "we'll take care of that when the time comes."

A case now pending in the federal courts may upset the army's plan to courts martial the trial. All three were dishonorably discharged when they refused to return home at the close of the Korean war. The question of army jurisdiction is in dispute.

A former POW who was discharged was arrested by the military and is also in the San Francisco Presidio facing trial for collaboration.

A federal judge has ordered the army to show cause why it should not release the prisoner, John D. Martin, 24, of Tule Lake, Calif., on grounds it lacks jurisdiction over a civilian.

Could Set Precedent A ruling favorable to Martin could set a precedent governing action against Griggs, Bell and Cowart.

Bell's wife, Jewell, 23-year-old Olympia, Wash., girl, said she had retained an attorney. She said Bell's counsel will attempt to have his case transferred to Washington.

Bell, Griggs and Cowart were placed under arrest when they stepped ashore Friday from the S. S. President Cleveland.

The army charged them with "soliciting" an army general to desert, informing on fellow prisoners and aiding the enemy by propagandizing against the United States.

The three were of a group of 23 GIs who chose life behind the "bamboo curtain" rather than return home. Bell, Griggs and Cowart did a second turnabout and were released by the Reds early this month at Hong Kong.

Lerios' scheduling carried him across the Pacific, through southeast Asia, the Middle East to Europe, across the Atlantic to New York, then non-stop to San Francisco.

Miss Bryan got off on an east bound flight to New York less than an hour after Lerios explained for Honolulu, but she was favored by faster east bound connections for Europe and Asia.

Sponsors of the race said the round-the-globe flights would cost \$1,841, including tax, for the average traveler.

Both "contestants" traveled light. Miss Bryan said she carried "two pieces of luggage, a modeling bag and travel kit."

"I had clothing for six changes," she said. "And I was well within the 66 pound baggage limit."

Oregon Steel Mills Announce Wage Boost Portland, Ore. — (U.P.) — Oregon Steel Mills Saturday announced wage increases, retroactive to July 1, averaging 15 cents an hour.

Jack Mears, manager of the firm, said the boost was patterned on those granted to eastern steel workers. They range from 12 cents an hour for janitors to

Over 100 Uranium Claims Filed in Lakeview Region

Lakeview — (U.P.) — More than 100 uranium claims have been filed in the Augur Creek area 14 miles northwest of here since the start of the rush for radioactive ore several weeks ago, Lake County Clerk Zane Grey said Saturday.

Confirmation of uranium deposits have been received from the U. S. Bureau of Mines at Albany by owners of the White King and Lucky Lass mines.

Average uranium content of the White King mine was .66 per cent with selected samples graded at 1.4 per cent. Robert Adams Jr., one of four partners in the Lucky Lass operation, said latest samples from the mine were assayed at 1.2 per cent by the Albany bureau office.

Adams said a vein of uranium ore 200 to 300 feet long has been uncovered by a bulldozer some two to ten feet below the earth's surface. The mine's owners have applied to the Atomic Energy commission for a license to ship ore to the nearest uranium smelter at Salt Lake City.

Meanwhile, Rare Metals Corporation of Colorado, one of the largest uranium firms in the nation, has had geologists in the Lakeview area taking samples from more promising mines.

The county clerk also reported at least one law suit in the making. He said one man has filed blanket placer claims over areas on which uranium claims had already been staked.

Touring US Farmers Want Fewer Banquets

Novorossiisk, U.S.S.R. — (U.P.) Members of the touring American agricultural delegation said Saturday they would like to see more Soviet farms and livestock and fewer bottle-covered banquet tables.

The delegation, which has completed nearly one-third of its one month stay in this country, is becoming a little perturbed at the dwindling portion of time spent in serious agricultural study.

Delegation members have been fighting a losing battle against the flood of vodka and champagne receptions, multi-course banquets, and numerous expressions of friendship from their Soviet hosts.

Farm director F. T. Yarovi said his goal is "to give more champagne to the people," but admitted he couldn't meet the growing demand.

Girl Hides Little Boy To Have Playmate Sacramento — (U.P.) — A night-long search for six-year-old Rickey Shepard ended Saturday at the home of a neighbor girl, who said she hid the boy because "I wanted somebody to play with."

Juvenile officer Virgil La-Cornu asked 11-year-old July Ann Eachus why her parents didn't know little Rickey was hidden in their home.

"He didn't talk very loud," she replied, "and both of them were blind."

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—NINE

Brush Fires Threaten Homes of Film Stars

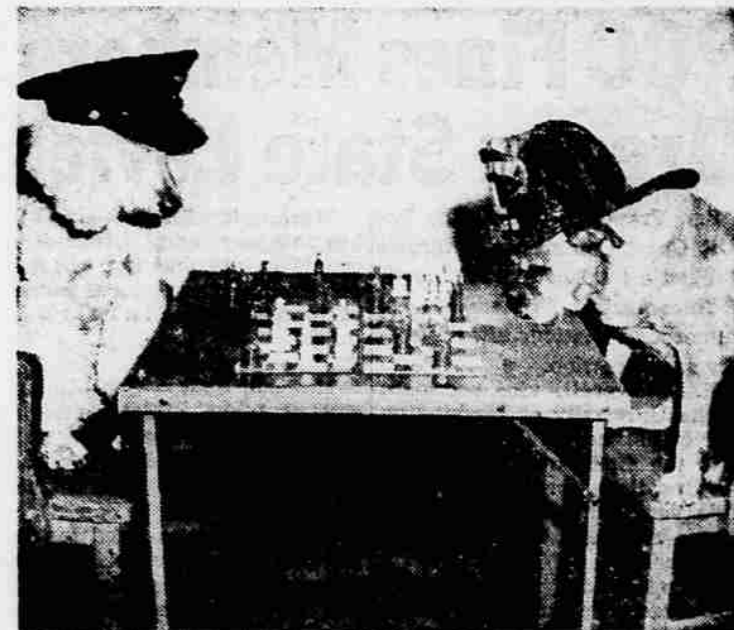
Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Two more serious brush fires broke out Saturday, one of which threatened motion picture stars' homes in exclusive Benedict Canyon near Beverly Hills before it was brought under control.

They brought to a total of four the number of brush fires in the Los Angeles area in the last three days.

The other blaze endangered expensive new homes in a Glendale foothill area one mile east of Glendale Sanitarium.

Some 100 city firemen kept the Benedict Canyon fire from reaching many plush homes. The only mishap reported was to a burro scorched by a hot spark. The blaze, located about two miles below Mulholland Drive, was confined to the east slope of the canyon.

The fire was reported to have been started from the exhaust of a motorcycle at one of the canyon's dead end streets.



NOW LET ME SEE—M. Clicquot (left) and Smoky, ex-officio members of the Redwood Empire Chess League, stage a grim battle of wits at the Mill Valley, Calif., firehouse. They are prepping for the Valley of the Moon Chess Festival in Sonoma, Aug. 14. Smoky appears to be in a tight corner but he is trying to think his way out of it.

Marine Bayoneted in Mock Battle Maneuver

Honolulu, T.H. — (U.P.) — Military authorities refused to expand Saturday on a terse official report that one Marine was killed and another wounded by bayonet-wielding soldiers during a "mock battle maneuver."

"A complete investigation of the incident is being conducted," said Maj. Gen. Herbert Powell, commander of the 25th Army division. "When the facts are known appropriate action will be taken and an announcement made."

Beyond Powell's official statement newsmen could learn little from official sources.

The accident occurred July 28 but military announcement was withheld for more than two hours.

The first Marine division identified the dead Marine as Pfc. Robert T. McGinnis of Pittsburgh, Tex.

The Army said the Marine was "accidentally stabbed" by Army Sgt. William Minton, 22, of Montgomery, Ala.

Plane Seeking Two Water Skiers Crashes Donner Lake, Calif. — (U.P.) — A plane attempting to tow a water skier on Donner lake crashed into the water late Saturday. But the two occupants escaped uninjured before the small biplane sank.

A witness, Bud Bradshaw, manager of Donner lake lodge in the High Sierra, said he saw through binoculars that the plane was attempting to pick up a water skier from a boat in mid-lake. He said a wheel of the plane struck the water and the craft spun around and plunged into the lake.

The pilot, Richard Buek of Soda Springs, Calif., and his passenger, Mary Jane Tonnini of Truckee, Calif., escaped from the plane and were picked up by a boat.

Bradshaw said a rope was tied to the tail of the plane and it was towed close to shore before the rope broke and the craft sank in 50 feet of water. The lake, near Donner summit at 9,000 feet in the Sierra Nevada, is 600 to 900 feet deep.

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San Francisco Girl Sets New Record on World-Circling Trip

San Francisco — (U.P.) — An exhausted Susan Bryan, 21-year-old career girl of Denver, Colo., landed Saturday at International airport at 11 a.m. (PST) to establish a new round-the-world record for non-jet commercial airline travel.

Miss Bryan won a race against time and a contest with travel agency executive Andrew W. Lerios, who flew 'round the world in the opposite direction.

Both Beat Record Lerios, looking fresh in tweeds, arrived on a non-stop flight from New York, at 1:42 p.m. (PST). His elapsed time was recorded at 111 hours and 24 minutes.

Although Miss Bryan bettered Lerios' time by more than four hours both had beaten the old round-the-world record.

Miss Bryan, an attractive blonde, logged an elapsed time of 107 hours and 20 minutes on her east-bound globe girdling trip. The old record was 115 hours and 38 minutes set in 1952 by Jean-Marie Audibert in a Paris-to-Paris flight.

Lerios, 34, and Miss Bryan left International airport in opposite directions within minutes of each other early Tuesday morning.

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