

Russians Surprised To Learn American Farm Women Do Not Work in Fields, Barn

Rebels Target of Viet Nam Offense

Saigon, Indochina —(U.P.)—The government announced today the Vietnamese army had launched another "massive offensive" against the Hao Hoa rebels.

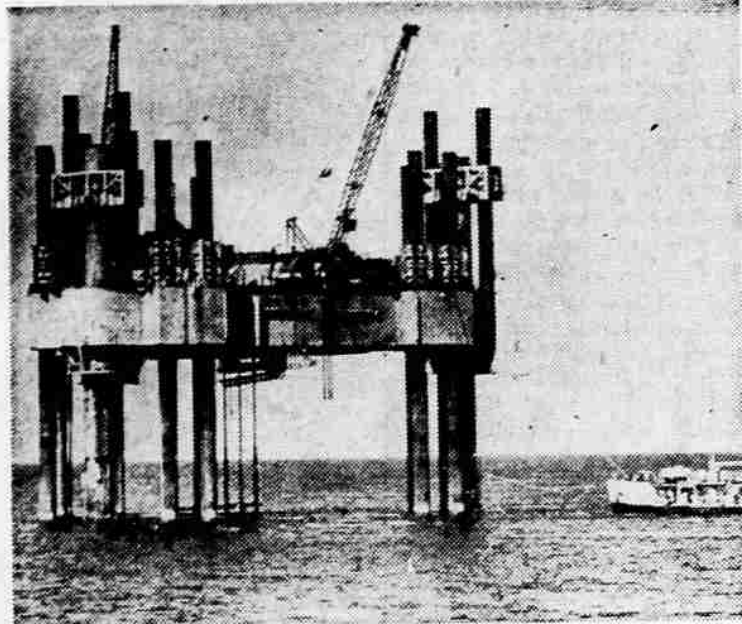
The insurgents, driven out of Viet Nam this summer in an all-out effort to end their civil war against the government, returned from their exile in adjoining Cambodia and occupied the Cochinchina "breadbasket" province of Saigon.

Government sources have estimated as many as 15,000 of the rebels led by the elusive and fanatical General Ba Cut were hiding out in the mountains and the rich rice-producing flatlands of the province.

Premier Ngo Dinh Diem threw 15 infantry battalions, or about half of his standing army, into the drive against the religious sect's rebel warlord and his guerrillas.

The government-controlled Viet Nam press agency said the loyal forces of the American-backed premier kicked off "full scale" action Tuesday.

The drive was concentrated around Thot Not and along the Bassac River, some 80 miles southwest of Saigon. There were no immediate reports on results.



ENDANGERED—Now under construction (above) is the nation's first offshore radar island 100 miles east of Cape Cod, Mass., on George's Bank. With the "Texas Tower" only on temporary foundation and hurricane "Connie" racing for the East Coast, officials were faced with attempts to complete a solid footing for the island or evacuating the 70-man crew before the storm hit.

Much More Labor Used by Soviets To Harvest Crops

Editor's note: The author of the following dispatch, written exclusively for United Press, is accompanying the American farm delegation now touring Russia. He is farm department director at Radio Station WHO, Des Moines, Ia.

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Kuibyshev, Russia — (U.P.) — An American farmer stunned his Russian hosts Wednesday night when he said his wife did not help him in the fields or barns.

The Russians, who delegate much hard labor to women, shook their heads in amazement. They simply could not believe that Charles Hearst limited his wife's work to the house, kitchen and garden on their large farm at Cedar Falls, Ia.

Many Surprises
Hearst, one of 12 American farmers touring Russia, provided the Soviets with many surprises when he was asked to tell about his farm at a reception here.

For instance, he set the Russians to buzzing amongst themselves when he told them he worked a 320-acre corn and hop farm with the help of only one hired man and a school boy in summer.

The Russians asked if Hearst was kidding, especially when he told them he raised 500 to 1,000 hogs a year besides working the land.

Other members of the American delegation pointed out that the Russians use much more manpower on farms than Americans. At some state farms, the Americans found as many as 20 times the workers employed on a comparable farm in the United States.

Wednesday afternoon the Americans visited seven farm homes and found they differed greatly from their own back home.

Many Beds
The houses all had three or four rooms with beds in almost every room. As many as seven persons lived in each house.

All had large corner stoves that heated the rooms and dutch ovens for cooking, although hotplates generally are used in the summer.

Three homes had radios and two had Russian Orthodox Madonnas on the wall. Old-fashioned hand sewing machines and heavy irons heated on the stoves were in almost all the houses.

The Americans were fascinated by a wooden cradle hanging from a ceiling, and a bed over an oven. The Americans figured the latter bed would roast the sleeper, but the Russians assured them it was most practical for cold weather.

The Americans headed eastward today into central Asia and Siberia where they will tour until they return to Moscow Aug. 18 or 19.

Federal Aid For Highways Allotted

Washington —(U.P.)—The Commerce department today reported states shares of about \$875,000,000 in federal aid for highways.

This was the second and last apportionment under the 1954 law, which covers the fiscal years beginning July 1, 1955, and July 1, 1956.

The primary highway system gets \$315,000,000 and the secondary system receives \$210,000,000. The primary highways systems in urban areas and the national system of interstate highways each are allotted \$175,000,000.

The primary system consists of 234,407 miles of rural and urban highways and is the general network of main highways throughout the country.

The states and their shares included: Oregon, \$12,919,044.

Deadline Stated For Former POWs

Ex-prisoners of the Korean war or their survivors must apply for benefits due them under the amended war claims act by August 21, according to Vere A. McCarty of the Oregon department of Veterans' Affairs in Salem.

Under the act, American servicemen held prisoner of war during the Korean conflict are entitled to \$2.50 for each day in captivity during which they failed to receive adequate food and were subjected to forced labor or inhumane treatment. The commission announced that the funds are now available and would average around \$2,000 in payment to each veteran.

Applications must be addressed to the Foreign Claims Settlement commission, Washington 25, D.C., and must be postmarked on or before midnight of Aug. 21. No application blanks are available locally, but a letter to the commission should suffice to beat the deadline, McCarty said.

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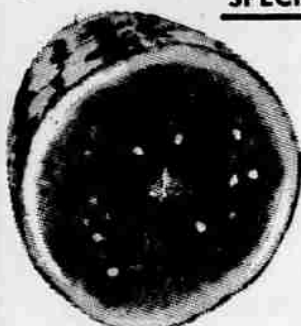


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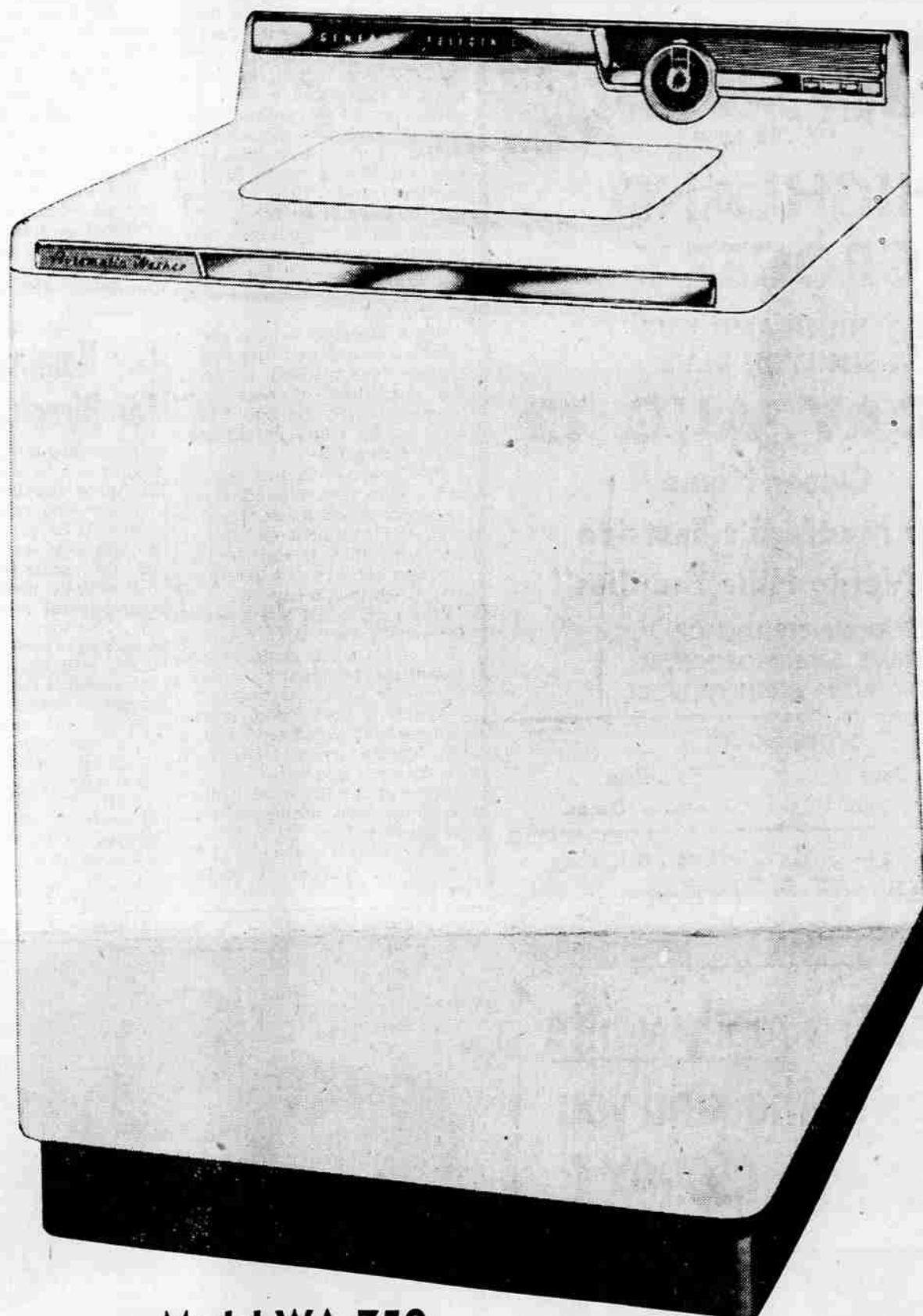


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