

American-Trained Viet Nam Army Not Adapted to 'Pacification' War

Situation Fails To Bring Forth Much Publicity

Editor's note: This is the last of three dispatches by UPI Saigon Bureau Manager Arthur J. Dommen, who accompanied Vietnamese armed forces on an operation against Communist guerrillas.

By ARTHUR J. DOMMEN
Saigon, South Viet Nam - (UPI)—The campaign for "pacification" which Vietnamese troops are carrying on in the southern part of the country is the type of war for which the 150,000-man, American-trained army here is least adapted.

The fighting does not receive much publicity in Saigon, where life goes on normally. Engagements between government troops and tough, hard-to-find Communist cadres become known more often through vague rumors and misstatements of fact than through official announcements.

Situation Serious
Lt. Gen. Samuel T. Williams, head of the U.S. Military Advisory Assistance Group which is responsible under the American Mutual Security Program for training South Viet Nam's armed forces to meet the Communist threat, called the situation in the southern rice land provinces "serious but not alarming."

That is how the present state of affairs is estimated here. There are accepted 4,000 to 5,000 Communist cadres in the country at most — far too few to pose a threat to the staunchly anti-Communist government of President Ngo Dinh Diem.

Nevertheless, warfare is going on in the south. As yet, only a very small portion of the Vietnamese army is engaged in active fighting. One division out of a total of seven is quartered permanently in the area south of Saigon.

The others are farther north in the mountainous spine of Viet Nam, an area as unlike the low-lying peninsula separating the Gulf of Thailand from the South China Sea as the Florida Mountains are unlike the Florida Everglades.

But the results of the struggle are simple: A few hundred die-hard Communist guerrillas are keeping a far larger number of regular troops tied up in operations in a region where the Communists can receive supplies from outside, and can live easily from the fertile land.

More Than Worry
Military observers here admit frankly that the situation in the south poses more of a worry than the ever-present possibility of an aggression across the narrow 17th parallel from Communist North Viet Nam.

The problem, in the view of these observers, is more than a military one. It also is a psychological and a social one.

The guerrilla operation said the army was making efforts to win over the peasant population, especially people evacuated from the "war zone" in which the operation was going on.

He pointed out beyond the windows of his command post hut to the town of Camau with its few streets and mud-spattered jeeps and trucks and



MONEY RAISED FOR FUNERAL—A five-day struggle by a band of gypsies to raise enough money for the burial of one of their members in a ceremony complete with beer and whiskey ends in Elmwood cemetery near Chicago as the body of John Guy is laid to rest. Guy was killed in an auto accident and his body was held in a funeral parlor because the band was unable to raise enough money for the type of funeral they had ordered. The widow, Rachel, in center with dark dress, pours wine on the casket during the burial ritual. Around her are the couple's eight children. (UPI Telephoto)

to the villages beyond where no vehicles could go, trying to rally."

"That's the population we're trying to rally," he said. But terrorism was a powerful obstacle, he added, and the Communists have terrorism down to a fine art.

"So far we've succeeded in getting the women and children over to our side," he said, shrugging his shoulders. "The men go off into the forest, and we don't see them again until we find them growing rice for the Viet Cong. At best, they become only informers."

To House Families
He pointed to an operations map covered with red and blue arrows and circles. Along the borders of the "war zone" he indicated two or three rural community centers which the government was building to house the displaced families and provide them with electricity and schools.

Morale in the army is of crucial importance. The units involved in the operations against the Communist Viet Cong are led by a corps of young officers, many of whom received their training in the United States. A private in the Vietnamese army receives 900 piastres a month (about \$12) plus an allowance of 200 piastres for his wife and 100 piastres for each child.

The endurance and tenacity of the Vietnamese marines with which they traverse swampland in pouring rain and high wind is impressive. However, whether these troops can continue indefinitely to carry on a war of attrition in such conditions remains to be seen.

Governor's Wife Gets Subpoena

Salem—UPI—Mrs. Mark Hatfield, wife of Oregon's governor, was mailed a subpoena Friday asking her to appear as a witness Monday in a traffic case in Marion County Circuit court.

Last February, she was riding in the governor's car on the Portland-Salem freeway when State Policeman William F. Newell, the chauffeur, cited another driver for violating the basic rule.

Newell said the man, Joseph Ned Murphy, Portland, was driving 90 miles per hour.

On May 12 a district court jury found Murphy guilty and he was fined \$100. He is appealing to circuit court.

Kennedy Chooses Not to Rouse Crowds To Rowdy Reactions

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Washington—UPI—When 1300 party faithful foregathered, at \$100 a plate, to whoop it up and raise money to put the nominee on television, an oldtime politician like Harry Truman would chop his hands and let the epithets fly until the partisans were well sated, and glowing with the righteousness of their cause.

But John F. Kennedy, the new pro, with his shorthanded delivery, chooses not to rouse his audience to the romping, stomping, yelling blast that Democrats love from their leaders. At a rally of the faithful last week, Kennedy's brother-in-law, Sargent Shriver was down front whooping it up with "hey yays and give 'em hell, Jack" but his relative would have none of it.

Self-Conscious Nourisher
In 15 minutes of serious forceful exposition of the issues facing the United States, Kennedy indulged in no levity to take the chill from his words. Only once did he allow his audience to chuckle when he said, "...having the second best defense is like having the second best poker hand." And even then his laughter was the self-conscious sort that wasn't sure the laugh was appropriate.

Kennedy strode into the giant ballroom shortly before 8:30 after turning to his wife and reminding her, "Remember... a big smile now" and she did more than that. She almost outdid Pat Nixon in her wifely looks of pride and wet-eyed admiration, as they stood together at the head table and acknowledged their introduction. Mrs. Kennedy was dressed in a flowing black empire maternity dress (it could have cost \$30 or \$300; she would make a flour sack chic). She said later that she had fed her husband beforehand. "If I don't he never gets a bite; everyone keeps him so busy."

No Fillet Mignon
Kennedy spoke just as his audience was digging into its grapefruit. They didn't see their fillet mignon until after nine, but the candidate got busy being photographed with the party powers at the head table, autographing programs and shaking quivering feminine hands.

The press had a long, skinny table attached directly underneath the head table. Photographers, autograph collectors and bold admirers who just wanted a word and a handshake with the candidate climbed upon the press table around Kennedy. It wobbled a bit and the tablecloth became a laundryman's nightmare. In the crush, a few misstepped and fell into the crowd waiting below, but they seemed to go away happy. One plump lady in a cerise strapless kept Kennedy in a viselike grip until his grin became a trifle strained.

An orchestra played lively music and now and again a pleading voice would urge the group to join in singing "The Song of the Whistle Stop." No one did; with a mouthful of steak, who can sing? Kennedy seemed unable to unbend for more than a polite and diffident wave, and a grinning bob of his head to the applause that greeted the end of his speech. There is none of the upthrust arms of an Eisenhower or the crowd-pleasing prizefighter over-head handclasp which is affected by other politicians.

He also seems addicted to quoting Abraham Lincoln, and one Democratic cynic wondered aloud later why he

couldn't find a dead Democrat to quote. As he has in other speeches, he paraphrased Lincoln's "Can the Nation continue to exist half slave and half free?" when he said in his disquieting opener: "Can the nation continue to exist half-slave and half-free? Or will it begin to move peacefully in the direction of freedom, move fearfully in the direction of slavery, or destroy itself in nuclear war? That is the question."

Ted Kennedy In State Whirl

Portland—UPI—Ted Kennedy, youngest brother of Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy, was scheduled to appear in three Oregon cities today.

The younger Kennedy, who is western director of the Kennedy-Johnson organization, will appear in Roseburg, Medford and Klamath Falls. He was to be in Roseburg for a luncheon meeting, in Medford for an open house at the opening of the Kennedy-Johnson office in that city, and in Klamath Falls for an 8:30 p.m. meeting.

Sunday night he addressed campaign workers at the Kennedy headquarters in Portland. Earlier Sunday he made appearances at Oregon City and Salem, Rep. Edith Green, state chairman of the Kennedy campaign, is accompanying young Kennedy on the two-day tour.

Kennedy said here he expected the Democrats to sweep the nation except for the farm areas of the Midwest and Vermont.

Firm Using Ad To Collect Castro Debt

New York—UPI—A Miami advertising firm suing the Cuban government to collect a \$237,800 debt is trying a new tactic to get its money—advertising.

The firm, Harris & Co. Advertising, Inc., already has seized two Cubana airlines planes in an attempt to force payment. Erwin Harris, owner of the firm, placed this ad in Spanish and English in today's New York Herald Tribune: "Fidel, the whole world is waiting to see if you will keep your word to one little man, Fidel, where is the money that you promised for payment of your past due debt?"

Oregon City Family Escape House Fire

Oregon City—UPI—Twelve members of an Oregon City family escaped injury here Saturday when fire destroyed their home.

J. R. Rosenthal, his wife and 10 children fled flames which gutted their home on the outskirts of Oregon City. The family was alerted to the fire by an older daughter who smelled smoke.

Suspects Questioned In Assault on Girl

Portland—UPI—Police today sought clues to the abduction and criminal assault of a 5-year-old girl here. The girl was taken from her grandmother's home Friday night and later released.

Police said they had questioned several persons since starting an investigation Saturday.

SILENCER PATENTED

Newark, England—UPI—Mrs. Kathleen Murray, a 49-year-old housewife, has invented and patented a silencer for motorcycles. Her inspiration? "I just can't stand the noise," she said.

Billy Graham Answers Charges

Berlin—UPI—Evangelist Billy Graham turned the other cheek today to Communist charges that his revival meetings here are an imperialist provocation.

"I'm not going to say anything in the crusade that could be termed political," he told a news conference. "I'm not here primarily as an American, but as a representative of the kingdom of God." Graham opens a week of meetings tonight in a tent seating 20,000 a few yards



A LOT OF PUPS—Quite a family is this Charles Mutlock of Chicago. Mutlock said unusually large litter of Doberman Pinschers, assembled in the yard of their owner, erinarians. (UPO Telephoto)

from the border between West and Communist East Berlin. Told the East Berlin papers had called him a tool of Wall Street, he replied: "I've only been on Wall Street three times, including once to preach."

"I told them to repent of their sins and turn to Christ, which is the same message I'll preach here."



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