

Spreading Insurrection In Indo-China Forces French To Use Guns And Planes

By REMBERT JAMES
PARIS, Dec. 28 (AP)—Insurrection in Indo-China, now reported as having spread to the south, has forced France to realize she must use guns and planes in addition to diplomacy to keep her rich, 400-year-old colonial empire from falling apart.
Though a permanent government under the new fourth republic is not yet complete, this country already has had to bring into play the sterner aspect of a two-edged policy; loosen the bonds to hold colonialism impatient for wider freedom; but when French authority is challenged, fight.

AFL Lumber Workers Get Pay Boost

A 15-cents-an-hour wage increase for AFL lumber industry employes in the Klamath basin district council area was announced jointly Friday by negotiators for the AFL and the Pine Industrial Relations committee.
The increase becomes effective January 1, 1947, according to K. A. Gordon, business agent for the AFL, and Chet Irving, representing the PIRC.
Present basic wage for AFL sawmill and logging employes is \$1.07 1/2, and this rate will go to \$1.22 1/2 under today's agreement. Box factory workers' basic wages will jump from \$1.05 to \$1.20. The last AFL-PIRC wage agreement was effective May 1, 1946. 6000 Affected

Gordon said that about 6000 employes are affected by the increase. The area involved includes AFL operations in Klamath county, Lake county, Alturas and Canby, Weed, and Rogue River valley from Grants Pass to Medford.

While the basic wage has been \$1.07 1/2, less than 15 per cent of all employes receive that minimum pay, Irving said. Take-home pay for the area, including overtime, has been running at \$1.42.9, according to a Western Pine association survey.

The wage increase announced today does not affect the Gilchrist Lumber company, which boosted wages 12 1/2 per cent on December 9, according to word received here.

No announcement has been made relative to negotiations for an increase for CIO employes of the area, today's report covering only AFL.

The negotiated raise is being submitted to the individual operators and unions, but ratification is believed assured.

Pilot, Co-Pilot Die In Crash

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clear, died a short time after the accident.

American Airlines officials said the plane left Detroit at 8:42 a.m. and was expected to arrive at Chicago at 9:31. It crashed about 9:22 a.m.

The officials said Pilot Hamm had reported to the Chicago operations office at 9:02 a.m. (CST) that he was flying at 4000 feet altitude over South Bend, Ind., and that he expected to land at Chicago at 9:31 a.m.

At 9:17 he reported he was having engine trouble with both engines of the plane and was descending.

A section crew for the New York Central railroad saw the plane emerge from an overcast over Lake Michigan and fly inland at a low altitude.

It appeared the pilot may have been attempting to make a landing at the Michigan City airport just two miles away. The plane was in direct line with the airport as it came down from the overcast. It did not catch fire.

Pierre Dreyfus Dead In Crash

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP)—Pierre N. Dreyfus, son of the late Capt. Alfred Dreyfus whose conviction as a French military traitor in 1894 provoked worldwide protest and led to his later exoneration, was among the dead in the crash-explosion of a TWA constellation near Shannon, Eire, early today.

F. H. Hunter Passes In California

F. Hill Hunter, 61, former Klamath resident and prominent mill building contractor, died at his home in Lemon Grove, Calif., on December 24, friends here were advised.

The Hunter family left Klamath Falls in 1938 for San Diego, later purchasing a small fruit ranch in Lemon Grove where they have lived for a number of years. F. Hill Hunter came to this city in 1910 from Minneapolis, Minn., and in 1912 built the first Pelican Bay Lumber company sawmill for H. D. Mortenson. He built the Lamm Lumber company plant at Modoc Point for W. E. Lamm, constructed the Ewauna Box company plant, which he later enlarged to a three-band mill, and also built for Big Lakes Lumber and Box company and the Klamath Lumber and Box company. Just prior to leaving here he built the sawmill for the Ochoco Lumber company at Prineville under the supervision of W. E. Lamm. He became ill as he finished that construction job and soon after retired, going to California.

He also constructed the large four-band plant of the Long Bell Lumber company at Weed, Calif., as well as many structures outside the mill field.

Soon after coming to Klamath Falls, Mr. Hunter purchased the Paul Johnson home at Portland and Pacific Terrace, the first house in this city to be heated with natural hot water. The residence is now occupied by Stephen Rose.

Mr. Hunter was active in civic affairs of the community and was a member of the Masonic lodge during his residence here. In addition to his wife, Harriet, Mr. Hunter is survived by a son, Robert, Lemon Grove, Calif., two daughters, Mrs. Lloyd (Harriet) Schmidt of Tigard, and Mrs. Robert (Louise) Merrick of Fort Sam Houston, Tex., as well as two grandchildren. One son, "Chappie," died here in 1925. Details as to final rites have not been learned here.

Nine days ago, while President-Premier Leon Blum tackled the problems of a new socialist interim government and even before the official Christmas-Eve rebirth of war-shattered constitutional government, fighting broke out between Viet-Nam and French in Hanoi, capital of Indo-China and of the young Asiatic Viet-Nam republic.
Engagements were reported swiftly in parts of the northern protectorate states of Tonkin and Annam. Yesterday news dispatches told of trouble also in the southern Indo-Chinese colony of Cochinchina.
The French press agency reported 24 Annamite, Indian and Chinese civilians killed in Christmas night gunfire attacks on four automobiles near Saigon, Cochinchina's capital. French army officers were said to have attributed the attacks to efforts of Viet-Nam adherents to disrupt communications throughout the colony, perhaps in preparation for an offensive.
The newspaper France-Soir said that, with a 10 p. m. curfew already on, colonial authorities put Saigon under a state of siege Thursday night, cancelled military leaves, restricted soldiers to barracks and instituted armed street patrols in the city and road guards on the outskirts.

Western Union Rates Upped

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—The federal communications commission Friday authorized the Western Union Telegraph company to increase its present message charges about 10 per cent.

It approved for an indefinite period an increase of 20 per cent above the rates effective last June 12 when a 10 per cent increase was granted.

Mathematically, that works out to an increase of slightly less than 10 per cent over the present charges. Western Union had asked for an increase of 15 per cent above existing rates.

Western Union was authorized to increase its interstate C. N. D. (commercial news department) service charges by 15 per cent and its interstate money order premium charges by an average of 4.3 per cent.

The commission estimated that the rate increases would produce additional annual revenues of \$8,500,000.

Five Die In Bus Truck Smashup

GLASGOW, Mo., Dec. 28 (AP)—Five of 17 passengers on a Santa Fe Trailways bus were killed and eight were injured when the swaying rear end of a truck trailer crashed into the side of the bus on a small bridge near here yesterday.

The impact ripped a hole six feet long and four feet high in the side of the bus. The dead were Clarence Fainter of Springfield, Ill., and four Missourians, including a 25-year-old mother, Mrs. Marjorie White, Hale, Mo., and her three-months-old son.

WEATHER

Max. (Dec. 27) 35 Min. 16
Precipitation last 24 hours .00
Stream year to date 3.53
Last year 5.93 Normal 4.31
Forecast: Clear today, becoming cloudy Sunday. Little change in temperature.

Perjury Worse Than Murder
The Nagas of Assam consider murder a minor offense, while the perjurer is permitted to commit suicide in preference to having his head removed.

Grain Market Shows Losses

CHICAGO, Dec. 28 (AP)—Small scale but persistent selling caused fractional losses in grains on the Chicago board of trade today, although the January wheat contract displayed resistance on the basis of government buying of the cash article.

Trading was at the usually low Saturday level. Most of the offerings appeared to represent profit taking and were not based on any immediate news. Support was given to wheat by mills on the downgrade. There was some buying of corn attributed to export interests.

Wheat finished unchanged to 1/8c lower, January \$2.11 1/2, corn was off 1/4c to a cent, January \$1.30 1/2-1.30, and oats were 1/4c to a cent lower, March 73 1/2.

Five Die In Plane Crash

UNION, Miss., Dec. 28 (AP)—The charred bodies of five persons returning to Florida from Christmas visits in Arkansas and Iowa, and that of a dog were removed from the flaming wreckage of a crashed airplane yesterday.

The victims were identified as Mr. and Mrs. Willis F. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brannon and their four-year-old son, Terry.

The Brannons and their son had visited in Conway, Ark., while the Halls were visiting in Cedar Rapids, Ia. The five reunited in Conway for the return trip to Florida.

BODY FOUND

THE DALLES, Dec. 28 (AP)—Silverton High school players here for a basketball tournament yesterday found the body of a man in the Columbia river near the ferry slip here.

Coroner Ben Callaway identified it as that of John A. Joyce, an odd-jobs worker who apparently had fallen into the water.

Reed Revolts Against GOP Political Plum Awards

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—Senator Reed of Kansas predicted today that "eight or 10" of the 17 new republican members will support his move to upset advance arrangements for handing out leadership plums in the GOP-controlled senate.

Reed further confused plans for working assignments to the new majority by announcing that if he fails to win the commerce committee chairmanship he will seek to head the public lands group.

The Kansan already had said he will contest an attempt by Senator White of Maine to take both the party's floor leadership post and the commerce chairmanship at a meeting of the 51 senate republicans Monday.

Facing a possible challenge by Senator Tobey of New Hampshire for the commerce job in any event, Reed told reporters he can claim seniority in the public lands group as his second choice.

If he did that, it might upset the temporary lineup by denying the chairmanship of the lands committee to Senator

Butler of Nebraska, who had been expected to head it.

Any such result probably would force Butler to claim the chairmanship of the tax-handling finance committee, thus taking this post out of the waiting hands of Senator Millikin of Colorado.

Reed left no doubt, however, that his prime objective is to become top man on the commerce committee, which handles legislation affecting communications, transportation and other business at home and abroad.

Plane Blows Up In Eire Landing Try

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could get little conclusive information as to the cause of the crash.

From the observation tower at the airport the flash of the explosion was seen at the spot where the wreckage later was found.

The impression of several persons near the spot was that the explosion took place at just about the moment of the impact.



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the way our schools have been run is bad. We've spent money like drunken sailors on everything but schools. In these cockeyed days, in particular, teachers who have spent years in careful and costly preparation for their jobs earn less than janitors.

It isn't that we CAN'T AFFORD better pay for teachers and better facilities for teaching. In our great cities, the cost of political corruption alone would adequately finance the schools.

We just haven't cared enough for the realities of education to be willing to economize elsewhere in order to make our schools what they ought to be.

WE are smugly convinced that we have the best school system on earth, but it is this writer's more or less considered opinion, based upon such opportunities for observation as he has had, that as a general rule educated Europeans are better educated than educated Americans.

Ice Skating Outlook Good

Ponds in nearby areas were reported well coated with ice early Saturday morning as a seasonal low of 16 degrees was recorded by the U. S. weatherman. A forecast for clear and cold was the promise of Sunday and ice skating should be good if an unexpected warm sun does not put in an appearance.

Caution was urged as far as skating on the Upper Klamath lake was concerned and youngsters should confine their activities to the shallow ponds around town and the reclamation canal which has little water in the ditch at this time of the year but sufficient to freeze over.

Today's minimum was one degree under the previous low of 17 to October 30.

Sprague River Man Injured

Einar Ahlgran, Sprague River logger for Ewauna Box company, was painfully cut about the face and neck last night when he was knocked into a plate glass window during what police reported was a fight at the Waldorf Billiards, 610 Main, at about 9 p. m.

Ahlgran was taken to Klamath Valley hospital by ambulance and faces a disorderly conduct charge at the police station when he is released.

His assailant has not been apprehended. Witnesses at the Waldorf said that when Ahlgran was struck and fell into the window, the other man in the fight left.

Other police business in the past 24 hours included the jailing of seven drunks, one vagrant and two persons on disorderly conduct charges. Two drunks bailed.

Chicago Police Hunt Killers

CHICAGO, Dec. 28 (AP)—Police in Chicago and Cook county suburbs joined in a hunt today for the two men who yesterday stabbed and beat to death Otto E. Freund, 84-year-old, wealthy, retired businessman, in his home in an exclusive section of suburban Wilmette.

The aged, former engraving company executive was stabbed nine times and Miss Marie Held, 51, a maid at the Freund home for 18 years, was beaten severely by the men who ransacked the luxurious home. She suffered a fractured skull and her condition at an Evanston hospital was reported serious.

Four Die As Gasoline Splattered Bus Burns

WORLAND, Wyo., Dec. 28 (AP)—Showered with gasoline after it collided with a truck on a narrow, snow-covered bridge nine miles north of here, a bus became a flaming death trap for four persons yesterday afternoon.

Many of the 14 injured persons, some of them trapped in the burning Burlington Trailways bus, owed their lives to a soldier passenger who smashed out the windows, and a man working in a nearby field who pulled them to safety, Sheriff John Nicola said.

So badly were the four bodies burned that Coroner Arnold Veile scheduled an autopsy today to determine the sex and make final identification. Nicola identified three of the

dead as James Frost, 21, of Lovell, Wyo., his brother, David, 17, and Violet Stotis of Thermopolis, Wyo.

He said Lois Foster, 22, of Riverton, Wyo., who boarded the bus at Shoshone for Bozeman, Mont., had not been accounted for and was believed the fourth victim.

E. B. Brownell of Cheyenne was driving the bus, bound from Cheyenne to Billings, Mont., when it met the truck, driven by Richard Taffe of Cody, Nicola said. Both drivers slammed on the brakes. The truck skidded across the bridge, which spans a narrow ditch, into the path of the bus. The bus skidded into the side of the truck, igniting the gasoline.