

# Red Offensive Gains In French Indochina

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### Pressure Mounts In New Drive

HANOI, Indochina (AP)—French Union forces continued a general withdrawal south to the Black river Thursday in the face of steadily increasing pressure from Communist-led Vietnamese troops driving to cut French communications in northwest Indochina.

French bombing and fighter planes flew more than 50 sorties to blast columns of the black-uniformed rebels in the area of Van Yen, a Black river fortified post 80 miles northwest of Hanoi.

Van Yen fell Wednesday before the Vietnamese push, the rebels swarming in by the thousands to put traffic on the upper Black river under their guns.

**RETREAT**

French infantry and paratroopers were fighting a dogged retreat from the sector around Nghia Lo, 100 miles northwest of Hanoi and about 50 miles north of the Black river, in an attempt to join up with other units along the muddy waterway. The Vietnamese captured Nghia Lo Saturday.

Vietnamese attackers also were converging in the direction of Quinh Nhai, a Black river port far upstream in the mountainous territory of the pro-French Thai tribes.

Quinh Nhai is 35 miles southeast of the French capital of Laos and only about 50 miles south of Communist China's border.

The French face an enormously difficult task to stop the Vietnamese push aimed ultimately at bringing the Thai tribesmen under the banner of Moscow-trained Ho Chi Minh.

If the rebels succeed they would increase their border with China by 150 miles, slash French influence and strike a blow at popular support of ex-Emperor Bao Dai's French-supported Viet Nam government—one of the three associated states of Indochina.

### Allies Stem Red Assaults

SEOUL (AP)—U. S. Seventh Division troops on Triangle hill Thursday threw back an assault by Chinese Reds who stormed the peak shortly after dark.

Flare planes and searchlights lit up the attacking Reds for the big guns of American and South Korean artillery. Front line officers said the battle raged for two hours.

The Red attack was powered by elements of one battalion, about 500 men.

In another central front battle, South Korean troops regained the crest of Iron Horse mountain, then battled fiercely against counter-attacking Chinese.

The U. S. Eighth Army said the ROK Ninth Division captured complete control of the hill and a nearby knob at 1:30 p. m. The Chinese launched their counterattack about 90 minutes later.

Fighting for the high ground, at the western end of the old Iron Triangle, has raged for two weeks. The Reds had held it since Saturday.

About 20 miles to the east, U. S. battle front officers said the Chinese were bringing up fresh troops to reinforce their battered battalions threatening Sniper Ridge and Triangle Hill.

They said one complete Chinese division of 10,000 troops had been mauled in the Central Front fighting of the past 10 days.

### Eyewitness Sees Philippine Typhoon As Destructive, Sweeping Bolo Knife

By HENRY HARTENBUSCH  
LEGASPI CITY (AP)—The worst typhoon in 50 years swept through this southern Luzon city of 80,000 Tuesday like a monster whirling a giant bolo knife.

It left only 15 concrete shells of buildings standing.

All else was ruin.

Miles and miles of the surrounding countryside was a scene of devastation.

In battered Tabaco town to the north, 118 persons were reported dead and 200 were missing.

The toll in Legaspi City was not known. Dazed survivors groped through the ruins, looking for traces of loved ones.

Unofficial sources said at least 40 had died in this city of ruin. Electricity is off. There is no water.

From the air, the southern Luzon island countryside was unforgettable.

Thousands of coconut palm trees were stripped as though a giant comb had been run through them. Banana trees were bent in half or uprooted.

Fertile rice paddies had turned into lakes.

Legaspi airfield still was soggy from rain-laden hurricane winds that swept it less than 48 hours before.

The air terminal still had four walls standing. Its steel sheet roof was ripped off.

All that was left of the weather bureau station was the foundation and damaged radio sets.

Milton Leavitt, U. S. state department public affairs officer in Legaspi, said:

"It was a nightmare. It was hell."

"Thirty families huddled in our house," said Leavitt, of Worcester, Mass.

"We took in as many as we could. The wind kept getting stronger and stronger. It blew away trees, rooftops and shacks."

"At about 6 p. m. Tuesday winds got pretty bad. Things started flying all around us—big things like parts of houses and whole trees."

"After three hours the winds died down completely. But in a few minutes they rose again to a furious pitch. I knew we were in the dead center of the typhoon."

Leavitt said it was a weird feeling in the darkness as the winds shrieked and howled.

Communications lines were down. Telephone poles littered the roads. A large concrete bridge was down at one end.

There were tens of thousands of homeless in Legaspi Thursday night.

Police said there were no official figures available on casualties. Reports were scanty from outlying areas, most of which still were cut off.

Leon Tiansay, airline manager at Legaspi, said instruments at the weather station blew away when winds rose to 125 miles per hour.

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### Typhoon Toll Reaches 370

MANILA (AP)—The Philippine Red Cross said Thursday night 370 persons were dead and 200 were missing in the wake of Wednesday's typhoon.

The Red Cross said several hundred were injured.

The tabulation was based on telegraphic and radio reports trickling in from the devastated provinces.

The tropical storm roared out into the South China Sea Wednesday and Thursday threatened the battered shores of Indochina about 500 miles to the southwest.

A Saigon report said the typhoon would hit the coast Friday night, Indochina, while waiting for the storm, was trying to clean up from the tidal wave that hit Phan Thiet Monday night, possibly killing as many as 500 persons.

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### Car Strikes Pedestrian

Mrs. Mary Riblett, 66, of 903 Walnut Street, was seriously injured about 10:30 this morning when she was struck by a car as she was crossing Klamath Avenue at 8th Street.

At Klamath Valley Hospital this afternoon, attendants said Mrs. Riblett had suffered fractures and was in "fair" condition. Full extent of her injuries had not been determined.

City Police said the elderly woman was struck by a car driven by Wayne Holzhus, OTI student and varsity basketball player. He was cited for failure to yield the right-of-way and released on posting of \$25 bail.

### Community Chest Campaign Gets Funds For 24 Groups

By WALLACE MYERS

So we have too many fund drives for various community service agencies?

Well, here's one big reason and the solution to the problem:

The local 4000 states agencies participating in the chest are supposed to receive operating funds from the chest. Before an agency is accepted by the chest, that agency's financial status is thoroughly checked to see how much money the agency should have for its year's work. Chest officials, working with officials of the participating agency, decide on a quota that is to meet practically all the agency's operating expenses for the coming year. Quotas of these various agencies plus a small amount for chest expenses total the Community Chest goal.

In the current Klamath County chest drive, quotas for the 24 local and state agencies plus chest costs total \$76,948, a little over \$400 less than last year's total.

If the chest reaches its goal everything is fine. But when the chest falls short, as it has been doing in Klamath County for the past several years, the participating agencies are, of course, short the amount of operating funds they need.

Take last year, for instance. The chest, with a goal of \$73,870, netted only a fraction under 70 per cent, or \$51,616. That meant that state orphanages, youth character building organizations and the many other welfare agencies would be receiving less than 70 per cent of their previously determined fund needs. To cite an example, the Klamath Salvation Army post's operating budget was set at \$12,650 and the chest failure meant the valuable Army got only \$8,500.

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### Grammer Found Guilty

BALTIMORE (AP)—George Edward Grammer was convicted Thursday of first degree murder in the slaying of his wife, an almost perfect crime that looked like an automobile accident.

The verdict carries a sentence of death by hanging or life imprisonment for the 35-year-old New York office manager, accused of killing his wife so he could marry a pretty 28-year-old Canadian secretary who worked at United Nations headquarters.

Circuit Judge Herman M. Moser, who heard the case and decided on the verdict without a jury at Grammer's request, did not fix the exact sentence immediately.

Grammer may plead to Baltimore's circuit court judges for a new trial or ask the court of appeals at Annapolis to find something wrong in the nine-day trial and overrule the verdict.

An appeal is almost automatic in Maryland in capital punishment cases.

### Hanged Man Identified

Identity of an unknown man found dead in the ice compartment of a railway refrigerator car here Monday was believed established today.

Sheriff Murray Britton received a telegram from Edgar Hoover, FBI chief in Washington, saying that fingerprints taken from the body here were "identical with" prints of Woodrow Wilson Hawkins, 35, at the San Francisco Marine Depot in January, 1943.

Hawkins' wife said Hawkins was fingerprinted as a stevedore and hanged by his home town as Goldwalth, Texas. He listed no next of kin.

The body was found in the Great Northern yard here by two G. N. employees, Charles Mitchell and Fred Lewis. The man had been hanged by his belt from a hook on the wall of the car. But the belt had broken, dropping the body to the car bottom. There were small cuts on each wrist and a razor blade was found in the man's pocket.

The pockets yielded nothing else by which the man could be identified. There were no papers nor money. But the body was clothed in practically new clothes, including a suede jacket.

Apparently, death had occurred several days prior to finding of the body. The refrigerator car arrived here from Bieber, Oct. 17.

### Lewis May Ask Another Pay Raise

WASHINGTON (AP)—John L. Lewis was reliably reported today to be demanding a \$1.90-a-day pay boost for hard coal miners—the same amount the government partly vetoed for soft coal miners.

Lewis' strategy in doing this, the report said, was to give the government's Wage Stabilization Board a chance to reverse its decision on the soft coal pay raise.

Several weeks ago Lewis negotiated the \$1.90 daily increase with the bituminous (soft coal) industry. However, last Saturday the WSB ruled that an increase of only \$1.50 could be paid.

This brought on an industry-wide walkout of the approximately 350,000 soft coal diggers.

It had been expected that Lewis would be willing to take less than \$1.90 by way of a daily wage increase in anthracite (hard coal). That industry, employing about 65,000 miners in Western Pennsylvania, had obliged Lewis some time ago by agreeing to an interim arrangement boosting from 30 to 50 cents a ton the production royalty paid by mine owners into the union's welfare fund.

Lewis got only a 10-cent royalty boost for the soft coal miners' welfare fund.

There is every reason to believe the WSB will not change its mind on the \$1.50 limit, having once made it up. If it disallowed a \$1.90 increase for anthracite workers, however, they would be almost certain to walkout.

While angered by the WSB, Lewis still was maintaining his support of the Democratic presidential candidate, Gov. Adlai Stevenson, Lewis plans to go ahead with his scheduled Democratic political speech at Morgantown, W. Va., next Saturday.

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### Polio Down 15 Percent

WASHINGTON (AP)—A 15 per cent drop in the number of polio cases last week was reported by the Public Health Service Thursday.

The service said there were 2,419 cases listed in the week ended Oct. 18 against 2,875 in the preceding week.

The total cases for the "disease year" beginning April 5 is 46,345 compared to 54,054 in the record year of 1949 and 22,554 last year.

### Skunk Loses Battle Of Scents

The skunk got outsmarted—and outscented.

J. R. Kufner, 1426 Kane, had a problem at his house last night, a skunk that had taken up residence in his root cellar.

He called Sheriff Red Britton for a consultation on the situation and after talking over several suggested solutions, decided to take the offensive.

Kufner got a bottle of chloroform and poured it down an air vent into the cellar. He left the door to the root cellar open and after a while the skunk evidently decided he couldn't combat chloroform fumes and left.

### Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Partly cloudy through tomorrow with possible showers over mountains. Low tonight 35, high tomorrow 68.

High yesterday	63
Low last night	32
Precep yesterday	0
Precep since Oct. 1	.14
Normal for period	.78
Same period last year	1.39

### Bird Bag Limits

Ducks, geese, pheasants and quail in Oregon — just ducks and geese in California — become targets of thousands of scattergunners when the bird season opens at noon Friday.

Following are the bag limits:

Ducks: Daily bag and possession of six, plus two extra of either pintail or widgeon. (Sprig and Baldy)

Geese: Two dark (or Canadian) and four white.

Pheasant: Three cocks a day, 12 entire season.

Quail: Ten valley or mountain quail in aggregate per day and 20 during entire season or in possession.

Pheasant and quail limits apply to counties east of Cascade mountains.



**KLAMATH LIONS** had something to roar about at their regular luncheon meeting this week when they hosted OTI's Homecoming Queen Margie Davis and her five pert princesses. Lions Club Pres. Truman Runyan needed little prodding to pose with the bevy of beauties. Behind Runyan are (l to r) Princesses Joan Wellington, Sally McMahon, Janet Beason and Queen Margie. Flanking Runyan are (left) Princess Betty Starr and (right) Princess Darlene Hadley. Orefech's Homecoming game is billed for Modoc Field, Saturday night, when the Owls will face Southern Oregon College's Red Raiders from Ashland.

### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

From Indochina:

French Union forces continued a general WITHDRAWAL south to the Black river today in the face of STEADILY INCREASING PRESSURE from Communist-led Vietnamese troops driving to cut French communications in northwest Indochina.

Watch it.

It could be the start of another Korea.

There are few who doubt that red Russian Stalin and red Chinese Mao are aiming at communist domination of ALL of Asia.

### Technicality Threatens Grand Jury Indictments

The possibility was raised in Circuit Court yesterday that some or all of the 34 criminal indictments voted by the grand jury Oct. 13 may be set aside and the grand jury called back to go over them again.

A technical point might cancel them all.

State law covering the conduct of grand juries specifies that when the jury is ready to make its report, the indictments and not true bills found shall be presented to the court by the foreman of the grand jury.

At the close of the most recent session of the Klamath County grand jury, when the jury was ready to present its findings to Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg, the indictment papers were gathered up and handed to the judge by Frank Alderson, the district attorney. Roy Call was foreman of the grand jury.

Nothing was said about the apparent discrepancy in procedure at the time.

But some sharp-eyed attorney spotted and looked up the law. Yesterday, when several persons named in indictments were in court for arraignment, motions to set aside and quash indictments against four of the defendants were made by Attorneys U. S. Balentine and Ben Goddard.

Judge Vandenberg and Alderson agree that there might have been some irregularity in presenting the indictments to the court Oct. 13, that Alderson, rather than Foreman Call, had handed the papers over to the judge.

But Alderson argued that the law should be construed as figuratively delineating the duty and responsibility of the grand jury foreman, rather than to literally limit to him and him alone the chore of physically handing the indictment documents to the judge.

Judge Vandenberg is to hear more argument on the subject next Wednesday.

Motions to set aside indictments on the technical grounds were made in the cases of:

Bert Greenwood, 22, charged with negligent homicide;

Ima Sue Wiscarver, 19, and Ernest Stanley Gayhart, 27, charged with larceny from the person;

Raymond Ambrose Pennington, 32, charged with non-support of minor children.

A demurrer to an indictment was made in the case of Maurice Berry, 32-year-old Negro charged with assault, armed with a dangerous weapon. His attorney, George Proctor, demurred on grounds that the alleged facts listed in the indictment aren't sufficient to constitute a crime, and that allegations are more than one criminal offense are contained in the indictment.

A demurrer also had been filed against the indictment of Greenwood, but Attorney Balentine withdrew it to move against the indictment on technical grounds.

Yesterday afternoon in Circuit Court Robert Hand, 22, who had pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery, was sentenced to three years in the Oregon prison. Hand admitted previous criminal convictions at Riverside and San Bernardino, Calif.

Jack Wagner, 58, indicted last March on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses, unauthorized sale of and collection for advertising matter—and is to enter a plea to the charge Oct. 27.

Attorney Don Piper was appointed by the court to represent Wagner, but the appointment was cancelled when Piper reported to Judge Vandenberg that when he (Piper) was deputy district attorney he worked on the case against Wagner. Ben Goddard then was appointed to represent the man.

### K. Sugarman Reported Ill

K. Sugarman, former Klamath Falls merchant is seriously ill, according to word received from his daughter, Mrs. Irving Joseph. He is confined to his home, 1809 Lake Street, San Francisco.

"K", as he was known throughout the Northwest, opened his first men's clothing store in the early 1900's, and his slogan "I Ain't Mad at Nobody" was often quoted in national publications. He lived up to the slogan and endeared himself to the community through his interest in civic affairs and personal generosity.

He retired several years ago and has since lived in San Francisco.

### 24 Appeals In One

What else could you buy for so little that means so much to so many.

### 9 O'clock Special



**SCHOOLBOYS** Larry Alexander (left), and Bobbie Hall (right) were on their way to Mills School this morning.

### Shooting Hours

OCTOBER 24

Open Noon

Close 4:12 p.m.