

French Battling Savage Attack

HANOI, Indochina (AP) — Communist-led Vietminh troops drove toward the heart of the big French Union fortress of Dien Bien Phu Monday night after seizing a strong point to the north. They lost 1,500 killed in furious fighting.

The savage rebel onslaught gained ground despite French reinforcements dropped in by parachute to help the hard-hit defenders of the last French Union outpost in northwest Indochina. Dien Bien Phu is 175 miles west of Hanoi.

The Vietminh attack on the besieged fortress began Saturday night. The defenders held them off throughout Sunday. But Monday

the rebels threw in thousands more troops.

The rebels bombarded the dust bowl fortress with artillery shells before they launched their new series of attack.

As the violent battle raged out its second day, the French high command in Saigon announced that a battalion of French and Vietnamese paratroopers had jumped onto the Dien Bien Phu airstrip to reinforce the French Union garrison.

Other reinforcements were airlifted from Hanoi.

The French high command in Saigon said the Vietminh forces had

and were holding solidly against the "very violent" rebel attack.

A French spokesman predicted the fighting would last several days.

A three-hour cease-fire interrupted the fighting yesterday morning while both rebels and French carried their dead and wounded from the battlefield. The French claimed at least 1,000 rebels killed in the initial assault Saturday night and early yesterday, and admitted their own losses were "appreciable."

The fighting resumed at noon as a heavy rebel force strongly fortified

French-held plain in the heart of the Thai tribal country.

Then, as they had on Saturday, wave on wave of screaming, snarling rebel troops surged forward against the bristling barbed wire barricades ringing the French positions.

French mobile artillery, tanks, mortars and heavy machine gun and rifle fire cut down the Vietminh by the scores. Fighters and bombers roared overhead, mowing a wide swath in the ranks of the wildly charging rebels.

The legions of Communist leader Ho Chi Minh appeared making an all-out effort to give the French a major setback before the Big

Four and Communist China meet in Geneva, Switzerland, April 30 to seek a path to peace in Indochina.

The French for their part hoped to decimate the ranks of the best rebel divisions and perhaps thus break the back of the Vietminh forces.

The fighting was described as the most savage yet in the seven-year-old Indochina war.

The French have staked their hold in the hilly Thai country on Dien Bien Phu since last autumn, when they seized the plain and abandoned other towns in the northwest. U. S. - supplied war equipment was flown in from

Hanoi, 175 miles to the east, to build a formidable defense system—a ring of bunkers, trenches and gun emplacements around an airfield.

The Vietminh encircled the fortress, entrenching from 38,000 to 46,000 troops in the surrounding hills. Making up this force were the four best trained and equipped of the Vietminh's eight regular divisions. More than 100,000 coolies packed in supplies—mostly from Communist China—over mountain trails.

French fighters and bombers harassed the besieging force without letup day after day, and there were some patrol clashes. Finally

the Vietminh closed in last week with mortars and guns as big as 105mm. cannon. Some of the rebel troops dug foxholes and trenches only 800 yards from the center of the French position.

Late Saturday afternoon the rebels lunged out of the hills by the thousands, cascading against acres of barbed wire.

They stepped up the wild assault from several directions during the night despite the sweeping fire of French mobile artillery, tanks and machine guns.

The rebels apparently counted on their numerical superiority to overrun the French positions. Screaming infantry fired rifles,

pistols, submachineguns and hurled bamboo spears as they closed in for hand-to-hand fighting.

Two French outposts were overpowered.

The defending force, under French officers, was made up of French paratroopers, Foreign Legionnaires, North Africans and Vietnamese.

In south Indochina, the French captured the important Vietminh port of Qui Nhon, 250 miles northeast of Saigon, a commune announced yesterday. Avoiding a fight, the rebels fled ahead of the amphibious assault. They evacuated the civilian population.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

This modern world: The navy plans to give the public a guarded look at two new airplanes that take off from a "raised back" position and when landing back slowly down to the ground tall first. Navy sources say this morning that photographs, but very little information as to capability and construction of the radically new planes, will be released on Wednesday of this week.

Well, I reckon ANYTHING is possible in these days when through basic research man is mastering the secrets of the universe.

All I wonder is will MAN HIMSELF be able to keep up with it all?

More modern world: In downtown New York this morning, a police emergency wagon roars down the street its siren screaming, and pulls up at the edge of a crowd. A cop jumps out and addresses a man who seems to be the center of it all. "What's it all about?" he demands.

The man reaches in the side pocket of his topcoat and pulls out the first two or three feet of a BOA CONSTRICTOR. "Here," he said, "take him home to the kids." The cop declined. "Oh," he muttered, "it's you, is it?"

The man's name is Trefflich, and he runs a big pet shop. A little girl had opened a box in his establishment. Four boas escaped. Trefflich went out and recaptured them and stuffed them in his pocket.

A crowd gathered while he was doing it and the rest of the story followed—including the emergency call to the police.

Trefflich has a habit of keeping some of his monkeys at his home. He lives on the top floor of an apartment building. One night one of the monkeys wanted a drink. It picked the lock of its cage. Then it picked the lock on the door of the room in which the cage was kept. It then went to the bathroom, turned on the water, got a drink and went away, leaving the water running full tilt.

Eventually it drenched everybody in the five-story building and heck was to pay. Trefflich's insurance covered the actual loss.

There was a time when boa constrictors and monkeys slayed down in the tropics, and people who wanted to see them went where they were. Modern progress is scattering them all over the world.

I think there must have been a time when NOBODY IN THE WORLD wanted a boa constrictor as a pet.

Even that is changing.

There is the little boy up in Hood River who found a container filled with a deadly spray solution. As little boys will, he opened it. Some of the spray concoction spilled out on his legs. By the time his parents got him to the hospital, HIS HEART HAD STOPPED.

They put him in a resuscitator and gave him artificial respiration for 17 hours and by skill and good fortune brought him back to life. He is still unconscious this morning, but the doctors say he is out of danger.

There was a time when we took care of the needs of the soil by crop rotation and stable manure that we put on by hand with a pitchfork. We picked the potato bugs off the vines by hand.

All that is changed. Now the CHEMIST is the big man in agriculture—with occasional results like the story-with-a-happy-ending up in Hood River.

It will turn out all right, I'm sure. IF MAN HIMSELF CAN KEEP UP WITH IT ALL. But I can't help thinking we need to devote more care and thought to the problem of conditioning modern man to the modern world.

VETO

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — A Foreign Office spokesman said Monday published reports that India has refused visas to U. S. replacements for the Kashmir cease fire mission are "not factually correct." The spokesman added, however, that one American application for a visa has not yet been approved.



FISHIN' WASN'T BAD SUNDAY when Wilbert Anderson, Poe Valley, (left) and Bill Fisher, Langell Valley caught two Rainbow trout on the west side of Upper Klamath Lake. The largest weighed 5 1/2 pounds. At right is Dane Fisher, who says he



isn't quite six, trying his luck with Dad's pole. Scores of ardent anglers braved a chilly breeze to drop their hooks in the lake over the weekend.

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The project would provide irrigation water for about 18,000 acres as well as flood control and 10,000 kilowatts of prime power. Principal reservoirs would be at the Howard Prairie and Emigrant sites.

The bill would authorize Congress to appropriate \$19,900,000 to meet project costs plus whatever additional might result from increased cost of material during the construction period. Actual appropriation of money to start work would await further congressional action.

The measure provides for repayment of the project's irrigation costs within a period of 69 years. Revenues from the sale of commercial power would go first to repay costs allocated to the power facilities including interest, and then to that portion of the irrigation allocation which is beyond the ability of water users to repay.

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Shipper	Today	Same Day	Last Year
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He said Balantine had appeared before U. S. Commissioner Bert Thomas at Klamath Falls and was released on \$750 bail.

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appeared to be the largest of the tornadoes tore a path 600 yards wide across the air base near Columbus. The powerful winds overturned several giant C-119 Flying Boxcars. Eight of the 35-ton craft were destroyed and this contributed heavily to the 30-million-dollar damage estimate at Lawson Field and at Ft. Benning, the nation's largest Army base.

Dead at the air base were 6-

month-old Linda Joyner, daughter of Sgt. L. G. and Mrs. James T. Joyner, and Airman 2nd Class Bobby T. Robinson, 22, of Dublin, Ga. The baby died when several huge shrapnel blocks tumbled from the roof of her parents' two-story house and crushed her in her bed.

Twin tornadoes took parallel paths through the macon area three hours later and accounted for most of the dead and injured. Macon hospitals still house 18 persons and 35 others were dismissed after treatment.

The Macon dead were 6-month-old Dorothy Ann Lockhart, Gilbert Robinson, and Austin Hogan. The parallel twister killed Irene Wallace, 11, and Lorenza Wallace, 6, when it destroyed a farmhouse in rural Lila. Sam Emory was killed when another farmhouse collapsed near Centerville.

Macon police estimated damage at three million dollars in Bibb County.

Midwest Has Cold Weather

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The weather was fair but chilly over most of the nation Monday. Except along the Pacific Coast, where readings ranged in the 40s and 50s, the northern two-thirds of the country had freezing temperatures.

It was cool but relatively calm for workers cleaning up in Georgia after three weekend tornadoes and thunderstorms that killed eight persons, injured 70, caused more than \$2 million dollars of property damage and dumped as much as three inches of rain.

The chill extended clear across the country's midsection — it was only 49 early Monday at Brownsville, Texas on the Mexican border. But it was a bit warmer on the Northern Plains which had sub-zero readings Sunday in the wake of last Friday's snow storm.

Light snowfall was virtually the only precipitation early Monday and it was confined to an area extending from the Southern Great Lakes area southward to Virginia and Northeastward to the Canadian border.

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NEW YORK (AP) — A Portuguese laborer, who said he was paid \$4 too much while helping dig a subway almost 30 years ago, is getting back the money that he tried to repay to his old boss.

Edward G. Johnson, official of an engineering and contracting firm, reported the letter had come from Manuel Vieira Concalo saying he had worked for the firm in 1925 or 1926.

Concalo, who now lives in a village near Oporto, Portugal, continued, "And when I left your employ I received, by error, payment of an extra day at \$4 approximately. That is why I am sending to you the equivalent amount in escudos to repay my debt. Please accept it."

Johnson said Concalo enclosed 100 escudos, which the firm sent back, asking that he accept the money "as a present from us with our appreciation of your great honesty."

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: Considerable cloudiness with a few light showers through Tuesday; possibly snow flurries Monday night; rather windy, High Tuesday 42; low Monday night 35. High yesterday 45. Low last night 35. Precip last 24 hours 0. Since Oct. 1 11.37. Same period last year 10.76. Normal for period 5.75.

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