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Military Leaders Seize Power In Saigon

. . . And A Gift For The Ladies

President Johnson hands Mrs. Pat McDivitt a gift at the Manned Space Center near Houston, Tex., Friday just after he promoted three astronauts from major to lieutenant colonel. They are James A. McDivitt, who stands beside his wife; Edward H. White II, with his wife, Pat, at left; and Gus Grissom, next to the President and holding the silver maple leafs just handed him by the President. Mrs. White got a presidential gift, too. (AP Wirephoto)

Premier Quat, Cabinet Step Down

United Press International

SAIGON, Saturday UPI — Military chiefs seized power in South Viet Nam today after serving notice on civilian leaders they no longer had confidence in this embattled nation's politicians.

The notice was served Chief of State Phan Khac Suu, Premier Phan Huy Quat and the national legislature.

An official government spokesman said the military decision to oust all civilians from government came after a day-long meeting of the nation's 14 most powerful generals at the Vietnamese Defense Ministry.

Shortly before the takeover was announced, a government spokesman said Premier Quat and his Cabinet had resigned and had decided to "hand back the reins of government to the military."

SUMMON LEADERS

Late in the night, the generals summoned all the civilian leaders to the palace of the chief of state and told them that as of 6 a.m., local time (6 p.m., EDT, Friday) the reins of government would again be in military hands.

Premier Quat's government was the eighth to fall since Nov. 1, 1963, when the military overthrew the regime of President Ngo Dinh Diem. Since that time there have been at least five coups or countercoups.

It came amid some of the bitterest fighting in the war with the Communists in South Viet Nam. Two days of heavy combat just 60 miles north of Saigon have cost more than 1,000 casualties among U.S., South Vietnamese and Communist forces. The Pentagon said at least 16 Americans were dead or missing in the battle for Dong Xoai.

The military move brought to an end the government of Quat, who had won military approval for his government only 16 weeks ago.

Official sources said, however, that the military leaders would likely request Quat and his Cabinet to act as a caretaker government until a military regime could be formed.

CLIMAXES CRISIS

The move climaxed a smoldering government crisis that was touched off by a Buddhist-Catholic dispute over Quat's recent Cabinet reshuffle, and aggravated by a Catholic-led anti-government protest movement. Catholic groups have been staging sit-down strikes almost daily in the chief of state's palace demanding the ouster of Quat.

Well-informed sources said the "final straw" that forced the military move was a planned demonstration of some 10,000 Catholic youths who were scheduled to converge on the palace of the chief of state at dawn today.

The military assumption of power came only five weeks after the Saigon generals had disbanded their powerful armed forces council in a show of confidence in Quat's civilian government.

Disclosure of Quat's action followed three weeks of constitutional crisis that began when Chief of State Phan Khac Suu challenged Quat's authority to dismiss two Cabinet members.

Roman Catholics and other dissident groups demanded the ouster of Quat, a Buddhist.

COUNCIL ABOLISHED

The government spokesman said he did not know whether Quat's decision to ask the military to take over meant the

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Premier Quat

LBJ Promotes Space Stars, Vows We'll Win Race For World Peace

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — President Johnson greeted and promoted the men who set new "firsts" in space Friday and declared that, "the race in this generation in which we are determined to be first is the race for peace in the world."

Johnson flew from Washington to Houston and visited the Manned Space Flight Center which ran the epochal Gemini 4 space flight of astronauts James A. McDivitt and Edward H. White II.

PROMOTIONS

The President reminded them he had promised to bring a little present and said he was going to keep that promise. Whereupon he announced he was nominating each astronaut for promotion from major to lieutenant colonel.

While he was at it Johnson said, too, that he was nominating two other astronauts, L. Gordon Cooper Jr., and Virgil I. (Gus) Grissom, to be lieutenant colonels.

The astronauts were sitting just back of the President while he spoke from in front of the Mission Control Center, looking out over several thousand employes and visitors scattered over the lawns.

WIVES AMAZED

The wives of the astronauts dropped their mouths open in astonishment when Johnson gave the spot promotions to their husbands.

Mrs. White reached an arm around her husband, patted him on the cheek, and kissed him.

Johnson announced too, that he will see McDivitt and White and their families at the White House in Washington next week or the first of the week after for some ceremonies. And he's expected to present them the Distinguished Service Medal of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

While Johnson started off with considerable joshing, he turned serious at the end. He said that a few years ago this country was behind in space but has "proceeded with a determination and zeal that burns in the hearts of men who love liberty."

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Cloudburst Swamps Town, At Least 14 Persons Dead

SANDERSON, Tex. (AP) — A cloudburst sent a 15-foot wall of water surging through this far West Texas town Friday, drowning more than a dozen residents and leaving 450 homeless.

State police who struggled into the community hours after the cloudburst struck confirmed at least 14 deaths. One person is missing and there were some injuries.

Officers said 50 to 75 houses were destroyed in the flood that was caused by up to 9 inches of rain.

The officers said 250 to 400 persons were to be evacuated as soon as possible to Fort Stockton, 64 miles northwest.

Communication came largely by limited radio facilities.

At one time, no one could approach closer than 12 miles because of floodwaters and washed-out bridges.

Bridge destruction stalled two trains carrying a total of 500 persons.

State police said both trains were on high ground and the passengers safe.

The patrolmen entered by way of U.S. 285, the route to Odessa, which itself was impassable for hours.

The Midland state police office said water remained high and dangerous, and that all bridges on highways leading into the town were out.

Helicopters flew doctors, groceries, drinking water and medicine into the stricken community.

Sheriff Carl Williams of Alpine said, "Two miles this side of Sanderson, 12 miles of highway have been washed away.

"There are five railroad bridges washed out from Longfellow to Sanderson — a distance of about 30 miles."

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Astronauts Saw Earth's Streetlights On Wonderful Tour Of Heavens

By JOHN BARBOUR
AP Science Writer

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — America's sharp-eyed space fliers told the world Friday of seeing the streetlights of earth and of a wonderland walk in the heavens carrying three sacred tokens. Then they met President Johnson, who promoted them on the spot.

The President boosted command pilot James A. McDivitt and Edward H. White II, both Air Force majors, to the Air Force rank of lieutenant colonel.

The President said this was the "little token" he had promised McDivitt and White. It was, he said, "something you can eat as well as wear."

OTHER PROMOTIONS

At the same time, he nominated two other astronauts — Gemini 3 command pilot Virgil I. (Gus) Grissom and Mercury astronaut L. Gordon Cooper Jr. — for the boost from Air Force major to lieutenant colonel as well.

"The joy and thrill and the exhilaration that Ed White felt on his walk from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic ran through the veins of all of us," the President said. He spoke in front of the Mission Control Center, which directed the Gemini 4 flight.

Commenting on White's decision to choose his birthplace, San Antonio, Tex., as his home town, the President, a native Texan, too, quipped, "Some will say that as soon as Americans got themselves up into space, a Texan had to go put his foot in it."

GREW UP ALL OVER

White's father was an Air Force officer and he grew up in many different locations. As a result there were a number of places he could claim as a home town.

The astronauts gave the President a photograph album of chronological pictures of the Gemini 4 flight.

The quick visit by the President and Mrs. Johnson—a stopover on their way to the LBJ Ranch — took something over an hour. Johnson said that the two newest astronauts had given up an invitation to the ranch because it would focus too much attention on them at the expense of others in the space program.

Just six hours before, the astronauts had described at their first news conference the wide-ranging story of their four days in space — spiced with friendly banter.

WANTED ANOTHER DAY

McDivitt and White both said they could have lasted out another day in space, and wanted to.

White, the man who waltzed in space for some 20 minutes, said he had three sacred objects in his right-hand lower pocket for the whole flight — a St. Christopher's medal, a golden cross, and a star of David.

White is a Methodist, McDivitt a Roman Catholic.

"I had a great faith in the people who put me there," said White. "Also I had a great faith in my own God. I couldn't take a token for each religion in the country, but I took the three."

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Envoy Taylor Sees Hard Viet Nam Fighting Ahead

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ambassador Maxwell D. Taylor wound up a week's Viet Nam strategy view here Friday and predicted "some hard fighting ahead in the next two months."

On the political side, administration officials portrayed the new military takeover of the Saigon government as a minor upheaval, compared with past coups.

Taylor planned to depart for South Viet Nam Saturday. He declined to hurry his takeoff because of either the Saigon political shakeup or the news of fresh Viet Cong onslaughts as the Reds mount their monsoon season offensive.

"The time for battlefield resolution is now upon us, but not in a final sense, of course," Taylor commented.

The former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff spoke to newsmen at the White House after a National Security Council meeting with President Johnson, Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara and other top officers. They reviewed measures to improve the large-scale U.S. effort against Red attackers in Southeast Asia.

Administration officials said the Red guerrillas apparently intend to strike hard during the coming rainy season which hampers U.S. air strikes. They predicted victory for the South Viet Nam government forces in the long run.

The officials said that despite initial reports of heavy govern-

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Bank Robbery Slaying Suspect Gives Self Up

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Duane Pope, recent college graduate sought in the slaying of three bank employes at Big Springs, Neb., surrendered Friday, telling police: "I'm tired of running."

Five policemen picked him up after he had made his call to Cpl. Vernon Scoville, a police dispatcher, from his room in a downtown hotel.

The apprehension of the much-sought fugitive came only a short time after the FBI in Washington had placed Pope on its list of 10 most wanted men.

The FBI had warned that the man was "considered extremely dangerous."

Pope, 22, who was graduated from McPherson (Kan.) College less than two weeks ago, had been sought since shortly after the robbery of the Farmers State Bank of Big Springs on June 4.

He is accused of slaying the

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Bypass Referendum Could Hold Up Work

By DAVID C. LANGZETTEL
Staff Reporter

SOUTH PORTLAND — A referendum on the proposed bypass traffic pattern for Knightville could mean work will stop on the bypass before it is paved.

An ordinance establishing the come up for final City Council controversial pattern should action July 5. If petitions for referendum keep the ordinance from becoming law, the State Highway Commission could hold off on bids for paving the bypass.

David H. Stevens, state highway commissioner, put it this way Friday: "The commission has asked Council Chairman (E. Lyle) Flynn in writing for information as soon as the proper legal actions are finally completed."

THE SHC WON'T SEEK bids on paving from contractors "until we have that information," Stevens said.

Opponents of the pattern, led by City Councilor Edward R. Twomey, already are laying the groundwork for a referendum.

Twomey, who plans to circulate a petition himself, said one citizen had collected 300 signatures before discovering they weren't valid.

The 563 signatures needed for a referendum must be gathered in the 20 days following passage of the ordinance. That probably will be July 6-25.

THE FIGURE represents five per cent of the voters registered for the last city election.

The council, with Twomey opposed, made an agreement last summer on details for the bypass, including the traffic pattern. It was recommended—Twomey feels, dictated — by the commission.

If petitions bring about a referendum, it would be the first time a Maine community has reneged on such an agreement, Stevens said. A majority voting against the traffic proposal would gift the ordinance.

Twomey and other opponents want the bypass. They don't want the traffic pattern changed, however. The council has suggested giving the present pattern a trial period after the bypass is completed.

—HE FEELS motorists coming from the Portland Bridge should have a choice between

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Queen Honors The Beatles With 'Order Of Empire'

LONDON, Saturday (UPI)— Queen Elizabeth today honored the Beatles by making them members of the Order of the British Empire. The mop-tops said it was "great" but they didn't think "you got this sort of thing for playing rock and roll music."

The Beatles were included in the queen's birthday honors list. They are now entitled to wear around their necks a ribbon of rose pink satin lined with pearly grey silk. And they can tack onto their names the prestigious initials M.B.E. (Member of the order of the British Empire).

NOT SPEECHLESS

A bit flabbergasted by the honor, three of the four Beatles were not that taken aback to be speechless.

"I didn't think you got this sort of thing for playing rock and roll music," said George Harrison. "It's great."

John Lennon said "I thought you had to drive tanks and wear stuff."

The fourth Beatle, Paul McCartney, was reported traveling and not available for comment.

The Beatles topped a list of show business personalities on the queen's list, which was the first birthday list issued under the Labor government of Prime Minister Harold Wilson. They were inserted alphabetically into the list and identified merely as "members of the Beatles."

ELECTED FROM LIVERPOOL

The nominations for such honors almost invariably come from the prime minister. Wilson is a Yorkshire man but was elected from Liverpool — the home area of the Beatles and the city in which they began their surge to rock 'n' roll fame.

Six persons were honored with life peerages by the queen. Among them were Dr. Richard Beeching, former chairman of the British Railways Board, and Arnold Goodman, solicitor-general of the Arts Council. Goodman was recognized for his role in helping Wilson settle a threatened television strike last summer.

Evanson Stonwell, 80, chairman of the parliamentary labor party, headed the list of

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Motherly Affection

Nanny, the friendly caribou at the State Game Farm at Dry Mills, nuzzles her baby, born a week ago and as yet unnamed. Other caribou have been born at the farm, but have not lived. (By Staff Photographer Johnson.

Today's Chuckle

If at first you don't succeed — well, so much for sky-diving.

Prayer For Today

O God, I pray today especially for all youths who are being graduated from high school and college. My generation hasn't provided them with a promising world in which to build their lives with joy and peace. Help me to realize that my life is an open book to young folks, O God. May they read there of Thee and Thy Son Jesus. Amen.

—Steven Rupert, Jr., Bible Man, minister, First Methodist Church.

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