

U.S. Troops Rushed To Key Viet Airstrip; New Regime To Seek Austerity Program

Military Rules To Press War

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — A former South Vietnamese defense minister said Sunday the country's next regime must be a "war government" with a program of austerity.

Maj. Gen. Nguyen Van Thieu, defense minister and deputy premier in the Phan Huy Quat civilian government which folded Friday, said eight months of civilian rule has hampered prosecution of the war against the Communists.

Thieu called in a radio broadcast for the sweeping austerity policy to help the nation press the war effort against communism.

"This situation cannot drag on indefinitely, otherwise the sacrifice of the military on the front lines would be in vain," Thieu said in the governmental picture in Saigon.

It was the first official statement made to the nation by a military leader since Quat resigned Friday and announced he was returning power to the military.

Thieu has been serving as spokesman for a group of top military officials until a new government is formed.

Thieu said an all-out effort will be made to carry out an anti-Communist program more effectively to help restore order and security, particularly in rural areas threatened by the Viet Cong.

The military, he said, would

not be "the tool of any individuals."

TOUGHEN POLICIES

Thieu said South Viet Nam would toughen its policies toward hostile nations and will seek to improve relations with its allies. He did not elaborate.

Thieu warned that "the enemy will make further efforts in their attempt to subjugate us" but that the armed forces would do its utmost to "uproot" the Viet Cong.

Thieu's appeal for an intensified military effort came as Catholic-led factions indicated in a communique that they may oppose any future military government.

A top Catholic leader, the Rev. Hoang Quynh, called for a civilian, revolutionary government responsive to the aspirations of the people. Father Quynh's statement was viewed as a warning to military leaders that further Catholic opposition can be expected unless civilian constituents are given a governing role.

Ranking military and civilian officials have been meeting almost continually since the civilian government resigned after a dispute between Quat and the chief of state, Phan Khanh Suro.

Reliable sources have said the new government would be made up of both civilian and military officials, with supreme authority in the hands of the military.

Quat issued a statement



Troops Reinforce Airstrip

U. S. paratroopers walk to positions around the airstrip at Phuoc Vinh, South Viet Nam, from which helicopters stage operations for the battle of Dong Xoai to the north. Some helicopters are shown taking off with reinforcements for Dong Xoai. (AP Radiophoto from Saigon)

Government Unit Crushed By Cong

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — U.S. paratroopers were rushed to a major airstrip near embattled Dong Xoai Sunday after a Vietnamese Paratrooper Battalion was shattered by a Viet Cong ambush Saturday night.

The Americans flew into Phuoc Vinh 40 miles north of Saigon in U. S. Air Force C-123 transports.

They immediately began digging in to defend the airport, which is the main supply point for military installations throughout the special Phuoc Binh-Thanh zone.

The movement of the U.S. unit came when the seventh Viet Cong seventh paratrooper battalion became known.

The ambush was the latest in a series of major Viet Cong thrusts against government units around Dong Xoai. The Viet Cong destroyed the first battalion of the seventh regiment Thursday, mailed the second ranger battalion Thursday night and continued harassing government posts and units Friday.

Latest reports indicate that 250 men from the 400-man Viet Cong paratrooper battalion are missing and believed killed or captured. From the Saturday action only 150 men, 20 of them wounded, have returned to Dong Xoai from the ambush point.

The Vietnamese were ambushed as they moved into Thuan Loi, 40 miles north of Dong Xoai.

The Viet Cong struck from the south and west, sealing off the government paratroopers' rear. The fight raged on into the night.

Three U.S. advisers were ordered out of the fight. A U.S. helicopter braved the enemy fire and the rain and flew into Thuan Loi at midnight to pull them out.

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Chicago To Stage Huge Welcome For Two Gemini Spacemen Today

CHICAGO (AP) — More than one million persons are expected to give Gemini astronauts Edward H. White II and James A. McDivitt a triumphal welcome to Chicago on Monday.

Thousands of vacationing school children will be in the crowds in the downtown section where a formal parade will hail the nation's newest heroes. The visitors will submit to a quick session with youngsters.

Mayor Richard J. Daley promised that the reception for the astronauts will be "the most sensational, magnificent, dramatic, and enthusiastic in the history of our country."

Plans call for a motorcade from the airport on Kennedy Expressway to downtown Michigan Avenue, where the formal parade will commence.

White and McDivitt will be escorted by armed forces bands, the Chicago Fire Department and the Black Horse Troop of the Shrine's Medinah Temple.

On La Salle Street the astronauts are expected to receive the greatest ticker-tape salute yet. Twice as much ticker tape as was used last March to show the two pioneer Gemini astronauts, Maj. Virgil I. Gus Orsolum and Lt. Cmdr. John W. Young has been made available to occupants of upper-story of fire on both sides of La Salle.

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China Claims Soviets Seeking Peace Talks

TOKYO (UPI) — Communist China Sunday night accused the Soviet Union of trying to arrange negotiations for peace in Viet Nam. It said the Kremlin was making "a painstaking effort to find a way out" of the Vietnamese conflict for the United States.

The Peking regime made the charge in a long article in which it vowed it would never give up its ideological conflict against the Soviet Union. It charged the Soviet leaders were members of Nikita Khrushchev's old cast, but with "more cunning and dangerous" lines.

Communist China pledged "struggle forward to the end" of a hardline brand of communism as opposed to the Soviet policy of coexistence initiated by Khrushchev before he was toppled from power last October.

The lengthy Peking article — 9,000 characters in Chinese — marked the second anniversary of the beginning of Red China's attack against Khrushchev and the long Sino-Soviet ideological dispute.

The official New China News Agency broadcast the long article. It was being published jointly Monday by the Chinese Communist party newspaper, People's Daily, and the party magazine, Red Flag.

In denouncing the Soviet policy of coexistence, the article said the new Soviet leaders were "unable to explain the contradictions in their own actions."

"While making some gestures of making to (North) Viet Nam," it said, "they have divulged their plans to the Americans in advance and have been busy in Washington, London and Paris trying to bring about peace negotiations. In a painstaking effort to find a way out for the U.S. aggressors."

World Parley Call Issued By Russians

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Communist party organ Pravda published Sunday a new call for a world Communist party conference to discuss the Sino-Soviet dispute.

The proposal was in the form of a resolution adopted last month by the pro-Soviet Portuguese Communist party.

Pravda's publication of the resolution was read by Westerners here as a possible first step in a new Soviet drive to convene a showdown conference on the split with China.

The Chinese Communists have refused to attend any world conference sponsored by the Russians. But there was some speculation here on the basis of recent Soviet and other Soviet-bloc comments, that the Kremlin might make Viet Nam a top item on the agenda of a Continued on Page 8; 4th Col.

Unique Flag-Raising Here Widow Has Neighbors Join In Old Glory Salute

By ROBERT L. DODGE Staff Reporter

Weather permitting, the flag that a Ludlow Terrace widow wanted all her neighbors to share with her will fly high over the quiet suburban street today, Flag Day.

Given to Mrs. Edna Wahl in memory of a son who died while in the service, the flag was raised for the first time Sunday to one of the most unusual pre-Flag Day services here ever.

Some 40 hands were raised in salute as the nine families of the terrace repeated the Pledge of Allegiance and the colors tripped in Sunday's brisk breeze.

This was shortly after Mrs. Wahl had hoisted the flag and spoken briefly on what the ceremony meant to her.

She told her neighbors that it was "a great honor to fly this flag in my terrace" and voiced her hope that "it would be the only flag raised in memory of a son in the terrace."

ABOUT 15 OF THOSE at the ceremony on the front lawn of the Wahl residence at 4 Ludlow Terrace were children. Mrs. Wahl spoke to them on the significance of the flag and invited them to help her take care of it. She promised them that she and

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PLANS UNCHANGED

Jack King, a spokesman for the astronauts, said Sunday after a press briefing in Mayor Daley's office that there had been no changes in the plans for the official welcome and parade.

He added that the parents of the astronauts will take part in the day's celebration. The McDivitt and White children will not be here.

Col. Jack Reilly, director of special events for the mayor, said Monday's parade is expected to attract more spectators than any previous event in the city's history. Reilly did not make an estimate of the anticipated crowd but he said it would outdraw the parade honoring Queen Elizabeth II.

Saturday, NASA officials said in Houston, Tex., they hoped the all-out Chicago welcome for the

Prayer For Today

Almighty God, in Whose service is perfect freedom, save us from making ourselves the arbiters of others' freedoms by strengthening our loyalty to such civil rights as are designed to provide liberty and justice for all. Give us, our Father, the grace of consistency and integrity in private life and public affairs, to the end that Thy will may be done through us until the whole world is the home of the free and the brave; in Jesus name, Amen.

—Raymond E. Balcomb, Portland, vice, minister, First Methodist Church.

Rain Brings Relief To Farms, Gardens

There was "water, water everywhere" Sunday and the half inch which poured down on the Greater Portland area brought smiles to the faces of farmers, gardeners and fire fighters.

The precipitation sent the total for the month well over an inch, but two inches more will be needed in the next two weeks if the June norm is to be filled.

Most of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont benefited from the showers which were accompanied by thunder and lightning.

FOR FARMERS, the moisture came at a critical time for their hay crop and third seedlings.

With both March and May registering the least amount of rain on record, a lot more would be valuable in filling reservoirs and wells and raising ground water levels.

Bipass runoff in the state since October has been only half of the medium amount.

MEANWHILE, in New Jersey Gov. Richard J. Hughes declared a state of emergency in four counties and the city of Elizabeth because of a water shortage.

New Jersey is hurting from four years of drought.

The governor said he was forced to act to protect the 3.5 million citizens in the region after they failed to heed his request for voluntary rationing.

Precious Drops

Instead of a decrease, the use of water in the region on some days this month has increased by as much as 40 million gallons.

The governor's proclamation makes it illegal to waste water. His extensive pools, wash cars at home or serve water in restaurants unless requested to do so.

Officials say 100 million gallons a day cost are conserved if the needs of citizens and industry are to be met.



King's Highway Marker

Earle R. Angell, right, impersonating Parson Thomas Smith, a pre-Revolutionary historian, dedicates a plaque Sunday at Ferry Landing, Sawyer and Front Sts., on the King's Highway in South Portland. From left, are Mrs. Arthur Cameron, Alvah Small, Mrs. Small and Cameron, who made and hand-carved the marker.

Under the direction of the Cape Historical Society, a caravan toured the 250-year-old highway, stopping at "Purpoodeuk" Point Settlement and the Portland Head Light and placing a second marker at Sprague Hall, as part of Cape Elizabeth's bicentennial observance. (By Staff Photographer Olson)

The Late Show
"TOGETHER AGAIN"
Starring
IRENE DUNN
CHARLES BOYER
11:20 P.M.
Channel 13

Today's Chuckle

The boss likes his employees to have individuality — his "yes" men say "maybe."