

Viet Buildup To Match War Pace, Says LBJ



After The Ordeal

California finance director Hale plane en route home to Sacramento. Champion, his wife, Marie, and (AP Wirephoto) daughter, Kate, rest Friday on a

Modern Wild West Drama Ends For Desperadoes

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—A terror-filled 24 hours for California Finance Director Hale Champion, his wife, Marie, and baby daughter ended at the barren Nevada border with their release and the capture of two murder suspects who kidnapped them.

The criminal odyssey that started Monday in Portland, Ore., wound up four days and 1,000 miles later near the mile-high desert crossroads community of Benton Station, Calif., on the edge of the Sierra Nevada when ex-convicts Wilford (alias Wilfred) Marion Gray and Carl Clinton Bowles surrendered meekly.

Gray, 30, born in Brunswick, Ga., and Bowles, 34, of Lubbock, Tex., both recently released from Oregon State Penitentiary, threw down their

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson said Friday U.S. troop strength in Viet Nam will have to be increased beyond the announced goal of 73,000 because of the mounting tempo of the war against the Communists.

Johnson also denounced as "irresponsible, inaccurate and untrue" speculation that Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor's resignation as U.S. ambassador to Saigon stemmed from policy differences.

The President told a news conference in his office that he and his top military and diplomatic advisers were convinced Henry Cabot Lodge was "the best man available in the United States" to succeed Taylor in the difficult assignment.

The meeting with reporters came just before Johnson left for a weekend at his Texas ranch. It followed a White House statement that the selec-

tion of Lodge signaled no change whatever in U.S. policy in South Viet Nam.

White House Press Secretary Bill D. Moyers told newsmen policy shift had either been implied or suggested "during discussion of the resignation."

There had been speculation in some quarters that the return of Lodge to Saigon might foreshadow a U.S. shift toward greater emphasis on political efforts to settle the Viet Nam war.

Johnson's disclosure of the troop increase was the first indication that U.S. forces in Viet Nam would go beyond the goal of 73,000 that Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara announced June 18. Even that would be more than twice the 33,000 U.S. troops in Viet Nam only two months ago.

The President noted there are about 60,000 troops in Viet Nam now and the total will climb to 73,000 shortly. He said the tempo of the war meant "others" will be required, and added: "Whatever is required I am sure will be supplied."

Declaring that "we expect it will get worse before it gets better," Johnson said Communist Viet Cong attacks were increasing, casualties were rising and patients and wounded were getting larger.

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Hot Senate Debate On Viet Policy Seen

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate consideration of the reappointment of Henry Cabot Lodge as ambassador to Saigon is expected to develop into explosive and vigorous debate on President Johnson's Viet Nam policy.

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana predicted Friday that Lodge will be confirmed as the successor to Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor "with-out much difficulty."

But he conceded official examination of the appointment submitted to the Senate on Friday will provide a convenient forum for the voicing of many criticisms and questions about the American course in the war-torn country.

At his news conference Friday, Johnson said the accelerating conflict "will get worse before it gets better" and he didn't plan to let up until the aggression ceases.

In naming Lodge, 61, to the ambassadorship Johnson said he felt he has given the American people "the best man available to do that job."

Apparently in cognizance of some pointed questions about why Taylor is yielding the post he took over from Lodge only a year ago, the President insisted emphatically that Taylor's performance was "the best man available to do that job."

Dixie Solons Spur House To OK Bill Aimed At Assuring Negroes' Vote

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House, spurred on by Southern whites supporting the measure, passed a bill Friday night designed to sweep away the last resistance to Negro voting in the Deep South.

The roll call vote was 332-83.

This sent the legislation, a major follow-up to last year's sweeping civil rights law, to the Senate-House conference committee to work out a compromise. The Senate passed somewhat different version May 26.

Seven Southern states—Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia and parts of North Carolina—would have their voting rights literacy tests suspended under the House bill. Federal officials could be sent in to register Negroes.

The bill also outlaws poll taxes in state and local elections, a provision that could lead to difficulties with the Senate in working out a final version of the legislation. The Senate refused to ban poll taxes, but would subject them to a quick court test.

Before giving its overwhelming support for the bill the House was brought to its feet in a rousing ovation for a Louisiana congressman who urged its passage.

Rep. Hale Boggs, the assistant Democratic leader, who voted against last year's civil rights bill, told the House that to his sorrow, there is discrimination against Negro voters in parts of the South.

"If I shall support the bill, I shall support it in the name of the people," he said.

Presidential Statement On Quoddy Believed Near

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rumors persisted Friday that a Presidential announcement is in the offing on the long-debated Passamaquoddy tidal and St. John River hydroelectric power projects in Maine.

First reports were that President Johnson would have an announcement on the subject at his White House news conference Friday, but that did not materialize.

Word then got around that Johnson possibly would have something to say about "a small beginning" on the project during his weekend visit to his Texas ranch.

No one could, or would, say what new development might be expected on the unique but controversial proposal to harness the extreme tides of Passamaquoddy and Cobscook Bays and link that power with hydroelectric power from St. John River.

It backers began the whole thing on a local scale, but it has mushroomed—aided by newspaper, magazine, TV coverage—far beyond their expectations.

AND THE WIDE APPEAL has caused problems for the members. They've had to dig into their pockets to pay for the antitribble bags and stickers to advertise dump week.

Artist Ed Mayo, who heads the KDA, has been besieged by phone calls, wire, letters and people who just dropped in.

The association itself has received almost a hundred requests (some as far away as the West Coast) for membership applications. But the KDA's bylaws—set down by the national fame man dreamed of—limit membership to 40.

"Most of them were excellent prospects," said Mayo, "but rules are rules."

5,000 Watch Kennebunkport Parade Pride In Town's Prestige Trash Heap

By EDWARD C. WINSTON
Area Correspondent

KENNEBUNKPORT — The town affair between 40 notorious residents and their municipal dump culminated Friday evening in a festive parade through this colonial village to celebrate the beginning of National Dump Week.

More than 5,000 watched dump trucks, floats and bathing beauties carry their message through the streets. One sign proclaimed—in both French and English—that the local trash heap was "The Dump With The Friendly Flies."

THE EVENING was promoted by the Kennebunkport Dump Association, a group so well publicized around the nation that writers from the Boston newspapers and national



magazines were on hand to view the line of march and spread the word to their readers.

A parade feature was Miss Dump of 1965, a dressmaker's model stuffed in discarded rags, topped by a wig giving the once-famous "peek-a-boo" look.

There was also Miss Kennebunkport Dump Association, who was real and handsome. She was Miss Pat Cullen (summering here from Montclair, N.J.), her hair quite blonde and her outfit a two-piece black net swimsuit.

Miss Cullen was chauffeured down the street in a red convertible. Some males in the crowd were heard to utter "raving."

THE FLOATS were in spirit to the dump association's emblem: a blackened Susan protruding from a denied tin can.

One was "The Captain's Restaurant," replete with now and the slogan, "The Captain has the sweetest garbage."

Other floats boasted "Preserve Trash," "Keep America Clean," "Special Trash To The Moon" and (quite proudly)

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State Gets Record Interest On Water Pollution Bonds

AUGUSTA — The State of Maine Friday reinvested \$25 million in water pollution bonds with the U.S. Farmer's Home Administration at a record-high short-term rate of interest.

Interest on the \$25 million will amount to more than \$35,000, Elwell said. The funds will be repaid by FHIA in July of next year.

THE RATE of interest is 4 1/2 percent, the highest rate the state has ever received on a short-term investment, according to records available to the state treasurer's office.

THE FHIA, in turn, will use the money during the next year to make loans for real estate purposes to Maine residents living in rural areas with populations of less than 2,500.

The FHIA called the state's action "a major contribution to the welfare of the people of the state of Maine."

The \$25 million will be used during the July 1, 1966-June 30, 1967, period for state aid municipalities to help red water pollution in Maine.

The \$35,000 in interest will

Prayer For Today

O God, Whose everlasting arms are always beneath us, we pray this day for all who hold a spiritual life in their hearts. Give them the strength of your love and the power of your grace. Amen.

—Edward E. Zwick, (Editor, The Church of the Brethren)

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