



Visitor From Africa

Kathy Colkhorst, 16, acts as an interpreter for French-speaking Traore Kabine, who is recuperating from an operation. Miss Colkhorst, a student at Portland High School, is the daughter of Captain and Mrs. Bernard E. Colkhorst, of 25 Vaughan St.

## Johnsons View Crusade In Houston Dome

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — President and Mrs. Johnson received a standing ovation Sunday as evangelist Billy Graham called on a vast crowd to "join me in pledging our loyalty to America."

The President and the First Lady flew from the LBJ Ranch near Johnson City to attend the closing session of Graham's 10-day crusade.

Some 41,000 persons stood when Graham, an old friend, introduced the Johnsons.

In addition to calling for a pledge of loyalty to America, Graham asked the audience to join him in "pledging our prayers for our country and for the peace on your behalf that God will continue to grant you strength and courage for the over-

## Viet Cong Hails Antiwar March

TOKYO (AP) — The president of the Viet Cong's National Front for Liberation has sent a message to the National Coordinating Committee to End the War in Viet Nam wishing it success with antiwar demonstrations in Washington, the New China News Agency said Sunday.

The Peking agency said from leader Nguyen Huu Tho sent the message from "somewhere in South Viet Nam" on Thursday to Frank Zimspak, who it identified as the president of the coordinating committee.

The message said the Viet Cong expressed hope the demonstrations and the march on Washington staged Saturday would contribute "to the common struggle of our two peoples who are victims of the inhuman war carried out by the U.S. government in Viet Nam."

The message made no men-

## Young African Teacher Waits To See First Snow

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Traore Kabine, 19, a school teacher from the Republic of Guinea on the west coast of Africa, is watching the local weatherman "closely these days."

Traore (pronounced Tray-or-ay) is waiting for snow. He has never seen snow and although he finds it "very cold" in Portland, wants to watch it, touch it, taste it and even try skiing on it.

Since August, he's been visiting with Dr. Clement A. Herbert and family, West St.

He is recuperating from open heart surgery. A plastic valve was placed in his heart. Dr. Herbert met Kabine while serving on the floating "hospital" S.S. Hope.

Aside from waiting for a good snowfall, Kabine has had a full and varied visit.

LAST WEEK he met with Gov. John H. Reed in Augusta, who gave him a lobster the-club. The governor expressed surprise that such a young man could be a school teacher.

Before coming to the U. S. he taught French, math, sci-

ence, geography and physical education on the fourth-grade level in Kouroumas, Guinea, a town of 8,500.

Guinean teachers work for the government and are assigned to their positions.

Kabine finds a "big difference" in teaching methods between the two countries.

"My country does not have as many modern materials," he said, "and most of them are found only in the universities."

HE SAID American teachers have an advantage. Aids are "more plentiful and mod-

ern" and reach down to the grade levels.

He has visited South Portland High School, Waynflete School and Butler School.

He is scheduled to speak to a French class at Portland High School before he leaves for home in January.

Kabine says he likes the people here. "The way of living, and the mountains because they remind me of my own country."

Americans are very active and always seem to have something to do, he feels.

Kabine is fond of the pop-

ular music on radio and television. Students at Portland High School have taught him to do "The Monkey."

In return, he has taught some local students the "Bembé" and "La Canard," two dances from his homeland.

HE BECAME a football fan after watching the South Portland High School-Portland High School game. Now he is a rabid roofer for full-back Jim Brown of the Cleveland Browns. He says he likes the game because it "is so active."

Kabine has not deflected his study. In Guinea he plays the balafon, similar to a xylophone. While in this country he has bought a guitar, which he is learning to play, and a flute.

He said he was "very impressed with Thanksgiving" and it reminded him of a Guinean holiday, Tabaski, or feast of the lamb, which falls in February.

Turkey is scarce in Guinea, he said, and he has never had much of it.

He'll celebrate his 30th birthday here Tuesday.

## U.S. May Increase Viet Strength

# McNamara Hints Counteraction

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara said here Sunday he is surprised by the intensity and scale of Communist attacks in recent weeks in the Vietnamese war. He added that he felt the Viet Cong, in turn, has been surprised at the price in casualties they have had to pay.

Then after telling this to newsmen at Saigon's International Airport, he conferred with U.S. and South Vietnamese officials on the savage Communist attack Saturday that ruined a rubber plantation 45 miles northwest of Saigon.

The defense secretary devoted to speculate on what action might be taken to stop the flow of Communist material and men through neighboring Laos and Cambodia into Viet Nam.

He said, however, that "their actions will require counteractions."

In all, McNamara spent five hours with briefing officers. In addition to the plantation battle, the secretary also was briefed by experts on enemy strength, logistics, pacification and political questions. A U.S. mission spokesman said.

This was McNamara's seventh visit to South Viet Nam since 1962. It comes amid speculation in Saigon that the United States may increase its number of military personnel in Viet Nam from the present 163,000 to 300,000.

Neither McNamara nor his spokesmen would discuss these reports. They called the visit a routine one to rather first-hand information and that no hard recommendations to President Johnson were expected to result.

McNamara was accompanied by Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In his airport statement, McNamara said: "It has been four months since I was last in Viet Nam, and since that time the number of U.S. combat forces here has almost tripled."

"Gen. Wheeler and I are here to take a look at the situation and appraise the future," he said.

Viet Cong moonshot effort during May and June was not successful and their drive to cut Viet Nam in two did not succeed.

"Since then, I feel the Viet Cong have been regrouping and reorganizing. I have been surprised by the intensity and scale of the attacks by the Viet Cong

## Reds Wipe Out Viet Regiment

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — Government relief forces moved into positions on a devastated rubber plantation 45 miles northwest of Saigon on Sunday after howling waves of Communists smashed a South Vietnamese regiment in their

## Bay Stater Is Killed In Pike Mishap

YORK — A Waltham, Mass., youth died of injuries Sunday after his car went off the Maine Turnpike at Mile 18 and slammed into a bridge abutment. He was identified as Aldo J. A. Geaneau.

Police said two passengers riding with him, John J. Dolron 17, and his sister, Gladys, also of Waltham, were listed in fair condition at a local hospital, suffering from skull injuries.

A York hospital spokesman said Geaneau died of chest skull and abdominal injuries.

The ages of Miss Dolron and Geaneau were not known, but officials said they believed they were teen-agers.

The fatality Sunday brings the number killed on Maine highways this year to 203, or 20 more than last year at this time.

Trooper Robert Mitchell is investigating the accident. He said the turnpike was dry at the time of the crash.

Geaneau was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Geaneau and the Dolrons are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Dolron.

most savage attack of the war, then withdrew.

When finally tallied, the casualties could be the highest of any single action in the war.

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, arriving from Paris, immediately went into conference about the attack with U.S. and South Vietnamese officials. He told newsmen he was surprised at the intensity and scale of the Communist attacks in recent weeks.

As he spoke, U.S. Air Force and Navy planes hammered targets in North Viet Nam and dropped 13 million leaflets into the winds blowing toward Hanoi. The leaflets explained South Vietnamese intentions, a U.S. spokesman said.

Communist groundfire around Thanh Hoa on North Viet Nam's coast sent one U.S. Navy F9F plunging into the sea, but the pilot parachuted and was rescued by a helicopter while covering planes blasted armed Communist patrol boats in the area.

A U.S. Air Force F4C crashed near Pleiku in the central highlands, apparently the victim of Viet Cong fire, but its two crewmen ejected and were rescued.

The South Vietnamese reported successful small operations against the Communist guerrillas in the central highlands and the Mekong River delta, south of Saigon.

The Communist attack on the French-owned Michelin rubber plantation near Dau Tieng apparently was to revenge a government assault last week on a Viet Cong unit in the area, officials in Saigon said.

In a space of about three hours, about four battalions of Viet Cong, backed by North Vietnamese regulars, knocked out the Vietnamese 7th Regiment as an effective fighting unit. Survivors told of facing a fierce wall of Communist firepower that kept them pinned down, then split the regiment in two.

Government casualties were

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McNamara In Saigon

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, left, is greeted at Saigon airport Sunday by U. S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge.

## Fowler Sees No Tax Cut Until Viet Nam War Ends

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — Treasury Secretary Henry H. Fowler Sunday night ruled out any further tax reductions possibly for the duration of the Viet Nam war.

He issued a sober appeal for "responsible restraint," especially in wage and price increases, to permit a continued, inflation-free expansion of the economy while the United States fights an increasingly expensive war.

Fowler also said in prepared speech that any new efforts to raise interest rates would be "premature and unwise" at this time.

In an address before the Press Club of New Orleans, Fowler confirmed earlier reports from White House sources that federal spending in the current fiscal year probably would rise to a record \$105 billion to \$107 billion, largely because of Viet Nam.

He said, "the margin for error is much smaller and the need for responsible restraint—particularly on wage and price increases—is much greater, especially among some cities and teen-agers. We called for orderly disposal of government stockpile surpluses to relieve serious market shortages."

Until the fighting ends, Fowler said, the nation must be prepared to move cautiously to prevent inflation from threatening the economic boom now in its 37th month.

First, he said, "fiscal discipline and the most effective response to essential national needs."

He urged greater public and private action to reduce unemployment, especially among some cities and teen-agers. We called for orderly disposal of government stockpile surpluses to relieve serious market shortages.

Fowler asked management and labor to observe the government's suggested wage-price guidelines, which guard against inflationary wage and price increases.

"It is not in the private interest and it is contrary to the national interest to gamble at, at least for the present, at the future for the sake of immediate—and, very possibly, temporary—gain," he said.

"Our task at home now," said Fowler, "is to prove that we can nourish and preserve that balanced expansion, free from inflation, in the darkest shadow of intensifying battle in Viet Nam . . ."



**Folk Singers Visit Portland**

Mary Travers, distaff member of the famed folk singing trio, Peter, Paul and Mary, is flanked by her two co-entertainers, Paul Stookey, left, and Peter Yarrow, who explain in an interview at Holiday Inn here Sunday that their brand of music is "part communication, part philosophy and part participation." They appeared in a City Hall concert Saturday evening. Story on Page 17. (By Staff Photographer Oton)

### News, Features On The Inside

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**TONIGHT!**

Leonard Bernstein  
Conducts The  
New York  
Philharmonic  
Young People's  
Concert  
7:30 P.M.  
CHANNEL 13

**Prayer For Today**

Refresh us, O Lord, in this hour of prayer. Give us an acute awareness of Thy love for us in Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Keep our hearts intent upon the deep significance of this season, led our minds run off after empty fantasies. May we give the Christ child a generous welcome in our hearts and homes. And may we be humble enough to commit ourselves to Him as the Lord of our lives. Amen.

—Friedrich Burgmuller, St. Louis, N.Y., minister, Reformed Church of Hagerstown and Reformed Church of Prince Georges.

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