

The Vietnam War... As The Communists Tell It



WATER PATROL
Canoe takes south Vietnamese guerillas across a jungle stream.



ONE MORE PLANE
Wreckage of American aircraft downed in South Vietnam.

"Dry Offensive" A Flop, Allege The Communists

Editor's note:

The following is not actually a news story. It is a propaganda release prepared in Peking and sent to the Battalion and, presumably, to other college newspapers across the country, with the apparent objective of discouraging and demoralizing the American public toward the war in Vietnam. We feel it presents an interesting, if quite unconvincing, look at the Communists' interpretation of the war. Pictures and captions accompanied the release.

By China Features' Correspondent in Hanoi

The U. S. Army of occupation in south Vietnam met with serious setbacks on the battlefield during the rainy season that ended in October, 1966. However, it began its much publicized "dry-season offensive" as soon as the rain stopped in November.

Early in that month, the U. S. Military Command deployed 30,000 to 40,000 American GIs and Saigon puppet troops, supported by motorized units, to "search and destroy" the main forces of the Liberation Armed Forces in

Tay Ninh, Thu Dau Mot and Bien Hao provinces. But these offensives were foiled by the well-timed counter-offensive operations of the Liberation Armed Forces. The South Vietnam Liberation Press Agency reported that these had thrown the American "dry-season offensive" out of gear before it even got started.

THE U. S. 19TH Light Infantry Brigade, which had been especially trained for the type of warfare in Vietnam, was so badly mauled that its commander, Brigadier General Edward H. de Saussure, was dismissed by the Pentagon. The Paris edition of the New York Herald Tribune disclosed, in a Saigon report on November 17, that Saussure was sacked because the brigade he commanded "was hard hit" in the Tay Ninh action. It added that the U. S. Military Command "was less than pleased" with the way he commanded the troops.

A detailed account of the Tay Ninh action has just been released by the South Vietnam Liberation Press Agency. In a lightning attack at daybreak on November 3, the liberation forces stormed Go Dau, an important puppet-held stronghold in Tay Ninh Province, strategically located 60 miles (90 kilometers) northwest of Saigon. Helicopter-borne American troops soon landed nearby, with the task of rescuing the beleaguered puppets in Go Dau. Waiting guerillas opened fire on the Americans as they landed and routed them.

IN THE EVENING, the liberation forces shelled Go Dau and many other posts in the neighborhood, killing and wounding a large number of puppet troops. Shells falling on the U. S. Brigade and its command post in Trang Lon took a toll of nearly 300 U. S. troops.

On the morning of November 4, a strong U. S. force, consisting of two battalions of the U. S. 196th Brigade and a battalion of the U. S. 25th Infantry Division, was dispatched to relieve the Go Dau stronghold. This was what the Liberation Armed Forces had been expecting. They shelled the leading U. S. battalion and then charged into the American ranks and engaged the GIs in hand-to-hand fighting. The whole battalion was annihilated. The two others were repulsed with heavy losses.

THE U. S. Military Command hurriedly sent the 173rd Airborne Brigade and the U. S. 1st Infantry Division, which was then engaged in a "search and destroy" operation near Saigon, to the aid of the 196th Brigade in Tay Ninh Province. In the fighting that ensued the U. S. Army encountered further setbacks.

While stepping up their attacks on the main battlefield, the Lib- (See Communist Page 3)

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Few Ags Make New Year's Resolutions

If a poll of 50 Texas A&M students is indicative of student body activity, few Aggies make New Year's Resolutions.

Most quizzed students candidly admitted they don't make resolutions because experience shows they are quickly broken.

One of the more unique comments was by Francis Bourgeois of New Braunfels.

"I resolved to get an earlier start on New Year's Eve next year so it won't be such a shock," he quipped. "Maybe I'll start next week."

Olden's Ken Reese vowed to graduate in May, find a good job and make lots of money.

Aubrey Davis of Hubbard was too busy with studies to think about resolutions.

"I came back a week early to finish two term papers," he grimaced. "I'm trying hard to graduate this term."

Graduate student Ronnie Dodson of Paris plans to do more fishing.

Sammy Pearson of Calvert reflected the attitude of numerous students who survived the rigors of the holidays.

"I'm going to live slower," he emphasized.

The majority echoed a comment by Donna Files of College Station.

"I've never made a New Year's Resolution in my life," she admitted.

Second Semester Housing Planned For Civilians

Dormitories 10, 12 Must Be Vacated

Spring semester schedules for making room reservations for civilian dormitories have been announced by Housing Manager Allan M. Madeley.

Students who want to reserve the room they now occupy began making reservations Thursday. The schedule continues through Jan. 11.

Madeley said students now living in dormitories 10 and 12, both of which will be closed for the spring term for air-conditioning work, may reserve rooms in other dormitories Jan. 12 and 13.

Students who wish to reserve rooms other than the ones they now occupy may register on a first-come, first-served basis from Jan. 16 through Jan. 27, Madeley revealed.

Room reservations are accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the Housing Office in the YMCA.

STUDENTS WHO have a \$20 room deposit on file will not have to pay any additional fees to reserve rooms. Other students must pay the deposit before reserving a room.

Those reserving rooms for the spring and cancelling after Jan. 15 or do not register will forfeit their deposit unless they are not allowed to register by the university.

Students changing rooms for the spring semester are reminded that it is their personal responsibility to clear their old rooms properly and to check in to their rooms with the housemaster concerned. This must be done within 48 hours of the time the physical move takes place. Failure to accomplish either of these procedures will result in a charge of \$5.

IN MOVING from one civilian room to another, one must present a room clearance slip to the housing office signed by the housemaster of the room he is leaving before exchanging keys to the new room.

A student who moves from a civilian dorm to a cadet dorm will need a room change slip signed by the housemaster, organization commander, and the cadet dorm counselor concerned before exchanging keys.

Civilian day students, including those who live in the university apartments, are strongly urged to secure day student permits early in order to save time for all concerned on registration day. Anyone who expects to be a day student during the spring must secure a day student permit from the housing office before paying fees.



ROOM RESERVATIONS

Mary Vance fills out forms as Aggie students, (l to r) Eddie Els, Rapheal Ledesma and Don Prycer line up to reserve rooms for next semester.

Dallas Vet Joins Ag Animal Clinic

Dr. Roland C. Mallett, a veterinary medical practitioner in Dallas, joined the staff of the small animal clinic in the College of Veterinary Medicine this week announced Veterinary Medicine Dean A. A. Price.

Dr. Mallett will be installed as president of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association in Houston Feb. 1 and has 18 years private practice. The new A&M faculty member has done commercial and government work, serving with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and the USDA Agricultural Research Service.

A 1944 graduate of A&M, Dr. Mallett presided over the Dallas Speakers Club, Preston North Lions Club and the Dallas County Veterinary Medical Association.

Turner New Highway Head

Francis C. Turner, a 1929 civil engineering graduate of Texas A&M University, is the newly named acting highway administrator by U. S. Secretary of Commerce John T. Connor. Turner, chief engineer for the

U. S. Bureau of Public Roads since 1957, succeeds Rex M. Whitton, who retired last Friday as federal highway administrator.

A Dallas native, Turner is a career government employee who

joined the bureau in 1929. He earned a professional engineer's degree at A&M in 1940.

At A&M, Turner was an officer in the Corps of Cadets and a member of the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. The A&M Chapter of Tau Beta Pi, engineering honor society, named him an honorary member in 1959.

Turner is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Society of American Military Engineers, the American Association of State Highway Officials, the Highway Research Board, and the American Road Builders Association.

During World War II, he was a liaison official for work on the Alaska Highway. In 1946 he was named to head a \$550 million highway rehabilitation program in the Philippines and was cited with the Philippine Legion of Honor for his achievements. The U. S. State Department then requested his assignment to the Foreign Service to coordinate its entire rehabilitation program.

Other citations include the Thomas H. McDonald Memorial Award in 1962 from the American Association of State Highway Officials, and three awards from the U. S. Commerce Department, including a silver medal in 1954, a monetary award in 1956 for contributions to the national highway development program and a gold medal in 1962 for exceptional service.

Flag Drapes Ruby's Casket, Family Views Body Thursday

By EARL AYKROID CHICAGO (AP) — Jack Ruby's sisters and brothers viewed his body Thursday as it lay in a flag-draped casket in a funeral home.

An American flag, token of Ruby's service as an Army Air Corps mechanic during World War II, was draped on the bronze casket. Nearby were eight floral pieces.

The body was attired in a black suit, a black tie and a white shirt, and the traditional Jewish shawl and skullcap.

Newsmen walked by the casket later. They did so at the request of some members of the family. Hershey Weinstein president of the Weinstein & Sons Funeral Home, said they wanted to forestall any future speculation that the body was not Ruby's.

A family-only funeral has been arranged at the funeral home on the Northwest Side on Friday morning. Ruby will be interred beside his parents in Westlawn Cemetery.

Ruby, 55, the slayer of Lee

Harvey Oswald, who was named by the Warren Commission as assassin, died Tuesday in Dallas, Tex.

One brother, Hyman Rubenstein, objected to the presence of reporters in the lobby of the funeral home before they and members of the family viewed the body. But his objections ended after another brother, Earl, talked to him.

A police detail stood guard at the chapel to prevent any disruptive incidents by curious strangers.

Rabbi David Graubart will conduct the funeral services, which he described as a traditional Jewish ritual of burial, at the funeral chapel and at graveside.

At the grave, Ruby's three brothers, Earl Ruby of Southfield, Mich.; Sam Ruby and Hyman Rubenstein, both of Chicago, will recite the Kaddish, a Jewish prayer.

Air ROTC Unit Flies To Barksdale

Squadron 1 of Texas A&M's Corps of Cadets takes to the air at 6:30 p.m. today, airlifting to Barksdale AFB near Shreveport for weekend tours of Air Force equipment and installations.

The 89 AFOTC cadets of Squadron 1, commanded by Cadet Maj. Donald E. Woods of McLean, depart Easterwood Field at 6:30 in a C-124 of the 917th Reserve Squadron at Barksdale, announced Col. Vernon L. Head, professor of aerospace studies.

Barksdale AFB Commander Col. Wallace A. Mason is sponsoring the airlift and tour. Colonel Mason has twin sons, Richard and Russ, in the corps unit.

The Saturday tour includes inside views of the B-52 bomber and KC-135 tanker, base supply, AGN-28 "Hound Dog" and ADM-20 "Quail" missiles, alert facilities where B-52 crews are billeted and the Second Air Force Headquarters command post and material control center.

A demonstration by security personnel and exercise of base disaster control procedures will also be viewed by the Aggies, who will be quartered two nights in Barksdale barracks.

Following church services Sunday, the cadet squadron will fly back to College Station.

First Bank & Trust now pays 5% per annum on savings certificates. —Adv.

Ag Judging Team On Top

By JAMES A. BASINGER Most people are familiar with the duties of a basketball coach or a football coach but how many have ever thought how one goes about coaching a meat judging team?

Texas A&M University, long noted for its outstanding School of Agriculture, showed off its Department of Animal Science with a convincing win in the 37th annual intercollegiate meat judging contest at the International Live Stock Exposition in Chicago.

Dr. Zerle L. Carpenter, coach of the team and assistant professor of Animal Science, explained how members of the team are chosen. "Everyone who takes my

course, Animal Science 317, is eligible for the team. I select the team from the best students in that class.

IN THIS COURSE, the students are acquainted with the principles of meat judging. This requires the student's ability in placing beef, lamb, and pork carcasses into classes in addition to placing into different classes the various cut classes including beef ribs, chucks, loins, and rounds, and fresh hams.

There are five members on the team including two alternates. The regular members of this year's team are Roy Birk of Llano, Jim Sanders of Beeville and Spencer Tanksley of Bryan. The alternates are Larry Boleman

of Waco and Vincent Neuhaus of Mercedes.

One unique feature of this team is that Dr. Carpenter chooses new members every year regardless of whether a student may be eligible for another year.

"ALTHOUGH MOST other teams have holdovers, I mainly have juniors and then after one year on the team, I encourage them to move somewhere else where they may gain experience in other forms of judging such as livestock judging."

Dr. Carpenter encourages the top 10 to 12 students from his Animal Science class to go out for the team, and from these people, he will have his new team. (See Judging Page 3)

Paper On Traffic Flow Presented By Researchers

Hoy A. Richards and James D. Jones of Texas A&M University will present a paper Jan. 18 at the 46th Highway Research Board meeting in Washington, D. C.

Entitled "Application of Motor Carrier Continuous Traffic Study Techniques to Assembly of Inter-city Freight Traffic Data," the paper results from a continuous study of traffic flow characteristic of motor freight carriers being conducted by the Texas Transportation Institute for the Southwest Motor Freight Bureau.

Computerized freight bill analysis provides data for transportation planning and research in the Southwest.