

U. S. Pilots Blast Communist Sites

By GEORGE ESPER
SAIGON (AP)—U. S. pilots struggled in rain and fog Wednesday to pinpoint and destroy Communist guns that are again hammering American Marine outposts below the demilitarized zone. Clouds screened the enemy's camouflaged firing pits.

HIGH-FLYING B52 Stratofortresses and jungle-skimming fighter-bombers loosed more than 250 tons of explosives on suspected Red positions in and north of the DMZ to counter enemy shelling that the U. S. Command said killed one Marine and wounded 100.

More than 300 artillery and mortar shells had poured into American positions, chiefly at Con Thien and Gio Linh, in a 24-hour period. The inclement weather was a forerunner of seasonal storms from the northeast monsoon, due in two or three weeks.

SIX MONTHS of fighting in the dry season had sorely tested the Marines and, though enemy losses are described as heavy, seemingly left matters completely unsettled in the 1st Corps area. This is the strategic sector adjoining the DMZ, the six-mile-wide border territory through which runs the shortest of North Vietnam's infiltration routes.

The North Vietnamese are reported to have 35,000 regulars in and around the DMZ, as opposed to about 17,500 Marines and 2,500 South Vietnamese troops scattered along the frontier. Throughout the five provinces of the 1st Corps area, however, the allied retain a numerical edge, with about 98,000 men in combat units.

Thoughts are running now to monsoon defense positions. The mud wallow that is the key supply road to Con Thien must be resurfaced with gravel. Seabees push to finish a new air strip and concrete artillery stands at Khe Sanh.

Associated Press correspondent Edwin Q. White reported from Marine headquarters the enemy shelling Wednesday was so intense that road traffic to Con Thien and Gio Linh was suspended. Helicopters were used to move up supplies.

FOUL WEATHER limited U.S. operations over North Vietnam Tuesday. Air Force squadrons flew 42 missions, mostly in the area above Hanoi.

Eight MIG17s jumped four F105 Thunderchiefs as the American fighter-bombers headed back from a raid on a military barracks 17 miles north of the Communist capital, but spokesmen said neither side scored in an exchange of cannon fire.

Weather elsewhere was so bad that U. S. 7th Fleet carriers at sea were unable, for the first time in the war, to send up a combat flight.

IN WASHINGTON, the Pentagon made public an expression of belief by Adm. U. S. Grant Sharp that another halt in U. S. bombing of the North, advocated in some quarters as a means of encouraging a negotiated settlement, "generally would be a disaster to the United States."

The U. S. commander in the Pacific made that statement Aug. 9 before the Senate Preparedness subcommittee, which later unanimously recommended a stepup in the air war. Sharp testified the quickest way to end the war would be by mining the port of Haiphong and that he had recommended this frequently to "higher authority."

AIR OPERATIONS in South Vietnam led to another fatal accident. U. S. headquarters said an Air Force F4 Phantom dropped a 750-pound bomb on the village of My Luc, about 300 miles north-east of Saigon, killing one Vietnamese civilian and wounding eight.



DR. CHARLES ALLEN
Dr. Allen To Talk At Church Confab

The pastor of Houston's First Methodist Church, Dr. Charles Allen, will be the concluding speaker for the 22nd annual Town and Country Church Conference Oct. 12-13 at Texas A&M.

Dr. Bardin Nelson, A&M professor of sociology and conference program chairman, said Dr. Allen's address will be heard at 11 a.m. the second day.

Nelson said the minister is one of the best known in the South. He has authored 18 books, all best sellers in the religious field.

Time magazine said of him: "The success story of Charles Allen is not the result of raftering oratory. He speaks simply, seldom raises his voice and uses few gestures. He emphasizes Christian daily living and prayer. He is inclined to say simply, 'You'll be happier if you live this way'."

The conference is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.



AGGIE HERO TALKS TO ROTC EDUCATORS
1st Lt. Neil L. Keltner, a 1965 graduate of Texas A&M, and Distinguished Service Cross winner in Vietnam, chats with Brig. Gen. Carlton Preer Jr., Director of the Army ROTC, following his talk to Army educators attending the annual ROTC conference at Fort Monroe, Va. (U. S. Army Photo)

Beulah's Winds Hit Rio Grande Valley

By JACK KEEVER
BROWNSVILLE (AP)—Hurricane Beulah, one of the mightiest storms in history, slammed multi-million-dollar destruction into the lower Texas Coast Wednesday, spreading death and havoc.

The brawny hurricane did her worst at Port Isabel and Brownsville before dawn, blasting ashore with 160-mile-an-hour winds at her center. Hurricane-force blasts hit Corpus Christi, 160 miles up the coast, before sundown.

But the killer of 29 persons since her birth in the Atlantic 12 days ago was losing her force in her trip up the Texas coastal plain.

The little ranch settlements of Sarita and Riviera south of Corpus Christi were pounded by 90-mile-an-hour winds. At 6:30 p.m., CDT, winds up to 78 miles an hour slashed at Corpus Christi after a day of gales. Hurricane force begins at 75 m.p.h.

Damage was widespread. Tense reports from Highway Patrol units began to come into the Emergency Operating Center at Austin, a mass complex housing governmental representatives, Red Cross and Civil Defense communications setups.

"Port Isabel appears to be 85 per cent destroyed," one report said. "Laguna Heights, another coastal community between Corpus Christi and Brownsville, 75 per cent homes damaged, 40 per cent appear total loss," the report said.

The Weather Bureau said the tornadoes spawned by Beulah was a record. The official count was 30 of the twisters. Unofficial counts ran much higher.

Entire communities were isolated.

Electric power was cut off to almost all the storm-hit region. Some evacuees began leaving for their homes but Red Cross officials at Brownsville warned of dangerous flooding, tornadoes from the still-mighty storm and downed power lines. Food was

running short in the Brownsville shelters.

Red Cross officials in Brownsville said it would be several days before the damage could be estimated at this tip-of-Texas city.

Corpus Christi, despite escaping the main force, suffered extensively from wind damage.

At 6:45 p.m. Beulah's eye was located some 30 miles south of Kingsville.

Weathermen said Beulah would continue to move inland, a death sentence even for a storm of her power.

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- 4 & 5 — E-2 & F-2
- 5 & 6 — G-2 & H-2
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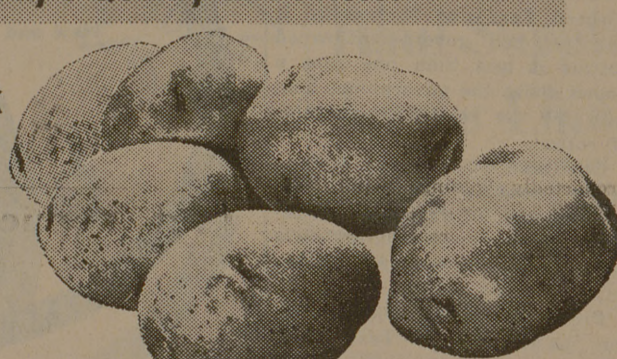
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