

15 Miners Safe After 5-Day Ordeal

HOMINY FALLS, W. Va. (AP) — Fifteen weary, blackened and chilled miners stepped into a pre-dawn mist Saturday and ended five days of entombment in the flooded passageway of a coal mine.

They were the lucky ones. Another 10 men, not heard from since Monday when millions of gallons of water poured through a wall breach, are presumed dead. Efforts to reach them continued, however.

A team of mine safety engineers belly-rode a conveyor belt through the low tunnel to reach the men and led them to safety at 5:20 a.m. EDT. The men had been in the Gauley Coal and Coke Co. mine 118 hours, crammed in a coal pocket not high enough for a man to stand.

Ambulances whisked the 15 to (Continued on Back Page, Col. 2)

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U.S., North Viet Exclude Others From Initial Talks



A MINER'S WIFE EMBRACES HER HUSBAND AFTER HE AND 14 OTHERS WERE RESCUED AT HOMINY FALLS, W.VA.

'World Cat' Sails Home

SAN PEDRO, Calif. (UPI) — The 43-foot catamaran World Cat sailed into Los Angeles Harbor Saturday with her jubilant crew of two after a 30,000-mile, world-circling cruise that began here July 2, 1966.

Skipper Juergen Wagner and crewman Holger Rahlf weathered seven gales and 60-knot winds in taking the double-hulled sailboat across the Pacific, Indian and South Atlantic oceans and up the coasts of South and Central America.

Desperate VC Attack Fails; GIs Kill 100 in South Saigon

SAIGON (AP) — Viet Cong guerrillas, trapped in a bomb-raked pocket on Saigon's southern edge, made a desperation assault Saturday night against U.S. infantrymen who killed more than 100 of the attackers in a flare-lit battle.

There was no report of American casualties in the furious fight that erupted at dusk when several hundred guerrillas

emerged from the rubble and rushed toward the U.S. lines shouting and shooting.

When the attack broke in less than an hour, troopers of the U.S. 9th Inf. Div. counterattacked.

"The count is probably over 100 now," one officer said. "We're sweeping the area and finding more bodies all the time."

The clash was about 700 yards southwest of the "Y" bridge, one of three main bridges across the Kinh Doi Canal that links Saigon with the Mekong Delta.

The enemy troops, believed to be the remnants of some 1,000 soldiers from two reinforced battalions, attacked two sides of the American perimeter.

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PARIS (AP) — The United States and North Vietnam agreed Saturday to exclude representatives of South Vietnam and other allied governments, as well as of Russia, China and the Viet Cong National Liberation Front, from the initial talks.

The rule probably will be changed if the two-sided discussions set to start Monday succeed in solving the big problem before them—how to end the U.S. bombing of North Vietnam.

That problem, U.S. officials agree, is the central issue of the next round of negotiations, though they say some North Vietnamese show of military "restraint" is essential to a solution. According to North Vietnamese statements, the bombing problem is the only problem.

If it can be solved, the full range of Vietnamese peace-making issues is expected to come up for debate. And at that point the interests of allies on both sides would become much more deeply involved.

President Johnson has said that South Vietnam and other allies would be brought more directly into the talks. They now have observers here. In a later stage of the talks they would presumably have full-fledged negotiators.

Similarly, U.S. officials ex-

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Well, Charles — It's a Start

PARIS (AP) — The newspaper Figaro summed up progress in the U.S.-Vietnamese peace meetings Saturday with a cartoon showing President Charles de Gaulle listening at the conference door, and reporting:

"They're coming along! They're ending the beginning of the preamble of the prelude of the preliminaries to the preliminaries."

More Action Ahead at DMZ, Cushman Says

DA NANG, Vietnam (UPI) — Allied troops have occupied the entire 24-mile long A Shau Valley but there is more stiff fighting ahead along the Demilitarized Zone, Lt. Gen. Robert Cushman said Saturday.

The Marine general, U.S. commander in the northern I Corps zone, said that in the last four days a regiment of Vietnamese troops drove south through the old U.S. Special Forces camp at A Shau Village to complete the occupation of the vast Communist supply bastion along the Laotian border.

Friday, troopers from the U.S. 101st Airborne Div. walking west along Highway 547A linked up briefly with a unit from the 1st Air Cav. Div. moving along the highway.

Highway 547A was the major Com-

munist resupply route from the A Shau Valley to Hue on the northern coast.

"The link-up troops shook hands and went about their business," Cushman told newsmen in the latest of several briefings on Operation Delaware, the allied drive into the valley which began April 19.

Fighting in the valley has been extremely light. Contact along Highway 547A has been heavier. Allied troops have killed 602 Communists and captured three. Seven other Communists have surrendered.

American losses have been 142 killed and 720 wounded, most of these in fighting along 547A, Cushman said. The Americans also had 54 helicopters damaged or destroyed.

Cushman said South Vietnamese troops found nothing at A Shau, where an American Special Forces camp was overrun

in March of 1966, the last time U.S. troops occupied the valley.

"There was no evidence the enemy was using A Shau Village as a supply depot," Cushman said.

Elsewhere in the valley, allied troops on May 8 discovered 50 Russian-made 2½-ton trucks, most of them damaged by U.S. bombing. Only two were operable. Government troops uncovered a complex of 40 trucks full of rice, communications wire and concrete telephone poles.

More than 800 rifles also have been found in the past few days, bringing the total number of individual weapons captured during the operation to 2,500.

Cushman said North Vietnamese prisoners had told interrogators the Communists had decided to launch a second

wave of Tet-type attacks in the northern provinces.

"It looks like he wants to attack the cities but he hasn't got close enough so that we can be absolutely sure yet," he said. "He has upped the ante in I Corps and I think he is going all out in his present offensive. I don't know how long he can keep it up."

The Marine commander said troops from the 101st Airborne Div. have all but killed the possibility of a North Vietnamese attack on Hue.

"They (the Communists) claim they are on the offensive around Hue, but the 101st is rapping their knuckles hard," he said.

"The enemy, I don't think, is going to be able to do much in Hue unless he can figure out a different tactic to what he's using now."

Navy Pilots Strike Red Fuel Dump

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON — Navy aviators of Carrier Wing 9 kept what is believed to be the biggest fuel dump in North Vietnam, at the Xom Trung Hoa Barracks, 11 miles northwest of Vinh, burning for the third straight day Friday.

Three separate strikes were made on the complex during the day.

From the location of secondary explosions and fires, pilots concluded that much of the oil in the giant complex is buried underground. Until recently the barracks was believed deserted until photo reconnaissance detected the fuel dump.

Other Navy pilots struck three bridges in the Panhandle Friday, destroying two and damaging one.

A military storage area, 22 miles northwest of Dong Hoi was destroyed Friday by Air Force Phantom crews. In other strikes along the coast Air Force pilots bombed another storage area, setting off one secondary explosion while a highway bridge was destroyed with its causeway.

In addition, Air Force pilots cut 17 roads and silenced four antiaircraft sites in the Panhandle.

Navy pilots flew 61 missions, the Air Force 42 and the Marine Corps 10 for Friday's total of 113 missions.



Cholon Residents Flee Battle

A Vietnamese woman lifts her child onto a truck as civilians flee fighting in the Cholon section of Saigon. Civilian refugees have been estimated at 80,000 in the city. (UPI Radiophoto)

U.S. Envoy to Laos Holds Talks in Paris

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ambassador to Laos William H. Sullivan will return to the United States shortly for consultations and home leave, State Department officials said Saturday.

Sullivan, who played an important role in U.S.-North Vietnamese exchanges leading up to the Paris talks, stopped in the French capital to confer with the American delegation before returning home.

The Washington-Hanoi messages, leading to the Paris discussions, passed mainly between Sullivan's embassy at Vientiane, the Laotian capital, and the North Vietnamese embassy there.

The question of North Vietnamese forces in Laos has also figured in the Vietnam controversy. Secretary of State Dean Rusk has indicated a Commu-

nist withdrawal from Laos should be part of any general Southeast Asian peace settlement.

Some U.S. estimates place up to 45,000 North Vietnamese troops along the Ho Chi Minh trail infiltration route which passes through Laos. The trail is used by Communist forces invading South Vietnam, U.S. authorities say.

Sullivan was also a key American diplomat at the 1962 Geneva conference which drew up an agreement for Laos independence and neutrality.

30 Viets Killed In Mine Blasts

SAIGON (AP) — Thirty Vietnamese civilians were killed and 30 wounded when two buses hit Viet Cong mines on Highway 14 in the Central Highlands, the government news agency Vietnam Press reported Saturday.

The report said the incident occurred half-way between the market town of Ban Me Thuot and the Cambodian border, 160 miles northwest of Saigon.

Red Defector Total Declines

SAIGON (AP) — More than 1,000 Viet Cong and North Vietnamese defected to the Saigon government last month, the ministry for the Open Arms program announced Saturday.

But the total for the first four months of 1968 was less than one-fourth the total for the same period last year.

From April 1 through April 27, 1,061 enemy troops deserted to the government side. They included 14 regular North Vietnamese soldiers and 250 dissident members of the Hoa Hao Buddhist sect in the Mekong Delta.

The total through April 27 was 3,601, compared with 13,551 for the same period of 1967.

Thieu June Trip Hinted

SAIGON (AP) — President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam will visit President Johnson in Washington and tour several other American cities in the second half of June, according to an informed source.

Casualties

WASHINGTON (S&S) — The Defense Department has announced the following casualties in connection with the conflict in Vietnam.

KILLED IN ACTION

Army

Sfc. Bobby S. Frye, Hamilton, Ala.
Sgt. Robert W. Johnson Jr., Elk Grove, Calif.
Cpl. Steve Butorovic, San Pedro, Calif.
SP4 Michael D. Craig, Rosemead, Calif.
Sgt. Roy B. League, Tallapoosa, Ga.
SP4 Terry J. Kenney, Crystal Lake, Ill.
Pfc. Fred Oliver Jr., Chicago, Ill.
Pfc. Louis L. Speer, Dupont, Ind.
SP4 Arthur T. Kramer Jr., Burlington, Ky.
Sgt. Francis J. Robinson, New Orleans, La.
Sgt. Peter Brum, Lansing, Mich.
Cpl. Thomas J. Bradford, Lincoln Park, Mich.
SP4 Harold T. Henesy, Detroit, Mich.
Pfc. John L. Downing, Royal Oak, Mich.
Pfc. Donald L. Peterson, Fridley, Minn.
Pfc. Willie L. Ponder, Erie, Pa.
Sgt. John Pate Jr., Knoxville, Tenn.
Sgt. Melvin Pryor Sr., Dallas, Tex.
Sgt. Evans B. Crocker Jr., Orange, Tex.
Pfc. Donald R. Johnson, Palestine, Tex.
1Lt. Howard R. Crothers, New Martinsville, W.Va.
Cpl. Darrius W. Adams, Ivydale, W.Va.
Pfc. Richard M. Martin, Encampment, Wyo.
SP4 Santiago Rodriguez-Lebron, Fajardo, Puerto Rico.

Navy

HM3 Gregory G. Pritchett, Hawthorne, Calif.
HM3 Gary L. Parsons, Endicott, N.Y.

Marine Corps

Cpl. Steve C. Wilder, Birmingham, Ala.
LCpl. Allen L. Terry, Tucson, Ariz.
Pfc. John L. Czechowski Jr., Mesa, Ariz.
LCpl. Patrick L. Bruckner, Granada Hills, Calif.
Pfc. James W. Wright II, San Diego, Calif.
LCpl. Amie J. Duran, Delta, Colo.
2Lt. Patrick J. Harrington, Hollywood, Fla.
Pfc. James S. Bennett, Augusta, Ga.
Pfc. Roger D. Mills, Linton, Ind.
1Lt. George C. Norris, Carroll, Iowa.
Pfc. James E. Dickerson, College Park, Md.
Pfc. John F. Hutzell, Williamsport, Md.
Pfc. Christopher J. Barber, Farmingdale, N.Y.

GYSgt. Donald L. Carnes, Jacksonville, N.C.
LCpl. Dale J. Hess, Dayton, Ohio.
Pfc. Donnie S. Kegg, Elyria, Ohio.
LCpl. Edward C. Miller, Hollidaysburg, Pa.

LCpl. Samuel A. Singer, Philadelphia, Pa.
Pfc. Ray D. James, Tiptonville, Tenn.
LCpl. Jesse E. Garcia, Martindale, Tex.
Pfc. Michael M. O'Brien, Big Spring, Tex.
1Lt. Benjamin S. Fordham, Monterey, Calif.
Mexico. Entry in service: Quantico, Va.
LCpl. Charles E. Allen, Newport News, Va.

LCpl. Michael R. Duggs, Hampton, Va.
Pfc. Charles E. Johnson, Richmond, Va.
Cpl. Allan C. Ward, Deerfield, Wis.

Air Force

Maj. Teddy J. Tomchesson, Waco, Tex.

DIED OF WOUNDS

Navy

SN William C. Sheldon, Chicago, Ill.

Marine Corps

Pfc. Jeffrey A. Yerion, Orlando, Fla.
Pfc. Donald R. Mock, Ponca City, Okla.

MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE

Army

Pfc. Jerry R. Grubbs, Mendenhall, Miss.
SSgt. Hollis W. Buck, Browns Mills, N.J.

MISSING IN ACTION

Army

Pfc. Thomas I. Long
Marine Corps

LCpl. Russell W. Noyes
Air Force

Capt. Lyn D. Oberdier

DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

Army

SP4 John C. Motteisen, Kalispell, Mont.

Marine Corps

Sgt. Michael J. Charley, New Kensington, Pa.

Air Force

Capt. Donald L. Merry, Riviera Beach, Fla.

Capt. Edward C. Krawczyk, Florissant, Mo.

MISSING NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

Navy

BM3 Charles L. Perry

VC Kill 2 Officials

SAIGON (AP) — U.S. Officials said Saturday a squad of Viet Cong disguised in South Vietnamese Army uniforms entered a hamlet in Binh Dinh Province and assassinated the deputy hamlet chief and a visiting hamlet chief from a neighboring community.

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Close Look at Enemy's Weapon

Maj. Gen. Samuel W. Koster, commander of the Americal Div., sights through an enemy RPG-7 captured by the 2nd Bn., 35th Inf., commanded by Lt. Col. Norman L. Tiller Sr. (left). (USA)

Marine Pilot Braves NCO Trips Fire to Save Patrol

QUANG TRI, Vietnam (ISO) — A Marine helicopter pilot rescued an encircled nine-man reconnaissance team as he hovered his aircraft under fire and used the chopper's hoist to snatch the small unit from the enemy's grasp.

Capt. Ronald L. Gatewood, 27, of Carthage, Ind., a pilot with Marine Medium Helicopter Sq.-262 (HMM-262), braved intense enemy fire as his crew worked frantically to pick up a Marine recon team with three seriously wounded.

The team, operating several miles north of Camp Carroll, asked to be lifted out after they were pinned down by enemy grenades and automatic weapons fire. Gatewood's CH-46 Sea Knight, accompanied by two Huey gunships of Marine Observation Squadron-6, (VMO-6), responded to the radio call.

The helicopter pilots discovered that the ground Marines were pinned down on a ridge. Aircraft attempting a rescue would come under heavy enemy fire from two sides and from many adjoining hills.

The team was unable to

move its wounded to a more suitable location.

With darkness approaching, Gatewood decided to attempt a hoist pickup. Meanwhile, another Huey gunship joined the pair on station, and the three delivered constant gun cover for Gatewood.

The HMM-262 pilot brought his large chopper down to tree-top level and hovered as the nine Marines were hoisted out. During the entire time he received fire from several directions but directed the gunships to firing enemy positions.

Wins Supply Trophy

WASHINGTON (S&S) — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. McConnell has announced the selection of the Base Supply at Cannon AFB, N.M., as the winner of the Daedalian supply effectiveness trophy with Wakkanai AS and Misawa AB, Japan, as the first and second-place runnersup in a close competition.

Lakenheath AB, U.K., was cited for its outstanding base supply organization.

Over Big Red Cache

FIRE BASE MOORE, Vietnam (IO) — A squad leader from the 2d Bn., 39th Inf. stumbled onto a large Viet Cong weapons cache near here.

C Co. was on a sweep one mile from this 9th Inf. Div. fire base in the Mekong Delta. The second platoon was sweeping near a canal when Sgt. Edwin P. Williams tripped over a piece of cement.

The bunker complex contained 148 bangalore torpedoes, a 60mm mortar and 90 rounds of ammunition, 84 60mm mortar fuses, 28 25-pound mines, one rocket launcher, 27 B-40 rockets, one 168 82mm mortar rounds, 161 ignition cartridges for 82mm mortars, 24 AK-47 rifles, 38 automatic rifles, eight AKS rifles, one machinegun, 36 AK-47 magazines, 21 bandoliers, 69 ChiCom grenades, 139 case of AK-47 and AK-47 ammunition, 6,000 rounds of 12.7mm ammunition, 315 blasting caps, 100 yards of detonation cord, 200 yards of electrical wiring and two cases of spare parts for weapons.

A Fire-Fight Sleeper

GI Ignores Hot-Lead Reveille

CHU LAI, Vietnam (IO) — Some people are heavy sleepers. Others are deep sleepers.

But Phillip W. Johnson of Wellston, Okla., is the soundest sleeper of all — for a while not even a war woke him up.

Johnson, a machine gunner with the 198th Light Inf. Brigade's H Troop, had just come off guard. His section was protecting the Binh Son Bridge in the Americal Div.'s area.

Ten minutes after Johnson plopped down on his cot outside his Hellcat Armored Personnel Carrier (APC), enemy machine-gun bullets sprayed the air above him.

Spec. 4 Larry Fox of Shellocta, Pa., yelled, "Johnson, get up, we're being attacked." Johnson didn't move. Fox yelled again,

as more fire came in. Johnson didn't move. Fox yelled again, as more fire came in. Johnson didn't move. After a few more rounds he woke up and slowly started to fold up his cot.

Then the great awakener, a grenade, landed so close to Johnson that the sand from the explosion slammed against the back of his legs.

Johnson woke up.

He threw his cot in the APC, jumped behind his M60 machine gun and started firing.

On and off for the next five hours the men in the two Hellcats kept firing. The Viet Cong on one occasion came within 75 meters of their position.

Twice during the night the M60's jammed, but Johnson, who is described by the men on

his Hellcat as "the greatest" when working with weapons, had them fixed in short order.

"There was nothing to fixing the guns," Johnson said. "It had to be one of two things, and the first one I tried worked." Johnson didn't mention that there are more than one or two things that can go wrong with a machine gun.

By the end of the night the guns had done their work. Fourteen Viet Cong were killed.

That morning the troopers returned to base camp. After a debriefing and some maintenance there would be just a few more hours until the Hellcat would move out on another mission. Move out, that is, if they could get Johnson up — he had gone to take a nap.

Score 14 Kills

Hellcats Claw VC at Bridge

CHU LAI, Vietnam (IO) — It was almost dark when Armored Personnel Carrier Hellcat 22 moved into position on the Binh Son Bridge.

Most of the people in the village at the south end of the long bridge were in their homes clustered around small oil lamps.

Spec. 4 Cecil A. Smith of Scottsburg, Ind., driver of the Hellcat, noticed that there were fewer people than usual in the streets. He had already spent seven nights guarding this vital link along Highway 1.

He thought his eighth night would probably be the same: block, guard and watch throughout the night. But he was soon to change his mind.

Hellcat 22, a part of the 198th Light Inf. Brigade's Troop H, 17th Cav., was operating in the Americal Div. area in southern I Corps.

A few minutes past 1 a.m., grenades and mortars exploded around the tracks. Small arms and automatic weapons fire opened up on the tracks.

"It all happened so fast," said Smith. "One minute it was quiet and the next thing I knew we opened up with all we had."

Shortly after the firing began, Smith's track commander fell wounded in front of him. "He

tried to make it back to where I was," said Smith, "but fell. I ran out and carried him back to the track; got him into it, closed the ramp and jumped up to take over the .50 caliber."

Smith was second in command at the time. There were only seven cavalrymen left facing elements of six Viet Cong companies.

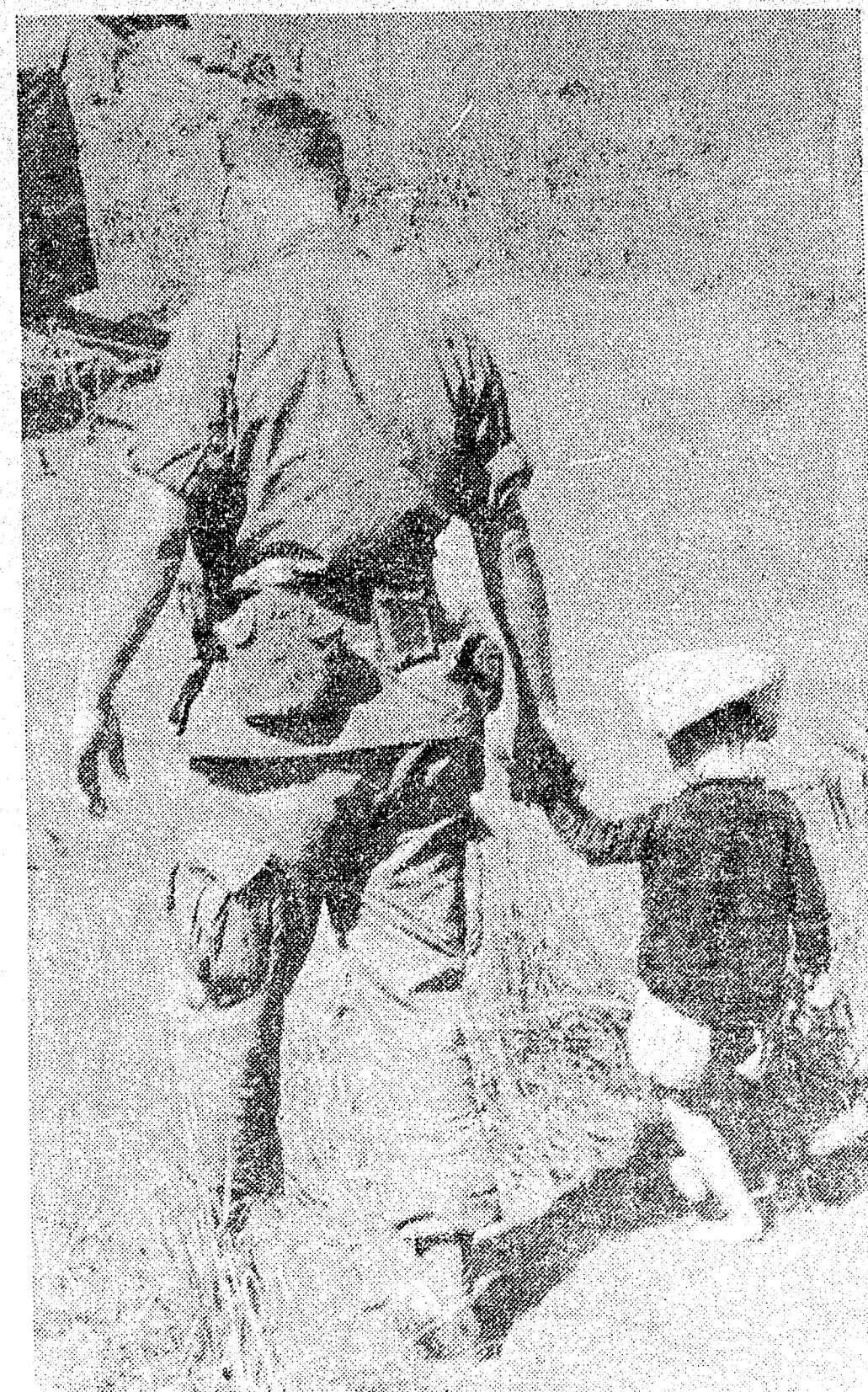
"Suddenly I realized that I was in command of the track. I checked commo with (Hellcat) 23 and then we gave it all we had. It was our first real fight. Everyone knew his job and knew how to get it done," said Smith.

The battle kept up for five hours, its intensity rising and falling with Viet Cong determination to destroy the bridge. Smith's track took a direct hit from an enemy 57 mm recoilless rifle. Toward morning the firing dwindled and the Viet Cong withdrew.

Hellcats 22 and 23 were credited with 14 kills. "There was no doubt about those .50 caliber kills," said Smith. The Hellcat team had three wounded.

The sun finally came up and with it Hellcat 22 moved out to check the area for enemy bodies and enemy equipment.

"I guess eight is our lucky number," said Smith, after seven nights of waiting.



Sleepy-Time Boy Gets Hand

1st Lt. Glenn R. Bowman leads a young orphan off to bed after the boy, who has been nicknamed Tom, was found sleeping on the battlefield by the Reconnaissance Platoon, 1st Bn., 35th Inf. After a night's sleep and breakfast, Tom went to his new home in a Chu Lai orphanage. (USA)

Angry Student Protests Erupt Again in Paris

PARIS (UPI)—Students marched again Saturday night through rainswept Paris in protests that have already left almost 1,500 wounded, threatened a full-scale government crisis and brought about the scheduling of a general strike.

After a pitched Friday night battle with police that took on the aspect of an insurrection behind fiery barricades, some 2,000 students massed Saturday evening at the Place St. Michel on the left bank, then surged across a Seine bridge in front of Notre Dame Cathedral.

President Charles de Gaulle was personally following the hour-by-hour developments. He was awakened at the Elysee Palace at dawn by a grim delegation of cabinet ministers who reported on the chaotic situation on the Left Bank, where official figures listed 367 persons, including 250 police and gendarmes, hospitalized.

Hundreds of others licked their wounds in private. Policy Chief Maurice Grimaud said

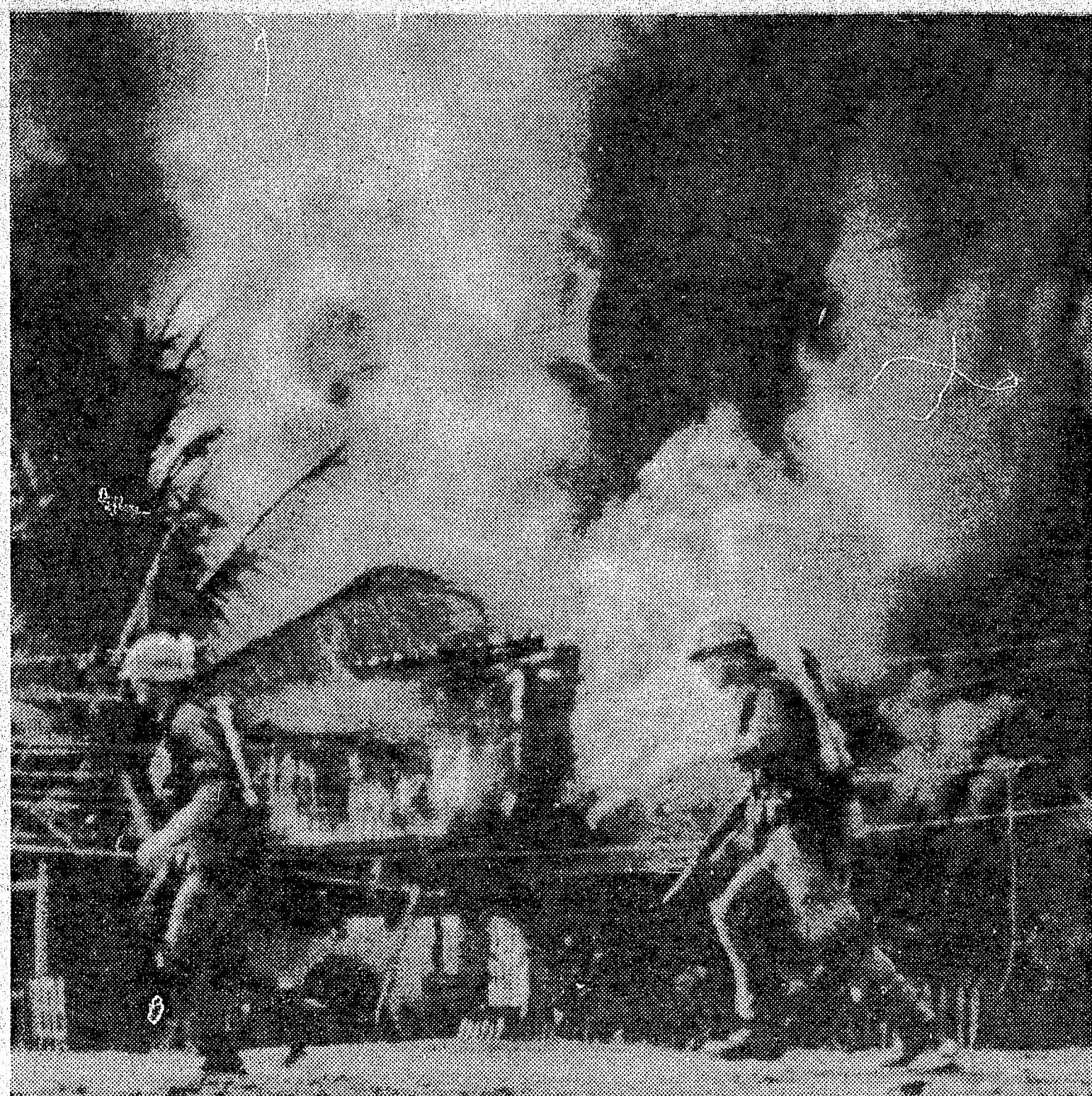
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468 persons, including 61 foreigners, were arrested. Sixty-three of the arrested carried "various arms."

The three major labor federations in France have ordered a nationwide, 24-hour general strike in sympathy with the students.

It was expected to virtually paralyze the country and the nation's capital just when American and North Vietnamese delegates are sitting down for initial peace talks.

"Bloody Saturday," as students have already dubbed the day, erupted after some 20,000 students marched peacefully through the Latin Quarter for five hours Friday night.



Troops of the 9th Inf. Div. charge past burning homes as they battle Viet Cong forces holding out in the southern part of Saigon, near the city's "Y" bridge. (AP Radiophoto)

Floods, Twisters Hit Texas

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (UPI)—Floodwaters from weeklong downpours slopped out of river banks in north and south-central Texas Saturday, covering hundreds of acres of farm and ranch land. Heavy rains struck San Antonio, cutting off power and forcing the closing of roads.

Deluges in Houston forced evacuation of 75 homes in the southeastern part of the city early Saturday, but most of the families were back in their homes by noon. Two persons—a man and a boy—drowned in rain-swollen Houston drainage ditches bringing the state's flood-death toll to eight.

Tornadoes began moving out of south Texas where they had stirred up misery for almost a week, and began lashing north Texas.

One twister—striking before dawn—ripped through the tiny Hill County town of Osceola.

The tornado slammed into Osceola, just north of Waxahachie, about midnight, damaging several homes and barns. At least one house was shifted off its foundation.

The tornadic winds picked up one huge barn, slammed one mobile home over on its side, unroofed a store and took the roofs off many barns.

Rains began easing over sections of the state, but a morning deluge at San Antonio sent water gushing across low-water crossings. San Antonio police and Bexar County sheriff's officers rescued four persons whose cars flooded out in low sections of town.

Weather

Asian Weather Central

TOKYO AREA

Sunday Night: Cloudy with Rain; Low: High 50s
Monday: Cloudy with Rain in Morning; High: High 60s

TEMPERATURE

May 11			
Bangkok	93	77	Naha
Chitose	59	43	Saigon
Guam	87	79	Seoul
Itazuke	66	64	Taipei
Manila	95	78	Tokyo
M	L	M	L
Albany	72	52	Memphis
Albuquerque	73	44	Miami
Atlanta	75	54	Milwaukee
Birmingham	79	57	Moscow
Bismarck	61	36	N. Orleans
Boise	80	59	NYC
Boston	73	58	N. Platte
Chicago	68	51	Okla. City
Cincinnati	68	50	Omaha
Cleveland	71	45	Paris
Denver	70	42	Phila.
Des Moines	57	37	Phoenix
Detroit	74	46	Pittsburgh
Duluth	62	31	Port, O.
Fargo	65	37	Rapid City
Fort Worth	73	64	Reno
Hong Kong	83	74	Richmond
Honolulu	81	71	Singapore
Houston	78	72	St. Louis
Ind'pols	70	44	St. Paul
Jack'sville	81	69	Salt Lake
Jakarta	94	75	S. Antonio
Kansas City	67	51	San Diego
K. Lumpur	93	74	San Fran.
Las Vegas	86	61	Seattle
London	57	48	Shreveport
L.A.	87	53	Sydney
Louisville	72	52	Tucson
Melbourne	63	56	Wash.

Talks—

(Continued From Page 1) expect a move by North Vietnam to bring in representatives of the National Liberation Front and probably Communist China, Russia and perhaps North Korea. The only problem in that lineup would be caused by the National Liberation Front.

That organization, which Americans consider to be controlled by Hanoi, is the political arm of the Viet Cong.

North Vietnam's opening position for peace negotiations has been for several years that the NLF must be given the dominant share of political power in any South Vietnamese peace settlement. The United States, backing the Saigon government, has rejected such a solution,

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"We had drawn our men back into a wagon-train defense with armored personnel carriers in support and they (the Communists) didn't have a chance," the officer said. "They've been pinned in there for four days and must have been very low on food and ammunition."

The 9th Div. had reinforced its initial maneuver units Saturday and when the guerrillas made their night attack they ran into two battalions in interlocking fire positions with armored support.

The cluster of villages south of the "Y" bridge has been the last major pocket of enemy resistance since the Communist command launched its latest at-

tack on the capital last Sunday.

There were reports of minor skirmishes west and southwest of Saigon Saturday as the Viet Cong tried to slip in reinforcements but a spokesman at the U.S. command said the enemy did not appear to be capable of throwing another strong punch.

The U.S. command gave this report on casualties from fighting in the capital military district, which includes Saigon and most of surrounding Gia Dinh Province, since Sunday:

Viet Cong, 2,145 killed, 53 prisoners and 172 suspects detained. U.S. losses, 47 killed, 326 wounded and 2 missing. Vietnamese government troops, 72 killed and 317 wounded.

A U.S. spokesman said nearly 1,000 additional enemy troops have been slain outside the capital military district in clashes with allied troops along Saigon's outer defense ring.

The Communist command meanwhile kept pressure on U.S. forces Saturday just below the eastern quarter of the Demilitarized Zone.

Helicopter-borne troops from the U.S. 1st Air Cav. Div. and Marines from the 26th Regt. were rushed to the north of the big Marine base at Dong Ha to meet the renewed North Vietnamese assaults along the DMZ.

In a series of five fights around Dong Ha over the last 24 hours, ranging from five to 11 miles below the DMZ, U.S. Marines and Army troops reported killing 442 North Vietnamese. American casualties were put at 24 killed and 54 wounded.

In the latest fight Saturday between Dong Ha and Gio Linh, another Marine strongpoint to the north, a company of reinforcing infantrymen from the U.S. 199th Light Inf. Brigade came under heavy small-arms fire. The infantrymen backed off while American bombers pummeled the North Vietnamese, reportedly killing 56 enemies.

American troops sweeping the battlefield later picked up 93 weapons. U.S. casualties were put at one killed and two wounded.

The latest toll of 442 North Vietnamese reported slain raised to 1,500 the number of enemy claimed killed by American soldiers and air strikes in fighting around Dong Ha during the last two weeks. Some Marine units also have taken heavy casualties.

15 Miners Saved in W. Va.

(Continued From Page 1) their homes minutes after the rescue and a preliminary medical checkup. Nine later went to a hospital in nearby Richwood for observation.

"They are strong men and all appear to be none the worse for their experience," said Sister Mary Monica, administrator of Sacred Heart Hospital. "Some are suffering from minor dizziness and a weakness in their legs, but this is only to be expected."

The breakthrough to the men—marooned one mile from the mine entrance—came almost suddenly. It followed a frustrating night when rescue directors had to set back the estimated rescue hour time and again.

Though officials knew the men were on high ground and dry, they wanted the water level in the flooded passageway as low as possible. Giant pumps,

capable of draining 3,200 gallons per minute from the shaft, labored through the week to lower the water.

The miners, once the safety engineers reached them, climbed aboard the slow-moving conveyor belt, lying as flat as they could, and moved toward the mine opening where families and scores of newsmen waited.

Elwood O'Dell was the first man out, then another, then a group of six. Another few seconds and the final seven followed.

"This is really it," shouted Mrs. Lonnie Bennett, "this is really the best time."

Her husband's soot-covered face had a smile on it and a burning cigarette hung from one corner of his mouth.

Women rushed to grab their husbands with big hugs. Friends patted them on the back.

Some of the men were dazed by daylight after five days in darkness broken only by miners' lamps on their helmets and flashlights lowered through air tubes.

Water poured through the mine wall Monday where the work crews were cutting a coal vein. They apparently broke through to an adjacent abandoned mine filled with water.

Thirteen men in one group were stranded one mile from the mine entrance. Two others were trapped a mile and a half into the mine. The 10 still missing were two miles inside the downhill-sloping tunnel.

Surface crews on top of the mountain kept pumps operating to drain the tunnel to enable searchers to look for the 10 missing men.

Officials gave no estimate of when the others might be reached.