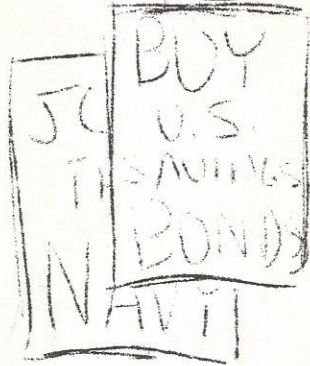


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VIENTIANE, MAY 8 (UPI) —

Guerrilla warfare smoldered across Laos Sunday despite the relative success of the five-day-old cease-fire on the conventional battlefronts. "The Pathet Laos are still fighting around Padong," a Royal Army Colonel said in reference to a pro-government Meo Tribesmen's stronghold behind the rebel lines. "There's fighting in other areas too," he added.

Some observers here feared the rebels were using the frontline cease-fire respite for a campaign to stamp out the Meo guerrillas in the Red held territory. Radio Hanoi's claim Saturday that the government was parachuting "secret agents" behind the Pathet Laos lines to plant flags on the mountain tops, was taken here as evidence of the Reds' fear that Meo control of some areas would throw a shadow over their claim to Xiang Khouang province. Meo guerrillas rule much of Xiang Khouang from the mountain top Padong stronghold, only 20 miles Southeast from the Pathet Laos "capital."

The government also claims they possess commando outposts a few miles from Sam Neua town, which has long been in rebel hands. Red Chinese patches of anti-communism behind Red lines is likely to complicate the Pathet Laos title to the Northern Provinces when the International Control Commission begins to supervise the cease-fire. Pathet Laos guerrillas band raiding through the rest of Laos would be another serious problem for the commission to consider. The continued guerrilla activity indicated to observers here that some isolated bands were still uninformed of the end of hostilities.

TOKYO, MAY 8 (UPI) —

Pyongyang Radio said that various North Korean student groups had formed a preparatory committee for holding talks between students from North and South Korea to discuss the unification question. The communist North Korean radio, monitored here, said the committee was formed after students at Seoul University proposed talks between North and South Korean students on unification at Pyongyang and Seoul. The committee already has held its first meeting.

"The meeting discussed first the method of selecting delegates to the North-South Student Talks, the place for the talks, quarters for the delegates and other business-like questions concerning the talks," the radio said. "The meeting will also discuss measures for warmly welcoming the South Korean student delegates and grandly receiving them."

TOKYO, MAY 8 (UPI) —

North Korean Premier Kimil Sung says he is pleased with developments in South Korea concerning the unification issue. Things may not be moving as rapidly as Kimil and his cohorts in the communist (workers) party would like, but the Moscow-trained Premier made it clear that he is optimistic over developments in the southern half of the divided Korean peninsula.

"Recent developments in South Korea shows that the day of the peaceful unification of the fatherland is drawing near," Kimil declared in a weekend speech before a cheering crowd at the industrial city of Ham-bung on the Eastern coast. Kimil praised the efforts of some student groups in Seoul, which have proposed direct negotiations between representatives of the North and South on the unification question. In praising these efforts, which actually amounted to playing into the hands of the communists, Kimil hammered away at the theme which North Korea's unification propaganda question has centered upon--unification is a problem that must be settled by the Korean people alone.

WASHINGTON, MAY 8 (AP) —

The Russians are using the blood taken from their dead for transfusions to living persons, Dr. Henry Swan stated in an article in the "Quarterly Journal of the Flying Physicians." Dr. Swan of Denver Colorado, was an observer last year at the Soviet Surgery Council which met in Moscow, and in his article he described in detail the methods used to preserve blood at the Sklifovokly Institute in Moscow.

According to the article, Soviet law requires that the body of anyone who is the victim of sudden death be taken to the institute so that blood may be taken from the body within six hours of death. This results in a "harvest" of two to four litres of blood from each body. The body is placed on a tilted table with the head lowered and an operation is carried out which provides blood that may be kept for five days. No anti-coagulant sugar water and anti-biotics are added to the blood. A transfusion of from three to four litres of this blood may be given to a living person, it should come, preferably, from the same body. according to Dr. Swan's information some 3,000 to 4,000 successful transfusions are made annually by this method.

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, MAY 8 (AP) —

"Carry Back" — the odds on favorite — won by a neck today the Kentucky Derby Classic for three-year-olds at the Churchill Downs track here. "Crozier" was second and "Bass Clef" was third a length behind.

MOSCOW, MAY 8 (AP) —

Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev congratulated President John Kennedy today on the rocket flight into space of Commander Alan B. Shepard, the TASS News Agency reported. Khrushchev sent Kennedy a telegram "in the name of the Soviet People and in my own name" expressing "my sincere congratulations to President Kennedy and the entire American people on the occasion of the successful launching of a rocket with a man aboard, which made a flight of 300 miles and rose to an altitude of 115 miles."

MOSCOW, MAY 8 (AP) —

The Soviet Union today extended the death penalty to several new categories of offences, notably economic crimes against the state, "TASS" News Agency reported. A decree issued by the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet defined the new capital crimes as "plundering the goods of the state, printing and circulating counterfeit currency notes and state bonds."

The death penalty, hitherto confined to "banditry" and political offences, was now also extended to "dangerous recidivists"; and "those who while undergoing sentence, terrorize fellow-prisoners who are trying to rehabilitate themselves." Those who organize or take part in "attacks on administrative offices" also become liable to the penalty. Only persons under 18 and pregnant women are exempt from the death penalty, which in the Soviet Union is carried out by shooting.

LAOS, MAY 8 (UPI) —

Military officers of the Royal Government and the pro-communist rebel regime talked for more than an hour in a village 55 miles North of Vientiane...but they failed to agree even on the site for future talks. The British Foreign Office says Britain and Russia have agreed to advise an international commission to go immediately to Laos and supervise an end to the Civil War.

SOFIA, BULGARIA, MAY 8 (AP) —

Bulgaria has protested formally to the United States about a street attack it said was staged against two Bulgarian Diplomats in Washington a week ago. The Bulgaria News Agency Bulagence reported today. It said a Bulgarian Legation Counselor and the First Secretary of Bulgaria's delegation to the United Nations were attacked last Saturday by two individuals without warning in the streets of Washington.

One of the Bulgarian diplomats was taken to the hospital and a protest note has been handed to the U.S. affairs in Sofia. The note said the attack was premeditated and could only be the work of organizations which U.S. authorities would have no trouble in identifying. It added that the goal of such organizations was to "prevent normal activity by the Bulgarian Mission to prevent the recurrence of such acts.

VATICAN CITY, MAY 8 (AP) —

Queen Elizabeth II today became the third British Monarch in history and the first in 38 years to meet with the Pope in a private audience in the Vatican. Elizabeth and her husband, Prince Philip, met with Pope John XXIII for 25 minutes with the Pontiff in his throne room of the Vatican Palace. Large crowds had gathered outside sun-lit St. Peter's Square to watch the Royal limousine drive down from the Broad Via Della conciliazione (the street of conciliation) to the white marble sand set in cobbles which marks the "border" of Italy and the tiny Vatican Kingdom.

A band of the Vatican's palatine guard sounded a salute as the closed limousine drove across the square to the Arch of Bells entrance to the left of St. Peter's Basilica. Elizabeth was dressed in black with a black veil covering a diamond tiara. Prince Philip wore his uniform of an Admiral in the Royal British Navy. The Royal couple stood at attention as Vatican bands resplendent in ceremonial dress played the British National Anthem. Red and black uniformed chamberlains and helmeted Swiss guards walking in slow time preceded the Queen and Prince Philip up the marble stairs to the Clementine Hall where several hundred British and commonwealth seminarians and clergymen awaited them. They burst into applause as the black-robed Queen passed by.

WASHINGTON, MAY 8 (AP) —

Eighteen HC-1B Chinook helicopters have been ordered by the Army in the first quantity production of the large rotary wing aircraft, capable of transporting 33 soldiers. Delivery will begin in March, 1962.

Powered by twin turbine engines, the Chinook has a cargo capacity of three tons, a 130 knots cruising speed and a service ceiling of nearly 19,000 feet. Its flight range is 100 nautical miles.

Loading of the Chinook is via a rear cargo ramp which may be left partially or completely open or removed for flight. Six and one-half feet of headroom in the 30-foot long cargo compartment allows space for large loads such as components of the Pershing missile system and various size military vehicles.