Battle Erupts Near Cambodian Border

SAIGON (UPI) — U.S. and South Vietnamese forces defending Saigon approached counted 337 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong killed in heavy fighting that ended yesterday near the Cambodian border. It was the biggest battle since the bombing halt and the first major Communist attack in three weeks.

Allied communique claiming victory said at least 1,000 Communist casualties were involved in the abortive attempt to overrun a base camp 60 miles northwest of Saigon manned by South Vietnamese Rangers. Men of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division surrounded the area just in time, joined the battle.

There was no overall report on allied losses, but the U.S. command said two Americans were killed and five wounded in fighting around a rubber plantation three miles from the main focus of action.

Nixon Appoints Murphy Representative

NEW YORK (UPI) — President-elect Richard M. Nixon yesterday appointed diplomatic troubleshooter Robert D. Murphy as his personal representative for consultations with the Johnson administration on such major foreign policy decisions as Vietnam, the Middle East and NATO.

Nixon named one of America’s most notable international crisis experts after the president-elect said he was assured by President Johnson and Secretary of State Dean Rusk that Nixon would be given a key voice in foreign policy moves that may carry over into the new administration.

In a joint news conference with Murphy, a 39-year foreign service veteran, Nixon said his key role in the Johnson administration’s eleventh hour decisions by no means amounted to veto power.

The president-elect said, “What we are trying to do is see that the United States speaks with one voice on foreign policy for these next vital 60 days.

North Vietnamese Claim No Violations

PARIS (UPI) — North Vietnam yesterday angrily rejected American accusations that North Vietnam was endangering the Paris talks by violations of the Demilitarized Zone in Vietnam. It said the U.S. charges were “false and malignant.” Relations between the U.S. and North Vietnam delegations in Paris took a sudden turn for the worse Thursday in the wake of Washington’s announcement that Hanoi had willfully violated the DMZ by shelling U.S. positions below the buffer zone.

“These accusations are a total fabrication,” a top Hanoi source said. “There has been no violation on our part of any agreement, in spite of charges made in Washington.”

North Vietnamese officials in Paris alleged the American charges, made Wednesday night in Washington, were designed to prepare the ground for possible U.S. “aggressive action” against the Demilitarized Zone which separates North and South Vietnam.

The North Vietnamese delegation called a news conference for Friday morning to refute in further detail the American accusations made in a formal statement authorized by acting Secretary of State Nicholas D. Katzenbach.

Dubcek — “Positive” Reforms Be Kept

PRAGUE (UPI) — Arguing that his government must fulfill its obligations to the “people of Czechoslovakia,” Alexander Dubcek said yesterday that “positive” features of his reform must be maintained.

But he added that these undefined features would be “in harmony” with agreements between the Czechoslovaks and the Russians.

Party sources explained the term “positive features” to mean economic reforms and the rehabilitation of political prisoners of the 1950s.

Party leaders for months have vowed to keep positive parts of the reform movement that brought on a Soviet led invasion, but Dubcek’s speech marked the first time these features have been linked with the “Moscow Protocol” signed six days after the invasion.

LIP Police Protest With Slowdown

BABYLON, N.Y. (UPI) — Long Island State Parkway Police, protesting the state’s refusal to give them a pay raise, created a driver’s nightmare on parkways yesterday by serving what they said was a record number of summonses.

The police were halting motorists for “spot checks” during the commuter rush and drivers who could not produce their operator’s licenses, auto registrations and car inspection stickers had their vehicles towed away.

Motorists driving 51 miles an hour in a 50-mile-per-hour zone or 26 in areas where the limit was 25 were handed tickets.

“In the future we are going to drive two illegally crossed white lines or failed to signal when they moved from one lane to another,” a state police official said.

Last Friday a department of the state Civil Service Commission in Albany turned down the police request for an average $760 a year pay raise.

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Connell Wins’72 Presidency

Ray Connell swamped the Freshman Class President elections yesterday, tallying over twice as many votes as runner-up Paul Duffy.

In the closest contest, Joseph Stankus edged out James Thunder for the Vice President spot, John Toller became Freshman Class Secretary uncontested, and Robert Webb outdistanced David Colbert for treasurer.

Unlike any of the other candidates Connell ran strongly throughout the campus. Many candidates, however, received almost their entire support from one or two halls.

His general strength could be attributed to a well-organized, well-planned campaign. According to Joe Beheer, Connell’s campaign manager, planning started shortly after the Student Senate elections. Connell had a campaign worker in each hall. They helped expose a large number of freshmen to Connell’s platform, and they helped him to finalize his speaking schedule so that he could personally talk to a large number of freshmen.

Much of the planning and the pay raises for the freshmen class, Connell said, “We want to get as many freshmen as possible involved in the academic, the social, and the athletic life here at Notre Dame.” He plans to have a social, an academic, and an athletic representative in each hall. These representatives would be canvass the freshmen concerning their problems. They would then report to Connell of the problems that hall representatives.

Connell said that the same hall representatives who effectively worked with him in the campaign would continue in this function.

Socially, Connell envisions informal, one-to-one mixers in conjunction with St. Mary’s and other local high schools. These mixers would be on a smaller, better-planeted basis,” he said.

“For example, if the 40 freshmen of Holy Cross would have a mixer, it would be possible to get forty girls, and we would serve refreshments and listen to music. It would be a much better way to meet girls and other freshmen than at the mixers at Stipan.”

In addition to the freshman lecture series, featuring speakers from the University, Connell will be crowned “Meat Mama” of the Notre Dame Meat Squash.

Davidson — “Meat Mama”

Student Union Vice President William S. Wade and Farley President Michael McCauley yesterday announced plans for a Senior De-Orientation Week highlighted by parties at Corby’s Tavern, Farley Hall, and the house of Senior Greg Helm.

McCauley also told the Observer that St. Mary’s Senior Class Party will be a “Meat Mama” of the Notre Dame Meat Squash and a ceremony on the back steps of Washington Hall at 6:15 tomorrow evening.

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Dining Hall Discussions Cite Complaints

The student dining hall committee created this past year by the Senate met yesterday to hear reports from Stay Senator Steve Ahern and its own chairman Dave Burch. Ahern spoke strongly for a change in present conditions, repeating strong statements made to the Senate Tuesday night and calling on the Administration to release figures on the cost of dining hall operations. Burch, who spent a year working in the North Dining Hall, explained some of the practices at the institution which has had two cases of mass sickness over the last eight months.

Ahern told the committee that the Student Life Council Committee on the Dining Halls will meet Tuesday afternoon. The Stay Senator, invited to the meeting as a non-voting participant, said he would press for details of dining hall operations. According to Ahern, "This committee is the one which has approved the budget." Burch and other committee members dealt with specific dining hall practices. Burch contended that among North Dining Hall student employees "everybody who is in the line washes his hands before going to work." Other incidents related include one elderly employee who allegedly eats leftover food off plates, another employee whose habits include reaching in trays, and the discovery of a hand aid in the spaghetti of one student. The most recent case described pertained to barley soup served in the North Dining Hall in which larvae were discovered 20 minutes into lunch. Burch and others stressed the "total and complete intolerability" of dining hall practices.

Ahern pointed out that the entire dining hall system is at the present time in question, saying "Our desire is to get a professional food service here." He maintained also that Saga is not the only such service being investigated at this time. The Stay Senator also took a strong position on the importance of more personnel changes in the dining hall system. According to Ahern, "Changes in management are not enough. It's the people backing up the management. They are nice people. They try hard, but they just aren't professionals."

Even as the committee met, the number of complaints as to dining hall practices grew yesterday with accounts of the North Dining Hall's barley soup. The South Dining Hall was not exempt from incidents, however. Dillon Hall Senator Mike Shaughnessy recounted yesterday afternoon "One of my constituents from the Second Floor took a spoonful of banana pudding at dinner last night, felt something strange, and spit out a live fly."

Ahern added "This illustrates the urgent need for some immediate action by the dining hall committee, perhaps with Saga being the answer."

SDS Sets Plans For CIA, Dow

Demonstrations against the CIA and Dow Chemical recruiting were planned for last night's meeting of the Notre Dame Students for a Democratic Society. There were also organizational and business reports.

Sam Boyle first announced plans for a trip to Washington, D.C. on inauguration day in January. He said he thought that the trip is more important than a local demonstration because the full force of their movement would be visible and a protest against Nixon should logically take place in Washington. It is also hoped that the journey can be co-ordinated with trips planned by the I.U. Branch and the committee and completed late Thursday, was scheduled sometime before noon Friday, the final day of the five day conference.

The overriding issue in the document was whether American bishops should follow the example of those in Canada, France, Germany, Holland and other European countries who affirmed the right of a Catholic couple to use contraceptives if the practice does not violate their own conscience.

The Pope upheld the rhythm method, which is based on abstinence from marital relations during a woman's fertile period, and recommended that research be undertaken to make this method more reliable.

New PR Head

John R. Bowe has been appointed Director of Public Information at Saint Mary's College, Edward L. Rocker, Vice President for Public Relations, announced.

As public information director, Bowe will act as press and communications officer for the college, and will develop promotional material for the school's development programs and special events. He also will be in charge of the advertising campaigns for Saint Mary's, and will coordinate the public relations efforts of the various academic and administrative departments.

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The key to world politics today seems to be recognition. All the debate, demands, proposals, offers, moves toward, both serious and not so serious, condemnation and glorification center around recognition. Israel's recognition of the Arabs, the Arab's recognition of Israel, or in other words, who's really "there," and who's not "there." With this in mind, or wherever one puts it, now let us take a look at two of the action centers of world politics.

UN
Representative of Albania: We move that the nations of the world recognize that Communist China is "there."
Representative of U.S.: Communist China isn't "there."
Representative of Albania: You don't want to admit that China's "there," but you know it's "there."
Representative of U.S.: You think Communist China is "there" but we know it's not "there" because we're really "there."
Representative of Albania: Well, if Communist China isn't "there" then who is?"
Representative of U.S.: Chiang Kai Cheh is "there."
Representative of Albania: No, Chiang used to be "there" but he isn't "there" anymore.
Representative of U.S.: Chiang is only pretendig that he's not "there," but as soon as he makes his move he'll be "there."
Representative of Albania: Communist China has instructed us to inform you that she doesn't think any of you are "there."
Representative of U.S.: Well, we know we're "there" so that just proves that Communist China isn't.

Paris
Representative of Saigon: We refuse to take part in any further negotiations until the US desires that the NLF is "there."
Representative of Albania: We refuse to take part in any further negotiations until the US admits that the NLF is "there."
Representative of U.S.: We think that it's time for someone else to make a concession. We've already conceded that Hanoi is "there," now how far do you want us to go to?
Representative of Saigon: You said that the NLF is "there" didn't you?
Representative of U.S.: We didn't say that the NLF is "there." We're only letting them pretend to be "there" as part of the Hanoi delegation, but we haven't said that they're "there."
Representative of NLF: What do you mean we're only pretending to be "there"? If we aren't "there," then who have you been fighting for the last six years?
Representative of U.S.: Oh, when you're "there" you'll know it.
Representative of NLF: You used to say that the Russians were the bad guys, but now you admit that they're "there."
Representative of U.S.: (sadly shaking his head) You just don't understand politics.
Representative of NLF: Why can't we understand politics.
Representative of US: Obviously, because you're not "there."
N.D. ALL-AMERICAN

Editor:

Tim was a good student at an all male Catholic high school. He participated in varsity baseball, wasn't bad at hockey and served as president of his class. Tim was an All-American boy, liked by parents, friends and his special Catholic leader. Notre Dame was providing the opportunity.

But things were different for Tim at Notre Dame; he listened to new voices. Tim woke up one day and realized how bad Notre Dame, America, St. Mary's, the older generation and life in general really were. He joined the SDS, started smoking pot and demonstrated to express his discontent. Tim picketed on election day and scared off three voters with his threats of nonviolence.

Carol came up to visit Tim at Homecoming. She was surprised at the change but accepted it because she loved Tim. She stayed in the dorm with Tim and went home confused...and very scared. But that was OK, Tim believed in the new morality.

The years passed. Tim graduated from Notre Dame glad to leave the institution, its food, its monastic halls, its backward ways. It didn't work out with Carol; she couldn't accept Tim's decision to go to Canada. Tim floated around for awhile but never really found himself in life. Tim worked here and there, selling life insurance, farm machinery and even motorcycles.

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