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Wild Rebel Assaults Stemmed By Weary Fortress Defenders

Losses by French Reported "Heavy"

By LARRY ALLEN

HANOI (AP)—The weary defenders of Dien Bien Phu beat off wild new Vietminh attacks today, holding the Communist-led rebels at bay a mile from the heart of the besieged fortress.

French counter-attacks, backed by tanks and heavy artillery fire, shattered every Vietminh mass assault trying to crack the key defences of the fortress, where many fighters have gone for five days without rest.

A brief French communique said repeated Vietminh attempts during the night to break through the last-ditch defences failed. The Communist-led rebels had pushed to within a mile of the fortress' centre in some places.

The outnumbered French Union garrison clung to a narrow patch of trenches, bunkers and barbed wire. But they were in grave danger. The position's outer defences were wrecked—all its fortifications riddled by Vietminh artillery.

Vietminh casualties soared as their Communist commanders hurled a human sea of attackers against Dien Bien Phu, trying to engulf it for the first major Red victory of the Indo-China war, now in its eighth year. A French Army source estimated that the Vietminh have lost 20,000 killed or wounded since they swept down on the fortress in mid-March. The French claim 7,000 of those were killed.

The French have not announced their own losses, but in Paris, where such information is sifted and released, officials said the defenders of Dien Bien Phu had suffered "heavy" losses, but light by comparison with those of the enemy.

The most serious threat looms in the northwestern sector of the plain, where the Vietminh hold one position for launching attacks. It is feared that a massive charge from there and a break-through might carry the attackers into the key centre area.

Heavy and violent Vietminh assaults raged throughout last night, increasing in tempo in the early hours before dawn. But wherever the rampaging troops tried to break through, French guns took a heavy toll and hammered them back.

The attackers used every device and weapon they had in yesterday's two-pronged drive from the northwest and southeast. First came their heavy artillery barrages from the sur-

rounding hills. Then infantrymen rushed the French barricades, hurling grenades and plastic containers of high explosives in attempts to cut paths through the barbed-wire mazes. They opened up with machine-gun, rifle and pistol fire, and finally wielded long knives and sharp bamboo spears in fanatical hand-to-hand fighting.

Prisoner In Oakalla Badly Beaten

VANCOUVER (C)—Oakalla prison officials disclosed yesterday that a 28-year-old prisoner was severely beaten by a group of prisoners Thursday who accused him of being a narcotics "stoolie."

Victim of the attack was Robert Vollans, who was treated in hospital for injuries to his arms and ribs.

A prison official said Vollans was returned to the prison where he and two other prisoners "marked for the same treatment" were segregated from the rest of the prisoners.

Judge Studies Contempt Case

VANCOUVER (C)—Judgment was reserved by Mr. Justice J. V. Clynne Friday in a contempt of court action against the Vancouver Province, its publisher, A. W. Moscarella, editor H. H. C. Anderson and columnist Eric Nicol.

Mr. Justice Clynne said there were "several principles" involved in the action and for that reason he was reserving judgment.

The order to appear in court resulted from a column by Mr. Nicol in the Province March 20 dealing with capital punishment.



MAMA CAMEL Peggy takes a proud look at her week-old son Christopher at the London Zoo. The first male of his species ever bred at the zoo, the baby camel will one day display double humps just like his stately mother.

New York Dockers Back on Job

NEW YORK (AP)—Longshoremen swarmed back to work today, ending a 29-day strike that cost the port of New York an estimated \$500,000,000.

Hiring bosses stepped in front of the piers and blew their whistles at the traditional time of 7:55 a.m. The men, without pay for almost a month, eagerly formed in half circles to be hired.

Police patrolled the waterfront, but things were peaceful in contrast with the picketing, jeering, sometimes violent atmosphere of the past month.

Under pressure from the government and its own wageless members, the independent International Longshoremen's Association Friday night ordered an end to the multi-million-dollar walkout.

ILA president William V. Bradley, after conferring with harassed and weary strike leaders, announced:

"The strike is over... we bow to the mandate of our government and order an immediate return to work."

ILA officials estimated 10,000 men would turn out on the first day back at work. This is half the normal 20,000 employed on the city's piers. By Monday, however, full gangs plus extra workers are expected to get to work on the backlog of \$650,000,000 worth of cargo tied up by the strike.

The old I.L.A., competing fiercely with the AFL for control of dock labor, had firmly declared it would not end the strike until the National Labor Relations Board recognized it as bargaining agent for longshoremen.

The night before the strike ended the union was still trying to bargain with the New York-New Jersey waterfront commission. It offered to end the strike if the commission would agree to return work permits lifted from 65 I.L.A. members.

The commission answered that there could be no "compromise with lawlessness."

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

GLASGOW—England defeated Scotland 4-2 to win the British International soccer championship today. The victory gave England the right to compete in the top section of the world cup qualifying tournament.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
 Division A
 Clyde 4, Raith R 2.
 East Fife 1, Dundee 1.
 Rangers 2, Queen of S 0.
 Division B
 Ayr 2, Alloa 4.
 Stenhousemuir 0, Kilmarnock 1.

LONDON—Results of soccer games played in United Kingdom today:
 ENGLISH LEAGUE
 Division I
 Bolton W 3, Arsenal 1.
 Burnley 1, Chelsea 2.
 Charlton A 3, Sheffield U 0.
 Liverpool 4, Sunderland 3.
 Manchester U 2, Cardiff C 3.
 Middlesbrough 2, Aston Villa 1.
 Newcastle U 4, Manchester C 3.
 Preston N E 4, Portsmouth 0.
 Sheffield W 1, Huddersfield T 4.
 Tottenham 2, Blackpool 2.
 Bromwich 0, Wolverhampton W 1.
 Division II
 Birmingham C 2, Oldham A 1.
 Fulham 4, Notts C 3.
 Leeds U 3, Everton 1.
 Leicester C 1, Bristol R 0.
 Nottingham F 2, Bury 2.
 Plymouth A 1, Blackburn R 1.
 Rotherham U 1, Brentford 1.
 Stoke C 4, Lincoln C 1.
 Swansea T 2, Derby C 1.
 West Ham U 1, Hull C 0.

NANAIMO, B.C. (CP)—"Unemployment conditions" were blamed here yesterday as the Nanaimo and District Cancer Society postponed its annual campaign for funds. Lou Moser, provincial director of the Cancer society, said the drive would be held in the early fall.

Highway 16 Picnic Camps To Be Built Says Brown

Two work crews will be employed this summer in establishing roadside picnic camps along highway 16, Bruce Brown, MLA for Prince Rupert, advised the Daily News today. Plans for the work were reported by Lands and Forests Minister Robert Sommers.

Establishment of such camps was urged last summer at the Associated Boards of Trade convention at Burns Lake and has since been taken up by Mr. Brown. Along the 480-mile stretch between Prince Rupert and Prince George there is an almost complete lack of such facilities. In addition, Mr. Brown has asked that consideration be given to setting aside one or two more sites for the same purpose along the route of the proposed road between Terrace and Kitimat.

Mr. Brown also reported that Public Works Minister P. A. Gagliardi intends to visit this district shortly after the close of the present session. It is presumed that he will make a study of conditions along Highway 16 for which slightly more than 1,000,000 has been allocated during the current fiscal year. It is estimated that to make a first-class highway between Prince Rupert and Prince George an expenditure of \$50,000,000 would be required.

Elks Lodge Card For Empire Games Fund Tonight

Sees Champions Matched in Battle For Prestige

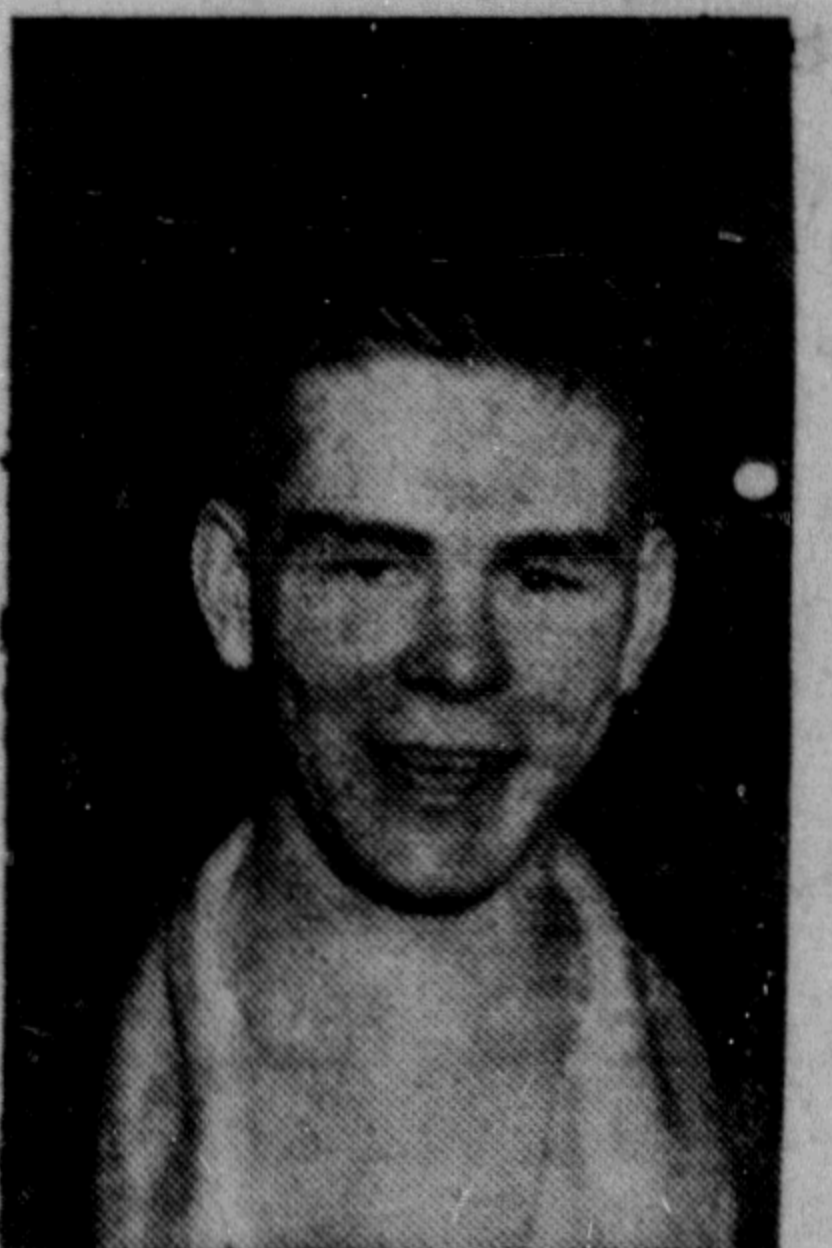
"The whole town's talking about" and practically the whole town is going to the nine-bout boxing card being staged by the Elks Lodge at the Civic Centre tonight.

Two things, maybe three, are drawing people from every walk of life to a fight card that may set Prince Rupert history first. The show is being sponsored by the Elks in order to build up a fund to send the city's middleweight champion and 1954 Golden Gloves titleholder Andy Marshall to the British Empire Games trials in Toronto May 13, 14 and 15. Secondly the return match between Marshall and the RCN's Canadian middleweight champion Trent Ketcheson has aroused more interest than any bout in the last 15 years. Thirdly at least four of the bouts will see well-known local boys pitted against Navy fighters who arrived yesterday on the HMCS Sioux and today by plane.

Due to Prince Rupert's isolated location fight fans and sports followers seldom have the opportunity to see Prince Rupert boxers in action. Their fights are mainly away from home and descriptions come by word of mouth or through the



ANDY MARSHALL



BILL MORRISON

press. Tonight the public will get the chance to see the hometown boys in action against stiff opposition.

Officials for tonight's bouts will be as follows: Ring physician: Dr. L. P. Charbonneau; Referees: Benny Windle and Dido Gurvich; Judges: Lt. T. R. Johns of the HMCS Sioux, Sev Dominato, Dick Ayres; Timekeepers: Darrow Gomez and Al Manson; Continuity: Gus Stromdahl; Announcer: Art Murray.

Lewis, RCN, 140 lbs.
 Bout No. 6—Art Ryan, RCN, 132 lbs vs Jerry Le Blanc, RCN, 134 lbs.
 Bout No. 7—Maurice Bishop, Prince Rupert, 156 lbs vs Bill Watts, RCN, 160 lbs.
 Bout No. 8—Doug Kerr, RCN, 196 lbs vs Bill (Mouse) Morrison, Prince Rupert, 187 lbs.
 Bout No. 9—Trent Ketcheson, RCN, 167 lbs vs Andy Marshall, Prince Rupert, 166 lbs.

After the fights are concluded trophies will be presented. Last night the visiting boxers from Terrace and the HMCS Sioux along with boxers from both the Civic Centre and Annunciation clubs were guests at a steak dinner staged by the Elks Lodge at the Broadway Cafe. Exalted Ruler of the BPOE, Eric Speers, thanked trainers Ab Hart of Terrace, Jerry Le Blanc of the Sioux, Martin Saunders of Annunciation and Joe Ward of the Civic Centre club for their work with the boxers. He also expressed the Elks' appreciation of the co-operation received from the Royal Canadian Navy. In reply trainer LeBlanc said that "we have five boxers here for the show and we hope that Prince Rupert appreciates them."

Queen Mary in Labor Department

The government defeated a CCF motion calling for a bureau in the department of labor.

The government defeated a CCF motion, said the basic psychological difference between men and women made such a bureau unnecessary.

The bill reduces the railway's debt to \$61,000,000. The bill was one of 21 that received either second or third and final reading.

One of them was the act governing the installation of domestic gas appliances. The act introduced in anticipation of natural gas coming into the province, puts the dealers, install-

Crime Comics Defeated

The Commons defeated a CCF motion to impose penalties on publishers of crime comics and obscene literature.

The amendment would have made a publisher of crime comics and obscene literature liable to a maximum prison term of five years, if he is an individual and to a penalty of \$10,000 if a corporation. Mr. Fulton originally proposed a fine of \$25,000 but reduced the figure.

The law at present provides a maximum prison term of two years for publishers and distributors of crime comics and obscene literature if they are individuals and an unlimited fine in the case of corporations.

Justice Minister Garson said the existing law is quite enforceable. A judge, if he wanted to, could impose a fine of \$2,000,000 in cases where the convicted publisher was a corporation.

Deal Made Yet For Rights B.C.-Yukon Waterways

resources by Frobisher Ltd. has yet been made to the B.C. government, a Yukon mining official says.

Gordon Lee, Whitehorse businessman and president of the Whitehorse Chamber of Mines, said in Vancouver Friday that he had been speaking to Premier Bennett in Victoria.

Mr. Lee was told by the premier that no conclusion had been reached with the eastern Canada metallurgical company, the Canadian Press reports.

Ship on View For Two Days

The destroyer HMCS Sioux which is berthed at the CNR dock will be open to the public from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. today and Sunday, the captain, Cmdr. A. N. Rankin, OBE, (CD) RCN said today. The Sioux, on a training cruise with 231 men and 14 officers aboard, arrived yesterday afternoon.

Laid Fight

One man is dead following a fist fight between near-by Housay night.

Carlson, 23, died at the hospital, where he was taken after the fight, which started at 10:45 p.m. Thursday night.

The body was scheduled to be buried today at Smithers, by coroner G. H. body was to be released to Wadena, Sas where the dead was Mrs. A. Carlson