

Diem Supporter Killed In Viet Nam Warfare

SAIGON, South Viet Nam, May 3 (AP)—A general of the Cao Dai religious sect was shot dead tonight while leading his private army alongside Nationalist troops against retreating Binh Xuyen rebels with whom he once was allied.

Bullets spewed from an armored motorboat by Binh Xuyen commandos felled Gen. Trinh Minh The, a handsome young officer who in recent weeks has stalwartly supported Premier Ngo Dinh Diem in efforts to restore order and unity to South Viet Nam.

The ironic end of Gen. The (pronounced Tay) came as he was crossing a canal bridge in the Khanh Hoi region southwest of Saigon, a marshy triangle enclosed by canals that was believed to have been cleared of the rebels.

Defense Secretary Tran Trung Dung had announced only a few hours earlier that four of Gen. The's black-clad battalions—perhaps 2400 men—had joined with government forces in a final drive against the Binh Xuyen.

This was taken as another sign of Diem's growing strength in the face of rebellion and the displeasure of Chief of State Bao Dai.

Gen. The was prominent in the National Revolutionary Committee which Saturday declared Bao Dai deposed—an action expected to be confirmed tomorrow in a national congress convoked by Diem.

The Cao Dai general withdrew in March from the united front of opposition to Diem which had been formed by the Binh Xuyen, the Cao Dai and the Hoa Hao religious sect.

Gen. The's death leaves Gen. Nguyen Thanh Phuong, Cao Dai commander in chief, the sect's dominant figure. He, too, is a backer of the Revolutionary Committee and a Diem ally.

Gen. The's participation in the fighting came as a surprise to the French. They had predicted that the religious sects, which they subsidized during the Indochina War, never would turn on the Binh Xuyen. The French ended the subsidy payments for the private armies in January.

Western observers noted today that North Viet Nam's Communist government appeared to be keeping hands off during the crisis.

There is no evidence that the Vietminh are backing the rebels.

Conferees OK Postal Workers Pay Increase

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—Senate-House conferees today agreed on an 8.8 per cent average pay raise for the government's 500,000 postal workers—well above the figure President Eisenhower has said would be acceptable.

The increase under the measure approved by the conferees, would be retroactive to March 1. It represents a compromise between the 8.3 per cent boost voted by the Senate and a 10 per cent bill passed by the House.

The President has indicated several times that he would not sign a bill providing for more than a 7.6 per cent boost.

The compromise bill would cost an estimated \$178 million a year as compared with \$169 for the House measure and \$220 million for the Senate.

It would give each postal worker a minimum seven per cent raise. The remaining 1.8 per cent of increase would be accounted for by a reclassification plan demanded by the administration to remove inequities from present pay scales.

The decisions of the conferees are subject to action by the House and Senate. Representative Thomas Murray (D-Tenn) head of the House conferees, said the House probably would consider the bill Friday. The House will act first.

In 1954 460 bicycle riders were killed in traffic accidents.

Congress Windy In Passing Laws Study Reveals

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—In these gabby days, it takes 14 hours two minutes of congressional talk to make a bill a law.

This is figured from a report card handed Congress today, the official resume of its activities from the day this session opened, Jan. 3, through April 30.

In that time, the report shows, the 96 senators talked away for 220 hours 46 minutes, spreading their wisdom, their worries or maybe only their whims over 2750 pages of the "Congressional Record."

The House, even with its much tighter rein on its members' 435 tongues, managed to get in 172 hours nine minutes debate, thereby filling 1898 pages.

One result of all this talk: We now must obey 28 new public laws.

U.S.-Turkey Sign First Atomic Pact

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—The United States and Turkey today signed the first agreement for cooperation in the peaceful uses of atomic energy under the new Atomic Energy Act. President Eisenhower said: "This may be a historic day."

The agreement permits the leasing of uranium to Turkey and the release of information necessary for building and operating a research reactor in that country.

Senate Backs Trade Program

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—With opposition to President Dwight D. Eisenhower's foreign trade program dwindling in the Senate, agreement was reached today to limit debate and speed the bill to a final vote possibly tomorrow night.

Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo), in a speech supporting the measure, said if it fulfills its promise of improving international trade there may be an opportunity to sell to foreign countries much of the huge agricultural surplus which has accumulated in the United States.

On the other hand, Sen. George W. Malone (R-Nev) assailed the bill as "an economic Yalta—a sellout of the American working man and investors."

The debate limitation agreement was offered by Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Texas), approved by Sen. William

F. Knowland of California, the Republican chief in the Senate, and adopted with almost no discussion.

Both Knowland and Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va), floor manager for the measure, expressed confidence that the bill would be approved substantially in the form it came from the Senate Finance Committee.

It would extend the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act for three years from June 12.

It would also give the President authority to reduce tariffs up to five per cent each year during that period in return for trade concessions from foreign countries.

The Finance Committee wrote in several amendments which helped to quiet the opposition. One would give the President additional authority to curb imports if he believed this essential to protect an industry important

to the national security.

Sen. Frank Carlson (R-Kan) told the Senate today he had received assurances from the administration that new powers provided for the President in the bill will be used to hold oil imports to 1954 levels hereafter.

The question of oil imports has been one of the most disputed in connection with this year's reciprocal trade bill.

Miss Blatt Is Inaugurated

HARRISBURG (AP)—Miss Genevieve Blatt was inaugurated secretary of internal affairs at a colorful ceremony today—the first woman to hold statewide elective office in Pennsylvania's history.

Miss Blatt, long prominent in Democratic affairs, immediately pledged her full support to Gov. George M. Leader's industrial development program.

U.S. Steel Names Blough New Head

NEW YORK, May 3 (AP)—Roger M. Blough, 51-year-old lawyer and son of a truck farmer, today became board chairman of the \$2,350,000,000 United States Steel Corporation, the world's biggest steel enterprise.

He succeeded Benjamin F. Fairless who reached the company's retirement age of 65 today and stepped aside, as he put it, to surrender his responsibilities to "capable and younger hands."

Blough was elected at an organization meeting of the Board of Directors which followed by one day the annual stockholders' meeting at which Fairless announced his retirement.

Blough's first connections with U.S. Steel were in 1939 and 1940 when he acted as associate counsel for the corporation during the investigation of the steel industry by the temporary National Economic Commission.

He was appointed general solicitor for United States Steel Corp. of Delaware in 1942. In 1951, when U.S. Steel merged its subsidiaries into U.S. Steel Corp., Blough became executive vice president-law, secretary, and a director of the corporation.

He became general counsel and vice chairman in 1952.

Blough also succeeded Fairless as chief executive officer of the corporation. Clifford F. Hood, president of U.S. Steel since 1953, was designated as chief administrative officer and will be in charge of operations.

Fairless, continuing as a member of the board and of the finance committee, was appointed chairman of the newly formed executive advisory committee of the board.

Blough was succeeded as general counsel by John S. Tennant, who in January became associate general counsel of the firm.

Radford Reports Mainland Buildup By Chinese Reds

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—Adm. Arthur W. Radford, fresh from a trip to Formosa, said today there is "no question" the Chinese Reds are building up their air strength on the mainland opposite the island.

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Asst. Secretary of State Walter Robertson spent almost an hour with President Eisenhower, reporting on their recent Formosan visit.

But neither would discuss their report in any detail with newsmen.

Radford and Robertson flew to Formosa late last month for talks with Chiang Kai-shek, the Chinese Nationalist leader. While they were there, Red China's Premier Chou En-lai broadcast an offer to discuss Far Eastern tensions.

The two emissaries did not discuss the possibility of a cease-fire in the Formosa area when they talked with reporters. Radford's comment on the air buildup was in response to a question.

Another reporter asked whether the U.S. military training mission on Formosa was going to be enlarged. Radford said it already had been. When he was asked whether further enlargement was contemplated, he said, "probably, in certain specialties."

Budget Hearings Open

HARRISBURG, May 3 (AP)—An economy-minded legislature opened hearings today on the administration's record 1.8 billion dollar budget with a call to trim it "somewhere along the line."

Chairman J. Dean Polen (D-Washington) of the House Appropriations Committee, keynoted the first round of hearings with a statement he never yet had seen a budget "which could not be pared somewhere along the line."

The 22-member committee heard first from Harry Shapiro, Secretary of Welfare, detail the items in the \$195 million estimates for that department for 1955-57, an over-all increase of 45 millions from the 1953-55 biennium.

Of that increase, Shapiro said, \$30 million represented financing of the state's mental hospital program in a changeover of policy from custodial care to treatment

and cure. The remaining \$15 million increase, he said, would be used to "expand existing services."

Shapiro said problems of the mentally ill constituted the bulk of his department's budget because "47 per cent of the beds occupied in hospitals are occupied by persons suffering from some form of mental illness" and that many more cannot be admitted to hospitals because of overcrowding.

Pointing up the administration policy of treatment rather than custodial care of mental patients, Shapiro said the number of attendants would be reduced from 6289 to 5958 while nurses would be increased from 1051 to 1506 and physicians from 219 to 396. That would mean an average of one physician to every 125 patients, Shapiro said.

New Wage Plan Blasted

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—A business executive told the U.S. Chamber of Commerce today the guaranteed annual wage is "a beautiful rose" but that it has thorns which can scratch.

Demands of some unions for a guaranteed wage may endanger the expansion of some businesses and bankrupt others, Frank B. Cliffe, vice president of the H. J. Heinz Company, Pittsburgh, said at the chamber's 43rd annual meeting.

He advised business leaders to find out where the thorns are and "how much they can scratch you."

Many firms, Cliffe said, have found it possible to regularize production and paychecks "with varying degrees of success." But he contended the risks are great for companies subject to seasonal fluctuations in sales or sensitive to the ups and downs of the business cycle.

"While I am in strong sympathy with the desire for steady work

and correspondingly steady pay," Cliffe said, "the demand for a guaranteed annual wage seems to be using the wrong tool for the job."

"Certainly the destruction of an employer's willingness to expand and experiment and the bankruptcy of other employers who could not survive the additional load of payments demanded would harm employees far beyond the benefits they would have received."

In a speech before the chamber's trade association section, Attorney-General Brownell told the businessmen the Justice Department's antitrust policy is aimed at "making real strides towards either cracking restraints on entry of new businesses into an industry or controls over price."

He also said the Justice Department is trying to help businessmen "who seek in good faith to live within the law" to find their way through the maze of federal regulations.

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