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S. Viet commander found shot to death

SAIGON (UPI)—The deputy commander of South Vietnamese troops defending the Saigon area was found shot to death last night following an argument with his superior over tactics. Military sources said he apparently committed suicide.

The sources said Maj. Gen. Nguyen Van Hieu was found with a bullet wound in his mouth at his III Corps office at the edge of Bien Hoa airbase, 14 miles north-east of Saigon.

It was not known whether Hieu's death was connected with the yesterday morning's bombing of the Presidential palace of Nguyen Van Thieu.

Hieu was deputy to Lt. Gen. Nguyen Van Toan, who commands troops in the 13 provinces surrounding Saigon.

Military sources said the two generals got into a violent disagreement in an argument over military tactics, although the exact cause of the dispute between the two men could not be immediately learned.

The curfew resulting from the attack on the palace meanwhile slowed Operation Babylift and the air exodus of Americans, and the Viet Cong overran a

district capital in the military district north of Saigon.

The pilot who bombed the palace took off from Bien Hoa for his mission and was still missing hours after the attack.

Military sources said he probably defected to the Communists with his supersonic plane. Thieu escaped injury and later he said the attack was not part of an attempted coup.

On the battlefronts, Communist forces moved closer to control of the II Corps area north of Saigon, overrunning one of the few remaining government positions at Thien Giao district capital, 115 miles northeast of Saigon late yesterday, military sources said.

The sources said South Vietnamese defenders put up a tough battle and, backed by air strikes, killed 150 Communist forces. But human wave assaults overran the town at nightfall.

Civilians already have deserted the entire II Corps area where possible.

The last remaining government holdings in that area are around the province capitals of Phan Thiet and

Phan Rang.

But panic among government troops and Communist attacks on the edges of the cities made the situation so bad yesterday that Western refugee workers were unable to land aircraft to help with civilian evacuation.

Bien Hoa airbase was hit by a rocket attack early today, but it was not immediately known how many rounds hit the strategic base.

Government and Communist officials said they had no idea where pilot Nguyen Thanh Trung, 26, a native of North Vietnam whose family lives in Communist-held Da Nang, had flown his F5 fighter after bombing Thieu's palace.

The curfew resulting from the bombing of Thieu's palace was lifted after six hours but it curtailed the human traffic on the daily airlift of orphans and civilian refugees from Saigon.

At least one U.S. Air Force C141 Starlifter flight between Saigon and Clark Air Base in the Philippines was cancelled and passenger traffic on two others totaled only 31 persons.



Manning their positions

SOUTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY POLICE stand guard outside the presidential palace in Saigon after a South Vietnamese bomber attacked the palace Tuesday. President Thieu and his family were uninjured.

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Jackson attacks Vietnam secrecy

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Sen Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., charged yesterday that "secret agreements" exist between the United States and South Vietnam which have been hidden from Congress and until recently—from President Ford.

Jackson said the agreements "envison [sic] lateful American decisions," but did not disclose what they entail. Nor did he accept a challenge to make his knowledge available to the Senate.

"I know of no secret agreements," said Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield. "Every time we met with Mr. Kissinger after one of his visits and journeys overseas, that question was asked and the answer always was no."

He said if there was substantial evidence of secret agreements, "I would expect the appropriate committees to look into the breaches of faith and trust."

In a Senate speech, Jackson said, "I

have it on the best of information, the best authority, that secret agreements were reached" in connection with the Paris Peace Accords on Vietnam.

As for Ford, Jackson said, "I think he has only recently found out about these accords."

White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen had no immediate comment on Jackson's charges and Deputy Press Secretary John W. Hushen said later in the day "our position is that we have nothing to say."

Jackson, an announced candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, said that while Ford has hinted Congress reneged on its commitments to South Vietnam, "The fact is that Congress is being accused of violating commitments and obligations it never heard of."

Jackson also said "obsessive secrecy" marked the SALT I negotiations, to the point where not even then Defense Secretary Melvin Laird and then

Secretary of State William P. Rogers were informed about two accords.

And Jackson said "crucial Soviet-American communications" bearing on the trade bill still have not been disclosed to Congress.

"Indeed," he said, "this is the pattern which has come to characterize our relations with other nations—secret negotiations, producing secret agreements, containing secret commitments."

"There is a whole series of secret accords that we just have to dig out, dig out, dig out..."

"With this pattern of diplomacy, allies may feel betrayed if secret promises made to them are not kept. Other nations will inevitably doubt whether secret promises made to them are equally valueless and Americans are left to wonder just how many secret commitments there may be."

Town Day activities called 'successful'

By LINDA MILLER
Collegian Staff Writer

Some students and local officials yesterday rode the London Tour bus, ate cookies, drank coffee, had dinner together and talked.

The event was the second annual Town Day, sponsored by the Organization of Town Independent Students. The mayor and the judge, along with a host of other local leaders, were there to meet and get acquainted with students.

"OTIS has a vision here," State College Mayor Jo Hays said of Town Day during the concluding banquet in the HUB Terrace Room. "Maybe with this vision we can transform College Avenue from a real dividing line into an imaginary one."

Bonnie Smith, Town Day coordinator, said she was pleased with the day's results. She said yesterday's interaction between townspeople and student escorts during lunch in various residence halls, tours of student organizations, and OTIS-sponsored forums was profitable. But she stressed that the same lines of communication between the two communities must exist every day, not just on Town Day.

Hays, who attended Town Day last year, said that this year's event was even more successful.

University President John W. Oswald also delivered a short speech before the banquet. He was unable to attend Town Day, but he said he very much supported the project.

"It's like shaking hands with oneself to welcome the townspeople here," Oswald said. What is done in State College affects the University and vice versa, he said.

Oswald said understanding between the town and University is needed, especially this year with the problems of inflation and unemployment.

Ron Gordon, former OTIS president, said the theme of Town Day was

brotherhood and cooperation. He said College Avenue must be crossed because "there are valuable resources on both sides."

At one conference in the afternoon, students and local officials talked of extending the day's theme of cooperation to an actual involvement of students in local government.

"Student participation in government has just about reached its peak," said Dean Phillips, State College borough councilman. But he added that he would like two or three students regularly elected to borough council.

Borough Council President Arnold Addison said students first should get involved with the community and then run for elected offices.

Addison said he would like more students on the various local boards and authorities—positions appointed by council. He said even if students could hold office for only one or two years before graduation, he would still welcome them on commissions.

Israel planning Sinai concession

By The Associated Press

Israeli policymakers are considering vacating roughly half the Sinai Desert in a new territorial concession to Egypt in an effort to revive U.S. peace efforts, according to qualified sources.

No Israeli official would comment for the record on the report yesterday and officials in Jerusalem insisted the idea was only "theoretical." But the sources said the Israelis were thinking of the withdrawal, which would be even deeper than that proposed during Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's unsuccessful peace shuttle last month and would run from north to south in the desert.

They said it would hinge crucially on Egypt's readiness to end the state of war with Israel and would come only after Egypt proved its peaceful intentions with actions.

One report from Washington said the State Department turned down the idea because it had not been ratified by the Israeli Cabinet.

The idea apparently arose in the past few days. Last week Premier Yitzhak Rabin had said Israel's negotiating position had not changed as a result of Kissinger's failure.

In other Mideast developments:

—Israel announced it would ask that the mandate for maintaining a United Nations peace force in the Sinai peninsula between Israeli and Egyptian lines be extended for six months. Egypt reported last week that it would accept only a three-month extension of the mandate that expires April 24.

Shlomo Argov, assistant director of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, said Israel will extend U.S. Emergency Force presence by six months, but the final decision will be made by the U.N. Security Council.

—A senior Israeli government official said Egypt had given "a specified and unqualified undertaking" to allow Israeli cargo in foreign vessels to pass through the Suez Canal when it is

reopened in June.

He said the assurance was part of the disengagement agreement arranged by Kissinger in January 1974.

Egypt has publicly declared that

Israeli ships will be barred from the canal because of the state of war existing between the two countries but that shipment of Israeli cargo on other vessels will depend on Israeli "conduct."

Long Boret returns from Bangkok talks

PHNOM PENH (UPI)—Cambodian Prime Minister Long Boret returned to this besieged capital yesterday from Bangkok, where officials said he met with Communist Khmer Rouge rebel representatives in the possible beginning of a negotiated settlement of the five-year-old Cambodian war.

Officials in Thailand and Cambodia said Long Boret met with the Khmer Rouge for four hours in Bangkok Monday. No results of the Bangkok meeting were disclosed immediately.

As Long Boret stepped off the special plane that brought him from Bangkok, the Communist-led insurgents were

barely 33 miles from Pochentong Airport and getting closer, yard by yard, by the day. Phnom Penh itself was surrounded by the rebels who now control 90 per cent of the country.

Shortly before Long Boret arrived, rebels again hit the airport with both artillery and rockets in more than 30 attacks. One Cambodian air force C123 was damaged and two pilots injured.

Thai Foreign Minister Chantchai Choonhavan said in Bangkok he believed another meeting between Cambodian government representatives and the Khmer Rouge might be scheduled.

Suit tells discipline committee

Police use telescopes to spot pot

By BOB HAMILTON
Collegian Staff Writer

Donald Suit, Office of Conduct Standards director, last night admitted that police services have been using telescopes to spot marijuana plants in dorm rooms.

Suit, answering questions to the Undergraduate Student Government-Graduate Student Association Discipline Committee, said this also could be effective in curbing rapes and other violent crimes in dorm areas.

"There are a lot more effective ways of stopping rape than having monkeys running around with telescopes," said Paul Weinstein, discipline committee secretary.

Suit conceded that using telescopes for surveillance "bordered on being unethical" but said it was an effective way for the officer to obtain a search warrant.

"Of course there are people dressing a pound of marijuana with their door open. They deserve to be caught," Suit said.

He said another problem with police services was that the officer's summary of charges against students brought before Suit sometimes will conflict with the testimony of witnesses and the accused.

"We have run into some problems with summaries. It's a problem I've been working on for two years," Suit said.

He said if charges brought against a student are due to inaccuracies in the security report, they usually "are dropped at the pre-hearing interview."

Suit said the sanctions that his office can impose are a warning, probation, suspension, indefinite dismissal and expulsion. Probation is used most often.

"What the University can do, essentially, is separate you from the University or warn you that you could be separated," Suit said.

He said they have experimented with students performing some sort of service in lieu of separation, but it was not successful.

"We know that students don't usually get into difficulty when they come back after a suspension. If they get into trouble again they are dismissed. There is quite a deterrent factor here," Suit said.

Asked if this wasn't being more punitive than rehabilitative, Suit replied that the University is not a rehabilitative institution.

Suit estimated that 90 per cent of the students separated from the University return.

Concerning a charge that he had too much latitude in administering conduct standards, he said he tried to be as fair as possible.

"In any type of human relations you have to have some sort of ethics," Suit said.

Correction

A newly elected Undergraduate Student Government senator is Joseph Harteis, not Gerald Harteis as reported in Monday's Daily Collegian.

Due to an incomplete tabulation of ballots in the Pollock-Nittany area, the Collegian also incorrectly named Bill Kristan as a newly elected Association of Residence Hall Students member. Dave Cochran (3rd-science) won that seat with 386 votes. The number of votes for officers of the Pollock-Nittany Residence Hall Association is as follows: president—527, vice president—616, secretary—382, treasurer—394.

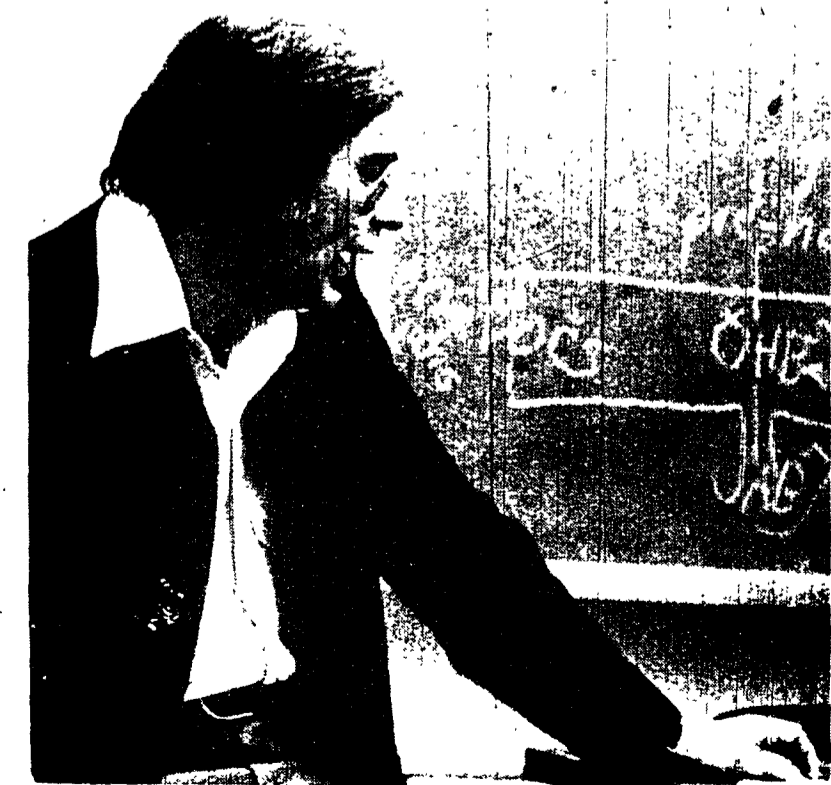
It was mentioned that there is often a lag between the time charges are brought against a student and when he has his hearing. Chris Gerding, discipline committee chairman, suggested that Suit get an assistant.

"I've asked for one a couple of times. Especially when the backlog of cases gets to be 100 or so I really begin to sweat and worry," Suit said.

He said University budget problems have kept him from having an assistant. "I have hostilities about the system myself, sometimes," Suit said.

Weather

Mostly sunny and cool today. High 52. Partly cloudy and chilly tonight. Low 32. Partly sunny and cool Thursday. High 50.



Discipline

DONALD T. SUIT, director of the Office of Conduct Standards, answers questions at the GSA-USG Discipline Committee meeting last night.