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Fighting Erupts In DMZ

SAIGON — U.S. Marines clashed sharply with enemy troops in the demilitarized zone Sunday in the first fighting reported in the DMZ in four months. South of Saigon, U.S. troops surprised an enemy force and killed 37 Viet Cong without suffering a casualty.

Enemy gunners shelled 20 allied bases and towns overnight, but none of the country's major towns were hit, allied spokesmen reported Monday. The night before, the enemy ushered in the fourth week of the current offensive by shelling 50 downings and bases, including Saigon. Casualties and damage were reported as light both nights.

Delayed accounts reaching Saigon said U.S. Marines and an armored column, supported by the destroyer Mullinix, invaded the southern half of the eastern DMZ Saturday after North Vietnamese troops fired 15 rockets inside the zone on two American supply bases near the southern frontier.

U.S. headquarters said at least 10 North Vietnamese soldiers were killed and two captured in the 4½-hour fight. No American casualties or damage were reported.

No Casualties

Sunday night, elements of the 9th Division ran into an enemy unit in the Mekong Delta, about 50 miles southwest of the capital. A patrol spotted about 35 enemy soldiers and opened up with small arms and artillery. Twenty-three enemy were reported killed.

About half an hour later in the same area, another enemy group was spotted and the U.S. troops reported killing 14 of the enemy.

Bases shelled Sunday night and Monday morning included the headquarters of the U.S. 101st Airborne Division, four miles east of Hue; headquarters of the U.S. 9th Division south of Saigon and the U.S. 1st Division north of Saigon, and Phan Rang airfield, 150 miles northeast of Saigon. Also hit were Hoa Dong and the South Vietnamese army's infantry school eight miles northeast of Saigon. Casualties were listed as two civilians and two South Vietnamese army cadets killed.

Capitol's Hit

The activity Saturday night and Sunday morning included the shelling of Saigon and five other provincial capitals, terrorist attacks in Da Nang and Tuy Hoa, and the mining of two buses northeast of Saigon. Casualties were placed at 16 civilians killed and 47 wounded. The U.S. Command also disclosed that five American heli-

Washington, N. C., Doctor Assaulted

WASHINGTON, N. C. — Dr. William H. Hammond, whose house was the object of a shotgun attack a month ago, reported Saturday night that a white man assaulted him at the Beaufort County Hospital. Hammond is this city's only Negro physician.

Washington Police Chief Phillip Paul said his department was called by another Washington doctor Saturday around 9:30 p.m.

The chief said Dr. Hammond was driving into the hospital parking lot when an old model car with a dealer's license plate nearly ran into the back of his car. The alleged assault occurred when Hammond got out of his car.

Dr. Hammond apparently was only shaken up by the brief encounter, which according to him involved "three or four blows." His glasses were bent in the scuffle.

The night of Feb. 16, Dr. Hammond's home on U.S. 264 east of Washington was fired on. Shotgun pellets hit his automobile and struck a picture window in the house where the doctor and his wife were sleeping. They were not injured. The shooting was not discovered until the following morning.

Beaufort County sheriff's officers and the State Bureau of Investigation are still investigating that shooting and a second one at a farm in the same general area.

Hammond came to Beaufort County to practice medicine in July 1965.

He and his wife moved into

their new brick home last summer. The house is located in a previously all-white neighborhood. Prior to the February shooting, there had been no previous trouble. Dr. Hammond's wife, a nurse with the Beaufort County Board of Education, works with the ESEA program. The attacks on the Hammond home resulted in a \$100 reward being posted by the Beaufort County Good Neighbor Council.

NOTICE TO EDITOR
This is the first of a series of monthly mat releases designed especially for your fashion page. The column, titled "Polly Talk" will cover a variety of fashion subject-matter from tips on grooming to gift-giving etiquette. We hope you find this series useful and invite your comments.



Hi Gals!...The subject of what to wear in drizzle weather and still look fashionable has been raised by a reader in the Midwest. Seems this little lady is "all wet" when it comes to dressing right for specific occasions.

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N. C. 1st in School Funds But U. S. Pays for Welfare

WASHINGTON — North Carolina collects more taxes than all but ten other states, but it still largely depends on federal coffers for public welfare costs, the U. S. Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations has concluded.

In a comparative study of the role of federal, state, and local governments in financing services, the commission concluded that North Carolina state government supports a larger percentage of public school costs than any state in the country.

But the State depended on federal expenditures for public welfare to the extent that no

other state paid a smaller percentage of such costs than North Carolina.

The commission study, although largely concerned with state level revenues and spending, pointed significantly to local government financial efforts.

And the figures for North Carolina showed that a highly centralized state government is meeting a larger percentage of the costs for nearly every program. Even though its share of public welfare costs were low, the share from local governments in the State was equally low.

Using often-quoted statistics about state and local tax rates, the study showed that North Carolinians paid in a total tax take that ranked as the nation's 11th largest in 1967.

The State paid 69.6 per cent of the total public school budget compared to a national percentage of 45.4 per cent.

Only eight per cent of the State's public welfare costs were being met by State revenues, the report said. That compared to a national percentage of 35.5 per cent.

The State's local governments were paying only 20 per cent of public welfare costs.

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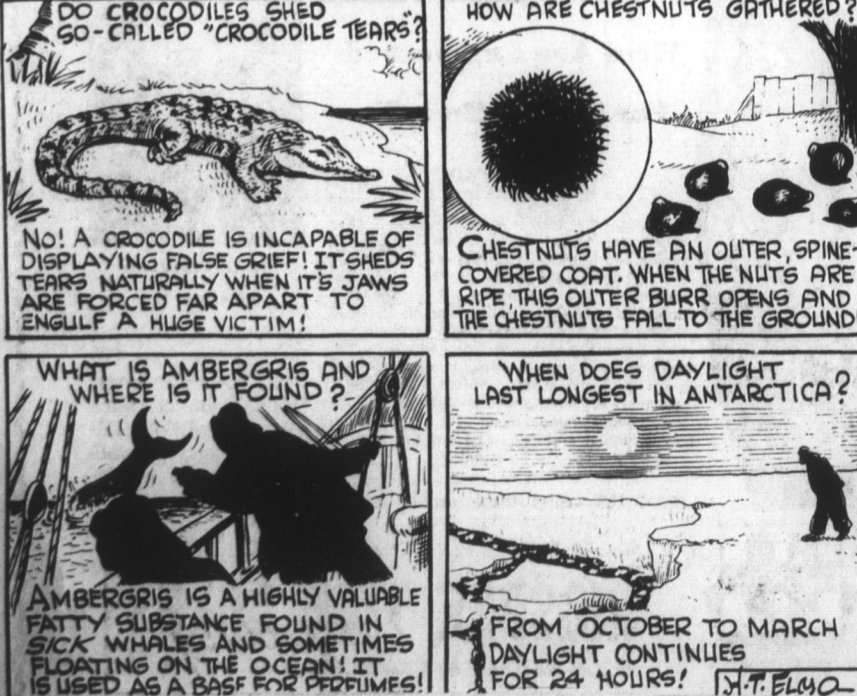
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