



'The big push is on'

SAIGON—U.S. aircraft supporting South Vietnam's Laos offensive on the Ho Chi Minh Trail were credited Sunday with killing 542 North Vietnamese, many of them around Hill 31 in a fierce tank battle. A South Vietnamese commander said North Vietnamese crews were locked in tanks and ordered to "win or die."

Scores of U.S. Air Force cargo planes streamed into U.S. support base at Khe Sanh, and an Air Force source said "the big push is on."

Fighting continued Sunday around Hill 31, a South Vietnamese base reported overrun by North Vietnamese regulars last Thursday.

Rail strike threat seen unlikely

WASHINGTON—Negotiators plunged into a final effort Sunday to head off a nationwide rail walkout after midnight EST. Labor Secretary James D. Hodgson predicted "there will be no strike tonight."

Bargainers for the nation's railroads met with representatives of the United Transportation Union, the only one of four unions which struck nationwide Dec. 10 which still has not agreed with the carriers on a new contract.

But the union was still reported to be holding out on three main demands:

—No increase of "inter-divisional" runs, which usually exceed 100 miles and do not require replacement of train crews.

—Extra pay for workers who use radios and other communications equipment.

—More and broader coverage for crewmen who incur away-from-home expenses.

MP's help in narcotics raid

CAM RANH BAY, South Vietnam—Most of the 43 U.S. airmen held in a narcotics raid are Air Force security policemen who had guarded the Cam Ranh Air Base against Communist attack, the base commander said Sunday.

Military sources said 65 airmen had been interrogated Saturday following the largest narcotics raid involving U.S. servicemen in South Vietnam. Twenty two were released.

Of the 43 still being held, some are already experiencing painful drug withdrawal symptoms, indicating that

they have been addicted to narcotics, the sources said.

An Air Force spokesman said the men were rounded up for "alleged illegal use, possession and sale of narcotics."

Unlike the Army, the Air Force has no drug amnesty program in South Vietnam and if addicts ask for medical treatment the request may be used as evidence against them in a court-martial, military sources said.

'Unacknowledged legislator' reads

by Bob Conder
Feature Writer

"Poets are the unacknowledged legislators of the world."
—Percy Bysshe Shelley

All poets should cease smoking. If they don't smoke, then their drinking should be deleted. If not for their value to their readers, then for their value to themselves.

W.H. Auden, caught in convulsive coughing, imaged perhaps the least self-conscious pose any poet allows his audience to view. The audience should remember this well and contrast it to Auden's weaving his enchanting

seduction with rhyme, meter, and logic or when his magnanimous wit lifted the audience to a communal response.

Auden asserted and reminded us that the poet is a man, not an omniscient persona who controls and constructs all experience, couches it in language and smugly deposits literature in static history. In his "Eulogy to Louis MacNeice," Auden is aware of his tendency to "egocentric monologue" but hopes that we will "accept it for friendship's sake" as has MacNeice.

From Auden's earlier travels to the Far East with Christopher Isherwood during the Sino-Japanese War and from his

journey to Iceland with MacNeice, from his memory of "la condition humaine" since before the First World War, Auden speaks with a collective conscience burdened with despair: "We shan't trust ourselves ever again... everything is possible." The poet has weakened from his vision of the voice of a communal heritage "who never lost their faith in knowledge nor in man," that in 1950 invoked his readers: "The Voice of Man: 'O teach us to outgrow our madness.'" The world has weakened also. The ogress of "August, 1968" beat upon our feigned sanity with trudgeons. But in "Moon Landing" Auden softly reflects that we have always been "... more adroit with

objects than lives... more free with courage than kindness."

Framed against the black curtains and the gray brick backdrop of Memorial Hall, Auden rested against the podium and visaged a poetic forebodingness with the shadows slicing the contouring wrinkles of his face. Time overtakes living and poets endure as poetry. Auden is prepared for his endurance. In "Letters from Iceland," MacNeice and Auden present their "Last Will and Testament" which concludes above the pretense, self-hatred, the "madness, and the intolerable tightening of the mesh of history" by bequeathing...

"... to the good who know how wide the gulf, how deep Between Ideal and Real, who being good have felt The final temptation to withdraw, sit down and weep.

We pray the power to take upon themselves the guilt Of human action, though still as ready to confess The imperfection of what can and must be built, The wish and power to act, forgive, and bless."

Campus activities calendar

Alpha Epsilon Delta will hold its second spring rush meeting Monday night, March 1, at 7 in room 106 of the Basic Medical Sciences Building. Refreshments.

The A.W.S. is accepting candidates for executive offices next year. Interested women students should contact Mary Vallier or Jan Robbins or come to the A.W.S. meeting tonight at 6:45 in the Union.

Students interested in running in the spring election for either Men's or Women's Honor Court must sign up for interviews in Suite B of the Student Union. Interviews will be held Monday through Wednesday afternoon from 2:4-3:30. Sheets will be posted in Suite B for all persons wishing to go through interviews. You must go through an interview before your name can be placed on the ballot.

Seniors interested in employment opportunities in North Carolina State Government will be able to talk with a representative from the State Personnel Department on March 18, 1971.

Arrangements for the interview are to be made with the College Placement Office.

State Government employs over 39,000 persons in 1,400 different types of jobs. Business, accounting, rehabilitation, social work, laboratory science, education, computer programming, and the natural and physical sciences are only a few of the possible employment areas. Information which fully describes the employment opportunities is available at the Placement Office. In addition, State Government offers its employees a continued education program, excellent possibilities for advancement, paid vacation and holidays, sick leave, and other liberal employee benefits.

The UNC Football Club will meet in the Union Thursday night at 7:30. Check at the desk for the room number. This will be the last meeting of the club before spring practice begins. It is imperative that all prospective 160 lb. team members attend, for the decision to field a 160 lb.

team or not will be made. Our new coach will also be introduced at the meeting.

Tickets for the National Theatre of the Deaf production, scheduled for next Thursday night in Memorial Hall, are on sale at the Union. Tickets are \$2.75 and \$2.25.

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