N.Viets mass on Sepone defenders

SAIGON-Elements of two full North Vietnamese divisions attacked South Vietnamese troops in the Sepone area of Laos with ground and rocket assaults Thursday despite Communist losses of 1,000 dead in the most destructive bombing of the war, military spokesmen said.

Field reports said the North Vietnamese were also sending tanks to the Sepone area, a vital Ho Chi Minh Trail hub 27 miles inside Laos.

South Vietnamese spokesmen in Saigon said South Vietnamese troops were still in artillery bases around Sepone

although elements of two North Vietnamese divisions-a division has 12.000 men-were around the town.

The South Vietnamese have approximately 3,000 men defending Sepone. Their total troop strength in Laos is about 24,000 men.

Brig. Gen. Phan Van Phu, commander of the South Vietnamese 1st Infantry Division in the Sepone area, said his men were being attacked by Communist ground troops and rockets.

Phu said that North Vietnamese tanks had alos been sighted moving toward the area, but added he did not have any

Officials said Young's body was taken

indication when they might reach the front lines.

U.S. officials reported the loss of three American helicopters Thursday inside Laos within one hour.

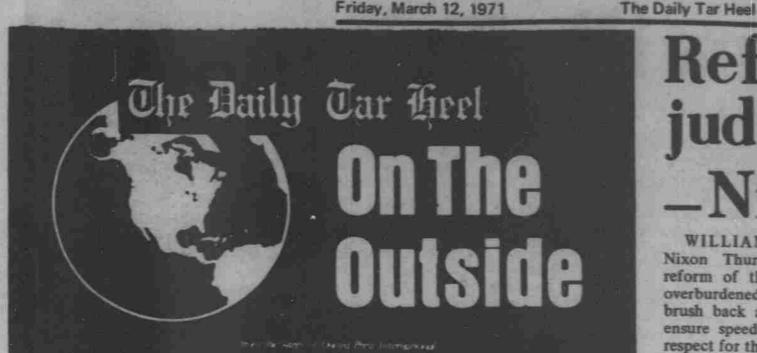
The huge American bombing strikes in the Sepone area on Monday night and Tuesday were spearheaded by B52 bombers and wiped out tons of supplies and munitions in a string of raids on Communist troops mainly to the southeast of the town.

The more than 1,000 Communists killed by bombs, rockets and cannon fire from American aircraft, were found by South Vietnamese troops operating from artillery bases deep inside Laos, military sources told UPI correspondent Barney Seibert at the rear operations base of Quang Tri.

The raids were aimed mainly against North Vietnamese forces southeast of Sepone, a key Ho Chi Minh Trail junction for Communist troop and supply traffic to the south.

Communist losses were officially reported Thursday as passing 7,000 men killed and 149 captured since the Laos operation began on Feb. 8. South Vietnamese casualties were put at 710 killed, 2,633 wounded and 164 missing.

U.S. war deaths last week were reported at 44, compared with losses of 69 dead two weeks ago. Spokesmen said 434 Americans were wounded in action last week, the highest number in about five months.



China in U.N. fatal, **Chiang believes**

by Mims Thomason President of

Kai-shek of Nationalist China said Thursday a Communist Chinese membership in the United Nations would

spell the doom of the world organization. Chiang said that if given a chance, Peking "will do everything within its power to sabotage this world organization." He said his government

will do its utmost in trying to keep the Communist Chinese out. The Nationalist Chinese leader gave

the warning at a time when some of Formosa's allies, including the United States, showed signs of willingness to work out a formula under which both

Calley court martial concludes testimony

Peking and Taipei would be represented in the U.N.

Chiang, 83, reiterated his opposition to a two-China policy in an exclusive interview with UPI. He said this is a problem which "can be solved if the world community of nations has the spirit of righteousness and justice to condemn the Chinese Communists."

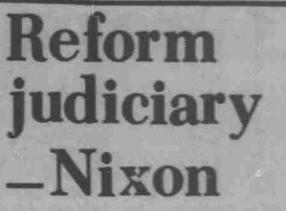
He said whether Communist China will be admitted or not is an issue "closely related to the interests of the United Nations itself."

"But if the Chinese Communists were allowed to join, it would spell the doom of the United Nations," Chiang said.

Chiang was asked why Communist China, with a population of 700 million, has made no attempt to invade either the offshore islands of Quemoy or Matsu in the Formosa Strait or the island of Taiwan, where China's government has been in exile since 1949.

Chiang expressed confidence that Nationalist China is able to defend itself invasion.

Communists will find themselves in the midst of foes if they attack us." He said not only would Nationalist China get support from its allies such as the United States, but also "some others who are not necessarily our friends but are the enemies of the Chinese Communists would take the opportunity to move in on them."



WILLIAMSBURG, Va.-President Nixon Thursday urged top-to-bottom reform of the judicial system, now so overburdened that it resembles "trying to brush back a flood with a broom," to ensure speedy trials and renewed public respect for the law.

Nixon endorsed Chief Justice Warren E. Burger's proposals for court "paraprofessionals" to free judges of administrative chores, and for a national center for state courts to serve as a research and informational clearinghouse for reform of state and local courts.

He challenged state authorities to devise other reforms of "imagination and daring" to which the federal government can commit increasing available funds, which will total nearly a half-billion dollars this year.

The President flew from Washington by helicopter to this colonial capital to address the first National Conference on the Judiciary, sponsored by the Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration and headed by former Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark.

An estimated 450 state judges, attornies general, legislators, lawyers and law enforcement officials are attending the four-day session.

Nixon said the courts had assumed staggering burdens "unknown to the legal system of a generation ago," because of the rising crime rate, growing consumer and environmental suits, and the Supreme Court's own decisions "enlarging the rights of the accused."

As a result, he said, there are "interminable delays in civil cases, unconscionable delays in criminal cases, inconsistent and unfair bail impositions . . . overcrowded penal against any attempted Communist institutions, unremitting pressure on judges and prosecutors to process cases "Besides," he said, "the Chinese by plea bargaining ... the clogging of court calendars with inappropriate or

Said Nixon: "All this sends everyone

in the system of justice home at night

Whitney Young dies on Nigerian beach

LAGOS, Nigeria-Whitney M. Young Jr., executive director of the National Urban League and a leading U.S. civil rights leader for the past decade, died Thursday of a heart attack suffered at Lighthouse Beach, a popular Lagos bathing area. He was 49.

Nigerian officials said the six-foot, two inch Kentucky-born Negro leader collapsed while walking after an afternoon swim. A doctor was summoned immediately, and he pronounced Young dead.

Young was among a group of prominent Americans taking part in a meeting with African leaders sponsored by the African-American Association, a Ford-Foundation-backed organization.

Former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, also attending the meeting, was with Young when he died. Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Edmund Muskie of Main also was a participant in the

to a local mortuary where an autopsy was to be performed. Young, a moderate in the struggle for racial equality, was among the most

polished and articulate of spokesmen for black Americans. He was at home in the corporate offices of Wall Street and the inner sanctums of Washington and had the ear of some of the most powerful men in the white establishment.

Prominent whites were quick to voice concern over Young's death. Vice President Spiro T. Agnew said it was "a serious setback to the forces of moderation." David Rockefeller-chairman of the Chase Manhattan Bank-said a career "of dedicated service which immeasurably benefitted all Americans" had been cut short.

Young became director of the Urban League Oct. 1, 1961, after serving as dean of the Atlanta University School of Social Work. The league at that time was

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meeting. **Officer will** file charges of atrocities

FT. MCPHERSON, Ga.-A highly decorated officer charged Thursday the Army is dragging its feet in prosecuting soldiers for atrocities in Vietnam and said he was going to file charges before the statute of limitations expire.

When you take them prisoners out and start cutting their throats and blowing their heads off, then you are playing God," said Lt. Col. Anthony B. Herbert of Herminie, Pa.

Herbert, who has earned four Silver Star medals, three Bronze Stars and four Purple Hearts in Vietnam and Korea, said he planned to file his charges with the 3rd Army Headquarters at Ft. McPherson in Atlanta Friday or Monday.

He said he believed if he didn't bring the charges himself by April 3, "nothing will be done," since that is when the statute of limitations covering such cases would expire under the Army's Uniform Code of Military Justice.

A veteran of 22 years in the Army, Herbert served in Vietnam from August, 1968, until July, 1969, part of that time with the 173rd Airborne Brigade at Bong Son in South Vietnam.

He said high officers of the brigade knew prisoners, male and female, young and old, had been given such torture as the "water treatment" in which a suspect is forced to swallow water, and electric shocks by means of wires connected to a hand-cranked field telephone.

restricted to traditional social work and was oriented to the middle class. He transformed it into an agency that attacked the grass root problems of ghetto Negroes through job training and self-help efforts.

During his dictatorship, the league grew from 60 to 98 branches across the nationa with an annual program costing \$45 million. He increased the staff from 300 to 1,200.

Young had served on seven presidential commissions, was a past president of the National Conference on Social Work, and was a member of the boards of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Urban Institute, and the Urban Coalition. He was awarded the nation's highest civilian award, the Medal of Freedom, by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1969.

Senator blasts spying

WASHINGTON-Sen. Adlai Stevenson III, D-Ill., said Thursday the surveillance employed in a military intelligence system to assemble dossiers on him and thousands of other civilians helped "no one-except the revolutionaries."

Stevenson, calling for increased congressional vigilance over the military establishment, linked government snooping with such "demented" acts as the recent bombing of the U.S. Capitol.

"Terror leads to fear, and fear leads to spying and wiretapping and no-knock laws," he told the Women's National Democratic Club.

"And that perhaps is what the revolutionaries who resort to violence

FT. BENNING, Ga.-Testimony in the court-martial of Lt. William L. Calley Jr. ended Thursday with an admission by one of the commanders at My Lai that he received a message from the nation's top soldier-Gen. William C. Westmoreland-congratulating him on the operation.

Col. Oran K. Henderson, commander of the brigade which bossed the My Lai assault task force, was the 104th and final witness in the court-marital, one of the longest and most publicized in U.S. history.

The case is expected to go to the six-officer jury by next Wednesday, with a verdict likely before the following weekend.

Henderson, who also faces court-martial for allegedly trying to cover up the My Lai affair, testified that higher commands at My Lai were worried about the number of civilian deaths in the village even while the operation was in progress.

seek ... the spying and snooping and

data banks profit no one-except the revolutionaries. It lends credence to their charges that ours has become an unjust and repressive society."

Stevenson, elected last November, was among scores of political leaders and public figures whose names turned up on individual dossiers kept by Army intelligence agencies as part of a campaign begun in 1967 to prepare for civil disorders. Defense officials say the files have since been destroyed, but that some information still is locked in the memory bank of a Pentagon computer that contains data on 25 million Americans.

He said at one point he ordered a body count, but his order was countermanded by his superior, Maj. Gen. Samuel W. Koster, a former superintendent of West Point. Koster also was initially charged with trying to cover up the My Lai massacre but charges were dropped for lack of evidence.

Calley is accused of the premeditated murder of 102 My Lai villagers during the March 16, 1968, assault and, if convicted, could be put to death.

On cross-examination, defense attorney George W. Latimer asked Henderson: "Do you have knowledge of a commendation from Gen. Westmoreland (Army chief of staff)?"

"We did receive a congratulatory message from Gen. Westmoreland, yes,' Henderson replied.

"For the My Lai operation?" "Yes, sir."

Henderson's testimony ended at 10:22 a.m. on the 46th court day, and just one short of four months after jury selection began Nov. 12. Three lengthy recesses, one for the purpose of allowing Army psychiatrists to check on Calley, delayed the proceeding.

The trial judge, Col. Reid W. Kennedy, dismissed the jury until 10 a.m. Monday, when summations are to begin, but told attorneys to be back in court Sunday afternoon to argue over instructions that will be given to the jury.

Calley was the star witness for the defense and spent more than eight hours on the stand contending he was merely following orders of his commander, Ernest L. Medina.

Medina, also facing court-martial for 102 deaths at My Lai, took the stand Wednesday at the request of the jury and denied virtually every point made by Calley.

Chiang made no mention of any specific nations.

feeling as if they have been trying to brush back a flood with a broom." The President declared that the courts must not be allowed to become a "mill of

injustice," and he repudiated the idea that "prisons are warehouses for human rubbish.'

relatively unimportant matters."

Radical feminist hit by Buckley sister

WASHINGTON-A sister of the conservative, Roman Catholic Buckley brothers said Thursday she assaulted radical feminist Ti-Grace Atkinson for "an illiterate harangue against the mystical body of Christ" during a speech announced afterwards: "I think I at Catholic University.

Mrs. Patricial Buckley Bozell, sister of columnist William F. Buckley Jr., and of Sen. James L. Buckley, the New York Conservative, attempted to slap Miss Atkinson Wednesday night at the podium of a university auditorium while the women's liberation militant was discussing the virginity of the Virgin Mary.

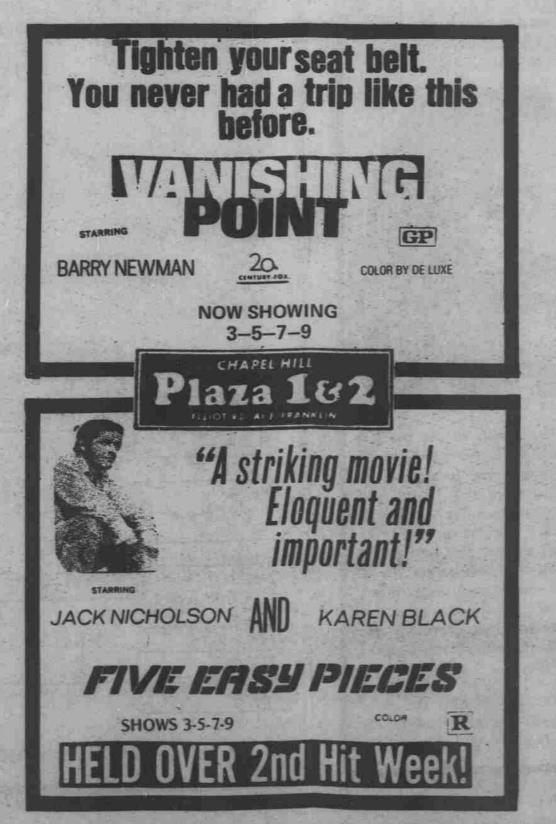
"I can't let her say that," shouted Mrs. Bozell as she ran through the auditorium. Her hand struck a microphone, and Miss Atkinson apparently deflected the blow with her left hand, but Mrs. Bozell established contact."

Mrs. Bozell, managing editor of the Conservative Catholic magazine, Triumph, with her husband, Brent Bozell, as a senior editor, said her foe "can attack the Catholic viewpoint all whe wants to, but I couldn't let her insult the Virgin Mary."

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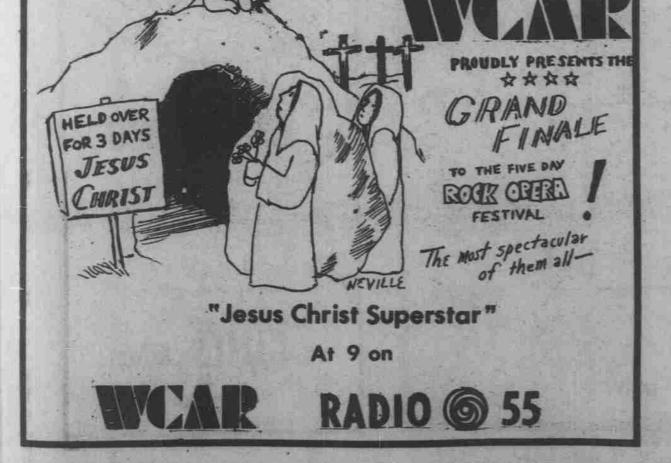


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