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Hue Menaced

New Red Drives Rock Quang Tri



Wounded South Vietnamese soldiers cling to the side of a helicopter as it takes off from An Loc. The copter had carried re-

placements to the war-ravaged provincial capital. (UPI)

SAIGON (UPI) —

North Vietnamese forces overran a district capital on the central coast Saturday and sent tanks and troops in new assaults against the province capital of Quang Tri city below the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) border, field reports said.

The Communists also pushed South Vietnamese defenders from two bases guarding the western approaches to Hue, the former imperial capital 35 miles south of Quang Tri, and moved heavy 130mm artillery within range of the city.

Freelance photographer Ennio Iacobucci, the only journalist still in Quang Tri, described the situation there Saturday night as "chaotic." He said fighting raged around the city throughout the day but that a small garrison of American advisers remained in the U.S. compound there.

Iacobucci said the South Vietnamese units in Quang Tri, 18 miles south of the DMZ, seemed to have "disappeared." He said things were "so chaotic that nobody knows where they have gone or where they are right now."

Ground fire around the city's northernmost city was so (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)

Russ Officials Visit Hanoi

MOSCOW (UPI) — Three high-ranking Soviet officials visited Hanoi, just after Henry Kissinger's Moscow visit, to assure the North Vietnamese of continuing Soviet support, the official Tass news agency said Saturday.

Tass said Deputy Foreign Minister Nikolai Firyubin, Communist Party Secretary Konstantin Katrusehev and Party Official Igor Ognietov conferred with Premier Pham Van Dong and other Hanoi officials April 28 to 29.

Kissinger, President Nixon's national security adviser, visited Moscow secretly April 26 to 28 (Continued on Back Page, Col. 4)

Twins City, Mich.

WALLED LAKE, Mich. (AP) — Teachers in Wall Lake have a bad case of double vision. The problem, however, is not a matter of eyesight. They are confused by 10 sets of twins enrolled at Decker Elementary School. Until recently, the situation was even worse. Last month, an 11th set of twins moved to Arkansas.

Report Last NVA Div. Poised at DMZ

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elements of North Vietnam's last home-based infantry division were reported within striking distance of the Demilitarized Zone Saturday as Nixon administration officials predicted a big enemy push this week on South Vietnam fronts.

Officials clearly expect the North Vietnamese army to coordinate stronger thrusts against South Vietnam with the resumption of peace talks in Paris.

Military sources reported elements of the North Vietnamese 325-C Division have been located within 10 miles of the DMZ. The rest of the division is said to be strung out for about 100 miles, but could close up within a few days.

U.S. warplanes are expected to try to knock out the division's tanks and artillery as they move up.

Pentagon experts say the only divisions left behind in North Vietnam are training units.

The 12 other North Vietnamese army divisions are listed as already engaged in South Vietnam, Cambodia and Northern Laos.

For this reason, Dr. Henry Kissinger, President Nixon's national security adviser, believes the North Vietnamese have no significant replacements left in their homeland to make up for battle losses.

Military authorities are watching for possible engagement of two North Vietnamese divisions—the 315th and the 316th—from the secondary campaign against Royal Lao forces in Northern Laos and their commitment to the South Vietnamese offensive.

Analysts say they look for even bigger North Vietnamese efforts this week in the north-

ernmost provinces of South Vietnam, where the cities of Quang Tri and Hue are seriously threatened.

Also, the analysts said, the North Vietnamese can be expected to redouble their attacks in the Central Highlands, apparently aimed at taking the provincial capital of Kontum. And they forecast intensified North Vietnamese assaults in the region further south, on the approaches to Saigon.

American officials are monitoring with particular concern the performance of the South Vietnamese First Division defending Hue, ancient capital of

Vietnam. This division long has been regarded as South Vietnam's best. If it should be defeated, Pentagon confidence in the ability of the South Vietnamese army likely would be shaken.

In an official assessment last week, the Pentagon said the South Vietnamese forces had acquitted themselves very well and had blunted the enemy offensive in the northernmost region below the DMZ as well as near Saigon.

That was before the new North Vietnamese assaults aimed at Quang Tri and Hue. (Continued on Back Page, Col. 4)

Of Students and Hair Hirsute of Happiness Overruled

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, sitting en banc, has ruled 10-4 that the Constitution does not guarantee high school students the right to wear long hair.

The ruling came in a case involving Chesley Karr, 18, who in 1970 was denied enrollment to Coronado High School in El Paso, Tex., because his hair length did not conform to student grooming regulations.

Karr took his case to federal district court in

El Paso and won, but the decision was appealed to the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black.

Black ruled that hair length was a matter for local authorities to settle and should be of no concern to a federal court, prompting Friday's 5th Circuit decision.

"We think it is plain that individual liberties (Continued on Back Page, Col. 5)