

Clifford Briefed on 1st Day In City Braced for Attack

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SAIGON — In the uneasy atmosphere of a city awaiting a new Communist attack, U.S. Defense Secretary Clark M. Clifford spent his first day in Vietnam Monday on a busy round of secret briefings with American military and State Department officials.

Clifford was expected to meet Tuesday with South Vietnam's President Nguyen Van Thieu in a preliminary to Thieu's conference with President Johnson later this week in Hawaii.

The secretary and his party moved through the city under strict security Monday as rumors of an impending attack mounted.

U.S. officials in Saigon said that as a security measure details of Clark's movements in Vietnam would be released only "after the fact."

Clifford and his party spent most of the day in the U.S. Embassy, for talks with Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker and other officials on the political and economic situations, and at the "Pentagon East", U.S. Military Assistance Command Headquarters of Gen. Creighton W. Abrams.

As the secretary was briefed, there were unofficial reports that two Communist brigades had marched more than 200 miles from the Central Highlands to join what are believed to be elements of four Viet divisions already poised in the vicinity of Saigon for an attack on the capital.

Clifford and his party were expected to spend at least part of Tuesday in Saigon, then head for inspection tours in various parts of the country.

Aside from the tough security

precautions, Clifford's first visit to Vietnam has been marked by an almost total lack of pomp and demonstration on the part of the Vietnamese government, which a month ago gave a rousing reception to Australia's Prime Minister John Gorton. An all-American reception committee awaited the defense chief Sunday night at Tan Son Nhut airport, and while the Vietnamese press has given him top play, Clifford's visit so far has been quietly accepted by Saigon officials.

With the secretary are Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Assistant Secretary of State William P. Bundy, Assistant Defense Secretaries Phil G. Goulding and Paul Warnke, Air Force Maj. Gen. John B. McPherson, Vice Director of the Joint Staff, and Charles W. Havens, Clifford's special assistant.

Hanoi Gets Serious In Coffee Breaks

PARIS (AP) — North Vietnam's peace delegation said Monday that some questions brought up at the Paris talks are also being discussed at informal "coffee breaks" during the sessions.

Nguyen Thanh Le, the North Vietnamese spokesman, told a news conference that "on rare occasions" serious matters have been talked about. Up to now, the North Vietnamese have been reporting that only irrele-

vant chit-chat about the health, travel plans and housing difficulties of the delegation members came up.

Le said Monday that at the July 3 meeting, U.S. Ambassador W. Averell Harriman had reiterated in these informal talks his thanks for the decision of the North Vietnamese government to release three more American airmen and that this subject was discussed. There was still no word on when the Americans would actually be let go.

Le said that his delegation had made no agreement with the U.S. delegation about not reporting what goes on in the coffee breaks. He said that he was willing to tell reporters all about them. The U.S. delegation has refused to report on these internession talks in the hope that these could develop into private discussions which delegation members believe are the only kind which can lead to concrete developments.

The North Vietnamese spokesman said that two months of talks in Paris had not brought "a ray of hope."

Aussies Hunt Reds On Coast

SAIGON (AP) — Australian military headquarters announced Monday a new reconnaissance-in-force operation by units of the 1st Australian Task Force in Phuoc Tuy Province on the coast southeast of Saigon.

An Australian military spokesman said a patrol scouting ahead of a Co., 1st Bn., Royal Australian Regt., shot and killed a Viet Cong on the first day of the operation Sunday.

The sweep to root out the Viet Cong is centered near Long Green, an area of heavy logging on the eastern edge of Phuoc Tuy Province.

The operation is code-named Albany and is led by Lt. Col. Phil Bennett of Perth, commander of the 1st Bn.

Reds Kill Thai Chief

BANGKOK (UPI) — Prime Minister Thanom Kittikachorn reported Monday that Communist terrorists killed one village headman and wounded one villager in an ambush in Tung Yoo Village in Chingrai Province, 600 miles north of Bangkok, last week.

Thanom said only one clash was reported in Chingrai district, Chingrai Province, on July 6. Two terrorists were killed and two were injured but escaped.

Eight terrorists were captured and four surrendered.

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SAIGON — Maj. Gen. Chafard Hruusiri, the incoming commander of Royal Thai forces in Vietnam, arrived in Saigon Monday.

He was greeted at Tan Son Nhut Airport by officers and men of Thailand's Army, Navy and Air Force, and leaders of the Free World Military Assistance Command.

After a review of his troops, he was officially welcomed to Vietnam by Lt. Gen. T. N. Tam, chairman of the Free World Military Assistance Working Committee.

Hruusiri, who will take command of the Thai troops July 25, said his men "will devote themselves in every way, even with their lives, to bring peace to this country."

Thailand's strength in Vietnam will increase significantly during Hruusiri's year as commander. The Army's 10,000-man Black Panther Div. is to arrive next month.

Casualties

WASHINGTON (S&S) — The Defense Department has announced the following casualties in connection with the conflict in Vietnam.

KILLED IN ACTION

Army
Col. Fred E. Mitchell III, West Birmingham, Ala.
Pfc. Michael E. Davis, Pleasanton, Ala.
SP5 Ronald G. White Sr., Clifton, Ark.
Sgt. Gerald L. Lymore, Berkeley, Ark.
Sgt. Donald S. Neuberger, Berkeley, Calif.
SP4 David J. Sharp, Sacramento, Calif.
Lt. John C. Holton Jr., Jacksonville, Fla.
Sgt. Donald C. Johns, McIntosh, Fla.
Sgt. James A. Goodman, Hopkinton, Mass.
SP4 Donald C. Wilson, Portland, Me.
1st Lt. Charles J. Dickey, Lancaster, N.H.
SP4 William P. Weber, Danville, N.J.
SP4 John C. Fields, Oklahoma City, Okla.
SP4 Charles E. Moore Jr., Junction City, Ore.
Pfc. Thomas T. Sprinkle, Mechanicsburg, Pa.
Pfc. Jerry P. Barbee, Dyersburg, Tenn.
Sgt. Roy L. Whittier, Houston, Tex.
Pfc. Manuel V. Arenas Jr., Anarito, Yuc.
Sgt. Wallace B. Werner, Willow, Wash.
Marine Corps
Sgt. John B. Moreno, Vallejo, Calif.
Col. Randall M. Waugh, Paramount, Calif.
1st Lt. Lawrence Pinner, San Pedro, Calif.
2d Lt. Carl P. Helfrich, Gainesville, Fla.
1st Lt. James Taylor, Miami, Fla.
Capt. James E. Thomas, Fort Meade, Ga.
1st Lt. Thomas R. Koppen, Evansville, Ind.
Pfc. Carroll S. Deudomine, Silver Springs, Md.
Sgt. Earl Thomas, Cleveland Heights, Ohio
Pfc. Jerry Ector, Cincinnati, Ohio
Pfc. Thomas L. Wilson, Hamilton, Ohio
Don T. Shoarer, Oklahoma City, Okla.
LCol. Timothy W. Olney, Irwin, Pa.
Capt. Raymond E. Shown, Bryson, Tex.
LCol. Gary R. Bussell, Brainerd, Va.
DIED OF WOUNDS
Marine Corps
LCol. Arthur B. Mullins, Mobile, Ala.
Sgt. Richard M. Chamberlain, Wilmington, Del.
MISSING TO DEAD-HOSTILE
Army
Pfc. John M. Bullis, Covington, La.
Col. Richard B. Sands, Springfield, Ill.
SP5 Michael A. Powell, Kansas City, Mo.
Marine Corps
Pfc. Paul E. Hickey, Rockwell, Calif.
Pfc. Herbert R. Aldridge, Cedar Rapids, Ia.
Pfc. Daryl B. Terhune Jr., Harvey, La.
Pfc. James E. Moore, Kansas City, Mo.
Pfc. Joseph A. McCarthy, Kansas City, Mo.
Pfc. Harry K. Lishaw, Res. Co.
Pfc. James E. Allen, Richmond, Va.
DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION
Army
SP4 Douglas Soward, Beckley, Calif.
SP5 David R. Finnard, Bristol, Conn.
Pfc. Donald H. Foster, Williams, Conn.
Pfc. William R. Curry, Columbia, Ky.
SP4 Milton J. Johnson, Pikes, La.
2d Lt. Pamela D. Duncan, Fort Meade, Md.
Pfc. Russell D. Webb, Springfield, Mo.
Pfc. Stephen R. Steinhilber, Clinton, N.J.
SP5 Louis J. McFarland, Virginia Beach, Va.

MISSING NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

Army
SP4 Steven F. Harper
SP4 James T. Correction
Pfc. James K. Leach, USMC, change status from dead as a result of hostile action to killed in action.



The door gunner came dressed for the occasion and Capt. Patricia Mann to their new home at Chu Lai. (AP Radiophoto)

Takes Newlyweds to Honeymoon Hut

Copter Gives Cupid a Lift

CHU LAI, Vietnam (UPI)—A helicopter that usually lifts wounded men from battle Saturday carried a pair of newlyweds to their honeymoon hut, and the pilot could not have been happier.

In his months in South Vietnam, CWO 2 Norman Shanahan, 22, of Jacksonville, Fla., has been shot down twice while trying to remove wounded Americans from the fighting zone. Each time CWO 2 Don Sewell, 22, of San Antonio, swooped out of the sky to rescue him.

Shanahan returned the favors Saturday. He chauffeured Sewell and his new wife, Capt. Patricia H. Mann, 24, an Army nurse, of Washington, to their new home and a gala reception. The bride wore white and the helicopter had "just married" painted on its nose.

Green and yellow clouds from smoke grenades heralded the couple's passage and those on the ground cheered. It was the first marriage between Americans at this forward combat base, and all agreed it could not have happened to better people.

Sgt. J.C. Carnello Arria volunteered to cook the food for a reception and Chaplain Donald Kinney, of Syracuse, N.Y., obtained South Vietnamese Bay Scouts to act as altar boys for the church service.

Maj. Patrick Grady, of Seattle, Wash., agreed to be the best man and Maj. Kenneth Cass, of Waterbury, Conn., gave the bride away.

First Lt. Kathleen Wagners-park, of Raceland, La., was the bridesmaid.

"I roomed with Sewell through flight school and he pulled me out twice after I was shot down," Shanahan said. "It was real great flying him from

his wedding."

A house resting on a bluff above the South China Sea reflects what the other men of the 64th Medical Evac. Det. think of the Silver Star winning helicopter ambulance pilots.

"It is a three-room affair decked with air conditioners and stereo."

"It is fantastic," Sewell's new wife said. "It has everything a bride could want."

This will be the home of Sewell and his wife who works as a nurse at the 2nd Surgical Hospital for the next nine months.

"The people in the unit scrounged all the materials for the house and built it," Sewell said. "It was a fine wedding present."

Even with the rank difference, however, there is no question who will be the boss of the household. "I am only the Mrs.," the captain said. "He (the warrant officer) wears the pants."