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'Aid Cut Could Hurt Paris Talks'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Defense Clark M. Clifford has told the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee that drastic curtailment of foreign aid could affect the Paris peace negotiations.

The warning from Clifford,

Clifford
Talks to
Thieu

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SAIGON — Defense Secretary Clark Clifford met with Vietnam President Nguyen Van Thieu for three hours Tuesday.

A spokesman for the secretary's party said the two men conferred for an hour in the morning before sharing a two-hour working lunch.

Later in the day Clifford went on to visit Prime Minister Tran Van Huong and Vice President Nguyen Can Ky.

Thieu had previously announced he would discuss the Vietnamese Army's need for more modern equipment with Clifford. Thieu is scheduled to go to Honolulu this week to discuss the war with President Johnson. Clifford will be on hand as an advisor to Johnson.

The press was given 10 minutes to film the arrival of the American party and their greeting by Thieu, during which Clifford was heard to say, "President Johnson sends his warmest regards."

Young Patton
Takes Viet Job

SAIGON (AP) — Col. George S. Patton, son of America's most famous tank commander, took command of the 11th Armored Cav. Regt. in Vietnam Monday, the U.S. Army announced Tuesday.

Patton is the son of the late Gen. George S. Patton Sr., "Old Blood and Guts," who commanded the U.S. 3rd Army in World War Two.

Sgt. Maj. Dunaway
Selected Top NCO

S&S Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Sgt. Maj. George W. Dunaway of the 101st Air Cav. Div. in Vietnam has been selected as the Army's top non-commissioned officer to replace Sgt. Maj. of the Army William O. Wooldridge, the Army announced Tuesday.

Dunaway will succeed Wooldridge Sept. 1.

Meanwhile the Army also revealed that Gen. Harold K. Johnson presented Wooldridge with the Distinguished Service Medal for "eminently meritorious service" as the first Sgt. Maj. of the Army.

The award was made at the Pentagon shortly before Johnson retired early this month as Army Chief of Staff.

Wooldridge is the first enlisted man to receive the DSM since WWII. The award normally only

now on an inspection trip to Vietnam, was contained in a letter to Rep. Thomas E. Morgan, D-Pa., who released it on the eve of Tuesday's opening debate on the always controversial foreign aid bill.

"The impact of a drastic cutback or a complete moratorium in economic aid on countries such as Korea and Thailand would be immediate and calamitous," Clifford wrote.

"Discontinuation of aid to South Vietnam and Laos could create internal situations which would prejudice the Paris peace negotiations and the accomplishment of our objectives in Southeast Asia," he added.

Morgan sent copies of the letter to all House members.

Following Tuesday's debate, the bill will be put aside until Thursday so members attending

the Wednesday funeral of Rep. Jim Pool, D-Tex., can be on hand for the battle over amendments.

Morgan's committee slashed the administration's request for the fiscal year that began July 1 from \$2.56 billion to \$2.36 billion.

The bill squeaked by the House by only eight votes last year when Congress authorized \$2.67 billion for the program, but then appropriated only \$2.2 billion.

A series of cutting amendments are in store along with an effort to clamp a one-year moratorium on the program and probably an attempt to kill it outright.

The committee bill allocates \$1.97 billion for economic aid as compared with the administration request for \$2.54 billion. Military aid was cut from \$420 million to \$390 million.

Clifford also cautioned against a military aid moratorium.

Some Republicans on the committee have served notice they're going to seek additional cuts of around \$400 million. Rep. Paul G. Rogers, D-Fla., has suggested a one-year moratorium.

Reps. Robert Taft Jr., R-Ohio, and Charles E. Goodell, R-N.Y., wrote their 185 GOP colleagues that the committee-approved bill is "a reasonable compromise." In any event, they urged that cuts not go below the \$1.9 billion level.

One member, Rep. Dante B. Pascall, D-Calif., said he was going to try to add \$10 million so southern hemisphere countries could strengthen defenses to prevent Communist-inspired landings. He also wants to put a ban on dealing with countries which trade with Cuba.

SAIGON — Two Air Force fighter-bombers—including the first from an Air National Guard unit—were shot down Sunday, U.S. spokesmen said Tuesday.

The Air National Guard pilot, from the 174th Tactical Fighter Sq., was killed when his F-100 Super Sabre went down 34 miles southwest of Hué along the western edge of the A Shau Valley. It was the 282nd American plane shot down over South Vietnam.

The squadron, which came to Vietnam this year, is attached to the 37th Tactical Fighter Wing at Phu Cat AB.

An F-105 Thunderchief was hit by ground fire over the southern panhandle and crashed northwest of Dong Hoi—the 89th warplane lost to enemy fire over North Vietnam.

Reports of B-52 destruction in North and South Vietnam during the weekend were given Tuesday by U.S. spokesmen. They said Sunday's raids against storage complexes 15 miles north of the demilitarized zone set off 31 secondary explosions. It was the deepest penetration into the panhandle for the jets since last Dec. 8.

Meanwhile, reports from forward air controllers in the Mekong Delta said strikes against Nui Co To, which the Vietnamese call "superstition mountain," caused 70 secondary blasts, and destroyed 165 bunkers and more than 100 yards of trackage.

The eight-engine jets mounted two more strikes over North Vietnam's panhandle Tuesday, blasting supply areas and artillery positions about 30 miles southeast of Dong Hoi. In South Vietnam, they hit five times Monday and Tuesday around Saigon, Kontum City in the Central Highlands and Da Nang to the north.

Eleven secondary blasts were sighted after a strike 40 miles southwest of Da Nang in Quang Nam Province. The targets were bunker complexes and troop concentrations, and the large explosions indicate the bunkers were being used as supply points.

Confiscated Red Rocket

Troops of the 101st Air Cav. Div. load a captured enemy rocket aboard a helicopter. The

troops found an arms cache near Hué during Operation Nevada Eagle. (USA)

Benner Sails
Into a Cake

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WITH THE TENT FLEET —

There were 199 ships before her, but the destroyer Benner took the cake.

It was a just dessert.

The Benner, fresh from firing more than 500 shells in support of 101st Air Cav. Div. units along the South Vietnamese coast, pulled alongside the ammunition ship Munna Kea to resupply. Along with the new load of ammo came the cake.

The Munna Kea's primary officer, Lt. Marvin J. Ford of Las Vegas, explained to the surprised destroyer crew that the Benner was the 200th ship to resupply from the ammo ship since it arrived in the South China Sea.

The Benner's commander, Cmdr. Richard C. Maurer of Torrance, Calif., ordered the trophy served at the evening meal.

goes to senior officers. Woolridge leaves this summer for a new assignment with U.S. Army headquarters in Vietnam.

He previously served in Vietnam as Sgt. Maj. of the 1st Inf. Div.

Dunaway, the second soldier to hold the title, was selected from nominations by major Army commanders throughout the world. He will be assigned to Army Chief of Staff Gen. William C. Westmoreland's office as senior enlisted adviser and consultant on enlisted personnel; on the professional education, growth and advancement of NCOs; and on morale, training, pay, promotions and other areas concerning enlisted personnel.

In addition, he will also be available to present the enlisted man's point of view to Army boards and committees.

Dunaway is a 26-year veteran of Army service.

Vietnam Casualties

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

KILLED IN ACTION

Col. Robert W. Giblin, Merced, Calif. Pfc. John J. Avch, Clearwater, Fla. Pfc. Charles D. Bennis, Colton, Calif. Sfc. William L. Bostick, Fort Wayne, Ind. Sfc. William R. Hopkins, Shreveport, La. Sfc. Leonard C. Shirley, Louisville, Ky. Sfc. Frederick R. Allredge, Rumford, Me. Sfc. James E. Johnson, Fort Bragg, N.C. Cpl. James R. Young, Novi, Mich. Pfc. Arthur Hormen, Laurel, Miss. Cpl. Jones J. Strange, Jr., Clinton, Miss.

Sgt. Louis F. Pezzler, New York City. Sfc. William J. Turner Jr., Warsaw, N.C. Pfc. James E. Jones Jr., Vandalia, Ohio. Pfc. James S. Jones, Fort Worth, Tex. Work.

Sgt. Luis R. Mercado-Contreras, Lojas, P.R. (Army) Corp. Tony A. Baker, South San Francisco, Calif.

Pfc. Gerald T. Daffey, Castro Valley, Calif.

Pfc. Donald C. Kyle, Miami, Fla. Pfc. Ron D. Wooldridge, Waukegan, Ill.

Pfc. Richard D. Gordon, Indianapolis, Ind.

Pfc. Warren L. Bibbs, Port Huron, Mich. L.Cpl. Gerald L. Baldwin, Coopersburg, Pa.

L.Cpl. Luperio Gargio, Balcon, N.M. L.Cpl. Gerald L. Baldwin, Coopersburg, Pa.

Cpl. Anthony W. Grundy, Clearview, Okla.

Cpl. Robert A. Reznick, Upper Darby, Pa.

Cpl. Jose G. Garcia, San Antonio, Tex.

Cpl. Gary W. Hopkins, South Houston, Tex. Cpl. Stephen H. Lewis, Houston, Tex. Cpl. Timothy L. Iren, Milwaukee, Wis.

DIED OF WOUNDS

Cpl. Robert E. Astor, Philadelphia, Pa. Marine Corps.

Cpl. John W. Greene, Lake Village, Ark.

Cpl. Robert A. Aumus, Sacramento, Calif.

MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE

Army

Sgt. Harry D. Stet, Hilo, Hawaii.

Pfc. Gary W. Little, Flossie City, Mich.

MISSING IN ACTION

Army

Sgt. John L. Haford Jr.

DIED AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

Army

Pfc. William G. Pendley, Carbon Hill, Ala.

Sgt. Ivory Hill, New Orleans, La.

Sgt. John W. Washington Jr., Mount Olive, Miss.

Sgt. Hugh Coyle, Bloomfield, N.J.

Sgt. Ishkra S. Zuran, Alameda, Calif.

Pfc. Edward Lester, Chapmanville, W. Va.

Navy

Cpl. Tony A. Baker, South San Francisco, Calif.

Marine Corps

Cpl. Jerry N. Ellis, White Bear Lake, Minn.

Sgt. Howard T. Roberts, Houston, Tex.

Pvt. James W. Davis, Fort Worth, Tex.

MISSING NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

Army

Sgt. Lovington Gillill, USA.

Correction

Pfc. Stephen J. McElroy, USA. Change

status from died as a result of hostile action to killed in action.

Picture of
helicopter
101st Air Cav Div