

Highlands Battle Rages 12th Day

SAIGON (UPI) — North Vietnamese troops fiercely attacked a battalion of U.S. paratroopers Monday as the battle of the South Vietnamese central highlands moved into its twelfth day.

A U.S. commander called it one of the most important fights of the war.

Fighting raged in the thick bamboo jungle for more than three hours, from late afternoon until after nightfall. There were no immediate reports of the casualties.

Earlier the Communists overran and occupied a small village two miles from Dak To, mortared two U.S. command posts in the mountains, hit a reconnaisance patrol which had to be lifted out in a hurry, and shelled a helicopter 10 seconds after it landed.

Maj. Gen. William Peers, commander of the 4th Inf. Div., said he learned, from Hanoi radio, that Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap, defense minister of North Vietnam, "is personally in charge of the battle."

"This may well be the most significant battle since Ia Drang," Peers said. Ia Drang was scene of one of America's most-heralded victories in 1965, the year of the big U.S. buildup here.

Lt. Gen. William Rossen predicted the Dak To fight—like Ia Drang—would end in a U.S. victory.

"The NVA (North Vietnamese army) have showed no signs of withdrawing," Rossen, commander of U.S. I field forces, said. "We have a slight edge on them in size and a hell of a lot more in firepower and mobility."

"We have a prospect of a really significant victory here," he said.

Six more Communists were killed in scattered fighting before

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House Backs LBJ On Poverty Funds

WASHINGTON (AP)

—The House rallied to the support of the beleaguered antipoverty program Monday, rejecting a Republican-backed effort to cut it by \$660 million.

The 159-149 nonrecord vote left intact the \$2.08-billion request of President Johnson for carrying on activities of the Office of Economic Opportunity through fiscal 1968.

Another GOP amendment, to knock out a second-year authorization for the program, was approved, 130 to 130.

The key vote on the money was a smashing victory for the House leadership over the bloc (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)



U.S. PARATROOPS CARRY WOUNDED BUDDY TO EVACUATION HELICOPTER DURING DAK TO ACTION. AP Wirephoto

Freed PWs In U.S. Molten Steel Splatters 21

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Tons of white-hot molten steel spewed over 21 men at a foundry Monday, killing two workers and setting off screams of anguish to what a survivor called a scene of hell.

The Jefferson County Coroner's Office said Jerry Copeland, 30, and John Jefton, 39, died of burns after they and six others were critically injured. Three others were seriously injured and 10 received first aid. The unexplained blast sent 17,000 pounds of liquid steel flying out the end of a large centrifugal molding machine.

M. Sgt. Edward R. Johnson of Pensacola, Fla., was carried from the plane, strapped in a wheelchair. He has been suffering from dysentery and malaria. (Continued on Back Page, Col. 3)

to be blown. "It was hell," said John Whately, a worker who escaped injury.

The new door just blew out of the machine and the molten metal was knocking down people everywhere.

"There was a blinding flash. I wanted to run," he said, "but I couldn't. I was frozen in my tracks."

"Then the screaming got to me and other workers, and I ran to the injured lying or struggling on the floor, burning, burning. Almost at once everyone who was able started putting out fires on the other men."

Whately said some employees

fought the fire, which had spread throughout half the building, while others loaded the victims onto stretchers.

"Some were burned so bad you couldn't recognize who they were," he said.

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Sato Arrives In D.C. for Talks On Viet, Okinawa

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Japanese Prime Minister Eisaku Sato said on arrival here Monday he expects to have a "frank exchange of views with the President on matters of mutual concern to our two countries."

Sato, describing Japan and the United States as "two partners facing each other across the Pacific," said he hoped his talks with Johnson would place U.S.-Japan relations "on an even firmer basis and become increasingly fruitful and mutually beneficial."

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that has forced deep cuts in other programs this session. About 20 Republicans broke with their party leaders to help support the winning margin.

Rep. Ogden L. Rold, R-N.Y., speaking directly to his GOP colleagues just before the vote, said the party would be turning its back on the deficit if it supported the heavy cut.

The amendment to reduce the spending level to \$1.4 billion was offered by Rep. Charles E. Goodell, R-N.Y., as part of a substitute GOP bill that would redirect the entire antipoverty program.

Speaker John W. McCormick, D-Mass., said the proposed cut would force drastic reductions in Head Start, Job Corps, Neighborhood Youth Corps and the other antipoverty programs.

The vote justified a decision reached by the House leadership last week to avoid any further compromises to get votes for the antipoverty program. The decision was based on the belief the Republicans are courting political disaster in urban areas by their opposition to the program.

Republican mayors and governors have been bombarding the House in recent days with appeals for continuation of the program without major changes or money cuts.

Dozens of amendments still remain to be acted on before the bill is put to a final vote, probably on Wednesday.

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Honolulu	55 40	Hong Kong	75 64		
Seoul	55 43	Jakarta	85 72		
Naha	72 46	K. Lumpur	84 73		
Taipei	70 66	Hobart	95 57		
Manila	66 73	Singapore	85 74		
Guan	79 76	Sydney	79 62		
Albany	58 42	Memphis	73 54		
Albuquerque	70 38	Milwaukee	85 68		
Amesville	75 41	Moscow	44 34		
Atlanta	74 45	N. Orleans	78 55		
Birmingham	76 41	N.Y.	85 74		
Boston	51 48	N. Platte	74 47		
Chicago	47 42	Orlando	57 49		
Cleveland	60 52	Phila.	57 59		
Des Moines	57 43	Pittsburgh	61 48		
Detroit	52 42	Po. D.	60 59		
Duluth	52 42	Portland	62 50		
Fort Worth	54 19	Richmond	76 47		
Honolulu	63 43	St. Louis	64 48		
Honolulu	83 72	St. Paul	54 38		
Houston	75 52	St. Louis	55 38		
Indians	58 40	St. Paul	78 54		
Jacksonville	79 57	San Diego	72 61		
Kansas City	76 42	San Fran.	62 57		
Las Vegas	75 42	Seattle	55 46		
London	75 48	Shreveport	79 44		
L.A.	78 63	Tucson	87 64		
Louisville	65 54	Wash.	76 52		

24 Pacific Stars & Stripes

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After Sato's arrival at the White House on Tuesday morning, he will meet with President Johnson and then visit the Blair House in Washington, D.C., to meet with First Lady Lady Bird Johnson. Sato's visit is the first official visit by a Japanese prime minister to the United States.

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working and a runner was sent two miles through thick jungle for help. But reinforcements arrived three hours after the Communists had gone.

The Communists later fired 40 rounds into U.S. command posts in the mountains, but only two G.I.s were injured. The shelling lasted an hour.

A long-range reconnaissance patrol, on the move in the jungles north of the battlefield, reported running into what was thought to be large elements of the North Vietnamese 17th Regt., indicating the Communists were sending reinforcements.

Two Communist regiments were already committed to the battle and another two were believed standing in reserve. The battle site is only four miles east of Cambodia, sometimes used as a staging area for North Vietnamese forces, according to American intelligence. It is 280 miles north of Saigon.

Either a rocket or a mortar shell hit a U.S. helicopter seconds after it touched down in a landing zone carved out of the jungle. One crew member was killed.

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Homemade Bomb In Oven Kills Boy

HASSFURT, Germany (UPI) — A 16-year-old schoolboy fashioned a homemade bomb, apparently threw it into the oven in his home at nearby Fuerbach-Spielhof, and was killed when the explosion destroyed the house, police said.

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4 Sailors Desert in War Protest

TOKYO (UPI) — A Japanese anti-war group announced Monday four young American sailors have deserted their ship here in protest against the Vietnam war.

A joint statement signed by the four enlisted men who quit the USS Intrepid said they were seeking political asylum in Japan "or any other country not engaged in the war."

U.S. military spokesmen identified them as Airman Appren, Michel Alfred Lindner, 19; and Airman John M. Barilla, Richard D. Bailey, 19, and Craig W. Anderson, 20.

The film showed the four sailors, dressed in civilian clothes, seated in a semi-circle as they read their individual statements opposing American policy in Vietnam.

They failed to return to the Intrepid on Oct. 24 after having left Japan. The Intrepid sailed from Yokosuka Oct. 25. It had previously been on duty in the Tonkin Gulf.

A joint statement by the four sailors said, "We oppose the escalation of the Vietnam war because in our opinion the murder and needless slaughter of civilians through the systematic bombing of an agricultural, poverty-stricken country

and spokesmen of the Japanese government refused to give any indication of their whereabouts.

They cannot be granted political asylum in Japan under terms of the U.S.-Japan defense treaty—which specifically provides that American military men attempting to defect or desert in Japan must be handed back to U.S. jurisdiction when arrested in the war.

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The four young sailors listed themselves in a sound film shown by the Japanese "People's Vietnam Committee," as being deserters.

Anderson said he was from San Jose, Calif., and his ship was from Baltimore, in the film, shown at a news conference.

None of the four sailors appeared at the news conference, and the four sailors were identified as Dorothy Turner, 55, a clerk in the Justice Department's anti-trust division, and Cornelius Turner, her husband.

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