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'HESTER' RIPS VIET; 39 DEAD, 34 HURT



A soldier surveys the damage to Freedom Hill Area Headquarters of the 186th Light Inf. Brigade in Da Nang Sunday after Typhoon Hester roared through the area. (UPI)

SAIGON (UPI) — South Vietnamese and American troops began massive mapping up operations Sunday in the wake of Typhoon Hester, which ravaged a 200-mile stretch of coastline Saturday from Quang Ngai Province north to the Demilitarized Zone.

Casualty reports from the devastated area began trickling in, and by late afternoon showed a total of 39 dead, including two Americans, and 34 injured, including 21 Americans, spokesmen said. They were expected to go higher as communications with the five-province area were restored.

The storm, which may prove one of the worst in Vietnamese history by the time casualty rolls and damage estimates are completed, brought war activity in the embattled I Military Region to a standstill. Even big American B52 bombers which fly above the weather made no strikes in the region. (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)

Courtesy Pass

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UPI) — A letter addressed to "Tennessee's Greatest Governor" arrived at the State Capitol and was routed to the desk of Gov. Winfield Dunn. The governor forwarded it to his predecessor, Buford Ellington. But courtesy is a two-way street, so Ellington returned the letter, still unopened, with a note saying he was sure it was intended for Dunn. When Dunn opened the letter, it began: "Dear Governor Browning..." Gordon Browning served as the state's chief executive from 1949 until 1953.

Cops Grab Arsenal In Toronto

TORONTO, Ont. (UPI) — Police Sunday arrested two persons and seized a virtual arsenal of weapons during at least 18 raids in the Toronto area after being tipped that attempts would be made to assassinate Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin during his visit here.

The raids were carried out just hours before Kosygin was to arrive in Toronto on a special flight from Edmonton, Alberta.

Toronto police inspector Roy Soplet, in charge of the raids said the seizures netted "a number of loaded firearms, which included rifles, automatic rifles, handguns, revolvers, automatic pistols, a large quantity of ammunition, bayonets, large knives and other materials."

Soplet said the raids were carried out after the Toronto Police department received "information that attempts would be made to assassinate Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin." He said the information had been received "from various sources in the past while."

The right wing Edmund Burke Society (EBS) said 10 of their members were raided, but police said the raids were not just confined to the EBS.

Arrested were James Gerald Doyle, 18, and Kenneth Wilson, both of Toronto. Doyle was charged with possession of a restricted weapon and possession of an offensive weapon.

Donald Andrews, 26, chairman (Continued on Back Page, Col. 2)

Rescued Pooch Wags His Tail Section

HONOLULU (UPI) — A dog that traveled 30,000 miles while trapped five days inside a giant 747 jumbojet was eating dog food instead of electrical wire Sunday after his discovery by repair crews.

Bandit, a 2-year-old mongrel belonging to the James Tribon family, escaped from his cage

while flying on a Northwest Orient jetliner from Seattle to Honolulu.

When the plane reached Honolulu, the cage was empty and the dog couldn't be found in the baggage compartment. He had squirmed into a tiny electrical compartment deep inside the plane.

The dog nibbled tinfoil, electrical wire and insulation during the next five days as the plane flew to San Francisco, Tokyo, New York and back to Tokyo — 30,000 miles in all.

He was discovered Saturday, weak and wobbly, by technicians who opened the compartment to check delicate fire-

warning devices which the dog apparently had disturbed.

Airline experts said they couldn't figure out how Bandit got into the compartment. There is no open passageway leading to it and technicians had to remove an entire ceiling panel to rescue him.



Above left, Vietnamese struggle to ride their motorbikes through knee-deep water as Typhoon Hester pounds the Da Nang area. Top right, "The Chapel on the Hill" is no more after the typhoon ripped it to pieces. Below, a woman battles her way against the winds in Da Nang as others try to save market stalls. (AP, UPI Radiophotos)

Hester Stalls Bombers

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SAIGON — Seventh Air Force fighter-bomber pilots flew only four air strikes throughout Vietnam, and no B52 bombing missions were flown in the country as Typhoon Hester brought air operations to a virtual standstill Saturday, the U.S. command said Sunday.

The last time air activity was so light was in mid-July when bad weather grounded most U.S. warplanes, a spokesman said.

All four fighter-bomber strikes flown during the 24 hours ended at 6 a.m. Sunday were against targets in III Military Region.

Meanwhile, a skirmish flared late Saturday morning 10 miles north of Saigon, and a company from the 5th ARVN Inf. Div. killed five Communists in the clash, South Vietnamese command spokesmen said Sunday.

One ARVN soldier was wounded in the fighting, and the company found one AK47 rifle, spokesmen said.

Earlier Communist sappers slipped into Lai Khe Base, Headquarters of the 5th ARVN Inf. Div., and destroyed three vehicles parked behind the officers club, spokesmen said.

The sappers cut the barbed wire perimeter wire and crept into the base undetected under cover of early morning darkness, spokesmen said.

They escaped after setting off an explosive charge that demolished a jeep and two motorbikes and damaged one motorbike at the base 25 miles northwest of Saigon.

Spokesmen said traffic resumed Saturday over a portion of Route 28 that was torn up by mines a day earlier. The road was damaged when Communists set off the mines 40 miles northwest of Saigon.

Overall action in Vietnam was sporadic as South Vietnamese military spokesmen reported 14 Communist-initiated incidents against military units and civilians.



Typhoon Sweeps U.S. Base

A Terrifying, Closeup Look at Hester

By DAVID KENNERLY

FREEDOM HILL, Da Nang, Vietnam (UPI)—It was the groaning of an irresistible force meeting an immovable object that first caught my attention.

The irresistible force—in the shape of vicious Typhoon Hester—won out as I watched, wrenching hundreds of pounds of roof and wooden frame from the top of what had been a well built headquarters of the 196th Light Inf. Brigade.

There was no warning that Hester would hit us at this U.S. rear base at the edge of South Vietnam's second largest city. Not

that much could have been done anyway.

For six hours at the storm's peak, roofs were ripped away, buildings literally exploded and five ton trucks swayed before the 120-mile-an-hour fury of Vietnam's worst storm in at least a year.

Only luck prevented casualties at this base.

My vantage points for a terrifying experience included the inside of several buildings that were progressively ripped apart, pinned against walls by gusting winds, and finally inside a fire station, Freedom Hill's only truly unscathed building.

I saw one GI run 100 yards in five seconds.

The wind at his back was a little more than the Olympic committee would accept for a world record, however. His toes barely touched ground.

Metal roof sections flew through the air like the millions of paper propaganda leaflets dropped each day to Viet Cong troops.

A gust of wind came every two or three minutes. Often, a boom came with it as a roof blew off. Then came the crash as the topless building collapsed in a heap.

A GI walked out of his barracks, then looked back startled, as it dropped in a pile of twisted metal and splintered wood.

U.S. Agents Help to Crack Thai Leopard Skin Drug Ring

BANGKOK (AP) — Thai police Saturday arrested a leader of the "leopard skin" drug ring trafficking heroin to the United States with 450 grams of heroin worth 2.5 million baht (about \$125,000) in his possession.

Police Sunday identified the arrested man as Preecha Leeyarug, 27, one of two Thai nationals along with nine other U.S. citizens indicted by a Chicago grand jury last month on charges of conspiracy to distribute heroin smuggled inside the heads of leopard skins.

U.S. customs officials seized a total of nine pounds of heroin worth \$2 million hidden in the

leopard head mailed from Bangkok.

The other Thai, Boonlert Kumbumroong, is still at large.

The arrest was made with the cooperation of agents of the U.S. Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BNDD) who

4 Shot Watching TV

SAIGON (S&S) — Communist terrorists killed two civilians and wounded two when they opened fire on a group of people watching TV Saturday night. South Vietnamese spokesmen said Sunday. The terrorists fired into the group in Canh Long, 15 miles north of Saigon.

posed as contacts for purchasing the heroin from Preecha. The names of three BNDD officials involved were not disclosed.

Police made the swoop on Preecha—known by his American friends as Peter—while he was in his car outside a hotel waiting to deliver the packet to his "customers."

The heroin was concealed in a specially designed plastic belt on his body. Preecha, a former taxi driver, is owner of two famous restaurants in Bangkok.

The United States and Thailand last month signed an agreement pledging cooperation to halt the transit of illegal drugs through Thailand.

Fighting Near Phnom Penh

PHNOM PENH (UPI) — Fighting broke out in two provinces south of Phnom Penh Saturday and Sunday, the Cambodian high command reported.

Reinforcements were sent to Phnom Chiso in Takeo Province 27 miles due south of Phnom Penh Saturday night to relieve a road patrol engaged in day-long fighting with an unknown size Communist force. The command said "fierce" fighting continued Sunday morning.

In the second clash, on Highway 4 linking Phnom Penh with the seaport of Kompong Som, one government soldier was killed and "several others" wounded in a day-long clash ending at sunset.

Hester Batters Viet; 39 Dead, 34 Injured

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The storm was occupying most of the attention of U.S. and Vietnamese officials. Although there had still been no request from the Vietnamese for U.S. aid in disaster relief, it was obvious that an enormous effort would have to be mobilized quickly.

(Pacific Stars & Stripes' Vietnam Bureau reported most of the casualties among American personnel were caused by debris picked up and tossed around by the storm's 120 mile-per-hour winds.

"(There were tin roofs flying all over the place," said an American who sweated out the storm for eight and a half hours in a bunker at Chu Lai.

(Many of the buildings on American installations have corrugated tin roofs. The U.S. command said that 75 per cent of the structures at Chu Lai sustained damage.

(At the Marble Mountain area of Da Nang, half the structures sustained damage, according to the U.S. command.

(Forty structures were damaged at Camp Eagle, headquarters of the 101st Airborne Div.

(Da Nang AB, which is shared by American and Vietnamese units, suffered extensive wind damage, mostly roofs blown off buildings, according to spokesmen. They said the base is operating on emergency back-up power.

(Water and power systems in the Chu Lai and Da Nang complexes suffered extensive damage, U.S. spokesmen said.

(The Vietnamese Navy base at Da Nang also suffered considerable damage, and a number of boats were destroyed by the typhoon, Vietnamese spokesmen said.)

UPI correspondents Arthur Higbee and Stewart Kellerman, who flew from Quang Tri, near

the DMZ, to Da Nang Sunday afternoon, said a 200-mile stretch of coastal plains appeared to be mostly under water.

They say hundreds of rooftops sticking up above the floods, and civilians were using sampans to move from isolated islands of high ground.

Vehicles were immobilized by flooded roads and washed out bridges, they said. The first informal relief efforts got underway Sunday morning, when a U.S. armored cavalry squadron sent four medical teams out in helicopters to visit outlying villages and evacuate the wounded to hospitals.

At one point, Higbee and Kellerman flew over Nam Hoa district town in Thua Thien Province, which Vietnamese officials reported was "100 per cent damaged" by the storm. It was the only town reported completely wiped out, but at least one major city, Quang Ngai, with a pop-

ulation of 42,000, was reported "90 per cent damaged" Saturday.

UPI photographer David Kennerly, who was at the Freedom Hill headquarters of the 196th Light Inf. Brigade in Da Nang when the storm hit with 107-mile an hour winds, said he saw buildings explode as if hit by shells, and huge sheets of corrugated steel roofing floating hundreds of feet in the air. He said every building there was damaged, and many were destroyed.

U.S. aid workers responsible for the five provinces including the southern two, Quang Tin and Quang Ngai, which bore the full fury of the storm's maximum 140 mile an hour winds, were "much worse off."

They reported extensive flooding in coastal areas of both provinces, as well as in outlying areas immediately south of Da Nang. They called road damage throughout the area "extensive"

and said washouts were as much as five feet deep, excluding the dozens of bridges washed away.

There were unconfirmed reports that a Panamanian freighter was aground near Chu Lai, and that two U.S. Army Transportation Corps tugs had sunk, they said.

They reported four civilians dead and 40 injured in Da Nang city, and U.S. Army officials said four other Vietnamese workers were killed on U.S. bases during the storm.

Power and water supplies in South Vietnam's second largest city remained out most of Sunday, but the lights winked on again in most U.S. bases there.

In outlying areas, Vietnamese spokesmen reported seven dead in Quang Nam, seven dead and 12 injured in Thua Thien, seven dead and one injured in Quang Tin and eight dead in Quang Ngai, as of Sunday night.

Police Kill Bomb Suspect, Nab 2 Others in Belfast

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (UPI) — Police said they shot and killed one of three persons who planted a bomb in a Belfast night club Sunday night, the seventh fatality of a weekend of escalating violence in Northern Ireland.

Rioting and arson swept the border town of Newry, where troops killed three persons Saturday night.

Earlier in Belfast, where troops killed two sisters early Saturday, gunmen wounded three soldiers in attacks on motorized patrols in the Roman Catholic Falls Road area, the Army said.

Police opened fire after two men and a woman left a bomb in the downtown Belfast Celebrity Club, where about 50 couples were dancing and ignored orders to halt, a police spokesman said.

The two men and a woman, all carrying pistols, made a break for it and ran, police said. A hail of bullets killed one man and a seriously wounded the woman. The other man was captured half a mile away, police said.

Army explosives experts rushed to the night club to try to defuse the bomb. Patrons rushed down the stairs of the club, atop a downtown store and fled.

Catholic mobs in Newry, close to the Irish Republic border; stoned troops, hijacked and burned mail trucks and other vehicles and set fire to shops as fury mounted over the killings there of three men the Army said tried to rob employees of a business firm who were depositing money in a bank night safe Saturday night.

Billows of black smoke hung over the town as darkness fell, mainly from a lumberyard set

ablaze. A flash lighted the sky as a garage next to the lumberyard exploded in flames.

An Army helicopter hovered over the town, coordinating the movements of troops coming under stone-throwing attacks below and rushing to shops teenagers looted through smashed windows.

"I am absolutely satisfied my men were quite right and carried out their orders exactly," said Maj. Tony Wilson, commander of the soldiers who opened fire on the alleged robbers from atop a Newry Woolworth's store.

Wilson said the soldiers fired only after they were convinced the men were either carrying out a robbery or planting a

bomb at the bank. He said the soldiers twice challenged the men to halt before shooting.

"In my opinion they (the troops) are murderers," shouted Northern Ireland civil rights leader Bernadette Devlin, at a rally on the site of the Newry killings. "The only time soldiers have the right to shoot robbers or anyone else — is under martial law."

Before the rally children smashed windows of a Woolworth department store and looted it. Troops on guard made no attempt to interfere. Rallygoers squatted nearby and sang "We shall overcome." Youth stoned the troops, who hit back with CS nausea gas and rubber bullets.

Toronto Gun Raids

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of the EBS, identified both Doyle and Wilson as members of his organization, but added that police allegations that attempts would be made on Kosygin's life were "nonsense."

"Such attempts would be counter-productive," he said. "We've achieved what we want. That is that they are going to have to use 1,000 policemen to protect a tyrant. We are going to demonstrate, but in an orderly fashion."

Kosygin, meanwhile, stopped in Edmonton for a tour of a nickel mine refinery on his way back from the West Coast.

Flanked by security guards, he motored to nearby Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, for a first-hand look at the Sherritt Gordon Nickel Mine Refinery.

Kosygin flew to Edmonton

from Vancouver, British Columbia. There were no demonstrators in sight when he arrived.

As Kosygin was dining with federal and provincial officials in his hotel Saturday night, two groups of Jewish demonstrators managed to slip by security guards and entered the hotel lobby.

The groups, consisting of 30 and 50 each, got in by twos and threes, then linked arms, sang and danced to protest alleged Russian mistreatment of Jews.

Police did not interfere, and a spokesman for the Vancouver force said it was up to the hotel management to file a complaint.

A hotel official said as far as the Vancouver hotel was concerned, the lobby was public property.

First Mass Pardon — Chiang to Release 35 State Criminals

TAIPEI, Oct. 26 (UPI) — President Chiang Kai-shek today ordered the pardon of 35 political criminals, including 10 members of the Nationalist Council of the Republic of China, the highest executive body in the government.



CHANG KAI-SHEK

Chiang said the pardon was a gesture of goodwill toward the people of Taiwan, who were deported to Taipei by the Japanese government in February 1945 and sentenced six months later to seven years by a military court for spreading Communist propaganda.

The announcement did not give the names of the other political criminals to be freed.

But a government spokesman said the Yuyitung brothers, who were deported by the Philippine government last year for allegedly publishing subversive articles, are not included. Quintin and Rizal Yuyitung, were publisher and editor of Manila's Chinese Commercial News.

The spokesman said he had no immediate information whether Albert Yuan, a former AFP correspondent, will be released too.

Yuan, a Cantonese, was sentenced to 12 years in 1941 for sedition.

nounced Sunday. They will be freed on Monday morning.

This is the first time that the Nationalist government has ordered the mass release of persons convicted of having Communist connections or trying to overthrow the government.

The information office said the presidential decree also will commute the sentences of another six political criminals.

A brief announcement made by the Government Information Office said Chen Yu-hsi is included in the list of political criminals pardoned by President Chiang. Chen studied political science at the Hawaii East-West Center and then went to Japan to work for a Chinese-language newspaper which the Taipei government said was a Communist organ.

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Calcutta	82	71	Salerno	86	77
Guam	80	76	Seoul	59	46
Hankow	78	69	Taipei	77	66
Manila	85	71	Tokyo	69	66
Albany	67	53	L.A.	74	54
Atlanta	70	63	Melbourne	59	49
Boston	75	60	Moscow	81	73
Buffalo	61	53	Moscow	54	39
Chicago	59	55	N. Orleans	81	60
Cincinnati	58	52	N.Y.C.	66	59
Cleveland	72	61	Paris	62	54
Denver	68	51	Phila.	76	54
Detroit	62	41	Phoenix	82	53
Fort Worth	73	57	Singapore	89	75
Hong Kong	79	73	St. Louis	64	43
Houston	75	61	San Fran.	58	51
Kansas City	64	47	Seattle	52	48
K. Lumpur	80	73	Sydney	74	61
London	70	50	Wash.	65	42

Help Returning Vets, Nixon Asks Nation

THURMONT, Md. (AP) — Saying Vietnam veterans have suffered too often from the frustrations that the conflict has wrought at home, President Nixon called on all Americans Sunday to help the military men returning from the "most publicized and least understood war in our history."

"Because it has been so little understood, this war has been especially difficult for many Vietnam veterans," the president said in a Veterans Day address prepared for radio broadcast from his Maryland retreat at Camp David.

"All too often they have suffered from the frustration which this war has generated among many Americans," Nixon said. "We must not permit this. A nation which condemns those who serve it will find itself condemned in turn."

Nixon said the U.S. government is carrying out various programs to help Vietnam veterans—including increased employment and training opportunities, medical care and drug treatment programs.

"Beyond these programs, each of us in his own community must also hold out a helping hand to those who have served," Nixon said.

"As we complete the transition to peacetime economy, let us all, as Americans, join in this commitment; to do all that we can do to insure that those who have borne the burdens of war are not made, because of their sacrifice, to bear disproportionately the burdens of the peace they are winning," he said.

The president spent the holiday weekend—his third straight weekend at the Camp David Mountains—with Mrs. Nixon, daughter Tricia and son-in-law Edward Cox.

In his address, carried by all four radio networks, Nixon said the most appropriate tribute to the nation's veterans "would be to accomplish the secure and lasting peace for which they fought, and for which their comrades died."