

Buddhists, Peking Fan Viet Fires

Protest Strikes Hit Three Cities

Saigon (UPI)—Strikes and demonstrations spread yesterday through the three northernmost cities of South Vietnam in support of a new Buddhist-inspired effort to topple the government of Premier Tran Van Huong.

A general strike paralyzed the ancient imperial capital of Hue, 400 miles north of Saigon, for the second consecutive day. About 4,500 persons joined in two antigovernment rallies there to denounce Huong and demand his resignation. Hue is the leading Buddhist stronghold. Another general strike closed all business at Quang Tri, less than 20 miles from the frontier with Communist North Vietnam, and still another shut down the port city of Da Nang, 20 miles south of Hue, where 800 persons demonstrated in front of a movie where Buddhists fought Catholics last year.

The Da Nong demonstrators burned Huong in effigy and said they would send a delegation to Saigon to demand that chief of state Phan Khac Suu dismiss Huong. In the capital, meanwhile, Buddhist leaders demanded again that the government resign.

No violence was reported in yesterday's demonstrations. The crowds were smaller than in the past and made up mostly of schoolboys. Monsoon rains dampened enthusiasm, and merchants were reported eager to reopen as quickly as possible. There were no anti-American overtones as in the past. American officers in Da Nang, where almost 2,000 U.S. servicemen are stationed, said the strike had not affected the big air base there or the U.S. military establishment.

There were no public protests in Saigon, although Buddhists had hinted at demonstrations. Commercial flights to Da Nang and Hue were cancelled, however.

Communiques Issued

One factor contributing to the peaceful attitude in Saigon was a series of government communiques announcing settlement of the crisis and a restoration of good relations with U.S. Ambassador Maxwell D. Taylor.

On the fighting front, meanwhile, a U.S. Army light plane was shot down near the Cambodian border today and a U.S. Air Force plane crashed in the same area. North of Saigon, sporadic fighting broke out between Vietnamese units and the Viet Cong. Two Americans in the small Army spotter plane were evacuated to Saigon navy hospital with first and second degree burns. It was shot down while flying a support mission. A U.S. Air Force officer suffered minor bruises and scrapes in the crash of his plane. A U.S. spokesman said it crashed when it ran out of fuel.

The Viet Cong ambushed a small Ranger unit going to the relief of a village under attack, and then hit a South Vietnamese Popular Force company heading in to help the Rangers. Casualties were comparatively light—three killed and seven wounded. Three U.S. Army helicopter crewmen were wounded by hostile ground fire Tuesday during a trooplift along the central Vietnamese coast, but all were returned to duty after treatment.



Tran Van Huong Cups Ear to Query

Japan Bids U.S. OK China Trade

Washington (UPI)—Prime Minister Eisaku Sato of Japan offered his powerful nation yesterday as a bridge of understanding, through increased trade, between Communist China and the West. He also counseled the U.S. to be more patient and tolerant in coping with problems in the Far East.

Sato spoke before the National Press Club on the first day of an official Washington visit that ends today. He began by conferring with President Johnson for 90 minutes at the White House. Their discussions, to be continued today, were understood to have ranged over a variety of mutual problems, including Red China, South Vietnam and the Pacific fortress of Okinawa. A high administration source later described the talks as "extremely fruitful" and "unusually productive."

In his talk at the press club, Sato pictured a vital role for Japan, the Orient's wealthiest nation, in bringing peace and economic stability to Asia. He said this could come about "if improvements can be effected, through (trade) contacts, in the welfare and livelihood of the Chinese on the mainland . . ."

Japan wants to increase its trade with Red China, now only \$300,000,000 a year, or 2 per cent of her worldwide trade, but it is worried about the reaction in the U.S., its biggest trade partner at more than \$2 billion a year.

Reds Blast Plan To Use Koreans

Tokyo (UPI)—Communist China pledged today to stand unwaveringly behind North Vietnam to crush "U.S. imperialist aggression" in South Vietnam.

The pledge came in a statement by Marshal Chen Yi, Peking's foreign minister, in a note to the Hanoi regime in which he condemned a plan by the American-supported South Korean government to send 2,000 non-combat troops to South Vietnam to help fight the Viet Cong Communist guerrillas.

Yi said this move "should be frustrated with firmness." He added that the Peking government and people would "forever stand together with the fraternal Vietnamese people" to "completely defeat" the United States. Yi's note was supplemented by a parallel statement broadcast in English over Peking Radio. But neither specified what action Communist China might take to bring about American defeat in Vietnam.

The new warning, contained in a government statement that was broadcast in Peking and monitored here, specifically mentioned the plan of the non-Communist Republic of South Korea. A somewhat similar broadcast, also monitored here less than a month ago, was particularly aimed at suggestions that air attacks on North Korea might be employed to crush the munitions supply bases that feed men and material into South Vietnam. Today's broadcast said: "If U.S. imperialism continues to prosecute its scheme for expanding its aggressive war in South Vietnam, and even internationalizes that war, the Chinese government and people will have to give further consideration to the duties incumbent upon them for the defense of peace in this area."

The statement added that Communist China "strongly condemned U.S. imperialism" for allegedly ordering the South Korean government to take part in its "war of aggression in South Vietnam," and said that South Korea, "under the instigation of U.S. imperialism, decided to send more than 2,000 South Korean puppet troops to take part in the U.S. imperialist war in South Vietnam."

The broadcast declared: "This is another grave move taken by U.S. imperialism to wreck the Geneva agreements, expand the war in Indo-China and go on to internationalize the war of aggression in South Vietnam . . . Under the valiant rebuff of the people of southern Vietnam, U.S. imperialism has bogged down deeper and deeper in the quicksand and is heading towards final defeat. In these circumstances, the Johnson administration has been trying by hook or by crook to drag its allies and stooges down into the mire . . ."

The South Korean government announced a few days ago its plan to aid South Vietnam by sending troops who would work in military projects, but not actually join the fighting. Specific plans for departure of the Korean force have not been disclosed.

Along with Chen Yi's comment, the Communist Chinese government issued a formal statement protesting the dispatch of Korean soldiers to the Indochina peninsula.

'Know-Nothing' Hood Is Shark Witness

By Tom Renner

Riverhead—The man in whose home Cosa Nostra loan shark records were found last month—touching off a Suffolk grand jury investigation—has turned out to be the mystery witness who is feeding the jury information that may lead to top Long Island and Brooklyn mobsters, it was learned yesterday. He and his family have been spirited away to a hideaway and are under police protection.

Informed sources said Michael (Mickey) Candela was the witness who was hustled in and out of back doors last Thursday when the jury opened its investigation of loan sharks on Long Island. The loan shark records were found in a raid on Candela's home last Dec. 15, but the convicted bookmaker denied at the time any knowledge of how they got there or what they contained. When Suffolk District Attorney Smith had him held in \$25,000 bail as a material witness, Candela protested loudly and vehemently, calling it a "Shanghai deal."

But now in his new role of informer, Candela, 33, will sing his new song in another command performance before the jury tomorrow. Police hope he will shed more light on the loan shark empire and on the role of Cosa Nostra lieutenant John (Sonny) Franzese of Herricks.

In the meantime, the protection that police gave to him in fear of mob retaliation has now been extended to Candela's wife and family. Smith confirmed yesterday that Candela and his family were taken Friday to a secret

hideaway by Assistant District Attorney James M. Catterson and his Rackets Bureau detectives and were under "protective care." Late Friday night, Candela's wife, Dorothy, and their three small children were whisked out of their home at 22 Montgomery Ave., North Babylon. All their belongings were moved in a panel truck. Smith said they will remain in their "well-guarded" hideaway until the investigation is completed.

Granted Immunity

What may have changed Candela's mind about informing on his mob bosses was the decision to grant him immunity from prosecution. Sources close to the investigation said that Candela is a key link in a chain that leads from the confiscated loan-shark records to top mobsters. The records show loans of \$26,000 brought "vigorish" (interest) of \$11,800 to mobsters between October, 1963, and December, 1964.

It was learned that until 1963, Candela, a former Las Vegas blackjack dealer, was a minor bookie in the gambling empire operated by Franzese, with the blessing of Pasquale (Patzy G.) Guariglia, 40, of Avenue V, Brooklyn, and Felice (Philly) Vizzari, 44, of 291 Grand Blvd., Deer Park. The informant said Candela picked up bets at a prominent South Shore country club, a Deer Park body shop and a Profaci-mob-owned Deer Park bar.

Guariglia, whose brother John was gunned down by the Gallo mob in November, 1961, during the Gallo-

Profaci mob wars in Brooklyn, took Candela under his wing and let him handle his loan-shark racket. Guariglia, a top aide of Profaci mob lieutenant John (Johnny Bath Beach) Oddo of Brooklyn, branched out from Brooklyn into Vizzari's territory and was reportedly splitting his profits with Franzese. The move angered Vizzari, a Franzese gambling and loan-shark organizer, who had Candela and other Guariglia bookies roughed up. The feud was later settled in a reported "sitdown" (peace meeting) between Vizzari, Guariglia and Franzese. Candela's value apparently stems from the fact that he operated as a bookie-loan shark for both Vizzari and Guariglia and can supply information on them, as well as on other mob members for the grand jury. Vizzari has convictions for criminal negligence and robbery while Guariglia has a record of 28 arrests, including murder, and convictions for assault and armed robbery. Candela's testimony also could force others, both borrowers and mob members, to talk or face jail sentences for contempt or perjury.

In a separate loan-shark investigation in Brooklyn, yesterday's scheduled appearances by Franzese, Oddo and Joseph (Tom Mix) Livoti before a grand jury were delayed. Assistant District Attorney Irving Seidman, investigating ties between loan sharks, gamblers, telephone company personnel and police, said Oddo's attorney was tied up in a murder trial and could not appear. Franzese's appearance was delayed apparently because of the Suffolk investigation.