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Viet Cong 'pacification'—its foundation is fear

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Black Sea, South Vietnam
The basket chief was not home so the boy went inside and waited. He was nervous — he had never killed anyone before.

When the older man returned, the boy of 13 asked him to support the revolution, to give the Viet Cong food and money. The basket chief said "No" and immediately

was started at a pistol.

The basket chief would have been another victim of the largely ignored but deadly "little war" that still goes on in South Vietnam if the boy's gun had not misfired. Instead, he was able to overpower the boy.

When the young terrorist was questioned, he said that the Viet Cong had been talking to him for three or four months before he agreed to join them.

Mr. Charles Hadell did not mind telling about the incident. It was a little depressing to him. He was killed, but the basket chief had not been killed. Of course, the basket chief had not been killed. The Viet Cong activities in his district have been discouraging.

Hadell has spent 14 months in Binh Son district advising the South Vietnamese and plugging away at pacification. He has seen progress — the opening of resettlement villages and resumption of farming on the land.

The Viet Cong were quiet for more than a year although everyone knew they were still active in the mountains to the west. Hadell expected trouble when the last U.S. troops pulled out of the area in October 1971 but nothing happened. The people were apprehensive during the Tet holiday in February but, again, nothing happened.

"There was a noticeable improvement in the confidence quotient," the major said.

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Guard moves to 'U' after antiwar violence

Police clashed with several hundred young demonstrators back and forth across the University of Minnesota campus Wednesday in a series of skirmishes growing out of a rally against President Nixon's new war measures in Southeast Asia.

The climax of the disorder came in the late afternoon when police charged demonstrators of the University Mall with tear gas and sprayed others with gas from a helicopter.

Gov. Wendell Anderson activated three units of the National Guard last night at the request of Minneapolis Mayor Charles Stening.

Some 150 guardsmen were ordered to take up positions in the campus area early this morning. Others were being held in reserve.

By midnight, some 500 demonstrators had barricaded

themselves in a block of Washington Av. in front of Calhoun Memorial Union.

Deputy Police Chief Eugene Wilson said they would be allowed to stay if they did not become violent.

University officials, in the absence of President Malcolm Muir, had asked for police assistance earlier in the day, but presented the use of gas and opposed the calling of the National Guard.

At least 23 persons were arrested, most of them on rioting charges.

Some policemen and four other persons were treated at Hennepin County General Hospital. Some 16 other demonstrators were treated at University Hospital.

Minneapolis Police Chief Gordon Johnson said as Protest continued on page 4A.



Staff Photo by Donald Black

An injured officer was led away, left, as policemen moved into the gas-stricken University of Minnesota.

Laird vows to cut off arms flow to N. Vietnam

New York Times Service

Washington, D.C. Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird said Wednesday that "we will take those actions that are necessary" to stop the delivery of military equipment to North Vietnam, whether by air, sea or by any other means.

He also left open the possibility that American forces would stop ships from entering North Vietnam's ports if they tried to bypass the mines.

But, under persistent questioning at a Pentagon news conference, he declined to say how those operations would be carried out.

Asked whether the United States would attack any ship other than those at North Vietnam that carried North Vietnamese military equipment, Laird declared:

"Our policy is to stop the delivery to the North Vietnamese of these supplies and we will take those actions that are necessary to stop that delivery."

Laird continued on page 6A.

China assails mining of harbors

Associated Press

Tokyo, Japan The People's Republic of China accused President Nixon of insidious today and called the mining of North Vietnamese harbors "a flagrant provocation."

An article in the Communist Party newspaper People's Daily also alleged that the U.S. was engaged in "a large-scale military and economic aggression against the North Vietnamese people."

The article was signed "communist," a term often used to identify comment from a high Communist Party official.

The article said Mr. Nixon's explanation that he ordered the mining of the ports to safeguard the lives of U.S. troops was "preposterous to the extreme."

Mr. Nixon's call to ships in North Vietnamese ports to leave before the mines are activated today at 4 a.m., Minneapolis

Thieu orders martial law

Tribune Wire Services

President Nguyen Van Thieu declared martial law in South Vietnam Wednesday morning after a day of isolated war in which U.S. fighter planes shot down a Communist MIG in battle over North Vietnam and 32 Americans died in a helicopter crash near Saigon.

Hanoi claimed 18 U.S. planes shot down and many pilots taken prisoner. The U.S. command in Saigon said three U.S. jets were downed.

Hanoi dispatches said nine U.S. planes were shot down around Hanoi, three at Haiphong, two over Yen Bai Province near China and two more over Huai Nam Province.

Early today American planes for the second consecutive day hit "military targets" among Hanoi and Haiphong—only hours before hundreds of mines planted along the North Vietnamese coast were due to be activated.

North Vietnamese forces launched coordinated attacks on lanes and outposts 20 miles northwest of Saigon early today.

Their proclamation, indicating the serious concern over the Communist offensive, was the first time martial law had been declared since 1969, Saigon's major newspaper said.

Do Kien Hanoi warned residents to abandon their homes and prepare for an imminent attack.

The really crucial period, however, will begin at 7 p.m. today if a Communist offensive comes, when hundreds of mines planted along the North Vietnamese coast are automatically activated and the U.S. blockade formally begins.

To prepare for the mine, the bulk of the 40,000-man U.S. fleet stationed off the coast began taking up positions in the North.

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Inside news

National

Senate approval of a 20-percent increase in Social Security benefits became likely with the announcement that more than half the Senate membership supports such a move. House approval of the increase also appears likely. Page 2A.

Deputy President W. A. Boyle of the United Mine Workers Union and three other union workers appeared before a federal grand jury in Pittsburgh, Pa., to tell what they knew about a union fund reportedly created to pay the Yablonski assassins. Page 3A.

Sen. Hubert Humphrey and George McGovern turned their attention to the next primaries and Nebraska and West Virginia continued counting ballots for congressional elections. Humphrey led by the majority of the Nebraska delegation, but counting in the area where McGovern was strongest was not completed. Page 5A.

The Navy has been instructed to look outside of Wisconsin for a site for the proposed Project Neptune, a multi-million-dollar system of underground radio communications for submarines. Defense Secretary Melvin Laird disclosed the action in a letter to Rep. Alvin O'Konski, R-Wis. The project has faced stiff opposition from Wisconsin environmentalists. Page 16A.

Foreign A disaffected West German Parliament positioned for a week to vote on ratifying Chancellor Willy Brandt's

treating with the Soviet Union and Poland after Brandt and the opposition failed to resolve their differences. Page 15A.

Local At the annual stockholders meeting of Northern States Power Co., young critics of NSP's consumer and environmental policies presented their views at length to the obvious irritation of many older stockholders. Page 6C.

Business The Price Commission has ordered price rollbacks by Super Value Stores, Inc., the nation's largest food warehouse which is headquartered in Hopkins. The panel ordered the firm to reduce wholesale prices by three times the amount of the excess profit resulting from increased prices shown in its base list. Page 7A.

The stock market made a big turnaround, with advancing stocks outnumbering declining stocks by about a two-to-one ratio. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 5.95 points to 891.75. The recovery was attributed mostly to bargain hunting and was spearheaded by gains in blue-chip and glamour issues. Page 7A.

Sports Jim Perry pitched a shutout and Harmon Killebrew hit a home run to give the Twins a 2-0 victory over the New York Yankees. Page 1C.

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Clear day

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