



MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT

Fair to partly cloudy skies. Winds at 10 knots from the Northeast. High Friday 100. Low Friday night 80. (B-6)

AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO)--Action remained steady in the Americal Division's southern I Corps Tactical Zone yesterday as Division forces and supporting elements accounted for 16 VC and 15 NVA killed and nine individual weapons captured.

Action remained steady yesterday in the 193th Infantry Brigade's area of operations as "Brave and Bold" soldiers and supporting elements reported four VC and eight NVA killed and eight individual weapons captured.

Brigade artillery units were credited with the eight NVA killed by artillery Tuesday night.

The eight NVA bodies were found northeast of Chu Lai by a company of the 1st Battalion, 46th Infantry. The "Professionals" also found three M-16 rifles, three M-1 rifles, one carbine and one AK-47 with the bodies.

"Aero Scouts" of the 123d Aviation Company killed one VC near Chu Lai.

A company of the 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry killed three VC near Chu Lai.

Civic Action soldiers of the 193th Infantry Brigade treated 63 Vietnamese yesterday during two medical visits.

In action centered in an area nine miles north-northwest of Tam Ky "Dragoons" of the 1st Squadron, 1st Armored Cavalry and supporting elements accounted for eight NVA and one VC killed yesterday.

"B" Troop accounted for one NVA killed, "C" Troop killed five of the NVA, "F" Troop, 8th Cavalry killed one of the NVA and one VC and the 2d Battalion, 1st Infantry "Guardians" killed the other NVA.

In the 196th Infantry Brigade's area of operations "Charger" units killed eight VC and captured one AK-47 in scattered action.

"F" Troop, 17th Cavalry called in artillery on a group of VC resulting in three VC killed 16 miles northwest of Tam Ky.

A reconnaissance element of the 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry engaged and killed two evading VC seven miles south of Poi An.

The command and control helicopter of the 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry in two separate incidents killed a total of three VC and captured one AK-47, four miles south of Poi An.

Scattered enemy contact in the 11th Brigade's area around Duc Pho yesterday resulted in three VC killed.

A fire team led by PFC Edward L. Zimmerly (Amey, IL) from a company of the 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry killed one VC when two VC leaped from a tree and attempted to evade.

Later yesterday a squad from the same company led by SP4 Charles N. Schell (St. Paul, MN) killed two evading VC.

Americal Division forces buffered four soldiers killed and 22 wounded and evacuated for treatment.

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA---Senator Ernest Gruening, 81-year-old Democrat who vigorously opposed President Johnson's Vietnam policies, was defeated in Tuesday's Alaska Primary.

CHICAGO--Hawaii's Cultural Center was cited in the Democratic platform Wednesday as an example of the kind of educational project which could help build a bridge to Asia.

PITTSBURGH--Emile Bruneau of New Orleans, LA, Wednesday was elected president of the World Boxing Association.

He succeeded Robert Evans, Louisville, KY.

Bruneau defeated former Welterweight contender Chuck Davey, 20-12, for the top post.

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AER-ARS CAMPAIGN

Payday, 31 August 68 is the last chance to contribute to the Army Emergency Relief for this year. This organization is one of the best aids personnel in the Army have. It has helped the soldiers in the Americal Division with \$7,782.00 this past year. We have in turn contributed only \$4,376.55. If we each give a dollar on payday we'll exceed donations of \$20,000 for the Division. Help the Army help itself and you! Give your \$1.00 to AER on PAYDAY!

DATELINES---UPI

GUATEMALA CITY--Machinegun-wielding terrorists shot U.S. ambassador John Gordon Mein to death Wednesday in his automobile as he returned from a luncheon meeting at the foreign ministry.

In Washington, state department officials said they had no immediate details on the ambassador's murder. Guatemalan diplomats in the U.S. capital could not be reached for comment.

PRAGUE--The Communist leader of Czechoslovakia wept. His tears were seen by millions of his countrymen on television.

Alexander Dubcek announced details of his agreement with the occupying Russians.

Free Czechoslovakia radio said "we must be satisfied with what we have, and we can trust Comrade Dubcek."

But some were not so sure. A crowd built up in downtown Prague. Soviet armor and machine-gunners followed in quick pursuit. The crowd was angry, declaring their nation had been sold out again. The second time in 30 years.

NEW YORK--The FBI and state police joined 10 homicide detectives Tuesday in investigating what appeared to be a triple slaying of mafia underworld figures associated with the narcotics trade.

Police said the trio were arrested together in 1965 on narcotics charges.

One of the men was said to be a member of the Luchese Cosa Nostra family while another was identified as a member of the Bonanno family.

CHICAGO--The Rev. Ralph David Abernathy Tuesday night chastised the Democratic National Convention for failing to find convention gallery seats for "The poor people's delegation from the 51st state of hunger."

I must say that I am deeply disturbed that your party, which has made so many promises to us and received so many votes from poor people for so many years, would virtually ignore our request for seats, especially in light of the fact that the Republican party graciously seated our delegation at their 1968 convention," he told John M. Bailey, Democratic National chairman.

He said he would seek an appointment with Bailey Wednesday if he has not received an answer by then.

PRAGUE--About 3,000 students marched in the heart of Prague Wednesday behind a banner reading "No compromise for treason." But the Czechoslovak government began organizing for life under Soviet bloc occupation.

The students mustered in Wenceslas Square where only a last minute plea for calm by a national assembly deputy prevented a confrontation between Russians.

