

## Viet Government Faces Employment Rate Strong Peace Sentiment Hits Record High

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The newly elected Saigon government will almost certainly have to take into consideration the growing peace sentiment exhibited by South Vietnamese voters in the recent election, U.S. officials indicated today.

This sentiment was most vividly expressed by the surprising vote received by peace candidate Thieu Van Thieu, the relatively obscure Saigon lawyer who captured 17.2 per cent

## Viet Cong Fail in Effort To Storm Provincial Capital

SAIGON (AP) — About 2,500 guerrillas tried to storm the provincial capital of Tam Ky for three hours today but were beaten off with the loss of 219 dead, including three company commanders, and a mass of weapons.

Behind barrages of mortars, rockets and hand grenades, the Viet Cong assaulted eight positions in and around the city of about 12,000. They got into the streets, burned houses and unsuccessfully attempted to empty the city jail.

The attack force was made up of the hard-core 70th and 72nd battalions, crack Red provincial units, heavily reinforced by less than 100 local force guerrillas.

South Vietnamese officers said at least 130 enemy weapons were captured and the defend-

ing forces suffered only light casualties.

Tam Ky, 30 miles south of Da Nang, is the capital of Quang Tin Province in the northern Isthmus area. The Viet Cong made another unsuccessful attempt to raid it Saturday, the weekend presidential election.

The assault today followed the battle Monday and Tuesday 14 miles northwest of the city in which U.S. Marines killed 180 Communist troops while losing 54 dead and 104 wounded.

The flare-up in the north, coupled with lesser but often sharp fighting elsewhere in the country, ended a two-month lull in the ground war that preceded South Vietnam's presidential election Sunday.

The coordinated assault on Tam Ky and posts on the perimeter of the city followed the pattern of such previous attacks as the one in Quang Nhai City in which guerrillas freed nearly 1,000 prisoners from the provincial jail.

In Tam Ky, however, the attack was met by stiff resistance. Within minutes of the first assaults, American fireships were overhead, lighting up the city with a steady stream of parachute flares and zooming down to spray the assaulting forces with quick-firing Gatling guns.

While the guerrillas were attacking Tam Ky, another force blew up a big concrete bridge south of Da Nang, and Communist gunners raised U.S. Marine positions below the demilitarized zone between North and South Vietnam.

Elsewhere in the threatened northern part of the country, soldiers of the U.S. Americal Division, formerly called Task Force Oregon, killed 26 Communist soldiers in running battles Tuesday in Quang Nam Province.

In the same area guerrillas seized a main bridge along Highway 1 but were beaten off before they could blow it up.

Headquarters reported no plane losses.

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The so-called SAM missiles, supplied by Red China and the Soviet Union, have directly claimed few U.S. planes. But they force attacking planes off course and into deadly conventional anti-aircraft fire, military sources say.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's total employment hit an all-time August high of 76.1 million, the Labor Department said today, and a spokesman called it evidence of a moderate and orderly resumption of economic expansion.

At the same time, the nation's unemployment rate edged down to 3.8 per cent of the civilian labor force.

After the first half of the year, the economic expansion has been to a degree as vigorous as that of 1966, Arthur M. Ross of the Bureau of Labor Statistics said.

The record August figure for total employment showed July's all-time high job figure for any month of 76.2 million, and Ross said the two-month figures showed employment rising in most segments of the economy.

He said the rate of growth was such that skilled manpower shortages that caused production bottlenecks in late 1965 and early 1966 can probably be avoided.

"It was necessary to cool off the economy in 1966 because of the inflationary pressures," Ross said. "The expansion was too great," he added.

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TEACHERS PICKET—Dearborn, Mich., High School was picketed by teachers Tuesday as a contract dispute remains unsettled. Nearly one-fourth of Michigan's more than two million schoolchildren are affected and the school-opening date in much of the Detroit area is uncertain.

## Schools Stay Closed

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This vast school system of New York City and Detroit stayed closed today and empty classrooms in cities across the nation marked the failure of school boards and teachers to agree on issues of salary and educational policy.

New York City's United Federation of Teachers rejected a proposal from a mediation panel Tuesday only hours after Mayor John V. Lindsay strongly recommended acceptance. The teachers threaten mass resignations on Monday, the first day of school, a move that would affect 1.1 million pupils.

Detroit's 300,000 pupils scheduled to go back to school today, stayed home as the opening was put off to Thursday so negotiations could continue between the Board of Education and the Federation of Teachers. Lt. Gov. William Milliken said, "There is no sign of a settlement."

Some 19,000 pupils who trooped to classrooms in other Michigan school districts were sent home Tuesday when their teachers refused to show up without new contracts.

Teachers Association voted to submit resignations. The schools shut their doors on 40,000 pupils who had returned for classes Aug. 28.

The action by the Fort Lauderdale Teachers came just after Gov. Claude R. Kirk Jr. named a commission to develop a plan for quality education, but said he would not call a special session of the legislature to appropriate more money for education and salaries—as demanded by teacher groups—until the 15-month study is completed.

Teacher-school board disputes also threatened Gorton, Conn., Randolph, Mass., and McCracken County, Ky., schools. Negro protests troubled schools in Milwaukee, Wis., and Woodville, Miss.

Newport, R.I., public schools opened as usual after a boycott threatened by the Newport Teachers Association was averted when the School Committee approved pay raises and other benefits for the teachers.

New York (AP) — The United Federation of Teachers has rejected a \$125-million compromise pay-rise plan which Mayor John V. Lindsay called "the biggest wage package in the city's history."

UFT President Albert Shanker said rejection by the union's negotiating committee was unanimous.

"The schools will not be open on Monday," Shanker declared. "If the superintendent of schools says they will be open, that's nonsense. There will be no teachers. There will be no school."

Alfred A. Giardino, president of the school board, declined to comment.

Lindsay earlier had recommended strongly that both the board and the union accept the plan drawn up by a three-man panel of experts.

Under the panel's plan the starting salary of beginning teachers would be raised \$200 next Sept. 1 and \$400 more next Sept. 1.

All other teachers would receive a \$1,050 pay boost with \$400 effective last Sept. 1 and \$650 next Sept. 1.

Egyptian newspapers said Israel began both attacks. They said the Monday shelling was started by Israel to try to counteract success of the recent Arab summit conference in Khartoum, Sudan, and that the shelling of civilians was the only means left to try to intimidate the Arabs.

Reports reaching Jerusalem hinted at political upheaval in Syria and there were rumors President Nureddin Atassi was under house arrest. He has not made any public appearances in Damascus in two weeks.

Any tax reform message is also likely to reject the use of tax incentives to finance such projects as pollution control and the cost of a college education.

## Viet Catholic Candidates Surge Ahead

SAIGON (AP) — Catholic candidates in South Vietnam's senatorial election surged ahead in the polls today, and the nation's 2 million Roman Catholics apparently will have strong representation in the new upper house.

Earlier returns had indicated that supporters of Vice President-elect Nguyen Cao Ky would be in the majority, but lists known to suppress him are no longer among the top six. Six lists of 10 candidates each will be elected to form the 60-member body.

The latest returns were still incomplete, and although some of the leading tickets are sure winners, others could lose out by the time the final vote is announced.

The leading ticket with a margin insuring victory is led by retired Gen. Tran Van Hoa, who was rumored to be Ky's vice presidential choice when Premier Ky was planning to run for president.

Two other leading tickets are predominantly Roman Catholic, one of South Vietnamese natives and one made up of refugees from North Vietnam. The South's 6th ticket is led by Nguyen Van Thieu, a civilian member of the national directorate which now helps rule the country.

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## Ford Faces Strike

DETROIT (AP) — Negotiations between the Ford Motor Co. and the United Auto Workers Union resumed today in the face of an apparently inevitable strike by 150,000 Ford workers across the nation at midnight tonight.

An exercise in futility was the way UAW President Walter Reuther described the last day of negotiations before the strike deadline as he closed himself with bargainers for Ford.

"Both parties are obligated to sit at that table and do everything possible to avert a strike," Reuther said, adding he expected bargaining would go right to the last minute.

It was not immediately clear whether the UAW contract with Chrysler would be extended past the deadline.

The union has requested such an agreement extension, and Chrysler has said there will be no contract and agreed to submit to union members a proposal to join members a proposal from the American Broadcasting Co.

Today, however, Chrysler advised the union it would answer the question of a contract extension later in the afternoon, according to Doug Frazer, chief UAW negotiator at Chrysler.

Reuther said the only chance of avoiding a strike would be a change in attitude on the part of Ford, adding that he has seen no indication of any such change.

Malcolm L. Denise, Ford's top negotiator, said Tuesday he anticipated no new offer by the second largest automaker.

Reuther said Tuesday, however, that UAW members would remain on their jobs at GM and Chrysler, if the companies let them, even without an extension of the agreements.

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## U.S. Calls Copper Talks To End Strike

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — U.S. leaders and representatives of Kennecott Copper Corp. met in Washington, D.C. this afternoon with the secretary of commerce and labor to discuss the 54-day-old industrial copper strike.

Labor Secretary Willard Wirtz and Commerce Secretary Alexander Trowbridge sent telegrams to company and union officials Tuesday. They said meetings are planned with officials of the big four copper producers—Anasagasti, Phelps-Dodge and American Smelting and Refining Co.

Wirtz and Trowbridge said in their telegrams that the strike was having "an adverse impact on the economy of various sections of the country and constitutes a serious threat to the conduct of the defense procurement program of the nation."

More than 42,000 workers in the copper industry have been idled since the strike began July 15. Thousands of others in related industries have been affected.

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Republican Charles D. Breitel and Democrat Matthew J. Jansen were assured of bi-partisan nominations today as the GOP and Democratic state committees gathered here to designate candidates for the state's highest court.

Party leaders had agreed in advance to avoid election contests next November by cross-endorsing nominees for the two openings on the Court of Appeals.

Breitel, a Manhattan resident, already is serving on the high court, through a temporary appointment by Gov. Rockefeller. Jansen has been serving on the State Supreme Court in Buffalo.

Barring any last-minute hitch in arrangements, Breitel and Jansen will be guaranteed election to full 14-year terms on the seven-member tribunal. The judgeships pay \$39,500 a year, plus a \$6,000 expense allowance.

As further insurance, Breitel and Jansen also can have the Liberal and Conservative party nominations if they want them.

Liberal Chairman Donald S. Harrington said his state committee would endorse Breitel and Jansen at a meeting in New York City on Thursday night.

The Conservative vice chairman, Charles E. Rice, said his party would like to give them its nominations if they will accept them.

The Republican-Democratic agreement, not unprecedented for Court of Appeals elections, was worked out primarily by GOP Chairman Charles A. Schoeneck Jr. and his Democratic counterpart, John J. Burns.

Burns said that his state committee's executive committee already had approved the arrangement and that he would report to the full committee meeting, scheduled to begin at noon in a downtown Albany hotel. He said candidates would make acceptance speeches.

Meanwhile, in another hotel two blocks away, Republicans were working on a timetable calling first for executive committee approval, followed by formal nominations by the full committee.

Instead, the reform program is expected to cover estate and gift taxes, industrial development bonds, flat exemption for trusts and churches, and the multiple exemptions corporations sometimes claim by setting up pass-through entities.

Officials are also discussing, but no decisions have been made, the possibility of including the changed tax treatment of the elderly which the House Ways and Means Committee rejected in approving an increase in Social Security benefits.

Under this system, the exclusions for tax purposes of Social Security benefits, the retirement income credit and the extra \$600 personal exemption for persons 65 and over would be replaced by a flat exemption of \$2,300 for single persons and \$4,000 for married couples.

This program would not affect the tax-free status of 16 million elderly who pay no tax. About 2.8 million would enjoy tax cuts, the Treasury said.

The taxes of the remaining one million elderly would be raised.

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## Wife Reported Unsympathetic

BRADFORD, England (UPI) — John Hardy, who had spent 11 months building an offense bond for himself and his wife, Barbara, found out Tuesday that it is too big to go through the bedroom door.

"We've been sleeping on a mattress on the floor while John worked on the bond which measures 6'7" by 14," Mrs. Hardy said. "When we found out that it was too big to get into the bedroom, I couldn't help laughing."