

Helen Keller Dies at Age 87



HELEN KELLER (1880-1968)

EASTON, Conn. (UPI)—Helen Keller, a blind deaf-mute who rose from her silent world of darkness to become one of the great women of the 20th Century, died at her home Saturday, less than a month before her 88th birthday.

The gentle woman who walked with kings and presidents in her lifelong crusade to help the world's handicapped, died at her estate outside Easton. She had been in failing health for two years.

Despite her handicaps which led to an almost animal-like existence for the first eight years of her life, Miss Keller graduated from college with honors, became a humanitarian, author, lecturer and world traveler, primarily on behalf of the blind.

Her achievements won the acclaim of the world and a host of honors from U.S. presidents and many foreign governments.

Few who knew her in her most active years could really grasp that this charming woman with gray blue eyes was once a helpless and pitiful child of whom a doctor said: "She is alive and that is all."

Helen Keller was, indeed, only alive when the doctor made his comment. It took a quiet young Bostonian, Anne Sullivan, to unlock the brilliance of a keen intellect that was to amaze the world.

It was agonizingly slow and
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I'd Run With Nixon —Percy

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. (UPI)—U.S. Sen. Charles H. Percy, R-Ill., said Saturday he would accept an invitation to become Richard M. Nixon's running mate if he were "released" from his obligations as senator by the people and leadership in Illinois.

When Percy was asked at a news conference if he would accept an invitation from Nixon, Percy replied: "Under certain circumstances, I think, providing the Illinois delegation and the Illinois political leadership and the sense of the people release me from my obligations as a senator."

Percy said he "couldn't imagine anyone in public life saying 'No'" to the opportunity to have a more important position.

Percy said Nixon was "99.44 per cent sure of winning the nomination."

The senator was in Rock Island for a "listen-in" meeting with voters.

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Some Back on Jobs

Foes of De Gaulle Hold Out in Paris

PARIS (AP)—Tens of thousands of French students and workers, brandishing the flags of anarchy and revolution, demonstrated against President Charles de Gaulle Saturday and urged millions of still-striking Frenchmen to stand firm.

But Parisians by thousands headed away from the turmoil of Paris as gasoline supplies returned to normal, for a long sunny Pentecost weekend in the countryside.

The new French cabinet held its first meeting with De Gaulle and appealed for massive support for the general and his followers in the June 23 and 30 legislative elections.

A timid return-to-work movement that set in Friday continued. But any major break in the strike wave still crippling

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the country was postponed until Tuesday, after the long weekend.

Government and union negotiators, however, reached agreement on a strike settlement to get Paris buses and subways moving again after 16 days. But the weekend forced postponement of a ratification vote by striking workers.

Leftist Daniel Cohn-Bendit, his red hair still dyed black, made his first appearance outside the Sorbonne since his clandestine return to France a week ago. He joined the demonstrators to march at the head of the procession beside Jacques Sauvageot, head of the Students' Federation which organized the demonstration.

Students and young workers, estimates ranged from 20,000 to 50,000, massed in front of the old Montparnasse station in the big Square of June 18, 1940,
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Leftists Spark Violence in Italy

ROME (AP) — Violence and demonstrations inspired by the French national crisis hit Italy again Saturday, spreading from Rome to Turin, Naples and Florence.

Students battled with fists and rocks at Rome University, but the school grounds remained in the control of activists demonstrating against French President Charles de Gaulle.

Police and leftist extremists

clashed violently in Turin after a rally in support of French strikers. Reports from the northern Italian industrial city told of widespread injuries and arrests. Shop windows were broken by red banners and poles bearing huge portraits of Mao Tse-tung.

In Naples, 1,000 students seized the local university, then marched through the center of

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town shouting anti-De Gaulle slogans. They blocked traffic for hours by sitting down on one of Naples' busiest avenues.

At Florence University, students occupied the rector's offices, saying their action was in sympathy with "the struggle of French students and workers."

Rome University's rebels set up barricades at all gates and gathered heaps of stones and bricks, apparently readying for a siege.

Meanwhile, the Socialist party pulled out of the Italian government.
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Krulak Ends 34-Yr. Career

HONOLULU (AP) — Lt. Gen. Victor H. Krulak ended a 34-year Marine Corps career when he relinquished command of the Pacific Marine Force Friday.

Krulak was succeeded by Lt. Gen. Henry W. Buse Jr. at change-of-command ceremonies at the Marine Corps Air Station at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Krulak served as Pacific Marine commander for four years.

Sonic Boom Shakes Up AF Academy

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AP) — Fifteen persons were cut by flying glass Friday when a low-flying F105 Thunderchief cracked the sound barrier and shattered about 300 windows at the Air Force Academy.

The only casualty serious enough to require hospitalization was Lt. Col. John E. Penne-

kamp Jr., commanding the 3rd Cadet Group. He had a deep cut on the neck.

"It looked like it was coming straight for us," said Artus Smith, athletic equipment manager who was watching from a second-floor office in the cadet gymnasium.

"I don't know how he missed

Vanderburg Hall. He came over the top and dipped down in the valley. I yelled for a secretary to duck and I kicked the office door closed.

"When I looked up he had pulled straight up and glass was flying like hell," Smith said.

Chaplain Roy Terry was watching from the cadet dining

hall. "All of a sudden the windows just blew in. I don't know how I was missed. The glass flew all around me. The overhang just lifted up and then plopped back down," he said.

The sonic boom shattered windows in two dormitories, the cadet gymnasium and cadet dining
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VC Push Deep Into Saigon; Battle Destroys 3 Blocks

SAIGON (UPI)—Communist commandos drove deep into Saigon Saturday night, forcing American and South Vietnamese defenders to destroy whole city blocks in a scorched earth war against guerrilla hideouts.

Communist bands pushed to within three miles of the Presidential Palace in house-to-house fighting through narrow alleyways of the teeming Cholon district in western Saigon. It was

SAIGON (AP)—Viet Cong rocketeers continued to shell Saigon early Sunday, firing 11 rounds into the city. Three civilians were killed and 11 wounded, according to initial reports of the U.S. command.

the deepest penetration of Saigon since the new wave of Viet Cong assaults began May 25.

Snipers abandoned buildings which were set aflame and razed by American and South Vietnamese forces firing bazookas and recoilless rifles and a shower of rockets launched from U.S. gunship helicopters. Three city blocks were destroyed.

On another Saigon battlefield northeast of the city, South Vietnamese Marines battled about 800 Communists trying to cut the Bien Loi Bridge and prevent Allied reinforcements from en-

tering the capital. Air Force jets strafed the area. One strike severed a fuel pipeline leading to the Tan Son Nhut Air Base.

Incomplete casualty figures Saturday said the Allies killed at least 204 Communists in Saigon fighting and 269 more around Hue and Khe Sanh in northern province action which cost 14 U.S. Marines killed and 102 Americans wounded.

North Vietnamese gunners,

firing from a mountain in Laos called Co Rock, hit Khe Sanh with 27 artillery shells Saturday morning. Damage and casualties were reported light. U.S. planes and artillery blasted the mountain to silence the Communist guns.

About 150 North Vietnamese artillery shells hit Khe Sanh Friday in what could be the start of new Communist pressure against the base.

2 Marines Freed By S. Viet Troops

SAIGON (UPI)—South Vietnamese troops Saturday liberated two U.S. Marines held captive by the Viet Cong for about two days.

American spokesmen said Sgt. Albert J. Potter and Cpl. Frank C. Iodice survived their captivity in good physical condition.

In Washington, Pentagon officials confirmed Cpl. Frank C. Iodice of Atlanta, Ga. was involved in the incident. They said they were still checking details of the other serviceman.

The South Vietnamese troops freed the Marines during a battle with the Viet Cong 12 miles east of the coastal city of Hue, the former imperial capital 380 miles up the coast from Saigon.

It was the first time in the war that Americans held by Communist forces had been freed by South Vietnamese troops.

U.S. spokesmen said that an hour after being freed, the two Marines were escorted to a Leatherneck unit.

GIs Call Home After Release

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—The two Marines freed from enemy captivity by South Vietnamese troops in Vietnam telephoned their parents in the United States Saturday.

Cpl. Frank C. Iodice, of Atlanta, telephoned his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter R. Iodice, about 6:30 a.m.

"It was a very strange call," Mrs. Iodice said in describing the telephone call from her son. "I could hear his voice which didn't sound natural."

"He kept repeating, 'I'll be home very, very soon to stay.' The other thing he kept saying was for us to disregard the speed letter (missing in action report)."

The family has not yet received such a report.

Mrs. Iodice said, "He kept asking, 'do you understand?' He wanted us to be reassured that it was him speaking."

Meanwhile, in Hutchinson, Kan., Mrs. Warren Day spoke by radio-telephone to her Marine son, Sgt. Albert J. Potter, also released from captivity in Vietnam.

"I knew something was wrong but when I heard his voice I was relieved. He was all right," Mrs. Day said.

Mrs. Day said her son told her she would be hearing something, "but he didn't say what. He said he wanted us to know he was all right. The connection wasn't too good. That's about all I could make out but he sounded good to me."



Caribou Hit, Burns on Runway

Parts of a Caribou transport plane burn in the center of Dak Pek Special Forces camp runway while the rest of the plane lies where it skidded into an earth wall. The Caribou was hit by enemy ground fire on its approach, but the 22 passengers and three crewmen escaped injury. (AP)

Cut Off From Unit

GI Outmaneuvers 100 NVA

BONG SON, Vietnam (IO)—While more than 100 North Vietnamese passed by with fixed bayonets, Sgt. Phil Davis silently hugged the ground and prayed.

Davis, a squad leader with A Co. 1st Bn., 50th Inf., 173rd Airborne Brigade, had been separated from his unit during a heavy rocket and small arms attack in a flat coastal area 30 miles north of Qui Nhon.

The 21-year-old sergeant was pinned down while trying to pull the wounded to safety.

"I lay there for what seemed like a couple of hours," Davis said. "There was nothing else I could do. Heavy fire was coming from two directions."

"The NVA finally swept through the perimeter," he said, "but were too intent on destroy-

ing the damaged tracks to notice me. They were going after the remaining vehicles when our own air strikes and artillery started coming in all around the perimeter and almost on top of me.

"After about two more hours, I decided to get up and find a way out. There were enemy in front and behind me, but I figured my best chance was to the front, where the heaviest

air strikes had already landed.

"I ran about 500 meters to a wooded area without drawing fire. There I picked up an AK-47 from a dead NVA and found my way another mile or so to Highway 1 without seeing anyone," Davis added.

"I finally got picked up by APCs from my own battalion and rode back to our base camp."

Casualties in Vietnam

WASHINGTON (S&S)—The Defense Department has announced the following casualties in connection with the conflict in Vietnam.

KILLED IN ACTION

- Army**
Pfc. James J. Hewlett, Selma, Ala.
Pfc. Michael B. Jones, Peach Springs, Ariz.
SP4 Rodney E. Marruffo Jr., Stewart's Point, Calif.
Cpl. James H. Shotwell, Southport, Conn.
Sgt. Bernard A. Smalls, Jacksonville, Fla.
SP4 Michael J. Burkhardt, Nauridge, Ill.
Pfc. Alonzo L. Dixon, Warsaw, Ill.
Sgt. Thomas C. Connolly, Oak Lawn, Ill.
Sgt. Antoni B. Purwin, Baltimore, Md.
2Lt. Michael L. Deane, West Springfield, Mass.
Cpl. Russell A. Michalke, Saline, Mich.
Sgt. Lynn G. Hiebert, River Falls, Minn.
Pfc. Edward E. Beacham, Hazelhurst, Miss.
1Lt. Samuel W. Parnelle III, Las Vegas, Nev.
Sgt. Daniel F. Thompson, Wayne, N.J.
Cpl. Daniel J. Hammel, Brentwood, N.Y.
Cpl. Danny Hoskins, Trenton, Ohio.
Ssg. David B. Camacho, Columbus, S.C.
Cpl. Herbert W. Moody, Barnwell, S.C.
SP4 Dale D. Kenyon, Sioux Falls, S.D.
Sgt. Jessie C. Alba, Port Lavaca, Tex.
Cpl. Elmer W. Thomas, Odessa, Tex.
Pfc. Paul R. Martin, Pearisburg, Va.
Cpl. Gary D. Fox, Sheridan, Wyo.
- Navy**
HN Ronald G. Swain, Des Moines, Iowa.

- HN Terrence P. O'Brien, St. Paul, Minn.
- Marine Corps**
Cpl. Benjamin H. Reid, Cullman, Ala.
Pvt. Calvin K. Wood Jr., Theodore, Ala.
Pfc. Darrell D. Bratton, Pottsville, Ark.
Cpl. Daryl L. Stith, Hayward, Calif.
LCpl. Russell U. West, Anaheim, Calif.
Pfc. Christopher L. Kurtz, Long Beach, Calif.
Pfc. Richard Carrillo, Los Angeles, Calif.
Pfc. David E. Gore, Manteca, Calif.
LCpl. Duane F. Horgan, Lakewood, Colo.
1Lt. James R. Muckleroy, St. Petersburg, Fla.
Pfc. Ray Williams, Atlanta, Ga.
LCpl. Richard A. McClain, Des Moines, Iowa.
LCpl. Joseph F. Cook, Foxboro, Mass.
2Lt. Joe E. Allen, Bay St. Louis, Miss.
LCpl. Charles S. Kirkland Jr., Kennett, Mo.
LCpl. Willard D. Williams, Libbourn, Mo.
LCpl. Albert E. Peterson, Millford, N.Y.
Pfc. Carlos A. Morales De La Hoz, Yonkers, N.Y.
LCpl. Denver J. Berkheimer, Streetsboro, Ohio.
LCpl. Raymond T. Heyne, Mason, Wis.
- Air Force**
LTCol. Wallace A. Ford, Huntington, W.Va.
- DIED OF WOUNDS**
- Army**
SP4 Reid T. Styers, Baltimore, Md.
SP4 Thomas E. Buglino, North Providence, R.I.
Pfc. George R. Sosa, McAllen, Tex.
- Marine Corps**
Pvt. James L. Cummings, Silver City, Miss.
Maj. Daniel J. Keating Jr., Mamaroneck,

- N.Y.
LCpl. Herbert L. Tuttle Jr., Schenectady, N.Y.
- MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE**
- Army**
Cpl. Clifton T. Taylor, Mobile, Ala.
2Lt. Franklin V. Delara, Hialeah, Fla.
Pfc. Patrick V. McNearney, Royalton, Minn.
SP4 Alexander E. Prunka Jr., New York City.
Pfc. Gary K. Morris, Rockaway Beach, N.Y.
Ssg. Jerry D. Wright, Dennison, Ohio.
SP4 Gordon L. Terrell, Gervais, Ore.
SP4 Jaime A. Rivera-Lopez, Arcibo, P.R.
- MISSING IN ACTION**
- Army**
2Lt. Ronald L. Frazer.
Pfc. Richard J. Weinger.
- DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION**
- Army**
Pfc. Joseph D. Ruffler Jr., Marietta, Ohio.
- Marine Corps**
Pfc. Marcus R. Eckenrode, Torrance, Calif.
Pfc. Wayne H. McKinley, East Point, Ga.
Cpl. Arthur L. Waldorf, Salem, Ore.
- Air Force**
A1C Earl D. Reed, University City, Mo.
- MISSING TO DEAD—NON HOSTILE**
- Army**
Pfc. John E. Magee, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Navy**
BM2 Kenneth A. Carroll, National City, Calif.
- MISSING NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION**
- Navy**
FN Frederick V. Arens.

Russ Guns Silenced In Vietnam

SAIGON (UPI)—U.S. jets and artillery Saturday knocked out two Soviet-made 100mm guns that were used Thursday against an American base in the Central Highlands of South Vietnam, military sources said.

They were the largest artillery pieces ever used by Communist forces south of the area immediately below the Demilitarized Zone. Previously 100mm guns were used against the U.S. Marine base at Khe Sanh, the sources said.

The destroyed guns were dug into a hillside about 200 yards east of the Cambodian border and 16 miles west of the U.S. base at Dak To, the sources said. They were located by a spotter plane which directed fighter-bombers and artillery to them.

Shells from the guns struck a fire support base of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division 10 miles west of Dak To Thursday. No casualties or damages were reported in the shelling.

LBJ Shifts Generals

AUSTIN, Tex. (UPI)—President Johnson Friday announced the appointment of Maj. Gen. John J. Tolson III as commanding general of the Army's 18th Airborne Corps at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

Tolson, commanding general of the 1st Cav. Div. in Vietnam, succeeds Lt. Gen. Robert H. York, who will retire in July at his present rank.

In other Army reassignments, Johnson also tapped Lt. Gen.

Berton E. Spivy Jr. to be U.S. representative on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) military committee with a promotion to full general.

Spivy, now director of the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will replace Adm. Alfred G. Ward who is retiring.

In another switch, he named Maj. Gen. William P. Yarborough, assistant chief of staff for intelligence, to be commanding general of I Corps, 8th Army, in South Korea. Yarborough, promoted to lieutenant general, will succeed Lt. Gen. Harry H. Critz who is retiring.

Jungle-Chopping Marines Outrun Enemy

PHU BAI, Vietnam (ISO)—A nine-man Marine reconnaissance team challenged a company of North Vietnamese Army regulars to "catch us if you can," during a 31-hour mission.

The NVA chased the Marines through the jungles south of Phu Bai, but all the enemy received for their trouble was 10 of their own dead.

The chase began when the team, eight Marines and one Navy corpsman from the 4th Platoon, 1st Force Recon. Co., 1st Recon. Bn., was sent to the eastern Ta Trach River valley to watch enemy operations.

The first morning contact with the enemy was made by S.Sgt.

Jack Mathis, 22, of San Antonio, Tex., the patrol leader; Cpl. George Fell, 24, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Pfc. George Brice, 19, of Washington, Pa., who were retrieving a claymore mine they had planted the night before.

"Five of them walked up to us," said Fell. "We dropped four of them right away and know we seriously wounded the fifth."

"I saw them scattering," said Cpl. Joseph Murphy, 21, of New Cumberland, Pa., "and one of them was a monster. He was huge. Must have been 6-foot 2."

Mathis, Fell and Brice hurriedly retrieved the mine.

Five more Communist troops were moving up the trail, joined by others who poured heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire on the Leathernecks.

The recon team answered. The machine gunner, Pfc. James Hill, 18, of Pittsburgh, Pa., cut loose with 300 rounds of M60 machine gun fire.

"I burned my wrist on the barrel and didn't even know it," Hill recalled. "I didn't have time to think about it until we got back to Phu Bai. Then it hurt."

Two more enemy troops were killed in the exchange.

"It was a running firefight from there on. We had to get out of there," said Fell. "We had a

whole company on our tail, and we had just nine guys."

The Leathernecks challenged the enemy to catch them.

"Our packs were a little on the heavy side," said Cpl. John Ploum, 22, of Alhambra, Calif. "We normally carry 75-pound packs, so we had to lighten them to travel faster."

Two more Communist soldiers were killed when Ploum saw them moving toward the Marine position.

The Marines set off a harassing gas grenade.

"The grenade shut the door on the enemy long enough for us to get started pushing through the jungle to a landing zone where

we could be extracted," Ploum said.

With Fell and Brice taking turns clearing a path through the dense jungle with a chopping knife, the recon team moved out.

"It took about two hours to get to the LZ," said Pfc. Charles Bickum, of Philadelphia, Pa.

"Behind us we could hear the enemy beating the bush to catch up," said Ploum. "They were there . . . 10 meters . . . 20 meters . . . 30 meters. They were there the whole time."

Thirty meters from the landing zone two more enemy troops were spotted and killed.

A "Sea Knight" helicopter picked up the recon team. Two gunships provided fire support.

The Leathernecks each took a window and opened up on the enemy closing in on them.

"We got up in the air," Hill said, "and all those enemy troops were just standing up, trying to 'ding' us. We took off over a hillside, and that whole hillside opened up. Across the river, there was still more lead being poured in at us. Every enemy soldier in the area must have been trying to get us."

Except for minor shrapnel wounds received by Mathis and the burned wrist suffered by Hill, the nine-man team was uninjured.

'Sergeant Stork' No Misnomer

DAK TO, Vietnam (IO) — His real name is SSgt. Jerry C. Cook, but to the people of the tiny Montagnard hamlet of Dak Roleang, he's Sergeant Stork.

Cook, from Dallas, along with Sgt. I.C. Roosevelt Pompey, of Washington, D.C., both members of a 3rd Bn., 12th Inf. Civil Affairs team, were on a MEDCAP mission at the hamlet just west of the 4th Inf.'s, 1st Brigade command camp at Dak To.

While they were treating the villagers, Cook was approached by a middle-aged tribesman who appeared to be upset. An exchange of hand and arm signals proved futile, but a tug on Cook's jacket got the message across and they both scurried to the tribesman's hut.

There Cook found a Montagnard woman in labor. With the encouragement of the villagers, Cook delivered the infant.

Afterwards, the Montagnards held a festive ceremony and Cook was christened "doctor" by the people of Dak Roleang. Even though the 3rd Bn. soldier is not a medic, the Montagnards now believe he possesses medical powers.

For Cook, however, delivering babies is becoming a routine job.

He helped deliver two of his own 10 children.

Viet Reunion For Dad, Son

KONTUM, Vietnam (IO) — A chance meeting brought a father and his son together at the 3rd Brigade, 4th Div. command camp here after they had not seen each other for a year. But they faced the prospect of not seeing each other again for another 12 months.

First Sgt. Elmo Garrett of El Paso, Tex., of the brigade's Headquarters Co., was getting ready to return to the U.S. about the same time his son, Pfc. Carson Garrett, was arriving in Vietnam.

The younger Garrett, assigned to the 3rd Brigade's communications section, met his dad at the brigade command camp at Kontum.

Gen. Enemark Shifted

WASHINGTON (S&S) — Maj. Gen. William A. Enemark, commanding general, 7th Inf. Div. in South Korea, is being transferred to the inspector general's office here, the Army announced Monday.



How to Knock Out a Bunker

A machine gunner of the 25th Inf. Div.'s 1st Bn. (Mechanized), 5th Inf., blazes away at enemy positions 18 miles northwest of Saigon. His fire knocked out a heavily reinforced bunker. (USA)

Truck Eases Market Trip

A Lift for the Montagnards

By SPEC. 4 JIM WALTERS
CAMP ENARI, Vietnam (IO) — The morning sun is beginning to take the chill out of the air at Plei Than Ngol. Prell, the village sub-chief, smiles. Today, his people won't walk 25 miles to the market place in Pleiku.

Short weeks ago they walked. Years ago they walked. Before the sun came up, they began the trip with heavily laden baskets.

In the heat of the afternoon they haggled. Bracelets for fish, fruit for tobacco, chickens for cloth. In the faint light of a setting sun: a 25-mile walk home.

That was yesterday.

Prell leaves the chief's hut with his friend, 1st Lt. Steve Newman, of Alcoa, Tenn. Laughing together, they walk a short distance to the 1st Bn., 8th Inf. truck. The sign on the big deuce-and-a-half reads: Civil Affairs Team.

Musical language bubbles, dogs bark, chickens squawk. Today is market day.

Wind blows the long black hair of village men as the truck turns a half day walk into a 40-minute ride. Leather-faced smiles. Dirt turns into pavement. A confusion of people and Lambrettas prevails as the truck lumbers to a

stop under a shade tree across from the market. Even before the dust settles, the market women swarm around the Montagnards as they clamber from the truck.

The women scrutinize a basket of bananas. One holds up five fingers. An expression of disapproval crosses the Montagnard's face. Another woman holds up seven. No. Eight. He hands her the stalk of bananas.

The villagers of Plei Than Ngol wind slowly through the market place. Strange smells of fish, tobacco, unknown smells. A grinning man holds a bottle of whiskey out to a Montagnard carrying an arm load of cross-bows. No. A Montagnard girl

puts her basket down for a moment and gazes wistfully at elegantly dressed Vietnamese women. The girl smokes a green cigar.

The townspeople know what they want and they buy it quickly. Before long, everyone is loaded back on. In the bed of the truck: men, women, children, baskets of fish, sacks of rice, bags of salt—and smiles.

A gust of afternoon wind sweeps through Plei Than Ngol. The women return to the huts with their new supplies. The men line up to shake hands with Newman and the members of the 4th Div.'s 1st Bn., 8th Inf. Civil Affairs Team.

The sun is still high in the sky.

That 'Rock' in GI's Boot Was Slug of Good Luck

CU CHI, Vietnam (IO) — The fighting was heavy and bullets seemed to be flying everywhere, but all Spec. 4 Michael J. Brassil could think about was the rock in his boot.

Soon enough, though, C Co., 2nd Bn., 27th Inf., pulled back to call in artillery support. The

brief respite gave Brassil, 21, of Los Angeles, a chance to remove his boot.

Then he realized how hot the fighting had been: the "rock" was a Communist AK47 round that had ripped through the sole of his boot but was too spent to harm his foot.

100,000th Truckload

CAMP ENARI, Vietnam (IO) — Amid the click of cameras, the oompahs of a brass band and warm congratulations, the ammo-laden truck barreled into the 2nd Sq., 1st Cav. firebase just off Highway 19 east of Pleiku.

It looked like any other truck, but this big 5-tonner happened to be the 100,000th vehicle to travel Highway 19, the main supply route to the highlands from the supply depots at Qui Nhon, since security for the road was assumed by the 4th Div. cavalry unit last Sept. 16.

In brief ceremonies, Spec. 4 Gary R. Fierst, a driver with the 8th Transportation Group, wheeled the 100,000th vehicle and was presented with an honorary 2nd Sq., 1st Cav. membership by Lt. Col. Charles P. Graham, squadron commander.

GIs Keeping Cool —With Ice Cream

CAMP EVANS, Vietnam (IO) — Ice cream for the 1st Air Cav. Div.'s sweltering troopers is manufactured at Dairy Queen, South Vietnam—a new two-man plant beneath a green parachute north of the Camp Evans airstrip.

Spec. 4 William Perkins, of New York, and Pfc. Ralph Navarro of Nieves, Puerto Rico, run the plant as members of Task Force Langley, a unit of the 26th Logistical Group.

Rain Puts Out Fire

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland, (AP)—Heavy rain Friday extinguished a forest fire 18 miles south of here which burned 11 homes Thursday between the communities of Witless Bay and Mobile. The fire burned about 1,000 acres.

Blind Crusader Helen Keller Dies at 87

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painful at first. It took months until Helen finally learned the meaning of the word "doll" and several years before she walked into the parlor of her Alabama home and murmured haltingly to her astonished parents her first intelligible words:

"I am not dumb now."
From that day on, with Anne Sullivan whom Helen called "teacher," always by her side, her talents multiplied with amazing speed. By 16 she had achieved a normal education and at 20 she entered Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Mass.

Through her writings and work she became renowned the world over. Her courage gave strength to millions of handicapped persons.

Helen Adams Keller was born June 27, 1880, in Tuscumbia, Ala., the daughter of Capt. Arthur H. and Katherine Adams Keller. Her father was a property owner and newspaper editor

but a man of modest means.
At 19 months, the blonde youngster was stricken with a mysterious brain fever that left her blind and a deaf mute. Because of his lack of funds, there was little Capt. Keller could do in the way of advanced medical treatment.

The result was that Helen grew up as a scratching, clawing child who snorted and wheezed to express her needs. She frequently stumbled and fell in her vain effort to play with other children.

Her father, frustrated and heartbroken, finally appealed to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, who had done some work for the deaf. Dr. Bell arranged with the Perkins Institute for the Blind in Watertown, Mass., near Boston, to send a special teacher.

On March 3, 1887, Anne Sullivan, a 19-year-old Irish girl who had recovered her own sight through an operation, arrived in Tuscumbia—the teacher from Perkins Institute. It is that day

that Helen Keller always referred to as her real "birthday."
Using a manual alphabet invented by Trappist monks in Spain, Anne tapped words into Helen's hand—but the child could not understand that the words represented things.

One day at an outdoor pump, as water flowed over the child's hand, Anne tapped the word over and over. Helen finally understood.

"There was a strange stir within me . . ." she once wrote. "I understood that it was possible for me to communicate with the other people by these signs . . . delicious sensations rippled through me and sweet strange things that were locked up in my heart began to sing."

In 1904 she graduated from Radcliffe Cum Laude with a bachelor of arts degree and her inspiring career was under way.

Miss Keller began a tireless round of lectures and aid to other blind persons. As her writings appeared her circle of

friends became legion and included such men as John D. Rockefeller, Mark Twain, William Dean Howells, Woodrow Wilson and William James.

"The two most interesting characters of the 19th Century are Napoleon and Helen Keller," Twain said shortly before his death.

James was simple but eloquent. He wrote to Miss Keller: "The sum of it is that you are a blessing."

Her books, "Optimism," "The Story of My Life," "Out of the Dark" and "The World I Live In," met wide success and she turned briefly to movies. The venture was unsuccessful and she opened a dignified vaudeville act. She swept the nation with her charm.

Love once also entered the life of Miss Keller. While recuperating in Puerto Rico after an illness, Miss Keller met a young newspaperman who served briefly as her secretary.

Once the marriage plans were

reported in the newspapers, Helen's mother, upset by the publicity, took her to Alabama. The romance died.

In 1914, Miss Keller engaged a secretary, Polly Thomson, who was to remain with her for 44 years.

Miss Keller's writings grew to include "The Song of the Stone Wall," "My Religion," "Midstream—My Later Life," "Peace at Eventide," "Helen Keller in Scotland," "Helen Keller's Journal," and "Let Us Have Faith."

"The Unconquered," a film biography of her life narrated by actress Katharine Cornell, was produced and shown nationwide. Her life with Anne Sullivan later was the subject of a Broadway play, "The Miracle Worker," from which a popular film was made.

A tragic irony struck in 1934. While in Scotland, where Helen herself was in ill health, Anne Sullivan's eyesight began to fail. Teacher now became pupil and Helen devoted herself to her friend.

Anne Sullivan Macy died in 1936, the same year she and Helen were awarded the Roosevelt Medal for achievements of "heroic character and far reaching significance."

Though sorrowed by her friend's death and frequently ill herself, Helen found new projects.

A tireless traveler, she lectured on behalf of the blind in more than 25 countries on five continents. She aided the war effort, spoke before legislatures, addressed every group that time permitted.

At the age of 74, her brown hair graying, she undertook her last major trip—a 40,000-mile survey of conditions among the physically handicapped in the Far East.

"Retiring?" she said in reply to a question when she returned. "I dislike the word."

Her health became increasingly poor and she stayed close to her Arcan Ridge estate near Easton with Miss Thomson.

Polly Thomson died in 1960, and since then Mrs. Evelyn Davidson has been with Miss Keller.

Awards and honors made to Miss Keller were endless and came from many nations. Harvard University granted her the first honorary degree it ever gave a woman. She has been selected in numerous versions of the "ten greatest women."

A family spokesman said funeral services were planned at the Washington Cathedral in the capital next week, but no specific day was set. Miss Keller will be cremated.

U.S. Again Urges Red Restraint

PARIS (UPI) — The United States has again asked Hanoi to show restraint if America is to stop bombing North Vietnam.

W. Averell Harriman, chief U.S. negotiator at the Paris peace talks, carefully avoided setting any conditions in his sixth session with North Vietnamese negotiator Xuan Thuy Friday. Harriman also renewed his call on Hanoi to join the United States in restoring the DMZ to its former status.

North Vietnam, however, adopted an increasingly tough position. Thuy called "absurd" President Johnson's latest appeal for Communist restraint.

And there were fears Hanoi's line could harden even further after the announcement by the Vietnam news agency that North Vietnam is sending to Paris one of its toughest Politbureau members, Le Duc Tho.

The next session is scheduled Thursday.



Tough Going in Cholon Fighting

South Vietnamese combat police crouch behind bullet-scarred taxi Saturday while under Viet Cong fire in Cholon, the Chinese sector of Saigon. Government troops and police cordoned off a five-block area where an enemy commando company

emerged Friday and holed up in concrete homes and buildings. They were being blasted out in floor-to-floor, door-to-door fighting with recoilless rifles and hand grenades in a battle that was leveling the area. Story on Page 6.

(AP Radiophoto)

Italy—

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ment after five years of center-left coalition rule.

The move opened the way for a minority transitional government of Christian Democrats, possibly with the participation of the tiny Republican party, and all but ruled out Christian Democrat Premier Aldo Moro's chances of succeeding himself.

De Gaulle Foes Hold Out

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which commemorates De Gaulle's historic appeal to the French to continue the fight against the Nazis.

They carried banners calling for the resignation of De Gaulle and announcing: "The struggle continues."

Police were not in evidence to avoid provoking the demonstrators and there was no immediate move to arrest Cohn-Bendit.

An idol of Paris students, he went to Berlin and the Netherlands nearly two weeks ago. French authorities banned his

return but he showed up for a post-midnight news conference at the Sorbonne a week ago and then disappeared again.

Although police remained out of the square, about 100 riot police wearing helmets and anti-teargas goggles were posted behind the station. Larger forces stood by.

The demonstrators marched along the Boulevard Montparnasse.

They were headed away from the Champs Elysees district where supporters of De Gaulle demonstrated their support for the president by the hundreds of thousands on Thursday and Friday.

After the cabinet meeting, new Information Minister Yves Guena told newsmen the government will respect agreements agreed upon May 27 with unions. They have yet to be approved by the workers.

He said the cabinet decided to raise the guaranteed minimum wage for farm workers to three francs (60 cents) an hour, same as industrial workers.

Sonic Boom Jars Academy

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ing hall. The academy had engineers surveying the damage.

The flight of four F105s from McConnell Air Force Base, Kan., passed over first in formation, then single file. The first plane in the second pass cracked the sound barrier as he passed an estimated 50 feet above three-story Vandenberg Hall. The entire south wall of the dining hall—all windows—was blown out.

The flyover was the finale to a ceremony marking presentation to the 3,110-man cadet wing of a static F105 display made from parts of 10 combat damaged planes.

The cadets were standing in formation when the boom sounded, but none was hit by glass.

The outdoor ceremony was a prelude to establishment of a memorial scholarship for the late Lt. Karl W. Richter, 24, Holly, Mich., an academy graduate who had flown 198 strike missions over North Vietnam before he was shot down last year.

An Air Force Academy spokesman said it was too early to tell whether an evaluation board would be called to determine if the pilot was negligent.

He said an investigation was proceeding to determine if the instruments in the cockpit of the plane were functioning properly.

The spokesman explained that in low level fly-bys a pilot is too concerned with terrain and other aircraft to keep a close watch on the instruments. He also said that when a pilot goes into supersonic speed ranges he doesn't know it unless he is watching the gauge.

Weather

Asian Weather Central
TOKYO AREA

Sunday Night: Cloudy; Low: Mid-60s
Monday: Cloudy; High: Mid-70s

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