

## Reds Gain In Indochina

# ELIGIBLE FOR BIG DELTA AREA

### Expected To Go Higher

## Rio Grande Flood Toll Rises To 55

EAGLE PASS, Tex.—(AP)—At least 55 persons are dead in the Rio Grande's most devastating flood in history, but the death toll

## Steel Prices Increased By Top Company

PITTSBURGH (U.P.)—U.S. Steel Corp., which produces more than one-third of the nation's steel, today announced an increase in prices averaging \$3 a ton. The highest price of basic carbon steel is \$120 a ton. The price increase comes just 11 days after the nation's No. 1 producer signed a contract with CIO United Steelworkers giving 190,000 employees a five-cent hourly wage hike and improved pension and insurance programs.

Other basic steel producers are expected to follow U.S. Steel's example in upping prices since they also reached agreement with the union on similar contracts. The company did not say when the increases will become effective.

Only yesterday Benjamin F. Fairless, chairman of U.S. Steel, said the increases are necessary because of the new USW contract. Union officials estimated that the improved pension and insurance programs will cost the company per man seven cents an hour and bring the total package to 12 cents. The company would not comment on the total cost.

The increase in steel prices may touch off a series of price hikes in the cost of a number of finished products made of steel. That means the hike will touch the pocketbook of nearly every American.

Stevens in England—LAWRENCEVILLE, England—(U.P.)—U.S. Secretary of the Union Robert T. Stevens arrived today from Washington on a visit to American Army commands in Europe.

## Guatemalan Anti-Reds Fail To Reach Accord

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador—(AP)—Guatemalan anti-Communist chiefs haggled until nearly dawn today in a vain effort to agree on a peace settlement which would give their war-ravaged land its fourth government in a week.

The peace talks between Col. Carlos Castillo Armas and Col. Eliezer Guzman, head of Guatemala's new governing junta, broke up at 2:35 a.m. Castillo Armas announced he was returning to his rebel headquarters at Chiquimula in a statement issued to anti-Communists, both leaders said they were extending until 9 a.m. tomorrow the cease-fire in effect between the rebels and the Guatemalan army.

El Salvador's President Oscar Osorio, acting as mediator, voiced optimism that a settlement could be reached. PEACE REMOTE—But real peace seemed remote as Monzon's junta rushed troops to Communist strong points in Guatemala where vengeful Red leaders were reported trying to foment peasant uprisings. Armed, indoctrinated farm workers were said to be inciting revolt in Escuintla, Financ and Concepcion, hubs of communism about 300 miles from Guatemala City.

### OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy and hot today. Fair and warm tonight. Tomorrow, partly cloudy and hot with highly scattered afternoon thunder showers.

High temperature expected today	87 degrees.
Low temperature this morning	68 degrees.
Low temperature expected tonight	78 degrees.
Sunrise 5:12 a.m.; sunset 7:42 p.m.	

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Sonny Bankhead... His car... His victory smile.

## HE JUST WOULDN'T QUIT

# 5th Try Wins It For Sonny Bankhead

By JOHN BORCHERT  
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A lad with unbounded courage and determination is Charlotte's new Sox Derby champion Manuel Olivas, a lumberman of Piedras Negras, told the story of his city's tragedy with tears in his eyes.

"I heard hundreds crying for help in the dark, but I couldn't help them," he said. "You could hear people shouting for help, but you couldn't see them. You could hear houses collapsing, then screams... then nothing."

The next day Olivas said, destruction was everywhere. There

turned out as it did." Officials explained that for the local race it really wouldn't matter if rules were flouted, but that any car at Akron which draws suspicion is disqualified. "We wouldn't want that to happen," they said.

Sonny's climb to success is a true story with all the elements for a Hollywood success plot. In 1950 he made his first try here only to lose in the first round of Class 3.

In 1951 he appeared to have found the key to success, but then

lost in the Class B finals. In 1952 and 1953 he went all the way to the Class A finals, only to lose.

This was Sonny's last chance. He will be 16 years of age in October. He decided to use the same racer he ran in 1953. He spent three months making the necessary adjustments to comply with the new rules. He gave up playing for the Hamlet baseball team so that he could spend more time on the car.

Once, it appeared that he wouldn't make it. While cleaning

the 22 pistol, the gun slipped, discharged and a bullet went through his hand. But Sonny stuck to his task. Then just as success seemed within his reach, his wheels were disqualified.

There is little doubt that Sonny has shown Charlotte the marks of a great champion.

Yesterday afternoon's final 135 cars in Class A presented many thrilling races to the spectators.

In the practice runs four racers were involved in accidents. One of Edward Priest of East Laurinburg, went out of control again in the afternoon's races and crashed into the car of Melvin Emery of Lancaster, S. C.

In another afternoon crash, Bowen Ramsey's car went into the rear of Mike Williams' auto after the racers had crossed the finish line.

One lad won despite a near collision. Jimmy Patterson, racing in Class B, couldn't control his car and swerved from his lane 3 into lane 2 in front of Eugene's own house from the Superior Roadfield. He rode Lane 2 the rest of the race, for which no payment was made of the way down and at first was

## FHA Official Dodges Questions About Girls

By ROWLAND EVANS JR.  
WASHINGTON, D.C.—A suspended FHA official refused today to answer questions about girls' parties and fishing trips to Mexico asked by senators probing scandalous practices of the government's housing program.

The suggestion in the questions was that he had pressured contractors into putting on parties. Andrew Frost, suspended last Friday as assistant FHA director for New Mexico, stood on his constitutional right not to be a witness against himself.

Frost was the second former FHA official to invoke the fifth amendment in the Senate Banking Committee's inquiry into alleged housing irregularities. The first was Clyde L. Powell, former assistant FHA commissioner, who, it was disclosed this week, had a government job.

QUESTIONS, NO ANSWERS—Here are some questions Frost refused to answer: 1. Did he, on March 31, 1953, ask a contractor engaged on a project built with government-backed loans "that a party be given to you the night of the groundbreaking with girls furnished by the contractor?" The project was the Holloman housing project. 2. Did he, at about the same time, attend a party at an Alamogordo, N.M., motel, at which three girls were supplied by a contractor at a cost of between \$300 and \$400? The cost charged to the government job? 3. Did Frost, between Oct. 16 and Oct. 18, 1953, take a fishing trip to Chihuahua, Mexico, with a contractor doing business with the FHA? Were all expenses from Albuquerque, where Frost was based, to El Paso paid by the government on a voucher submitted by Frost and did the contractors pay the balance of the cost? 4. Did Frost take a similar fishing trip in January 1953 with the government paying travel expenses from New Mexico to Texas and a contractor picking up the tab from there? Committee Counsel William Sh-

## Defenders Falling Back Toward Port

SINGAPORE (AP)—Much of the Red River delta, key prize in the bitter Indochina war, was falling into the hands of the Communist-led Vietminh tonight without a fight.

French Union forces were evacuating swiftly from their hard-to-hold centers in the delta area. The end to the savage eight-year-old struggle appeared to be not far off.

The French Union forces were generally withdrawing to their last lifeline—the railway and highway linking the war capital of Hanoi with the support of Haiphong, 64 miles to the east.

An Indochina Dunckerke may come soon at the end of this road. "The most dangerous road in the world" Haiphong is France's last beachhead in northern Vietnam. It is from there that they will have to make the attempt to evacuate tens of thousands of troops, whether as a result of a cross fire or after fighting their way through from Hanoi.

The French today announced they were pulling out of such important and heavily populated centers as Phat Dim, Thai Binh, Nam Dinh, and Ninh Binh, all within 15 to 75 miles south and southeast of Hanoi.

That automatically meant an area embracing thousands of villages peopled by around four million Vietnamese was dropping into the hands of the troops of Vietminh Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap.

It also meant that while these millions were being abandoned to communism, the French would be shakily controlling only the lifeline between Hanoi and Haiphong and a strip of territory in the northeastern Indochina including the town of Monky on the Chinese border.

That, too, however, may soon be given up as the French concentrate all their defensive power in the do-or-die sector between Hanoi and Haiphong.

ATTACKS EXPECTED—Barring a cease fire, the Vietminh are expected quickly to hit the lifeline with a massive human sea attack that could crush the French Union forces.

Whether the Delta then is swept by monsoon rains will make little difference.

The Vietminh usually have staged their heaviest attacks during rainstorms because they immobilize French armor and warplanes.

There is also danger of a possible civil uprising as the Vietminh sweep into thousands of the approximately 5,500 villages where seven million Vietnamese live.

Throughout the war the sympathies of these Vietnamese rice-growers have been with the troops of Moscow-trained Ho Chi Minh and not with the French or the budding Vietnamese national army.

For weeks since the Vietminh smashed the French fortress of Dien Bien Phu on May 6 thousands of Vietnamese in Hanoi and elsewhere in northern Indochina have been almost chanting "Long live

165 Join WE Strike Here

One hundred and sixty-five telephone installers of the Western Electric Co. went out on strike here today.

They joined the ranks of the approximately 17,000 installers who left their jobs all over the country. They are members of the Communications Workers of America, CIO, and are striking for a new contract.

Western Electric installs telephone for the Southern Bell Telephone Co. here. H. V. Alexander, Southern Bell district manager here, said local phone service has not been affected.

"We don't expect it to affect service," he said, adding that if WE strikers set up picket lines and Bell workers refuse to cross the lines service might be affected.

Mr. Alexander said there are 173 WE installers in the area. The workers here are engaged in installing equipment at the new West office in Thomasboro and the main exchange on Calhoun St. where long distance dial equipment is being installed.

The WE workers walked out at 11 a. m. WE workers have also walked out in Gastonia, Lenoir and Burlington.



Map Shows Strategic Area in French Withdrawal. (AP Photo)

### EVENING PRAYER

Our Father, we thank Thee for men and women who are good and true; men and women who give their lives to Thee and never turn back. Help us to belong to Thee, too, this day and every day. Keep us faithful, in remembrance of Thy faithful to us. In the name of Jesus, Amen.