



AN AMERICAN THANKSGIVING

Fifty foreign students from the University of Washington were treated to an American Thanksgiving with turkey and all the trimmings in Chehalis homes Thursday. Above, Mr. and Mrs. Justin Serley serve turkey to a Japanese family from Tokyo, Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Fukaya and their four-year-old youngster, Chikashi. Fukaya is studying medicine at the UW. Westminster Presbyterian Church sponsored the students' visit to Chehalis. — Chronicle Staff Photo

Cong Trap Fails

SAIGON (AP) — U.S. cavalrymen and helicopter gunships beat off a Red ambush of an American truck convoy today in the central highlands in one of three sharp actions reported to have cost the Communists 150 dead.

Enemy troops struck the truck column about 2 1/2 miles east of Pleiku and 60 miles south of Dak To, which was the focal point for the bloodiest battle of the Vietnam war. Associated Press correspondent John Lengel reported from Pleiku that the Communists killed four soldiers of the U.S. 1st Air Cavalry Division.

118 Reds Slain
U.S. infantrymen reported killing 118 Communist soldiers in two battles—with bazooka-firing Viet Cong who attacked near Saigon and with entrenched North Vietnamese troops far to the north in the Que Son Valley.

In the air war, the U.S. Command claimed another probable MIG kill northwest of Hanoi and announced the loss of four more American planes.

A company from the 196th Light Infantry Brigade and an armored unit from the 1st Air Cavalry Division made contact with the North Vietnamese in the Que Son Valley 25 miles south of Da Nang on a search-and-destroy mission. The enemy opened up with heavy machine-gun fire from a complex of bunkers and holes in the bamboo-thicketed rice valley.

In a fierce 11-hour battle that raged until dark Thursday, the U.S. infantrymen claimed killing 61 enemy soldiers. They reported seven Americans killed and 42 wounded and two armored personnel carriers destroyed.

A company of U.S. reinforcements was flown in Thursday and two more companies went in today, but no further contact was reported.

In the other battle, 52 miles northwest of Saigon, outnumbered American troops reported killing 57 of about 300 Viet Cong who tried unsuccessfully before dawn today to break through the barbed-wire perimeter of a 1st Infantry Division company with mortars and small rockets fired from bazookas. They got to the wire but never penetrated it.

War Feared Greeks, Turks Alert Armies

ATHENS (AP)—As U.S. presidential envoy Cyrus R. Vance sought in Athens today to head off a Greek-Turkish war over Cyprus, a spokesman announced in Brussels that the two nations had accepted the good offices of Manlio Brosio, secretary-general of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, in their dispute.

Vance arrived in the Greek capital after talks with Turkish leaders in Ankara Thursday that roused resentment in the Turkish press and a rock-throwing anti-American demonstration by 2,000 students eager for war. He was met with reserve by Turkish officials and made no comment on the negotiations.

Johnson's special envoy said he probably would go back to Ankara after his talks in Athens and later possibly to Cyprus. Coincidental with Vance's trip, Jose Rolz-Bennett, a special representative of U.N. Secretary-General U Thant, arrived in Turkey bearing a message "calling for restraint."

Cyprus was tense after new flights over the island by Turkish jets; the killing of a Greek Cypriot and two bomb blasts in the Greek quarter of Nicosia. In the Turkish section of the capital, Turkish Cypriots dug fortifications and put up barricades.

Americans Leave
The tense situation caused the U.S. Embassy in Nicosia to order the evacuation to Beirut of 400 American wives and children from Cyprus. The State Department advised American travelers to stay away from Cyprus, Greece or Turkey, and the Canadian government issued the same warning to its citizens.

Another Turkish threat in 1964 to go to the aid of the Turkish minority in Cyprus was thwarted when President Johnson issued a sharp, private warning to the Ankara government.

Battle Spurs Crisis
The new crisis on the island developed last week after a battle in which 25 Turkish Cypriots and two Greek Cypriots were killed.

Diplomatic sources in Athens said the Greek government felt it had already made a conciliatory gesture by withdrawing Grivas from the island and forbidding him to return.

Enrollment Tally Told

Enrollment for the winter quarter at Centralia College reached 842 Wednesday after eight days of registering students presently on campus, according to Vincent Coates, registrar.

Holiday Deaths Mount On Nation's Highways

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The number of deaths on the nation's highways mounted today as many Americans celebrated the long holiday period after a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with relatives.

Chemical Blaze Out

PORTLAND (AP) — Eye-smarting smoke from a dangerous chemical fire cleared today, and firemen began mopping up what is left of a supply company in north Portland.

Assault Charged

Charges of second degree assault have been filed in the Lewis County Superior Court against Robert Hewitt, 29, and David Williams, 24, both Centralia.

Late News Bulletins

SEATTLE (AP) — Steps to curb the rising cost of aid to dependent children welfare payments were urged by members of the Legislative Budget Committee here Friday as the group met to consider Gov. Dan Evans' request for \$8.1 million from the contingency fund for public assistance outlay.

Educators Will Parley

Principals and counselors from throughout Lewis and Thurston Counties will be in Centralia next Tuesday to meet with Centralia College administrators and faculty.

Winlock Residents Give Blood As 'Yule Present'

WINLOCK — A three-hour blood drawing sponsored by 10 organizations in Winlock Wednesday received a total of 58 pints of blood, and drew the hearty praise of Dr. R. Sherwin Johnston, Lewis County health officer.

Forestry Fete Dated

ONALASKA — Outstanding forest farmers in Lewis County will be honored Dec. 7 at the 10th annual Farm Forestry Awards Banquet here.

Smashup Reported

No one was hurt in a three-car collision at 6 p.m. Wednesday on the White Pass Highway six miles west of Randle, according to the State Patrol.



ONE MAN'S PROTEST
In apparent protest against a federal-state move to rid sections of interstate highways of billboards, Alfred Hamilton, turkey rancher who owns property adjacent to Interstate 5 just south of Centralia, erected this billboard of his own. Billboard removal was halted, at least temporarily, Wednesday when Superior Court Judge Hewitt Henry granted restraining order against billboard removal pending Nov. 28 hearing to decide whether to grant an injunction pending a test before the State Supreme Court. — Chronicle Staff Photo

Mother Greet's 'Dead' Son In Tearful Reunion

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn. (AP) — Pfc. John W. Guinn, 23, returned from the Vietnam dead today for a tearful reunion with his mother, brothers and sisters.

Guinn said he knew personally the Kentucky soldier — Pfc. Quinn W. Tichenor of Louisville — who was buried in his own grave Tuesday. They were in the same Army company "right in the middle of a bunch of the action in Vietnam" but in different platoons, he said.

mother, Blanche Guinn, by telephone from Vietnam Thanksgiving Day, but she didn't tell him of the mistake.

Gold Bullion Buying Sweeps Europe

LONDON (AP) The gold rush became a stampede in Western Europe's bullion markets today and scenes of near pandemonium were reported in the bidding for gold shares on the Johannesburg stock exchange.

The Swiss National Bank moved to halt forward sales of gold—sales for delivery of the metal in 30, 60 or 90 days—to protect its dollar holdings.

Record gold sales were reported Thursday in the London, Paris and Zurich markets as buyers, apparently expecting still more countries to devalue their currencies, traded paper money for gold. The French government let the word out it would resume cashing dollars for gold, which it stopped in October 1966 because it was running short of dollars.

U.S. Vows To Uphold Dollar Value Of Metal

WASHINGTON (AP)—In the face of the gold-buying rush reported from Europe today the Treasury Department stood unmoved behind President Johnson's Nov. 18 pledge to maintain the value of the U.S. dollar in terms of the metal.

Fowler emphasized that the best single thing that should be done to protect the dollar is prompt enactment of the 10 percent income tax surcharge urged by the administration.

The U.S. government is committed to buying and selling gold at \$35 an ounce on the foreign market. If a scarcity in its gold supply forces up the metal's price, this means the value of the dollar has declined.

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Five minutes after the accident, a sedan driven by William Seidltz, 86, of Tokeland, struck and killed a deer on the Ocean Beach Highway eight miles west of Chehalis. Seidltz was uninjured.

SANTA IS COMING TO OUR TOWN!

Read 'SANTA and the PIGWIDGEN'

It Begins Nov. 30 In The Daily Chronicle