

# Viet Offensive Called 'Poor'; Drought In India

SAIGON—Four news correspondents were ambushed and killed in Saigon Sunday by Viet Cong guerrillas. A fifth escaped after being dazed. Three of the dead were Australians, the fourth was British.

The Viet Cong also executed the first secretary of the West German embassy in Saigon. The newsmen were killed as they entered a narrow street in Saigon riding in a Jeep.

The deaths raised to 16 the number of correspondents killed while covering the war in Vietnam.

SAIGON—In what appeared to be an effort to duplicate the Tet offensive, Viet Cong troops fought inside Saigon and shelled at least 122 provincial capitals, towns and allied military installations Sunday.

"This was a poor substitute for the original Tet offensive," said Brig. Gen. William S. Sims, the U.S. military information chief. The U.S. Command reported 49 persons, military and civilian, killed and 360 wounded.

CALCUTTA -- The worst drought in years has hit east India's West Bengal state and forced a halt to all farming operations. The state was already suffering from a chronic food crisis.

SAIGON -- The U.S. Embassy had denied that three American soldiers ripped up a South Vietnamese flag because they didn't like a speech by Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky. But the embassy said the U.S. command had apologized to the mayor of Dalat in case there had been a misunderstanding.

LONDON -- The Nigerian federal government and its breakaway state of Biafra have agreed to hold preliminary peace talks in London this weekend aimed at ending the country's 10-month-old civil war.

## WORLD ROUNDUP

GENEVA -- The World Council of Churches said that talks between the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches on mixed marriages have so far been encouraging. The council said much attention is being devoted to problems raised by Catholic requirements that children of a mixed marriage must be raised as Catholics.

TOKYO -- Japan will not complain about a U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board recommendation that two more U.S. airlines be given trans-Pacific rights to serve Tokyo, a transport ministry official said Thursday.

Some Japanese newspapers have charged that the 1952 Air Agreement between the two nations should be tightened to prevent too much competition for Japan Air Lines, Japan's only international carrier.

LONDON -- Atty. Gen. Sir Elwyn Jones plans no criminal charges against Enoch Powell, the Conservative Party member of Parliament, for stirring racial discord. More than 28 organizations and individuals had demanded that Powell be prosecuted for a speech in Parliament attacking colored immigration. Powell was stripped of his party leadership after the speech.

LONDON -- British tailors make Englishmen look "worse than the Russians," Actor Robert Morley complained to a

## Ask Dr. QUIZMEE

Dr. Quizmee, our information specialist, is happy to answer his readers' questions in his weekly column. All responses are written by Funk & Wagnalls Standard Reference Encyclopedia.

Q: How is a student of economics, asked: "I've read that business is in the 'red-drum'! What does that mean?"

A: The term "red-drum" actually refers to a region of calm and light variable winds at or near the Equator—in other words, a place where there is little stirring!

Q: "What are the odd-looking letters on the sides of Russian aircraft?" asked K. M., a European traveler.

A: Those letters are from the Cyrillic alphabet, an ancient system attributed to the Apostle Cyril. It contains 33 characters, compared to our alphabet's 26.

tailor's group. To illustrate the classic styles he advocated, the 200-pound actor wore a green suit, red tie, brown shoes and red socks that wouldn't stay up.

NAPLES -- Luigi D'Alessandro, 21, was charged with attempted murder after he shot a man for looking at his wife's legs.

BAHIA BLANCA, Argentina

Police arrested a man suspected of operating a numbers racket and took him to a hospital to have his stomach pumped. He had eaten the search warrant.

NEW DELHI -- The world's white tiger population increased to 23 when a litter of three cubs was born at the New Delhi zoo.

OEREBRO, Sweden--Red-

wood, chairman until December

of constables pushed back 200 colored immigrant demonstrators who tried to get close to Wilson as he left the city hall. Wilson had called for an all-party campaign to take race relations out of politics and save Britain from being "engulfed by racial conflict."

BIRMINGHAM, England--A speech by Prime Minister Harold Wilson against race prejudice Sunday touched off a battle between police and both white and colored spectators. Mounted police and two lines

of constables pushed back 200 colored immigrant demonstrators who tried to get close to Wilson as he left the city hall. Wilson had called for an all-party campaign to take race relations out of politics and save Britain from being "engulfed by racial conflict."

Lagos, Nigeria -- Demonstrators have burned down the headquarters of the Shell-B.P. Oil Company and threatened to

destroy all British investment in breakaway Biafra, the secessionist radio reported Saturday. The threat of destruction would include numerous installations in the area still held by Biafrans.

MOSCOW -- Leaders of Czechoslovakia's liberalized regime met over the weekend for intensive talks with Soviet leaders in Moscow. Although strict secrecy surrounded the

discussions, it was reported that the talks included economic matters and the strong "differences arising from Prague's liberal reform program."

JERUSALEM -- Israel's occupation authorities have imposed restrictions against the people of Ramallah, a west bank town, as punishment for their protest strikes against the 20th anniversary parade in Jerusalem.

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