

**CALLS FOR SHELLING:**

**Doomed Platoon  
Sacrifices Self**

SAIGON (UPI) — A platoon of U.S. infantrymen today called on artillery strikes on its own position in a desperate bid to drive back an attacking Communist battalion. Six hours later the entire platoon, at least 24 men, was listed as "missing."

U.S. spokesmen said the platoon was overrun in the Central Highlands of South Vietnam near the border with Cambodia.

Along the North-South Vietnam border, Communist forces assaulted key American fortresses with one of their great-

est rocket and mortar barrages of the war. It pushed American deaths in the Vietnam war to more than 10,000.

The death toll thus far in Vietnam was higher than the combined total of Americans who fell in four other wars — the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War and the Spanish-American War. A total of 8,813 men died in the four earlier wars.

The appeal this afternoon from the unidentified platoon leader was the last heard from the unit, a part of the 4th U.S. Infantry Division, a division report said.

The phone link went dead and at least 24 men in the platoon were officially listed as "missing" in action six hours later.

A battalion of Reds — up to 400 men—swarmed over the outnumbered platoon near the Cambodian border, about 230 miles northeast of Saigon, spokesmen said.

The unit's parent company 200 yards away — pinned (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

**Leftists Oppose  
De Gaulle's Bid  
For More Power**

PARIS (UPI) — Premier Georges Pompidou today staked the life of his cabinet in the National Assembly over a bill asking for full powers for President Charles de Gaulle to legislate by decree until Nov. 1.

The massive leftist opposition immediately filed a censure motion in a bid to overthrow his cabinet.

Assembly officials set the vote on the censure motion for Saturday night. Early predictions indicated Pompidou might squeeze through by about 15 to 20 votes.

Pompidou asked for adoption of the bill granting him emergency legislative power for six months. Under the 1958 constitution, Pompidou's call for confidence made it compulsory for the opposition to file a censure motion or see the bill automatically adopted without a vote after a 48 hour period.

The assembly debate was immediately adjourned until Friday afternoon to allow for a 24-hour "cooling period" for all grounds.

Pompidou's appeal for the special powers followed a general strike Wednesday by more than 10 million workers.

The strike, biggest in France in three decades, paralyzed heavy industry, slowed public transportation to a crawl, shut schools, and left tens of thousands of homes and businesses without gas and electricity for most of the day.

**New Attempt Made To  
Pass Withholding Tax**

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — A Republican Assemblyman and his new-found Democratic allies launched a new drive today to marshal GOP support for a \$1.5 billion added tax bill opposed by Gov. Ronald Reagan.

The legislation, doubling state personal income taxes and imposing a payroll withholding system, needs at least 12 Republican votes to muster the required 54 votes to send the biggest tax bite in state history to the senate.

Assembly Democrats Wednesday ignored the Republican governor's opposition to payroll withholding and the Ways and Means committee voted 10-8 to send the bill, by Assemblyman John G. Veneman, R-Modesto, to the lower house floor.

It was a direct challenge to Reagan. The governor has repeatedly said he is against withholding, primarily because taxes should "hurt" so citizens will be aware of government spending.

The Veneman tax bill would increase the sales tax from 4 cents to 5 cents on the dollar, boost the corporation tax by a percentage point and double personal income taxes by depressing the exemption brackets and boosting tax percentages.

But the measure also repeals the business inventory tax, property taxes on household goods, solvent credits

**U.A.R. Demands  
U.N. Withdrawal**

UNITED NATIONS (UPI) — The United Arab Republic today officially demanded that the United Nations withdraw its entire peace force from Egyptian territory and the Gaza Strip.

U.A.R. Ambassador Mohamed Awad El Kony called on Secretary General Thant and delivered the official note. The demand previously had been broadcast by Cairo Radio.

El Kony confirmed that he had delivered the official withdrawal demand, which included abandonment of the U.N. peace-keeping headquarters base in the disputed Gaza Strip. But he said that any comment should come from Thant.

U. S. Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, who saw Thant for an hour immediately before El Kony's visit, told a news conference that the United States opposed use of force in the Middle East by any country and would support any U.N. effort to maintain peace.

and money and gives a tax refund to the aged. It also has the effect of reducing the state bank tax.

Veneman cleared a hurdle to action on the measure by amending from his bill provisions appropriating \$375 million for increased school and more property tax relief. This eliminated the requirement that the governor approve appropriations before the budget act is passed.

Veneman said the deleted provisions would be picked up by legislation by Assembly Speaker Jesse M. Unruh, D-Inglewood, giving \$175 million in new state school aid and another \$200 million in mandatory property tax relief.

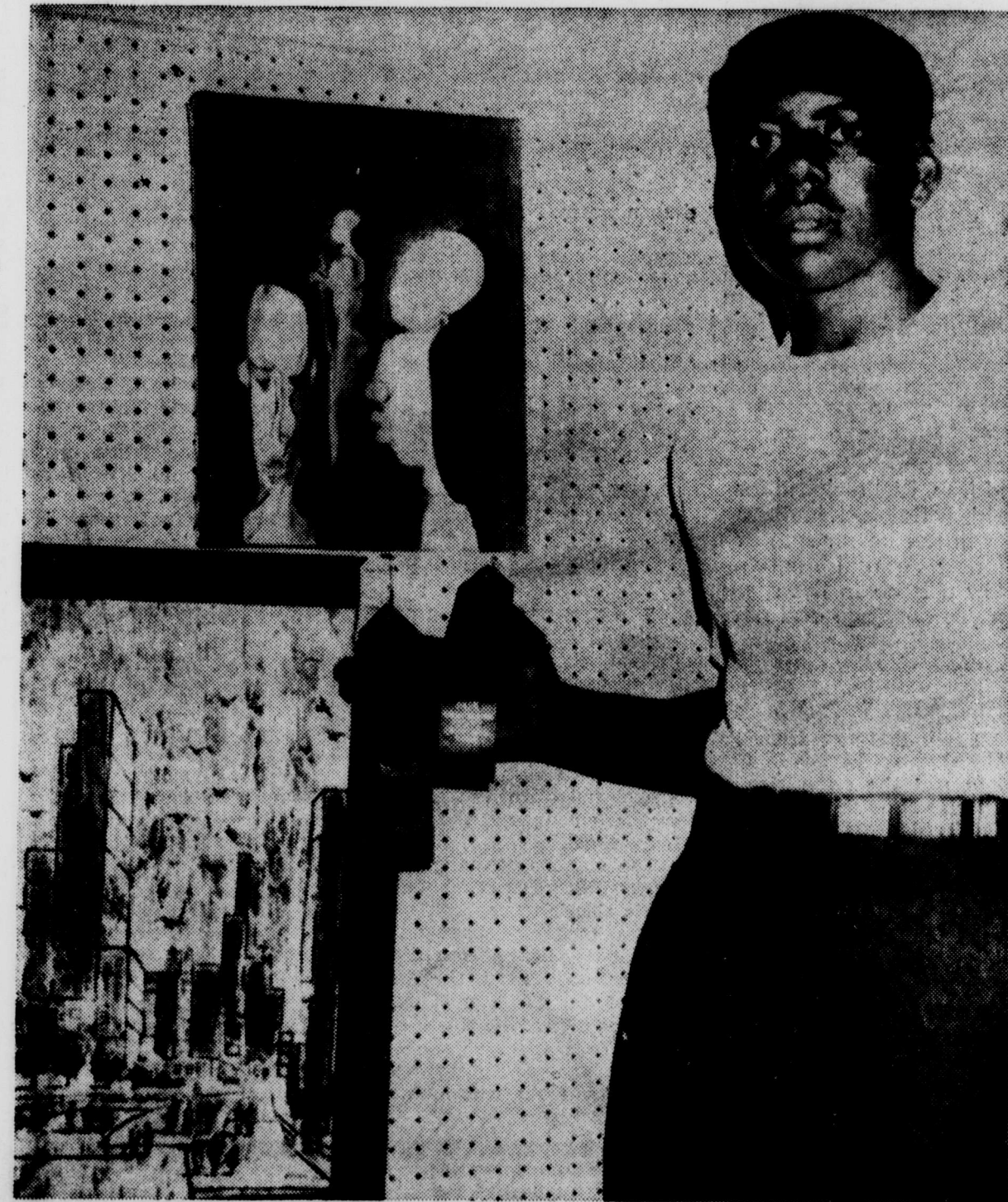
**CONTROVERSY AT TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY:**

**Police Blame Administration, Administrators Blame Police**

HOUSTON (UPI) — The administration of Texas Southern University accused by Mayor Louie B. Welch of irresponsibility during Wednesday's Negro student riots, blamed a massive police buildup for the two-hour gun battle.

"The mayor has not been on campus and is not up to date on the issues," Dean of Students J. B. Jones said.

"They moved in the other



**Albert Smith and Prize Winning Art  
Entered At Chowchilla Fair**

**PART OF CHOWCHILLA FAIR:**

**Eight Girls Seek Title Of  
Miss Madera County Tonight**

CHOWCHILLA — Eight pretty girls will compete tonight for the title of Miss Madera County and the right to represent the county in the Miss Universe pageant in the Miss Universe pageant in Los Angeles next month, and the Maid of California pageant at the State Fair in Sacramento.

The beauty pageant will climax the opening day of the Madera County Fair at Chowchilla and will continue through Sunday.

Home economics and junior group judging began Wednesday and is continuing through today. Judging in the art department, the floriculture department and the livestock department started this morning and will continue through Friday.

Free vaudeville shows are presented three times daily, with the programs being changed every other day. To day's and Friday's performances include songstress Arlene Wells, novelty act by Mordoni and Louise and the Bakers of the Hollywood Palace TV show.

Miss Madera County will be chosen tonight at 8 o'clock in the Little Cow Palace theater. The judges also select the Chowchilla youngsters between the ages of 8 and 10 years of age who most closely represent the theme character of the fair. He will be the Tommy Hawk of 1967. The Madera High School Star-dusters will provide the musical background.

Beauty pageant contestants are Joan Delany, Miss Oakhurst of 1967, Linda Weaver and Linda Stevens of Chowchilla, and Karen Sloan, Lynea Minneti, Gloria Kelley, Diana Molina and Sandra Pera, all of Madera.

Friday will be Kid's Day at the fair, with all rides on the Gayway at reduced prices, and kid's contests on the playground area lawn with Eddie the clown. Eddie's animal circus will give three free performances daily through the fair, with his Little Big Top on the lawn area. Saturday is parade and barbecue, and Sunday will be racehorse day. The fair will conclude with a bang Sunday evening

**Monday Session Will  
Study Museum Ideas**

Representatives from organizations throughout the county will be called together Monday night to discuss a future museum and observance of the county's 75th anniversary.

The meeting will be conducted by the board of directors of the Madera County Historical Society, with J. N. Piers presiding.

The society is hoping for museum facilities to display its collections of historical articles. Need, location and financing are to be discussed.

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versary will be in the spring of 1968.

The directors plan to receive suggestions from as many groups as possible to be able to judge the community's wishes on the two subjects.

Organizations throughout the county have been invited to send representatives. Any not contacted are welcome to send delegates, a spokesman for the society said.

The meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Madera County Government Center building.

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**Hungarian Diplomat  
Is Defector To U.S.**

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Hungary's top diplomat in the United States was a sophisticated, non-dogmatic Communist who was expected to become his country's ambassador to Washington and a key man in the bridge building between East and West. Today, he is a defector in seclusion and a new irritant in U. S. — Hungarian relations.

U. S. officials took pains not to exploit the propaganda possibilities of the defection to avoid aggravating Hungary's Communist regime.

Janos Radanyi, Hungarian

charge d'affaires in Washington, had been known here as a new-style Communist diplomat — one who could discuss touchy topics like Vietnam without using dogmatic phrases like "imperialist" or "genocide."

In a brief announcement Wednesday, the State Department said Radanyi "has decided that he wishes to become a permanent resident of the United States."

It was the first defection to the West of a Communist envoy who headed a diplomatic mission. It followed the defec-

tion of Svetlana Alliluyeva, daughter of the late Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin, by only a few weeks.

The State Department said Radanyi gave "personal reasons" as his grounds for requesting political asylum in a telephone call Tuesday.

"Our position will, of course, be in accord with the American tradition of extending refuge to those who seek it," the State Department said.

Radanyi, who is 44, was in seclusion with his wife and young son at an undisclosed location in the Washington area today under the protection of U.S. officials.

His decision to come over to the West was bound to introduce friction in U.S. — Hungarian relations just at a time when they were thawing.

Radanyi, ironically, was a supporter of President Johnson's "building bridges to the East" program and deplored the Vietnam war because, among other things, he felt it jeopardized the success of (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

**Advisory Planning  
Unit Begins Work**

The first meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Committee was held Wednesday night in the City Council Chamber with 32 of the 40 members present.

Planning Director Roger Snipes explained that the purpose of the first meeting was mainly orientation. "We will review what the city is involved with and such items as the function of the committee and the processes to be used in arriving at a workable general plan," he said.

The committee will study local problems and make recommendations to the City Planning Commission and a planning consultant. The outcome of these recommendations will be a general plan growth of the City of Madera for the orderly and continued

growth of the city of Madera for the next 20 years.

Snipes admitted that one of the ulterior motives of developing such a plan is to make the city eligible for federal funds. "It is a fact of life in local government that the federal government must be approached more and more because there simply is not enough local money available to complete necessary projects," he said.

Questions raised by some of the committee members indicated a concern over the possibility of "being used" by the city. One member expressed concern he would work with the program for two or three years and then find the city council and planning commission would disregard all of the committee's recom- (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

**State Park  
Fees Increased**

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Fees to camp or launch boats in California's state parks will be boosted June 1 by 50 cents to \$1 to provide \$1.5-1.7 million in new revenue for the parks program.

William Penn Mott Jr., parks and recreation director, said Wednesday the higher rates would increase the proportion of fees used for operating costs from 30 to 40 percent.

There will be no increase in the present \$1 fee at campgrounds where such facilities as modern restrooms, laundries and showers are provided.

Camping at trailer facility areas with electrical connections will increase by \$1 to \$3.50; at campgrounds with modern restrooms, piped water and showers, up \$1 to \$3; campgrounds without showers, up 50 cents to \$2; and at riding or hiking trail camps, up \$1 to \$2 per car and two horses.

**News In Brief**

MIAMI (UPI) — Deposed heavyweight boxing champion Cassius Clay was arrested today on a seven-month-old traffic violation citation.

He was taken into custody by a motorcycle patrolman who happened to recognize him.

Another charge was added when Clay, wearing paratrooper boots, slacks and a black knit sports shirt, found he didn't have his driver's license with him.

He was taken to the county jail, booked and released on \$75 bond.

FT. JACKSON, S.C. — (UPI) — The defense in the court-martial of Capt. Howard Levy has been given a week to prove charges that U. S. Special Forces in Vietnam are "killers and murderers."

If Levy's defense attorney, Charles Morgan, can make his claims stick then Levy will be acquitted of disobeying an order to train special forces medics. The order would be held illegal under guidelines established in the Nuremberg war crimes tribunals.

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — A study prepared for the

California Hospital Association showed today Medicare is paying hospitals less than their actual costs for caring for over-65 patients.

The study by Arthur Young & Co. covered 82 general hospitals in California. County and other government hospitals were not included.

**Ten Persons Injured  
In UCLA Campus Fight**

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — About 10 persons were hurt Wednesday when fighting broke out on the UCLA campus during a rally and attempted flag-burning by supporters of Rhodesian independence.

None of the injured was hurt seriously, but Charles McClure, associate dean of students, said he was knocked down "by people in the crowd."

Two newsmen, David Horowitz of NBC-TV and photographer George Frye of the Los Angeles Times, said they were knocked to the ground by club-wielding campus police.

The fighting erupted during a struggle for possession of three flags brought to the rally by a student named John Coffman, who identified himself as president of a group called CRISIS, or the Committee for Rhodesian Independence in Support of Ian Smith.

The flags remained covered during a series of speeches by pro-Rhodesian students. Many of the estimated 1,000 onlookers said they believed one of the flags to be desecrated was the American flag.

When the flags finally were uncovered, they were those of Nazi Germany, the Soviet Union and the United Nations.

Persons in the crowd who opposed the burning moved onto a tinfoil cover laid on the lawn of Meyerhof Park as a site for the ritual.

In turn, the speakers called the crowd "liberal swine" and said the university was a "little red schoolhouse." The crowd responded with jeers.

The struggle for the flags came when committee members decided to hold the burning elsewhere. All three flags were torn but none was burned.

Coffman said the committee had intended to burn the U.N. flag, as well as the others because all represented "socialism."

**Most Madera Stores Open Tonight Until 9 To Serve You**