

News Summary and Index

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1966

The Major Events of the Day

International

In Phnompenh yesterday President de Gaulle discussed the prospects of peace in Vietnam with the chief of the North Vietnamese diplomatic mission in Cambodia, Nguyen Thu-ong. Although the details of the topics discussed during the 35-minute meeting were not disclosed, General de Gaulle was understood to have expressed the hope that there would be no further enlargement of the war, which he feels could lead to a world conflict. [Page 1, Column 5.]

South Vietnam's National Liberation Front, the political organization of the Vietcong, expressed a defiant and extremely tough line toward any kind of negotiations in a statement prepared for an American television showing. [8:1-1.]

For the first time since the fall of Nikita S. Khrushchev, the Soviet Union issued a strongly worded statement placing the full blame for the split in the international Communist movement on Mao Tse-tung and other leaders of China. Without mentioning the leaders of the Peking regime, Moscow seemed to appeal directly to China's 700 million people for unity. The Soviet Communist Party also accused the Peking regime of undercutting the war effort in Vietnam against the United States, and dissociated itself from the extremist attitudes adopted this month by the Chinese leadership. [1:6-7.]

The United States has suspended its program of assistance to the University of Hue, which had been headquarters of the Buddhist-led program of dissidence that swept Central Vietnam this spring. [1:4.]

The Russian-language edition of the Warren Commission Report on the assassination of President Kennedy is certainly not going to make any best-seller lists in the Soviet Union. The Soviet Government halted distribution of the book on the ground that it "slanders" the Soviet people. [1:1.]

Percy Harrison is a 52-year-old Englishman who had never been to a soccer game and never, until two weeks ago, had placed a bet in one of the soccer pools so popular in Britain. On his third try a 52-cent bet won him nearly a million dollars. [1:2-3.]

National

After several days of intense, high-level policy meetings on the tax issue, the Administration reportedly is still trying to decide

whether to ask Congress for a tax increase this year. However, President Johnson has apparently made up his mind on one key point and has ordered the Treasury Department to begin drafting legislation that would suspend the special 7 per cent tax credit on business investment. [1:8.]

The Administration won victories on major issues of the minimum wage bill when Senate and House conferees reached an agreement on the contents of the legislation. An Administration source described the accord as "highly satisfactory." [1:8.]

The Senate majority leader, Mike Mansfield, speaking for the powerful Senate Democratic Policy Committee, proposed that the United States substantially reduce its military forces in Europe. A spokesman for the White House promptly replied that the Administration did not favor the move. [1:7.]

Senator J. W. Fulbright, one of the sternest of Congressional critics of the Administration's Vietnam policy, announced that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which he heads, would begin holding hearings on Thailand next month. Mr. Fulbright said he feared that current policies there might lead to a war in Thailand similar to that in Vietnam. [1:6-7.]

Richard M. Nixon, in a speech to the American Legion convention in Washington, called the war in Vietnam "the most unpopular war in America's history," and contended that the American people must expect it to continue for at least five more years. [6:1-2.]

Metropolitan

Despite widespread rumors that Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. would win the nomination by the Liberal party to be its candidate for Governor, the party's nine-man screening committee was reported so divided that it was refraining from recommending a candidate to the party's policy committee. However, Mr. Roosevelt was considered the front-runner of a number of candidates. [1:2.]

All but one of the Fire Department's electrical inspectors were suspended from duty for allegedly taking "payoffs" from companies that installed fire alarms and sprinkler systems in hospitals, schools, nursing homes and factories. [1:1.]

The city's taxi drivers won a pay increase last spring after a six-day strike, and now the taxicab industry has called for a 5-cent-a-mile increase in taxi fares. [1:4.]