

Losses by Workmen

The enemy, however, did not capitalize on the situation, defense officials pointed out. They said the Communist guerrillas

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Nhu, lost their lives.

However, it was also pointed out that Secretary Rusk would proceed to Tokyo for the annual meeting between United States and Japanese Cabinet members.

Morale Said to Improve

The Honolulu meeting was announced as reports were received at the Pentagon of an upsurge in morale and aggressiveness on the part of the South Vietnamese military forces fighting the guerrillas.

Defense officials said that the South Vietnamese combat efforts against the Vietcong slowed noticeably just before the coup.

The principal commanders apparently were "looking over their shoulders" at Saigon and military operations dropped off by 30 per cent, according to the defense reports.

HIGH U.S. OFFICIALS MEET ON VIETNAM IN HAWAII NOV. 20

Rusk, McNamara, Lodge and Taylor to Join in the First Such Talks Since Coup

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 12 —

The United States is sending some of its highest officials to Honolulu Nov. 20 for a one-day strategy meeting on South Vietnam.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, President Kennedy's adviser on national security affairs, McGeorge Bundy, and Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will fly to Hawaii for the meeting.

The officials, who will be accompanied by other top aides of the State and Defense Departments and the Agency for International Development, will be joined by Henry Cabot Lodge, Ambassador to South Vietnam; Gen. Paul D. Harkins, commander of the Military Advisory Force in Vietnam, and Adm. Harry D. Felt, commander of United States Forces in the Pacific.

One of Periodic Sessions

The Defense Department described the meeting as one of the "periodic" sessions on Southeast Asia that Mr. McNamara has conducted in Honolulu since the Administration committed itself two years ago to doing all it could to prevent the loss of South Vietnam to the Communists.

State Department sources indicated that the meeting in Honolulu would spare Ambassador Lodge the necessity of coming to Washington.

Ambassador Lodge is expected to make a full report on the developments in which President Ngo Dinh Diem's regime was overturned and the President and his brother, Ngo Dinh

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apparently had poor communications with their headquarters. They increased their harassments, but these were not well conceived and proved ineffectual, according to the operations reports.

Defense officials nevertheless were notably cautious in making forecasts of the fighting situation. One official said: "Our reports show a moderate favorable trend in dedication and determination of the South Vietnamese fighting units."

The same official said: "There is no basis for a military judgment of the strategic effect of the coup."

Defense sources said that the average number of incidents per day in the guerrilla warfare had dropped from about 80 to 50 around Nov. 1, but has since risen to 65. The number of small unit operations, in which fighting contact was made, dropped to 16 per day, they said, and large-scale operations in which battalion-size units made contact dropped to 7 per day from averages that were said to have been "much higher."

In late October, according to the Defense Department reports from South Vietnam, the ratio of fighting men killed, which had favored the Government forces by 3 to 1, fell to barely 2 to 1. Defense officials are watching to see whether there is any improvement in the ratio.

Defense officials say there has been no change in plans to withdraw about 1,000 of the 16,000 United States servicemen now in South Vietnam. Presumably the Honolulu meeting will discuss the plans.

Others who will take part in

the meeting are David E. Bell, Director of the United States Agency for International Development; William P. Bundy, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; Roger Hillsman Jr., Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs; Pierre Salinger, White House press secretary; Robert J. Manning, Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, and Arthur Sylvester, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs.

Saigon to Bar Groups

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, Nov. 12—The military junta announced today that a special committee would be created soon to remove "the vestiges of the former corrupt regime."

The announcement was made by Maj. Gen. Ton That Dinh, the junta's Security Minister, who was one of the leading plotters in the coup d'état that tumbled the Ngo family from power. He was a particularly trusted general under the old regime.

The general said this committee would ban such organizations as the National Revolutionary Movement, the secret Can Lao party, and the Women's Solidarity Movement.

The National Revolutionary Movement was the official Government party of President Ngo Dinh Diem and his family. The Can Lao party was the powerful secret force by which Ngo Dinh Nhu, the President's brother and chief adviser, controlled the army, business interests, civil servants and almost every other element of society. The Women's Solidarity Movement was a special political force set up by Mrs. Ngo Dinh Nhu.

A junta communiqué said the removal of vestiges of the Ngo family would include the renaming of Ngo Dinh Khoi Street, the main road to the airport. The street had been named after the President's older brother, who was killed by the Communists.

**MRS. NGO DINH NHU'S CHILDREN
RECEIVED BY POPE**

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VATICAN, Nov. 12—Pope

VI received in private on today the Most Rev. Ngo Dinh Thuc, Roman Catholic bishop of Hue, South Vietnam, and his two nephews, the children of Mrs. Ngo Dinh Nhu. Her husband, the late brother-in-law, President Ngo Dinh Diem, were killed in the coup d'état Nov. 1.

This was the first time the Pope had seen the children since their arrival here a week ago. It was also the first audience granted to the Archbishop since he came to Rome in September to attend the second session of the Ecumenical Council.

DEVERLY HILLS, Calif.

Nov. 12 (UPI)—Mrs. Ngo Dinh Nhu has once more booked passage for a flight to Rome, it was disclosed tonight.

A spokesman for Scandinavian Airlines System said Mrs. Ngo Dinh Nhu, who only yesterday canceled a flight to Rome, now was scheduled to depart tomorrow morning.

She will be accompanied by her 18-year-old daughter, Ngo Dinh Le Thuy, a personal secretary and an aide.

Mrs. Ngo Dinh Nhu has three times before, including yesterday, canceled plans to go to Rome for a reunion with her three younger children.

China Says It Can Down U-2's

TOKYO, Nov. 12 (AP)—

Communist China contends that it can shoot down U-2 spy planes at any altitude, day or night. The Chinese Communists, reported to have brought down at least two Chinese Nationalist U-2's, gave no indication in a broadcast today as to what equipment their anti-aircraft units are using.

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