

# Tourist Information Guide



## REACHES 85 AT WORK

"I've got to work till I die." So says Peter Ronca, blacksmith, who was 85 years old Tuesday. Ronca is shown working at anvil in his blacksmith shop behind his home

in Roseto, Pa., where he turns out ornamental ironwork of all kinds. Ronca also still works daily as a blacksmith in the area's state quarries. He gets out of bed most days at 4 a.m. (AP Wirephoto)

## Reds Putting Squeeze On S. Viet Nam Exports

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Communists apparently have stepped up their economic squeeze on South Viet Nam on a large scale. One result could be to force an increase in American aid.

U.S. sources listed figures Sunday on rice and rubber, the two exports which have been Saigon's main money-makers in the past.

In 1963, South Viet Nam's exports totalled about \$78,000,000 of which \$36,000,000 was from rice and \$33,000,000 from rubber.

In 1964, the Viet Cong guerrillas succeeded in cutting the country's rice exports down to \$5,000,000. Rubber exports stayed at \$33,000,000.

This year Saigon's rice exports have fallen to nil. The United States will have to step in at least 50,000 tons. And the Communists are beginning to hurt rubber exports so sharply that they may slump to nil, too.

**DISRUPT TRANSPORT**  
The rebels are accomplishing this largely through disruption of transportation but also have been seizing or destroying some crops. Thus far there have been no reports of widespread destruction of rubber trees, which require many years to reach full production.

Presumably the Viet Cong wants to preserve the valuable rubber plantations in the hope it will one day possess them. Should the war start running strongly against them, the Communists might turn to destruction of rubber trees.

What the strangulation of exports will mean by way of added costs to the American taxpayer remains to be seen. Generally, U.S. economic aid makes up the gap between what South Viet Nam imports and what she earns in foreign exchange exports.

The U.S. sources estimate the current rate of U.S. economic aid at about \$300,000,000 a year, counting surplus funds. This is up some \$50,000,000 from last year.

One analysis here says the Communists have gone into a new phase of economic aggression in the Southeast Asian country because they feel they have virtually won the insurgency and can now deny the benefits of the economy to the Saigon government.

**RECEIVE INCREASES**  
Reports have been received of heavy increases in Viet Cong taxes on peasant farmers; of substantial guerrilla cutting of road and rail transportation arteries; of some outright takeovers of rubber plantations which the Communists had formerly allowed the owners to operate.

There is some belief that the Viet Cong has been able to send quantities of rice—the food staple in Asia—from South Viet Nam to Communist countries.

The main counter against the Viet Cong economic drive at this point is the military campaign. Without security, U.S. officials point out, there cannot be economic health.

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Argentine police clashed with gate-crashers and arrested 12 persons from a group shouting "clowns, fakes."  
One medium describing his extra-terrestrial trip said the planet they visited was inhabited by at least one human-type couple whose sexual organs were less developed than those of people on earth. He did not give details.  
Another medium said he "brought back" a message from Christ consisting of greetings to the spiritualists' gathering and a plea for just and virtuous living.  
The meeting, also broadcast by a local radio station, was organized Sunday night by a Buenos Aires "scientific school" of parapsychology.  
Webster's New Collegiate dictionary defines parapsychology as "a branch of psychology concerned with the investigation of evidence for telepathy, clairvoyance, thought transference, and the like."

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