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achute assault was r its surprise value ny-held area. It aporked. Although inad indicated platoons from the North e regiment might be i, the only resistance red sniper fire.

its jumpers because of wispy clouds lower than drop height, and rain.

As it let its jumpers go, the sun broke through. Then, shortly after the last aircraft passed, the weather closed in again.

Minutes later the drop zone was declared secure and huge Chinook helicopters brought in more CIDG troops.

They also brought in a 12-man Special Forces "A" team to build the camp and its fortifications as a permanent base.

With all the troops on the

preliminary perimeter in the pelting rain and dug in for protection against mortar attacks.

The next morning, under a clearing sky operations began in earnest.

The objective was to get the air strip, unused for several years, into operation. Air Force Capt. Victory Thomas, 29, who jumped in with the Special Forces men, pronounced it in surprisingly good shape.

The first plane in on the strip was to be a twin-engine Caribou transport from Pleiku, and it

Durnam, a forward air controller, was orbiting overhead just after dawn in a single-engine "Birdog" spotter plane when he had trouble talking to the ground on the radio. He decided to find out what was wrong.

The strip hadn't been checked for mines yet, but he plunked his little plane down on it anyway. He was greeted by a mob of Green Berets and twitched his moustache.

"Bumpy," he said. "You guys ought to smooth it out a bit."

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troops mortared a f. Div. three times und attack on the ht. and none wounded.

th Inf. were hit at vily bunkered night at nine miles west of

tar attacks followed a ly Friday night be-battalion patrol and ops which killed three-ts and one American. soldiers were wound-

trol returned to the p shortly before the tar attack. About 75 hit the camp at 8:10 more rounds landed at

5 p.m. 65 mortar e inside the perimeter. e camp was attacked sides but the Commu-e driven back. on spokesman said 25 odes were found just ie perimeter Saturday

Strikes Shelling

US Vietnam Bureau

N — Communist shell-marine bases along the border was held to cattered rounds Friday strike planes aided by id artillery fire con-attack North Vietnam-emplacements.

B52 strikes on enemy nents near Con Thien, hernmost U.S. base, l with one raid Friday uthwest of the outpost raids Saturday to the



Martha Off Sick Call

"The show must go on" says actress Martha Raye as she gives a thumbs-up sign before continuing her tour of Vietnam in "Hello, Dolly!" Miss Raye collapsed from the heat during a performance Friday at Camp Davis. "I've never done anything like that before in my life," said the 51-year-old trouper, adding that "the way the boys looked after me was wonderful. If I ever get sick in the States I'll know where to go—Vietnam." (UPI Radiophoto)

Buddhists Call Off Saigon Protest March

SAIGON (UPI) — South Viet- park to the palace. They also

Bridges Hit Near China Border

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON — U.S. Navy jets damaged two highway bridges along North Viet-nam's border with Red China Friday in the fourth straight day of stepped-up raids against traffic routes near the Chinese frontier.

The Navy said warplanes from the carrier Constellation blew out a span of a bypass bridge and dropped the center span of another bridge, both on Hwy. 13B at the northeast corner of the country.

The bridges were 10 and 15 miles south of the Chinese border. Friday's strike was the second time each bridge was hit and damaged.

The bridges help link Hwy. 13B with a main north-south route, Hwy. 1A, which, crosses into Red China.

There was no report of planes downed during the day, but U.S. headquarters said a Navy F8 Crusader was shot down Thurs-day. The pilot is missing.

Another Navy strike, flown from the carrier Intrepid, damaged part of the electric power plant at Nam Dinh, 45 miles southwest of Haiphong.

Air Force F105 Thunderchiefs from Thailand bomber the Mo Trang rail yard and bridge 39 miles northeast of Hanoi, along a route between the capital and the huge rail center at Thaingu-yen.

A rail yard and other rail lines along the route were also bombed.

Night-striking Marine A6 Intruders hit the coastal fuel point at Hong Gai above Haiphong.

Army Grabs Viet Students

SAIGON (UPI) — South Viet-namense police broke up a stu-dent press conference Saturday and immediately drafted three of the student leaders into the army.

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