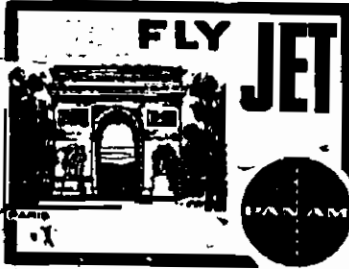


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(From left) Photo I — Lodge called it « murder »

U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge appeared sullen as he conducted visiting Senator Mike Mansfield on a tour of the ruins shortly after the Communist terrorist explosion early Saturday morning at the Metropole. « The bombing... was not only a diabolic act — it was wanton murder, » said Lodge.

Photo II — Where it exploded

An upturned motor cycle in the water filled gaping hole left after the 250 pound plastic explosive was detonated in front of the Metropole testifies to the ferocity of the blast.

Photo III — Mutual Assistance in action

An unidentified American serviceman and a young woman assist an injured Vietnamese woman to a nearby ambulance for movement to a hospital.

Photo IV — Neighbouring buildings

Metropole Blasted

**Entire neighbourhood
damaged by explosion
8 dead - 137 injured**

Heroin Smuggling Into U.S. Discovered

**11 million dollar narcoics
ring broken up**



The Metropole

Security personnel — some in shrapnel-proof vests — begin their disheartening task of investigating the gutted Metropole

It Was Like This...

(Saigon Daily News staff member Thanh Danh lives in a small wooden house across the street from the scene of Saturday morning's terrorist incident at the Metropole. Here is his eyewitness account. EJ.)

It was like the days on outpost duty in Tay Ninh, when the onslaught of a Viet Cong pre-dawn raid was heralded by the burst of machine gun fire shattering the dead still of night. «My God! The V.C. couldn't possibly have gotten into Saigon.» muttered the young man who rooms in the balcony-like alcove upstairs. The words were barely out of his mouth when an earth-quaking explosion jangled the glass shutters open and night suddenly became a searing sheet of red hot light.

It was the shrieks of the smitten and the ories of the shock-struck that brought the full realization that the communists had once again visited their mission misery on the people Saigon. It was the ever new but oft-repeated story of the Kinh Do, the Brink, the Embassy — and the My Canh — twisted

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According to official sources, a grey penal truck drew up in front of the seven story Metropole, about one mile from downtown Saigon's business district, about 5:30 Saturday morning. One of the three men in the truck was seen to leap out and then began spraying the front of the building with a sub-machine gun. The American security guard returned the fire, emptying his shotgun and .45 pistol in the direction of his attacker and then dove into the Metropole — just seconds before the 220-lb. explosive, believed to be in the truck, exploded with earth-jarring ferocity.

Every window in the front of the BOQ which faces on Nguyen Ca Triuh st. was knocked out and the entire building was shaken. All of the buildings in the neighborhood — shops, stores

The 4th and bloodiest

SAIGON, Dec. 4. Saturday's terrorist bombing of the Metropole enlisted men's billets was the bloodiest incident yet staged by communists in Saigon. The casualty toll of 177 killed and wounded eclipsed figures for all previous terrorist raids.

This was the fourth major attack against Americans in Saigon in the last 12 months. The others:

— On Dec. 24, 1964, a Viet Cong agent drove a car into Parking lot the Brink BOQ. He parked and walked away. A short time later, roughly 250 pounds of plastic explosives hidden in the car were detonated, killing Americans and injuring 62. Also wounded were 43 Vietnamese and one Australian officer.

— On March 30 of this year, an auto-borne bomb was exploded outside the American Embassy, killing two Americans and 15 Vietnamese and shattering the six-story Embassy building. A crowded Vietnamese cafe across the street was leveled.

— And on June 26, the My Canh floating restaurant was badly damaged and 42 persons were killed by two Claymore mines planted by Viet Cong terrorists. 80 more persons were wounded in the two blasts.

bars and houses — suffered extensive damage from the explosion, the bloodiest of the seven major terrorist incidents in Saigon since early last year. One official said that initial surveys showed the Metropole — an American military billet for ten years — may have to be torn down and rebuilt.

About half an hour after the explosion, a claymore mine was discovered across

the street from the site of the original explosion. It was equipped with a timing device which indicated it was scheduled to explode a few minutes before it was discovered. Officials said they believe the concussion from the major explosion deactivated the mine's detonator, preventing it from going off.

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«I couldn't see much because blood was in my eyes»

by JOSEPH GALLOWAY

The Viet Cong terrorist bomb does not discriminate. It kills and maims civilians as well as soldiers... women as well as men... and children as well as adults. UPI correspondent Joseph Galloway rushed to the scene of the Metropole blast this morning. He saw the horrible destruction and talked with the wounded — from the soldier to the little boy standing in the blood of his mother, father and little sister. Here is his personal report. (ED. NOTE)

SAIGON, Viet Nam, Dec. 4 (UPI).— «I looked in the only unbroken mirror to see how bad I was hurt. I couldn't see much because the blood was in my eyes.»

That was the way Spec. 5 Richard C. Munroe described the aftermath of the terrorist bombing of the Metropole's billet.

He and his roommate had been asleep in their third floor room. «We were awakened by the automatic weapon fire. We didn't get out of bed at first. Just laid there listening for three or four minutes.»

Then it quieted down. It was about 5:20 or 5:25 a.m. I had to be dressed for work at 5:30 so I got up and started dressing.

Then the blast went off and the flying glass got me before I hit the floor.

I grabbed a sheet and tried to stop my bleeding. My roommate tried to do the same. He was hit in the face like me but he was worse off.

I tried to get a stretcher for him but we finally had to carry him down in our arms. The only light was a couple of candles.

The halls and stairways were full of others like us helping each other downstairs, Munroe said.

After an hour in the surgery room of the Navy Hospital across the street, Munroe was back on his feet, standing in front of the shattered Metropole.

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LBJ May review jury laws in light of KKK conviction

JOHNSON CITY, TEXAS, Dec. 4 (UPI).— President Johnson today was believed reviewing his proposal for jury trial legislation in the light of the Ku Klux Klan convictions in Alabama's Luzzo case.

The Chief Executive divides his attention between work and relaxation — with the highlight of his weekend to be planned viewing this afternoon of the Gemini 7 space shot.

Johnson received what a spokesman termed a cruder full report on legislation from Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach and simultaneously congratulated the Justice Department on its prosecution of the Luzzo case.

Three Ku Klux Klan members were convicted of conspiracy in the slaying of Mrs. Viola Luzzo, a white civil rights

worker from Detroit. «The whole nation can take heart from the fact that there are those in the south who believe in justice in racial matters and are determined not to stand for acts of violence and terror.» the President told Katzenbach in the course of their telephone conversation.

His statement focused on prior Washington. Announcement that he would ask Congress next year for legislation designed to prevent in jury to Negroes at the hands of all-white juries.

It was an all-white jury in Montgomery, Alabama that handed down three separate verdicts in the Luzzo case only for hours after reporting to the court that members were in a hopeless deadlock. It was second racial conviction in two days.

Supervising U.S.A. Customs agent David P. Cardona disclosed that one member of the ring was arrested in New Jersey and another in Long Island Thursday night. A third member of the ring was arrested Wednesday and a fourth was being sought.

Cardona said the ring was the distributing agent for the smuggling of hundreds of kilos of heroin annually into Kennedy Airport by airline crews and others. It apparently was linked to the arrest of Simone Christman, a former Air France stewardess sentenced to 4 1/2 years earlier this year for smuggling heroin concealed in her bra and girdle.

One kilo of heroin sells for 20,000 dollars wholesale but is worth many times that amount on the retail market. The arrests were the culmination of a year-long investigation by the customs office and state and local police agencies.

Cardona refused to disclose where the heroin had been smuggled or would be say what airline crews or liner persons were alleged to have brought it into this country. Rosario Lupo, 54, Baldwin, New York an unemployed ex-convict, was arrested Thursday night at his home by

Nassau County narcotics detectives and customs agents after a three-month stakeout by p.c.s. Arrested at the same time at her home in Cliffside Park, New Jersey, was Mrs. Rosa D. Caraccio, 58.

The first arrested of an alleged member of the ring was that of Willie wife, also known as William Curcane-

to, 33. He was picked up Wednesday in East Harlem by New York City narcotics detectives and customs agents. The three were charged with conspiracy to smuggle narcotics to this country, a felony punishable by five to 20 years in jail and up to 10,000 dollars in fines on each count.

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Hanoi, A Monopoly Of Red China

Peking refuses rubbles, demands dollars for payment

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 4 (UPI).— Communist China, refusing to accept anything but U.S. dollars or gold, is charging the Soviet Union transit fees and customs duty on supplies sent by Moscow to North Viet Nam, diplomatic sources said today.

Non-Western diplomats said the Soviet Union has submitted to the charges, for which Peking flatly rejects Russian rubles, even on medical supplies sent across mainland China to Ho Chi Minh's Hanoi regime.

The diplomats believed Communist China's mercenary attitude explained the increasingly bitter attack by the Soviet Union and its Eastern European satellites on the Peking regime for obstructing efforts to help North Viet Nam and the Communist Viet Cong guerrillas.

The latest attack came yesterday when Trybuna Ludu, the official newspaper of the Polish United Workers (Communist) Party, aligned itself firmly with Moscow

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Astronauts ready to go

Weatherman still not sure

CAPE KENEDY, Dec. 4 (UPI).— Astronauts Frank Borman and James Lovell were all set today to kick off America's two-week «Spiral» 76 space gymnastics aboard the Gemini 7 spacecraft. Only the weather clouded their chances for an after-noon blastoff into orbit.

Both the pilots and their spaceship were pronounced in A-1 condition for the launch

(at 2:30 pm est, 1930 GMT). But officials were keeping a wary eye on some spotty-looking weather in the general area of this spaceport.

The space agency's chief forecaster said it appeared high blanket of clouds would move over the launch site, and there might be light afternoon showers. But officials remained optimistic.

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