

## Leave Program Expanded

S&S Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The special 30-day leave and transportation program for servicemen who extend their tours in Vietnam for another six months has been expanded to include the whole of Southeast Asia, according to an Army cable to major commands.

The program is open to men regularly assigned in Southeast Asia, who agree to extend their tours by an additional six months.

This means thousands of servicemen stationed in Thailand are now eligible for special leave, an Army official said.

While the cable did not specify countries in Southeast Asia, the official said provisions would also include those based in Okinawa and Taiwan who come under the provisions of the Defense Department's recent directive expanding the leave policy.

There is also some speculation here that eventually the 30-day leave program may take in some servicemen on short-tour duty in Korea.

## 'Dondi' Is a Dandy In Disguise

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DAK TO, Vietnam — His "Tiger" fatigues, accented English, and cheerful smile, despite a terror-haunted past, give Bu, a young Montagnard interpreter here the appearance of a Vietnam war "Dondi".

Just 16, and appearing even younger, he looks like the mascot of the 1st Brigade, 4th Inf. Div., Civil Affairs section — but he is an asset.

"The Montagnards sing a song about our civic action team in which Bu is praised," said Major Michael Umhofer, Civil Affairs officer. "The NVA around here have sworn to eliminate the team and the people think we are invincible because they haven't."

The team's success in the area is largely brought about by multi-dialect speaking Bu. His missionary school English spiked with GI jargon make his translations amusing.

Bu has been kidnaped twice by the enemy. He won't speak about his escapes, fearing to endanger people who helped him.

"He turns over all of his earnings to his parents," said Umhofer. "He's quite a courageous boy. We have to stop now and then to remind ourselves he is a boy."

## VC Rice in Lieutenant's Pot

## Helmet Recovered With Bonus

TAY NINH, Vietnam (IO) — Second Lt. Michael C. Long recently found his helmet in an enemy base camp near Tay Ninh, 16 days after the same helmet was shot off his head during a firefight with a mixed company of North Vietnamese regulars and Viet Cong guerrillas.

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## Exchange Lands Flier on Carrier

# Anchors Aweigh for Air Force Pilot

By BILL COLLINS

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YANKEE STATION, in the Tonkin Gulf — You might say Capt. John C. Price is out of his element.

You might, but you'd be wrong — even if he is a lone Air Force pilot at sea with more than 4,500 Navy men.

"It's real different out here," he said, "but it's been fine duty."

Price has made the jump from an Air Force runway in South Vietnam to the farm-size deck of the carrier Kitty Hawk seem easy.

Hardly a year ago he was flying an F100 Supersabre out of Bien Hoa. Since last July he's been sailing with and flying from the flagship of Carrier Task Force 77 as an F4B Phantom pilot with the Navy's 213th Fighter Sq.

His residence aboard the 80,000-ton carrier is part of an exchange program worked out between the Air Force and Navy. If there was any intra-service rivalry or "show-meism" when Price came aboard, it has long since passed into a situation of friendship and mutual respect.

"It's really something the way they handle the aircraft here," Price said while he and a handful of other pilots waited in the briefing room for pre-flight instructions.

"They have to handle more than 90 planes, and their crews and armament, all on two decks. It's the same operation as the Air Force has, but here it's done on a couple of acres, not a couple square miles of airfield. They have to know where every plane is all the time — and where they're going to put it. It's a matter of timing by the seconds when they bring in a flight, or send one off."

Price is 31. He comes from Seattle and joined the Air Force in 1958 after graduating from Washington State University. In his nine years of flying he's been stationed in Germany (Hahn Air Base) near where his



The Kitty Hawk's "Air Force One," Capt. John C. Price, prepares his F4B Phantom for launch on a mission with the Navy's 213th Fighter Sq. Price is aboard the carrier as an exchange officer, the only Air Force man on the 4,500-man ship. (USN)

father-in-law, Dr. Herman G. Jaeger, was superintendent of the American school system at Ramstein. His wife Bonnie and three children (Brad, 7; Rana, 5, and Amy, 3) are living in San Diego, not too far from Miramar, Calif., home of his adopted Navy squadron.

"There's nothing in the Air Force that quite matches the tempo of working on a carrier," he said. "It's simply a matter of launching and landing on about 700 feet of moving steel deck instead of having solid land to play with."

Price was a "quick study" in the carrier flying game. He came to the 7th Fleet after a few months of carrier flight

training in U.S. coastal waters.

His final qualification test is something he remembers well.

"I launched from Miramar and went out to meet the (carrier) Ranger. I was a little nervous.

"Well, the first recovery (flight deck landing) was no problem after all, but then they wheeled me right around to launch position and off I went on the catapult.

"I came in again. They sent me out again. And again. And again. I'd made eight launches and nine landings, and qualified, before I ever set foot on a carrier."

He's also made it pretty well with his squadron mates.

"Oh, you mean Air Force One," his radar man, Lt. Roger Woodbury of Hebron, Ill., grinned when asked about Price. "That's what we call him. He's a pro. One of the good ones."

Price has now had more than 40 missions from the Kitty Hawk, and if he's looking forward to going back to Air Force flying, it's at least partially because now he'll be something of a man of distinction.

"These guys keep asking me when I'm going to ship over to the Navy," he said.

"I just tell them there are lots of tail-hook fliers in the Navy, but back in the Air Force I'll be something different."

## Pacification: A Race for Rural Areas

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Newly disclosed information indicates that the Viet Cong, as well as the allies, deserted rural areas of South Vietnam during the Communist Tet offensive.

The struggle for rural pacification in the South thus has become a question of which side can get back and fill the vacuum quicker.

This is one of the major conclusions of studies which U.S. military and civilian authorities in Saigon have sent to Washington on just what the effects of the Tet offensive have been on the vital pacification

program.

Some additional conclusions of these reports from the field:

—Fear and apathy among the rural population remains a problem.

—Among the rural people there has been some loss of confidence in the South Vietnamese government's ability to protect them.

—South Vietnamese rural security forces have been moving slowly back out into the countryside. Many units have remained in city areas, fearing a new round of Communist attacks against cities. Now, the

emphasis should be on moving them quickly out into the rural areas, U.S. officials feel.

—The physical assets of the pacification program—the Vietnamese militia forces and rural development teams—are still intact.

When the Communists began their mass attacks on South Vietnamese cities during the Tet (Lunar New Year) holidays at the end of January, the South Vietnamese army and militia forces assigned to rural security, along with the development teams and U.S. pacification advisers, pulled out of the countryside in wholesale numbers and headed for the cities.

This led to widespread fears among U.S. strategists that the Viet Cong was left to roam the countryside and take over villages and hamlets in large numbers. Some of this has, in fact, happened.

But one thing which has been learned as allied forces re-entered the vacuum areas is that while they were gone, the VC in many cases also had gone to the cities to take part in the Tet attacks.

Now they have been moving back into the countryside. But they have not been entirely free

to concentrate on their own brand of "pacification." A lot of their time has been taken up gathering rice and recruiting to replace heavy losses.

As one Washington official put it: "No one denies we were set back by Tet. But the enemy suffered some setbacks, too. Now the question is who can recover faster and get on with his job."

According to the latest available figures 464 rural development teams out of 585 are back working in hamlets. This is an increase from 373, which was the figure given March 19.

## Smoking Is Bad For His Health

MEXICO CITY (UPI) — Sergio Chavez, 17, told police he asked a passerby for a cigarette.

"God gave men noses to breathe with and not use as chimneys," the passerby said, then pulled out a pistol and shot Chavez three times. Chavez was reported in serious condition.

# Freeman Praises Koreans

S&S Korea Bureau

SEOUL—U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman Saturday said Korea and the U.S. maintain "a favorable balance of trade" and that the republic has successfully begun to make the transition from food aid to commercial trade.

He congratulated the Korean people for buying \$30 million worth of American farm products last year.

Freeman pointed out that the U.S. buys four times that much from Korea—about \$120 million in silks, plywood, wood products, textiles, and other industrial products.

He also noted that another agreement, which sends U.S. agricultural products to developing nations, is now in the advanced stages of negotiation between the two countries.

Freeman said that in the last 10 years \$1 billion in agricultural commodities have been sent in aid to South Korea.

Freeman flew by helicopter to view the Johnson Hill agricultural complex and Seoul National University's Agriculture College near Suwon in the central region, where in a speech he said, "The world never forgets the heroism of people embattled in war."

He added, "However, Korea's victory in reconstruction in the peace that followed is equally spectacular but often overlooked."

Freeman said other peoples who toil to repair the ruins of war can take heart from the accomplishments of Korea.

During his brief stay, Freeman conferred with ROK President Chung Hee Park, Prime Minister Il Kwon Chung, and Agriculture Minister Yung Jun Kim.

## Korea Honors U.S. Official

SEOUL (S&S) — Joe R. Mothral, outgoing director of agricultural development for the U.S. Operations Mission (USOM) was awarded the Korean Order of Cultural Merit National Medal by Premier Il Kwon Chung here Saturday.

Mothral was honored for his contributions to the development of agriculture during his assignment in Korea.

## GI, KATUSA Cited

CAMP RED CLOUD, Korea (IO)—S. Sgt. Johnny M. Frederick, 6th Aviation Platoon, and Pfc. Byung Ok Moon, C Btry., 1st Target Acquisition Bn., 25th Arty., were chosen I Corps Soldier and Katusa of the Month for March. Frederick got a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and Moon received 3,000 won (about \$12) with certificates presented by Corps commander Lt. Gen. Harry H. Critz.

By SPEC. 5 RUSS ANDERSON  
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VINH LONG, Vietnam — She was frightened and not ashamed of it.

"They'll be back. They'll come back to our convent," she said. "I know it and my girls know it. And we don't know what to do about it."

Sister Mary isn't the type who scares easily. She has been in Vietnam for 10 years and has heard bullets flying above her more than once.

But it's never been like this for her, her sister nuns or the 100-plus occupants of her school of rehabilitation for girls.

The school buildings, once neat and stately, are now pock-marked with bullet holes or shattered from rockets and mortars. The girls, once smiling and busy, are now shocked and idle. Many have left.

Sister Mary is head of the school administered by eight nuns—five Irish, two Vietnamese and one Malay. There are more than 100 girls aged 9 to 16.

The school sits on a few hundred square yards of property bordering on the U.S. Army's Vinh Long AB.

"Several of our girls had to live with the Viet Cong before they came here," Sister Mary said. "They know how vicious and determined they are."

Then the Irish nun told the story that has her worried about the future:

"We have a new girl here. She told me that just before she arrived she had talked to a Viet Cong official who wore three stars on his uniform.

"He told her that the Viet Cong would liberate Vinh Long from the Americans. This was

after Tet. Their major target was the air base and our convent would be in the way, he told her.

"The girl told him that we were good people and shouldn't be harmed. But he said our school would be the Viet Cong jumping off place for the attack on the base."

This is what happened during the Tet offensive and Sister Mary is afraid it will happen again.

"We have so little security here," she says. "The Vietnamese government is responsible for our protection but they only provide three soldiers. They are very brave soldiers. But only three."

It was an American helicopter pilot and crew who rescued the girls during the last Viet Cong attack on the convent.

"Captain (Robin) Miller and his men were just fantastic," Sister Mary recalls. "But now that he's gone . . . well, we just don't know."

(Miller has since been wounded and hospitalized with a shattered hand.)

Meanwhile, the convent's population has dwindled from 200 to a little over 100. Sister Mary said many of the girls were sent away for their own protection. "But they're starting to come back on their own," she says.

Asked if she feared for the safety of herself and the other nuns, Sister Mary replied: "We have only to look at Hue."

The nuns are trying to get the school back to normal. Small repairs are being made so the girls can get back to their dormitories. They are now crowded into one small room.

## GI Denies Murder Charge

SEOUL (S&S) — In his first appearance before the Seoul prosecutor Thursday Army Spec. 4 H. K. Smallwood Jr. denied the charge that he strangled Soon Hee Im and set fire to her bed in Itaewon Feb. 28, an Army spokesman said Saturday.

Smallwood said he was not with Miss Im the evening the alleged murder took place despite the prosecutor's claim that a witness identified him as the man with the girl in her room.

Smallwood, a member of the 19th General Support Group at Yongsan, was accompanied to the prosecutor's office by his lawyer and a U.S. legal representative, the spokesman said.

## Japan Trip For Scouts

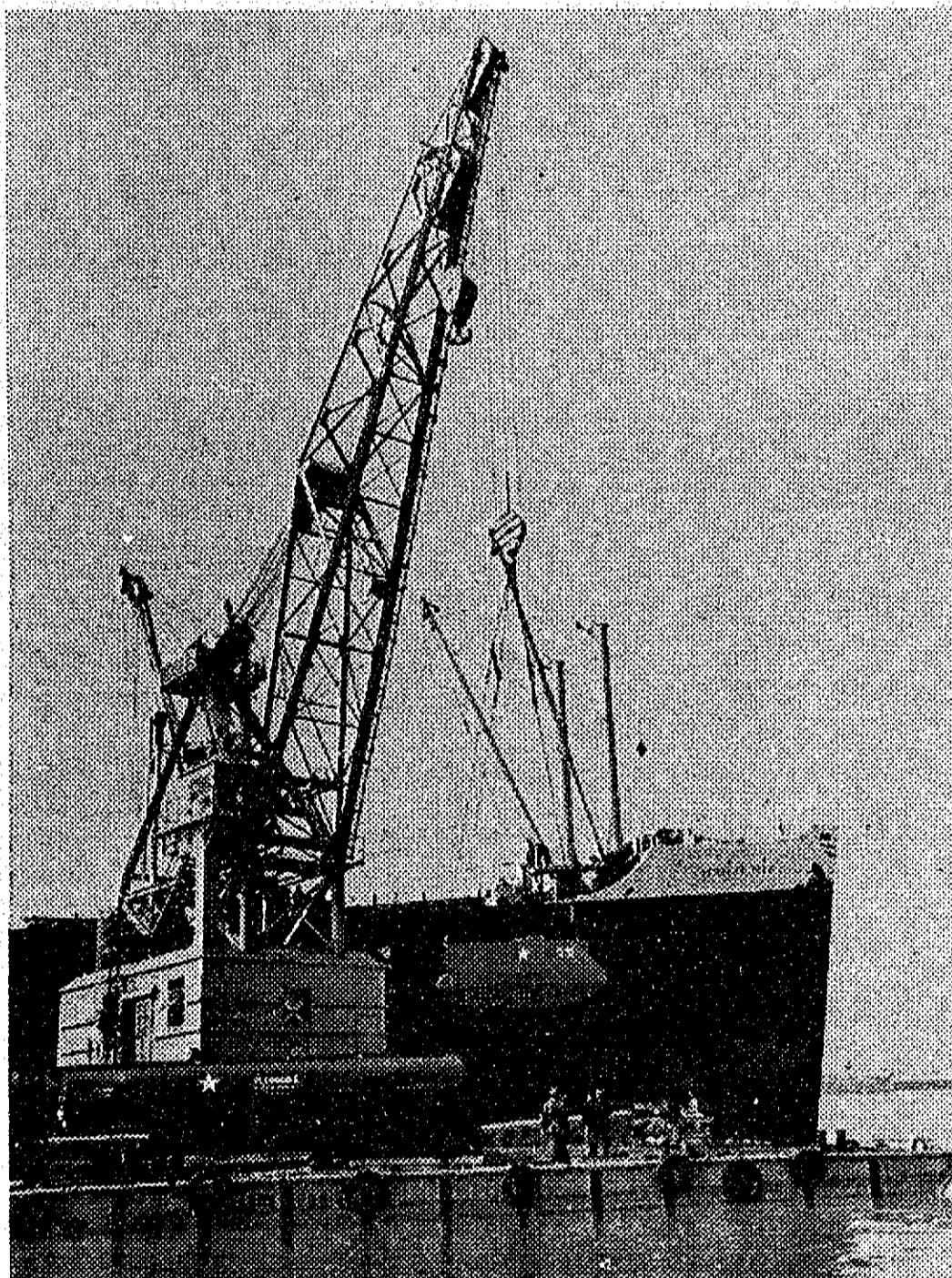
SEOUL (USFK) — A group of 11 American Explorer Scouts in Korea will leave Tuesday for a week-long tour of Japan as guests of American and Japanese Explorer Scouts.

During their tour of Japan, the Scouts will visit Tokyo, Osaka and Hiroshima with stops at scenic spots along the way. They will stay overnight in Japanese homes.

Accompanying the group as advisors will be John Chovan, of the U.S. Operations Mission (USOM), and Air Force Maj. Sheldon Slater, 6146th Air Force Advisory Group which sponsors the American Explorer Scouts in Korea.

## Yeager in Command

KUNSAN AB, Korea (OI)—Col. Charles E. Yeager assumed command of the 4th Tactical Fighter Wing in a brief planeside ceremony here, replacing Col. Jack W. Hayes, who has been assigned to the Tactical Air Command Hq., Langley AFB, Va.



## APCs for Korean Army

Armed Personnel Carriers are unloaded from the transport ship Overseas Rose at Korea's Inchon port. The 95 APCs will be turned over to the 1st Republic of Korea Army under the Counter-Infiltration Equipment Plan. As part of this program, the U.S. is expediting delivery of defensive equipment and material to help strengthen ROK forces to meet North Korean infiltration.

## GI's Missing Helmet Turns Up a Tasty Pot

TAY NINH, Vietnam (IO) — Second Lt. Michael C. Long recently found his helmet in an enemy base camp near Tay Ninh, 16 days after the same helmet was shot off his head during a firefight with a mixed company of North Vietnamese regulars and Viet Cong guerrillas.

After airlifting into an area

near the one operated in 16 days before, D Co. of the 2nd Bn., 14th Inf., 25th Inf. Div., conducted a reconnaissance-in-force operation. They came upon a large 54-bunker base camp with trench lines leading from bunker to bunker around the perimeter.

"I spotted my old camouflage cover hanging in a tree with my platoon emblem, 'Third Herd' still plainly inked," said Long. "Closer investigation led me to my steel pot, which was sitting near a stove with freshly cooked rice in it," added Long, of Mackeyville, Pa.

"A bullet hole was found in the steel pot and matched up with a hole in the camouflage cover, indicating that the steel pot did belong to Long," said Spec. 4 Alfredo H. Dungco of Tamuning, Guam.

## AF Doctors Save Sight Of Koreans

PHAN RANG (OI) — Quick action by Air Force medical personnel at the 35th U.S. Air Force Dispensary, Phan Rang AB, recently saved the sight of two Republic of Korea soldiers temporarily blinded when a Viet Cong fortification exploded near them.

Antibiotic drops needed to prevent permanent eye damage were not available in the dispensary of the soldiers' White Horse Div. unit, so the two were rushed to the Air Force dispensary.

When they arrived, the only function retained by their eyes was light perception. After nine hours of treatment and rest, the vision of the Korean soldiers returned to normal, and they went back to their unit.

## Thank GIs For Trees

CAMP HOWZE, Korea (IO) — The 2nd Inf. Div.'s contributions to reforestation efforts in Paju county were honored at Arbor Day ceremonies at Kumchun City Hall, near the division's headquarters.

More than 1.5 million two-year-old seedlings have already been transported by various 2nd Div. battalions and distributed to local villages in their districts. Co-ordinated by the G-5, Civil Affairs Office, the project calls for a total of 1.9 million trees to be moved by the division.

Among the types of trees chosen for transplant, Mulberry and Japanese Pine are especially suited to the climate and needs of the area.

## Chough Freed; Faces Trial Later

SEOUL (S&S) — Rep. Yun Hyung Chough was released temporarily from the Seoul city jail Saturday after being confined 18 days for failing to appear in court on charges of slandering President Chung Hee Park in the 1966 political campaign.

Chough was arrested March 20 for ignoring eight court summonses for trial.

## New Japan Embassy OKd

S&S Korea Bureau

SEOUL — The Japanese application for construction of a new embassy building in the Chungchak-Dong section of Seoul was approved by the Republic of Korea Home Ministry Friday, officials said.

The embassy purchased a 3,000 meter site near the capitol from Nan Kung Yon, president of the Kuktong Marine Transportation Co., for a reported 150 million won (\$545,000).

Building is scheduled to begin immediately with completion

scheduled by year-end.

The embassy had negotiated for another site on the Unhyon Palace grounds but protests from Korean citizens against use of the grounds for other than a park caused the sale to fall through.

## New High For Airport

BIEN HOA, Vietnam (OI) — Bien Hoa Air Base, the busiest airport in the world and home of the Air Force's 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing, recorded a new high in takeoffs and landings in February with 73,046. This total surpassed the previous record of 71,768 set by the base in March 1967.

The Bien Hoa control tower, jointly operated by the Air Force 1877th Comm. Sq. and Vietnamese Air Force air traffic controllers, handles one takeoff or landing every 37 seconds. The base accommodates every type of aircraft from huge civilian airliners to small liaison aircraft.

## High Wire Act Was Petrifying

CHU LAI, Vietnam (OI) — "I don't think I ever stood as still in my life as when someone yelled that my antenna had hit a booby trap wire," said a radio operator with Americal Division's 196th Light Inf. Brigade.

Pfc. Neil Amalfitano, of Wilmington, Del., of the 2nd Bn., 1st Inf., was speaking of when his radio antenna caught in a trip wire while on a sweep during Operation Wheeler Wallowa.

"We were moving through some pretty thick brush when I saw Neil's antenna catch the high trip wire," said Spec. 4 Earl Thorn, of Colbert, Okla., who was walking behind Amalfitano.

"The wire went forward, but didn't snap," said Thorn, "so I yelled for him to freeze. While the antenna continued to hold the wire taut, two other Company C members began carefully tracing the wire," Thorn said.

Everyone else had taken cover when the wire led them to two grenades strapped to a nearby tree. The grenades were blown harmlessly. "I didn't think I could move after it was over," said the radio operator. "I had really frozen in place."

"All I can remember is staring up at that thin wire and hoping it wouldn't break."

## Quick Rescue Saves Airman

TUY HOA, Vietnam (OI) — Quick thinking by S.Sgt. William M. Bohannon Jr., 24, Rincon, Ga., an Air Force air traffic controller at Tuy Hoa Air Base, saved an airman who suffered an electrical shock while working on airfield lighting.

Bohannon, a member of the 1884th Comm. Sq., was on duty in the control tower when he overheard a radio request for an ambulance from a fire truck on the flight line.

Taking control of the situation, he radioed the pilot of an Air Force rescue helicopter on a training flight near the scene. Directing the pilot to the scene, Bohannon instructed the crew to pick up the injured man and fly him to the base dispensary.

While the helicopter, a HH-43 Huskie from Detachment 11, 33rd Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Sq., was picking up the man, Bohannon alerted the dispensary. He also routed all air traffic out of the helicopter's path.

The injured airman was taken to the hospital in minimum time and is now recovering. Hospital officials credit Bohannon with saving the man's life.

## Frantic End to R&R

# 5 Win 6-Mile Footrace With VC

BIEN HOA, Vietnam (IO) — A 101st Airborne Div. officer led four men to safety over a 14-mile trek after the helicopter in which they were riding was shot down.

Capt. James H. Nichels, Maben, Miss., commander of B Co., 2nd Bn. (Abn), 501st Inf., of the 101st Airborne Div.'s 2nd Brigade, was taking a routine shuttle flight back to his battalion base camp following R&R in Australia.

Their helicopter was flying at 200 feet when shots suddenly rang out. Five automatic rifle rounds fired from the tree tops struck the helicopter's engine.

A small house, several hedge-rows and acres of sand dunes passed under the chopper as the pilot fought to keep it in the air.

"He somehow managed to keep it up for awhile," said Sgt. Arthur A. Paulin, Torrance, Calif. "When we landed safely in the sand we received more automatic weapons fire from three sides."

A platoon of enemy soldiers

was making its way over the sandy terrain toward the downed helicopter.

"I immediately realized we couldn't stay with the helicopter," Nichels said. "We had to run for it before the Communist force had us completely surrounded."

Taking charge of the men, Nichels led them in a dash to the temporary safety of a nearby sand dune.

The small party was armed with one M-16 rifle and four pistols.

The enemy kept coming closer, shouting and shooting. "When I tried to get a bead on one of them with my rifle, it seemed like they shot away six inches of sand off the top of the hill," said Sgt. Jerry McKinney, Chicago.

Grasping their only chance, the five men struck out to the west, the only direction free of advancing enemy.

The men kept running as the Communists tried to close the gap, firing as they ran.

"They were about 300 yards behind us when I fell down," said Capt. Humberto Arrillaga, San Juan, P.R., the battalion doctor. "Machine-gun fire was flying all over the place. I started sinking in the sandy dune. The rest of the group was moving out of sight ahead of me."

Paulin saw the doctor's dilemma and raced back.

"He found me just as I was sinking in the wet sand and dragged me out by brute strength," the doctor said. "We quickly caught up to the others."

They had no map. Nichels knew the pilot had been flying westward. In that direction, he thought they would find a military base.

It began to get dark. The Communists never were less than 500 yards away. As the five men raced into the dying sun, their pursuers could be seen firing at them.

"We seemed to be outrunning the enemy soldiers when mortar rounds began exploding around us," McKinney said. "Capt.

Nichels led us through the danger, and the rounds soon were falling to our rear."

The men stumbled into a rice paddy for a short breather. They then began running through waist-deep water. Suddenly the doctor fell again.

Nichels came to his aid this time and pulled him out of the muddy water.

"The enemy soldiers must have given up after that," Nichels said. "The automatic fire died away and the mortars ceased. They probably returned to the helicopter site."

The men later learned they had been chased for six miles.

Nichels kept guiding on the stars and heading west. Suddenly, ahead of them peering out of the darkness they saw a flickering red light.

They eventually reached a portion of Vietnam's national highway, Route 1, and followed it to a nearby military compound.

Their long trek was over. The tired men reported the helicopter's position and looked at a map. They had run 14 miles in less than three hours.

## Smoke Cool... Try Combats

RACH KIEN, Vietnam (IO) — Care for a man's cigarette? A combat cigarette?

These are the questions posed by posters in the Rach Kien post exchange.

Sgt. Wiley B. Harris, 22, of Vauxhall, N.J., is giving this type of cigarette away to the men of the 9th Inf. Div.'s 3d Bn., 39th Inf.

"The cigarettes were damaged during the last mortar attack," Harris said. "I couldn't sell them so I am giving them away as a combat cigarette for the combat man."

Harris said the cigarettes have small shrapnel holes in them, making them unsaleable, though still smokeable.

"And they are going fast," he said.

## What? Cute Dock Hands?

DA NANG, Vietnam (PAO) — The Naval Support Activity in Da Nang has introduced something new to the rough business of cargo handling—women.

The Support Activity's Vietnamese administrative training branch is teaching 13 women the art of cargo handling.

Some of them will drive forklifts capable of handling 4,000 pounds. They'll also be taught how to operate winches and act as signalmen to direct cargo on the docks.

It takes three weeks for the women to complete classes, according to Boatswain's Mate 1.C. Eugene West.

West says the women are often better workers than men. There are other reasons for hiring women. "We were losing two or three men a week to the Vietnamese Army. We won't have that problem with women," he said.

## Acuff at Lai Khe

LAI KHE, Vietnam (IO) — Col. Earl C. Acuff has assumed command of the 1st Inf. Div.'s 3d (Iron) Brigade.



**Waiting for the Smoke to Clear**

An Air Force jet dives in on a bombing run before combined elements of the 25th South Vietnamese Div. and the U.S. 11th Armored Cav.

Regt.'s 3rd Sq. advance on a treeline near Saigon. The action occurred in Operation Quyet Thang. (USA Photo by 1st Lt. David L. Fortney)

## 400 Sent Home From Vietnam

FT. BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — Some 400 U.S. paratroopers sent to Vietnam in February have been returned to Ft. Bragg because they had been home less than six months before their second combat tour began.

An Army spokesman said the men arrived on two flights from Chu Lai, Vietnam. He said additional flights were expected later in the day, but did not know how many more troops were involved.

The 3rd Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division were part of the 10,500 men President Johnson ordered to Vietnam in Feb-

ruary to bolster allied defenses after the Tet offensive.

The callup involved 4,000 men from the 82nd and President Johnson visited Ft. Bragg Feb. 17 to bid farewell to the first contingent. The men had only 24-hours notice before leaving for the combat area from adjoining Pope Air Force Base.

It was sometime after the callup that some parents and friends wrote to the President, Pentagon officials and congressmen, noting that among the troops were men who already served in Vietnam and had not

been home six months before the callup—as required by Army policy.

An Army spokesman indicated Sunday that the short notice involved in the callup was the reason the policy was not followed.

"But the President promised to send them back and he has," the spokesman said.

Eighty per cent of the 3rd brigade were veterans of at least one tour of combat duty in Vietnam. The total number that had been home less than six months before being sent back was not released.

Meet No Resistance

# U.S. Troops Retake Lang Vei Camp

LANG VEI, Vietnam (AP) — U.S. air cavalry troopers moved Wednesday into the Lang Vei Special Forces camp overrun by North Vietnamese early in the siege of Khe Sanh.

Two companies from the 1st Air Cavalry Division met no resistance when they walked into the camp. They had come under enemy artillery and mortar fire earlier in the day as they worked their way from a nearby mountain peak to Lang Vei.

Inside the camp were the bodies of Americans, South Vietnamese irregulars and the enemy. No one was sure how many bodies would be found in the area.

The body of one American was found in a bunker, the body of another in a smashed Jeep. They could be identified only by dog tags.

Lang Vei is three miles west of Khe Sanh, four miles east of the border of Laos and about 20 miles south of the Demilitarized Zone.

It was overrun in vicious fighting Feb. 7. In their assault,

SAIGON (UPI) — It was so quiet Wednesday at Khe Sanh that American troops there were playing baseball. Dispatches said no Communist shells had hit the base in 48 hours and Marines and 1st Air Cav. Div. troops got in some spring training.

the North Vietnamese used tanks for the first known time in the Vietnam war.

Nine Soviet-made tanks rumbled in over the bunkers of the camp and the U.S. "Green Berets" called in artillery fire on top of their own defenses in a desperate attempt to beat back the attack. Five of the tanks were destroyed.

There were more than 300 persons in the camp when the North Vietnamese launched the attack. Of 24 "Green Beret" Special Forces men, 15 made it to safety. More than 100 Vietnamese and Montagnard irregulars also made their way back through enemy lines.

The camp gave silent testimony to the bitterness of the battle more than two months ago. Only one concrete bunker appeared to have escaped destruction. The others were battered by artillery and bombs.

Bits of paper littered the ground. There were letters, government saving bonds, insurance policies and bank statements.

Large stocks of ammunition and weapons belonging to the defenders also were found.

## Senator Found In Mass Grave

HUE, Vietnam (UPI) — The body of National Sen. Tran Dien, 53, was found in a mass grave near Hue, government authorities said Wednesday.

Dien, one of five senators elected to the National Assembly from Hue, had been missing since the Tet offensive, but his whereabouts remained a mystery until his body was uncovered Tuesday.

Officials returning from the grave site one mile east of the city limits reported 30 to 40 bodies have been uncovered.

The 55-year-old senator, a professor at Hue University, had spent five years in jail during the Diem Regime.



## S. Viet House Gets Measure Asking General Mobilization

SAIGON (AP) — President Nguyen Van Thieu said Wednesday he had sent a bill calling for "general mobilization of South Vietnam's manpower and resources" to the House of Representatives and called for urgent passage of the measure.

In a speech before a joint session of South Vietnam's House and Senate, Thieu did not outline the provisions of the general mobilization, but informed sources have said it will widen the draft age from 18 to 40 and above in some cases, as well as recall most reservists and veterans.

General mobilization presumably also would include drastic economic measures.

Thieu told the joint legislative session, "while preparing for peace we must increase our fighting potential more than ever. The Communists will only accept peace talks when they are aware of our strength and when they know they cannot win."

General mobilization would be over and above the 135,000-man increase in South Vietnam's armed forces by the end of this year, already announced. It could bring the total number of men under government arms to more than one million, giving South Vietnam one of the biggest armies in the world.

## VC Kill 577 Civilians

SAIGON (AP) — Viet Cong terrorism continued strong in March with a total of 577 civilians killed and 1,180 wounded, government officials claimed.

Thieu also said the cessation of the bombing of the North, in efforts to bring about peace talks, was "a calculated risk in the search for peace." He said the upcoming meetings between the United States and North Vietnam, "are not peace talks. They are only exploratory talks to determine if conditions exist for possible peace talks."

Thieu said "no substantive issues" would be discussed by

the U.S. and North Vietnamese representatives. He added that the two governments could make no decisions "without prior consultations with us."

Thieu warned that the pause in the bombing of the North will allow North Vietnam to infiltrate more men and supplies into the South. "With less hindrance, they will try another offensive under the pretext that the talks have bogged down," Thieu said.

## Casualties in Vietnam

WASHINGTON (S&S) — The Defense Department has announced the following casualties in connection with the conflict in Vietnam.

### KILLED IN ACTION

Army  
Sgt. Leslie A. Ball, Napa, Calif.  
Cpl. Rodolfo C. Serrano, Soledad, Calif.  
Cpt. Gerard A. Lavigne, Hobie Sound, Fla.  
Cpt. Joseph B. Kube, Columbus, Ga.  
Cpt. Ricky L. Richards, Jacksonville, Fla.  
SSgt. David A. Brenner, Parsons, Kan.  
Cpt. Curtis A. Rhodes, Swanton, Md.  
1Lt. David R. Wilson, Kalamazoo, Mich.  
Cpl. John C. Bonney, Jackson, Mich.  
Cpl. James Strecha Jr., Kalamazoo, Mich.  
SP4 Robert H. Rassel, Wautun, Minn.  
Cpl. Albert Shiller, Alpha, N.J.  
Pic. George J. Kohlmeier III, Binghamton, N.Y.  
Cpt. John H. Blalock, Fayetteville, N.C.  
Sgt. Robert E. Floyd, Bradford, Ohio.  
SP5 Ingo J. Wiskow, Columbus, Ohio.  
SP4 Roy D. Elston Jr., Toledo, Ohio.  
Cpl. Clifford L. Williams, Akron, Ohio.  
SP4 Michael L. Sloan, Big Cabin, Okla.  
Pic. John E. Black, Idabel, Okla.  
Sgt. Robert A. Mowery, Lancaster, Pa.  
SSG Joe T. Kennerling, Dyersburg, Tenn.  
Pfc. Rafael Martinez, Edinburg, Tex.  
SP4 Bruce L. Bodger, Danville, Vt.  
SP4 Charles E. Shaw, Abingdon, Va.  
Pfc. Walter G. Wilson, Seattle, Wash.  
Sgt. Watson Underwood Jr., Huntersville, W. Va.

Navy  
HM3 Dennis E. Chester, Sacramento, Calif.  
BUHCN Mark E. Hodel, Lodi, Calif.  
BUHCN James R. Reitzoff Jr., Suffley, W. Va.

Air Force  
Lt. Col. Samuel R. Johnson, Pensacola, Fla.  
BUL3 George R. De Shurley, Roswell, N.M.  
BUL3 Allan L. Mair, Park City, Utah.

Marine Corps  
Pfc. Gerald L. Johnson, Mojave, Calif.  
Pic. Danny P. Bouchez, Decatur, Ill.  
Cpl. John Foldvary Jr., Lincoln Park, Mich.  
Pfc. Thomas J. Kovacevich, Detroit, Mich.  
Cpl. Michael L. Doane, Browning, Mont.  
LCpl. Larry J. Milot, Manchester, N.H.  
Pic. James Wilt, Bayonne, N.J.  
1Lt. Timothy J. Shorten, Flushing, N.Y.  
Cpl. Walter W. Rosolie, Rosedale, N.Y.  
LCpl. Charles D. Miller, Wewoka, Okla.  
LCpl. Donald C. Emery, Portland, Ore.  
Pfc. Frank E. Weiss, Clymer, Pa.  
Pic. William R. Neal, Amarillo, Tex.

DIED OF WOUNDS

Marine Corps  
SSgt. John H. McCarthy, Brighton, Mass.

MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE

Army  
Pic. Norman L. Blasingame, Hacienda Heights, Calif.

Pic. Aniello C. Nunziato, Woodside, N.Y.  
Pic. Charles H. Dyches, North Augusta, S.C.

LCpl. Robert D. Robinson, Houston, Tex.

Marine Corps  
LCpl. James B. Farmer, Valle Crucis, N.C.

MISSING IN ACTION

Army  
Cpt. Archie A. Hayman.

SP4 Robert S. Jernberg.

Pfc. David Culp Jr.

MISSING TO CAPTURED OR INTERNED

## Jets Hit Roads, Vehicles

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON — U.S. pilots Tuesday for the fourth straight day contained their strikes in North Vietnam to below the 19th parallel. The northernmost limit, set by President Johnson, is the 20th parallel.

Air Force tactical fighter-bombers accounted for 59 of the 131 strike and tactical missions flown in overcast weather over the southern panhandle. Their targets were transportation routes, vehicles and automatic weapons sites, with the deepest penetration being 168 miles north of the DMZ.

Carrier-based Navy aircraft flew 52 missions, concentrating on bridges and highway ferries. They also bombed a railroad siding 22 miles north-northwest of Vinh airfield.

The Air Force's B52s rained bombs on targets west of Kontum city and southwest of Hue in South Vietnam.

## VC Defector Gets \$9,222

SAIGON (AP) — A seven-year Viet Cong veteran, who said he was forced into the guerrilla ranks, has been awarded \$9,222 for leading Allied troops to the two largest arms caches ever found in South Vietnam.

The defector, Nguyen Van Lieu, received payment at a ceremony Tuesday. The sum was the largest ever presented to a defector. He turned himself over to the South Vietnam government in September 1967.

During his indoctrination he advised government authorities of the two cache locations.

Lieu said he was forced into Viet Cong ranks with promises of a bright future. But, he said, very few of the promises had materialized.

## Damage \$173 Mil.

SAIGON (AP) — Property damaged in South Vietnam during the Communist Lunar New Year offensive will require more than \$173 million to replace, U.S. officials said Wednesday.

# Arm Flaps Get Plane Off Safely

DAK TO, Vietnam (IO) — It takes skill, hard work and plenty of perseverance to run an airfield. But for the men of the 1st Platoon, 125th Air Traffic Co. at Dak To, it's the extra effort in getting through an occasional "off-beat" day that is remembered.

Like recently when Spec. 5 Marvin E. White of Saucier, Miss. was on duty in the mini-tower overlooking the runway at the Ivy's 1st Brigade command camp. A C45 civilian charter air taxi was circling above apparently unable to make radio contact with the tower for landing instructions.

"I cleared him to land by popping a green flare which is standard procedure in these cases," said White. But the hard part was yet to come.

The plane touched down on the runway and taxied up to the terminal where the passengers got off. The pilot then taxied back onto the runway and waited for take-off instructions.

"Without a radio, I was at a loss for directing him," continued the tower chief. "I climbed into the tower and went into my act — flapping my arms like a bird and pointing east; then pointing to the west end with my right arm, I made a propeller motion with my left hand, signaling him to run up his engines at that point."

Although unusual, White's co-ordinated effort consisted of standard aviation signals which he had picked up from ground crews.

## Flower Show Set in Taipei

TAIPEI, Taiwan (MAAG) — More than 70 individual flower exhibits will be shown at the Third Annual Ikebana International Flower Show here Friday through Tuesday.

The show will be held in the Tenth Credit Cooperative Association Building at 87 Heng Yang Street, near Taipei Hall.

The displays will be open to the public from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday through Monday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday.



### Feels Like a Million

Lt. Cmdr. James R. Holder receives the Joint Service Commendation Medal from Rear Adm. Herman J. Kossler, commander-in-chief Pacific Representative Philippines, for saving the U.S. military more than \$1 million as the sub-area petroleum officer on Kossler's staff. (USN)

## Voice of Free Asia Radio Begins Thai Operation

S&S Thailand Bureau  
BANGKOK, Thailand — Prime Minister Field Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn of Thailand officiated recently at the opening of the Voice of Free Asia Radio station at Ayutthaya.

Foreign Minister Thanat Khoman told the prime minister that the station attests to the joint efforts exercised by the U.S. and Thailand to promote freedom and also their realization of the necessity of preventing any aggression to destroy freedom. He added that this station will help counteract the propaganda from the opposite side.

John Daly, director of the Voice of America, said later in his address that, with the inauguration of this station, Thailand is joining seven other countries of the free world in their cooperation with the Voice of America in the communication project.

The Voice of America, he said, "has concluded agreements with Great Britain, Germany, Liberia, the Philippines, Greece, Ceylon and Morocco on installation of communications facilities.

"The communication and transmitting facilities installed

at this station are meant on a long-term basis to tighten the relationship among various countries through the exchange of information, knowledge and culture."

U.S. Ambassador Leonard Unger asked all concerned with the station to break through the misunderstanding brought about by the enemy's propaganda and urge the aggressors to withdraw their saboteurs from the land of their neighbors. This, he stressed, is the responsibility of the Free Asia Radio.

### Silver Star Won By Army Medic

CAMP SANSONE, Okinawa (IO) — Army Special Forces Sgt. Roland L. Bock, C Co., 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne), has received the Silver Star from Maj. Gen. John M. Finn, deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Ryukyu Islands.

According to the citation Bock received the nation's third highest medal for gallantry in action while serving as a Special Forces medic in Vietnam in November, 1967.

## MOVIES

### TAIWAN

	Fri.	Sat.
East-West	1	2
Linkou	3	4
Tien Mou	5	6
Grass Mt.	7	8
Taihung	9	10
Taihan	11	12
Ching Chuan Kang	13	14

### GUAM

	Fri.	Sat.
Meehan	15	19
Skyview	16	20
Marbo	17	17
Superfort	18	21

### OKINAWA

	Fri.	Sat.
Billy Mitchell	22	23
Wheel	24	25
McConnell	26	27
MCAF	28	29
Machinato	30	31
Olympic	32	33
Camp Hansen	34	—

### TITLES

1. The Big Mouth, Jerry Lewis
2. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Cartoon
3. The Tiger and the Pussycat, Ann Margaret
4. Fantastic Voyage, Stephen Boyd
5. The Honey Pot, Rex Harrison
6. Gentle Giant, Dennis Weaver
7. Not With My Wife, You Don't Tony Curtis, Virna Lisi
8. Penelope, Natalie Wood
9. In the Heat of the Night, Sidney Poitier
10. The Appaloosa, Marlon Brando
11. The Last Challenge, Glenn Ford
12. The Perils of Pauline, Pat Boone
13. The St. Valentine's Day Massacre, Jason Robards, George Segal
14. Texas Across the River, Dean Martin
15. Gigi, Leslie Caron
16. The Family Way, Hayley Mills
17. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, Spencer Tracy, Sidney Poitier
18. The Ballad of Josie, Doris Day
19. Daring Game, Lloyd Bridges
20. A Fistful of Dollars, Clint Eastwood
21. Easy Come, Easy Go, Elvis Presley
22. Alfie, Michael Caine
23. What Did You Do in the War, Daddy?, James Coburn, D. Shawn
24. Georgy Girl, James Mason
25. Way, Way Out, Jerry Lewis
26. Who's Minding the Mint?, J. Hutton
27. The Hills Run Red, Tom Hunter
28. The Viking Queen, Don Murray
29. How to Steal a Million, Audrey Hepburn
30. Robbery, Stanley Baker
31. Grand Prix, James Garner
32. The Group, Candice Bergen
33. The Fortune Cookie, Jack Lemmon
34. Torture Garden, Jack Palance
35. The Sea Pirate, Gerard Barry
36. Dead Heat On a Merry-Go-Round, James Coburn
37. The Cobra, Dana Andrews
38. The Flim Flam Man, George Scott
39. Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, Elizabeth Taylor
40. Funeral in Berlin, Michael Caine
41. Rosie, Rosalind Russell
42. Up the McGregors, David Bailey
43. Clambake, Elvis Presley
44. Navajo Joe, Burt Reynolds
45. Doctor, You've Got to be Kidding!, Sandra Dee, George Hamilton
46. Tobruk, Rock Hudson
47. The Endless Summer, Mike Hynson

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# Viets Showing All-Out Effort To Rebuild Hue

By MGY. SGT. J. T. FRYE

S&S Vietnam Bureau

HUE, Vietnam — Hue is pulling itself up by its bootstraps.

It will take a lot of sweat and strain during the coming long, hot summer, but early indications are that the townspeople are pitching in with vigor to clear the rubble and hurry the reconstruction.

The rebuilding program is moving in phases.

## High Wire Act Was Petrifying

CHU LAI, Vietnam (OI) — "I don't think I ever stood as still in my life as when someone yelled that my antenna had hit a booby trap wire," said a radio operator with American Division's 196th Light Inf. Brigade.

Pfc. Neil Amalfitano, of Wilmington, Del., of the 2nd Bn., 1st Inf., was speaking of when his radio antenna caught in a trip wire while on a sweep during Operation Wheeler Walla.

"We were moving through some pretty thick brush when I saw Neil's antenna catch the high trip wire," said Spec. 4 Earl Thorn, of Colbert, Okla., who was walking behind Amalfitano.

"The wire went forward, but didn't snap," said Thorn, "so I yelled for him to freeze. While the antenna continued to hold the wire taut, two other Company C members began carefully tracing the wire," Thorn said.

Everyone else had taken cover when the wire led them to two grenades strapped to a nearby tree. The grenades were blown harmlessly. "I didn't think I could move after it was over," said the radio operator. "I had really frozen in place."

## Classes To Open

S&S Okinawa Bureau

KADENA AB, Okinawa — Fourteen new classrooms will be opened next Tuesday at Camp Hauge during special ceremonies to ease overcrowding at Kadena's M&K Primary School.

Nearly 400 first graders will be shifted to classes in nine newly renovated buildings at the Marine Corps facility two and half miles north of here, according to Harold Price, superintendent of Defense Department schools on the island.

Only youngsters who previously attended afternoon sessions at M&K are being moved.

First grade classes at M&K and Camp Hauge Annex will start at 7:50 a.m. and end at 1:30 p.m., eliminating double sessions in that grade.

Hours for second, third and fourth grades are unchanged and second graders will continue on double sessions at the primary school where enrollment reached an all-time high of 2,259 pupils for the current school year.

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# U.S. Viet Toll Dips To 279

SAIGON (AP) — The number of American troops killed in combat in the Vietnam war last week dropped to the lowest toll in the past 2½ months, the U.S. Command announced Thursday.

Headquarters reported 279 U.S. troops were killed in combat during the seven-day period ending last Saturday at midnight. It was the lowest toll since the week ending Feb. 3 when 416 Americans were killed at the start of the Viet Cong Lunar New Year offensive.

Gen. William C. Westmoreland's headquarters said the drop reflected a lull in fighting that has been developing over the past month.

The lull reached its peak this week with the quietest period this year, despite the biggest allied campaign of the war in 11 provinces around Saigon and a massive allied thrust near Khe Sanh along the northern frontier.

The current lull in the fighting this week won't be reflected until the casualty figures for the seven-day period ending Saturday are released next Thursday.

Despite an absence of major, sustained battles, South Vietnamese headquarters reported that it lost 407 men killed and 1,479 wounded last week, an increase over the 393 killed and 1,160 wounded the previous week.

Military spokesmen said the government troops have been very active, particularly in the Mekong Delta below Saigon.

The South Vietnamese Command said 4,012 enemy troops were killed in action last week and 550 were captured. The U.S. Command reported the number of enemy killed as 2,251 but noted that figure was "subject to adjustment."

The number of enemy killed is reported separately each week by the two commands and the totals often differ. Normally, however, there is not as great a discrepancy as that reported for last week.

## Crash Kills 13 Marines

DA NANG, Vietnam (AP) — Thirteen U.S. Marines died Thursday when two helicopters collided northwest of Dong Ha at an altitude of 2,000 feet.

Six of those killed had been wounded in battle and were being flown from Khe Sanh to the aid station at the Dong Ha Marine base for treatment.

A Marine spokesman said one helicopter with a crew of four and the wounded aboard was descending through the clouds when it collided with another that was a gun ship escort for the medical evacuation mission.

## 156 VC Surrender

SAIGON (UPI) — At least 156 Viet Cong voluntarily turned themselves in to the government in the first seven days after President Johnson announced the partial bombing halt, U.S. spokesmen said Thursday.

WASHINGTON (S&S) — The Defense Department has announced the following casualties in connection with the conflict in Vietnam.

### KILLED IN ACTION

Army  
Cpl. Edgar L. Simmons, Pine Bluff, Ark.  
Spc Michael K. Hare, Covina, Calif.  
Spc Kenneth L. Neal, San Jose, Calif.  
Spc Danny J. Richardson, Covington, Ga.  
Spc Cecil R. Millspough, Burley, Idaho.  
Cpl. George A. Fischer, Lombard, Ill.  
Pfc. Larry W. Barrett, Redkey, Ind.  
Cpl. Edward A. Boordman, Pasadena, Md.

Pfc. James B. Brock, Dearborn, Mich.  
Spc Robert G. Quick, Terry, Miss.  
Pfc. John J. Pali, Bergenfield, N.J.  
Tlt. Karl F. Perry, Baldwinsville, N.Y.  
2lt. Richard L. Giambrone, Brooklyn Heights, N.Y.

Pfc. Albert W. Cudworth, Pittsburgh, N.Y.  
Pfc. Richard D. Nicolini, Elmont, N.Y.

Pfc. David L. Skumurski, Schenectady, N.Y.  
Pfc. Ralph C. McCowan, Trenton, N.J.

Pfc. John R. Kemper, Carroll, Ohio.  
Cpl. John W. Fox, Conshohocken, Pa.  
Pfc. Paul Wright, Willow Grove, Pa.

2lt. John T. Wilkinson, Manchester, Tenn.

SSG Felipe D. Camarillo, El Paso, Tex.

Sp4 Lorn D. Compton, Squire, W.Va.

Navy  
BUL3 John F. Peek, Pontiac, Mich.

Marine Corps  
Sgt. Frank E. Headley IV, Mammoth Lakes, Calif.

LCpl. Gregory P. Kent, Lawrence, Mass.

### MISSING IN ACTION

Army  
Sp4 Quinten E. Mulleavy.

DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF

HOSTILE ACTION

Army  
Sp4 James H. Morgan, Washington, D.C.

Col. Gerald A. Schiro, Chicago, Ill.

Sgt. Ronnie Mills, Flat Lick, Ky.

Pfc. Willie J. Smith, Greenville, Miss.

Sgt. Jon M. Murphy, Thompson Falls, Mont.

Capt. Stanley J. Cygan, Morris Plains, N.J.

Capt. Raymond O. Kincannon, Fayetteville, N.C.

SSG Lawrence E. Philyaw, Mt. Olive, N.C.

Marine Corps  
Pfc. James K. Flournoy, Los Angeles, Calif.

Lt. Col. Frankie E. Allgood, Pensacola, Fla.

CORRECTION

T Sgt. Sylvester McCullough, USAF.

Change status from missing to dead--hostile to missing to dead--non hostile.



## Rush to 'Fire Fight' With a Burning Amtrack

Sailors and Marines rush to extinguish a fire that broke out in an amtrack between the Navy and Marine Corps compounds at Cua

Viet. The armored personnel carrier is used to carry troops along waterways and land them in combat areas. (USN)

## Reds Slip Back Into Lang Vei, Block U.S. Unit From Entering

LANG VEI, Vietnam (AP) — Troopers of the U.S. 1st Air Cav. Div. were stopped three times Thursday from moving back into the Lang Vei Special Forces camp near the Laotian border.

A battalion of cavalrymen had quickly moved through the camp late Wednesday, and then withdrew to an old abandoned Special Forces camp, 700 yards

to the east and only two miles east of Laos, for the night.

Shortly before noon Thursday, a company led by Capt. Douglas Verdier moved toward Lang Vei, but ran into heavy automatic weapons fire from North Vietnamese soldiers in the bunkers of the camp they had overrun Feb. 7.

Apparently an enemy company with some 80 men had

moved back into the camp Wednesday night after the U.S. troops had pulled out.

Thursday, when the cavalrymen ran into the resistance, they pulled back as artillery and air strikes hit the enemy positions. The camp had been blasted in two months of bombardment when it was held by the North Vietnamese during the siege of Khe Sanh, four miles to the east.

At least five times in Thursday's fight, lone North Vietnamese soldiers would break from the bunkers in a slow motion run to a ridge line and disappear over the crest toward Laos. The American troopers fired mortars, machine guns and rifles, but the fleeing Reds appeared to make it to safety.

Verdier's company tried three times between the artillery barrages to get into the camp, but they were driven back and spent Thursday night again in the old abandoned camp.

There, they were hit by 14 rounds of enemy artillery and two men were wounded. Three had been wounded and one killed in the fight to seize the camp from the North Vietnamese during the day.

Verdier said the enemy soldiers were probably in a holding action at the camp to cover the withdrawal of larger elements of the North Vietnamese 325th Div.

The North Vietnamese 304th Div., the second division that took part in the Khe Sanh siege, is generally believed to have pulled back when the giant Operation Pegasus was launched 10 days ago by the 1st Cav., U.S. Marines and Vietnamese troops.

### Mine Kills 13 Civilians

SAIGON (AP) — Thirteen South Vietnamese civilians were killed and two were injured seriously Tuesday when a small bus in which they were riding hit a mine 21 miles northwest of Saigon, South Vietnamese military headquarters reported.

## Most Unburied

## 800 N. Viet Bodies Found At Khe Sanh

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. government sources say American military patrols probing out from the once-besieged Khe Sanh base have found more than 800 North Vietnamese bodies, most of them unburied.

The sources cited this as an indicator of how badly the Communist troops who once surrounded the outpost suffered from U.S. artillery and air bombing.

They said the 829 bodies found since April 1 represent a preliminary

count and that they expect a much higher total after U.S. forces comb the mountainous area.

Many bodies were in mass graves but most were unburied.

This was interpreted by the government sources as a sign the Communists suffered a com-

SAIGON (AP) — The North Vietnamese siege of U.S. Marines at Khe Sanh combat base, broken last week, resulted in only 93 American troops killed, the U.S. Command reported Thursday. In addition, the command said, 400 wounded troops were evacuated.

mand breakdown and possibly morale problems toward the end of the more than two-month siege, which was lifted last week.

Military officials disputed the view, expressed in some diplomatic quarters, that the North Vietnamese voluntarily lifted the siege to emphasize Hanoi's willingness to talk peace.

"He was hurt," said one senior military officer of the enemy. The officer contended the Communists were forced by heavy U.S. firepower to give up the siege.

## U.S. Planes Hit Lower N. Viet

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON—U.S. warplanes flew 116 missions over North Vietnam Wednesday in a confined area of the southern panhandle from the DMZ to 168 miles north.

The raids marked the fifth straight day that U.S. jets restricted their strikes to below the 19th Parallel, 60 miles south of the northernmost boundary set by President Johnson 10 days before.

## Khe Sanh Road Open

# Cavalrymen Occupy Lang Vei Camp

LANG VEI, Vietnam (AP) — Troopers of the U.S. 1st Air Cav. Div. occupied the Lang Vei Special Forces camp Friday, under the gunsights of North Vietnamese artillery less than two miles away along the Laos border.

There was no resistance to a ground attack by a Cavalry battalion that moved through the concrete bunkers and wrecked tanks in the camp in the northwest corner of South Vietnam.

The Cavalry unit had gone quickly through the camp at dusk Wednesday, then had moved on 700 yards to the east to the site of an old abandoned Special Forces camp for that night. When they sought to go back into Lang Vei Thursday, the Cavalry troopers ran into enemy resistance that held back three drives.

It was believed a company of enemy troops, about 80 men, had slipped back into the camp Wednesday night to fight a rear guard action. But they were gone Friday.

North Vietnamese artillerymen sent about 20 rounds into the jump-off point for the attack Friday. One cavalryman was wounded.

Big U.S. guns laid down a 500-round barrage in five minutes and helicopter gunships swept back and forth across the camp before the Cavalrymen advanced.

To the north, there was only light action in Operation Pegasus, the 20,000-man operation begun April 1 to relieve the besieged combat base at Khe Sanh.

Senior American officers say the announced aims of Operation Pegasus now have been largely fulfilled with Khe Sanh relieved. Crucial highway 9, linking the base with eastern allied positions, is open and nearly completely restored.

A company of Marines on Thursday drove the entire 12 miles from Ca Lu to Khe Sanh. In addition, South Vietnamese and U.S. Marine battalions are close to matching the pace of the Air Cavalry in westward sweeps from Khe Sanh toward the Laos frontier.

## Mortars Kill 5 Viets

SAIGON (S&S) — Five Vietnamese civilians were reported killed and another 22 wounded early Wednesday morning when several rounds of mortars, fired by a U.S. unit, exploded in a small village one n.e. southeast of Cat Lai in Bien Hoa province. The incident is under investigation, according to the U.S. command.

# VC Sanctuary Razed by Fires

SAIGON (UPI) — At least 70 forest fires are raging through a huge Viet Cong sanctuary causing greater destruction than any French or Allied attack of the past 20 years, intelligence sources disclosed Friday.

The fires started early this week and by Thursday between 70 and 80 were observed raging throughout the vast U Minh Forest at the tip of the Mekong Delta in Vietnam's southernmost An Xuyen Province.

Intelligence sources said pilots have described the series of fires as an "inferno."



Where they once would only appear in the open for a few seconds, U.S. Marines leaving Khe Sanh now stand in the open, unworried by enemy guns which have fallen silent. (AP)

## Lownds Departs Khe Sanh

KHE SANH, Vietnam (UPI) — Col. David Lownds, the top Marine at Khe Sanh, stepped down as commanding officer of the 26th Marine Reg. in a brief ceremony Friday amid the rubble of his battered base.

Lownds was succeeded by Col. Bruce F. Myers of Seattle, Wash.

Members of the regimental headquarters staff were present, but the regimental battalions were out scouring the hills for fleeing North Vietnamese troops.

"I am more than pleased that I had the opportunity to be regimental commander here," Lownds, of Plantation, Fla., said.

He also seemed more than pleased to see his replacement.

Bouncing around the base in a jeep on an inspection tour, Lownds joked with newsmen, "Don't talk to me. I'm just a has-been."

Meyers said, "I plan to get with the regiment, but we will probably keep my headquarters here for a while."

Asked if the Marines would continue to hold Khe Sanh, he said, "I think the entire situation in northern I Corps is very flexible and I really couldn't say."

The sources said the fires already have destroyed huge areas of forest and have triggered numerous secondary explosions, indicating ammunition dumps and fuel storage tanks are being blown up.

The U Minh Forest has been the most impregnable Viet Cong sanctuary in Vietnam, remaining firmly in Communist control — and seldom challenged — since 1946.

Intelligence sources said pilots have described the series of fires as an "inferno."

The sources said it was not

## Saigon News Is Delayed

SAIGON (AP) — A mechanical breakdown at a government transmitter station Thursday night caused a 12-hour blackout of most news and commercial communications from Saigon to the rest of the world.

Authorities said the breakdown disrupted outgoing radioteleype messages on 20 circuits used by news services, news correspondents and commercial firms.

The transmitter station at Phu Tho a few miles outside of Saigon was repaired by mid-morning Friday.

Telephone circuits linking Saigon with the outside were not affected nor were military units.

## U.S. Jets Pound Panhandle Areas

SAIGON (S&S) — Despite poor weather over North Vietnam Thursday, U.S. warplanes flew 195 missions over 168 miles of the southern panhandle.

All missions were flown south of the 19th Parallel, 60 miles south of the northern limit placed on U.S. air strikes by President Johnson on April 1.

Navy pilots flew the deepest penetration into North Vietnam, hitting a highway 30 miles north of the coastal city of Vinh and eight miles south of the 19th Parallel.

The sources said the fires definitely determined how the fires were started, but there were reports a group of Vietnamese fishermen set them in reprisal against taxation by the Viet Cong.

The fires come during the area's driest season, about two weeks before monsoon rains are due.

Although the heavy smoke in the area has prevented precise damage assessment, pilots reported that the numerous secondary explosions indicated greater destruction than caused by any bombing raids.

## U.S. Air Losses at 3,610

SAIGON (AP) — The U.S. Military Command reported Friday that 2,059 planes and 1,551 helicopters have been lost in the Vietnam war over North and South Vietnam.

In a report covering the period through April 9, headquarters said 821 planes and nine helicopters have gone down over North Vietnam. The helicopters all were lost on rescue missions to pick up downed pilots.

The last plane to go down over the North was on March 31, the day President Johnson announced a limitation in bombing of North Vietnam.

## Viet Rangers Get M16

SAIGON (AP) — The elite South Vietnamese 3rd Ranger Group has been issued 3,492 U.S.-made M16 rifles, it was announced. Every man in the six battalions of the group is armed with the same weapon carried by all American troops in South Vietnam.

## Vietnam Casualties

WM3 John D. Woodard, Morganton, N.C.  
Marine Corps

PFC Donald C. McNac, Mobile, Ala.  
PFC Cecil L. Jones, Jonesboro, Ark.  
PFC Joseph L. Jordan, Americus, Ga.  
SGT Ernest L. Bridges, Gary, Ind.  
CPL John J. Harris, Joliet, Ill.  
PFC Robert E. Mentzer Jr., Rockville, Md.

LCPL Gerald F. Young, Boston, Mass.  
LCPL Burton W. Peterson Jr., South Boston, Mass.  
CAPT George L. Lakey, Springfield, N.J.

LCPL Wesley W. White, Carteret, N.J.  
PFC Allen P. Sheehan, Multnomah, N.Y.

CPL Roosevelt Tharrington Jr., Durham, N.C.  
PFC Harry L. Blalock, Albemarle, N.C.

PFC Cecil L. Jones, Corvallis, Ore.  
LCPL Roger T. Brown, Kittanning, Pa.

PFC David H. Mealy, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
PVT William G. Wilkins, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

PFC Gary M. Carter, Church Hill, Tenn.  
PFC Robert K. Horspool, Ogden, Utah.

SGT Daniel Pescirer, Salt Rock, W.Va.  
PFC Charles L. Yates, Fairmont, W.Va.  
PFC Kevin W. Moore, Milwaukee, Wis.

Air Force

MSGT Donald A. Harrell, White Oak, Ga.

CAPT William Canup, Indianapolis, Ind.

### DIED OF WOUNDS

Navy

HN James A. Cardinale, Danville, Calif.

Marine Corps

CPL James J. Tedesco, Des Moines, Iowa.

### MISSING TO DEAD—Hostile

Army

SP4 Robert S. Jernberg, San Jose, Calif.

PFC Larry G. Minuel, Mattoon, Ill.

PFC Harold E. Penson, Chicago, Ill.

SGT Ezekiel Paige, Siler City, N.C.

PFC David Culp Jr., Pineville, N.C.

PFC James E. McPherson, Rockingham, N.C.

CPT Archie A. Heyman, Gallipolis, Ohio.

SP4 Edward Day, Charleston, S.C.

PFC James L. Pipes Jr., Richmond, Va.

### MISSING IN ACTION

Army

WO Franklin D. Audlet

SSG David A. Parker

SSG David C. Thomas

SGT Philip L. Konigsfeld

SP5 James A. Pemberton

SP4 Anthony Simoes

SP4 Edward Day

PFC Hoyle Terry Jr.

PFC Grot A. Keene

PFC James R. Sanford, Jr.

Air Force

CPT John C. Hardy

CPT Ronald R. Rexroad

### MISSING TO CAPTURED

Army

SP4 Thomas H. Van Patten

### DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

SGT Alan R. Cuyanan, Lomita, Calif.

SP4 Douglas C. Ristine, Merritt Island, Fla.

CPL Danny E. Fulcher, Tacoma, Wash.

SSG Ernest A. Lang, Seattle, Wash.

SGT Conrado Cabrera-Rodriguez, Cuernavaca, Mexico

PFC James C. Johnson, Marshall, Texas

PFC Pablo D. Sanchez, Taft, Texas

SP5 Gene J. Howard, Williamsburg, Va.

CPL Douglas E. Fulcher, Tacoma, Wash.

SSG Ernest A. Lang, Seattle, Wash.

SGT Conrado Cabrera-Rodriguez, Cuernavaca, Mexico

PFC James C. Johnson, Marshall, Texas



Troops of the U.S. 1st Air Cav. Div. walk past the destroyed hulk of a Russian-built tank at the Lang Vei Special Forces camp

which the American troops re-entered Friday after moving to the area from the Marine base at Khe Sanh. (UPI Radiophoto)

## 200 Enemy Found Dead After B52 Raid in Delta

SAIGON (AP) — America's biggest bombers, Air Force B52s, pounded enemy positions up and down South Vietnam with five separate missions Saturday on the heels of a rare strike in the Mekong Delta that reportedly killed 200 Viet Cong.

Except for an enemy mortar and ground attack on two platoons of U.S. infantrymen 11 miles west of coastal Tam Ky,

little ground fighting was reported.

The two platoons of the 196th Light Inf. Brigade were in night defensive positions when an estimated 200 Viet Cong troops struck just after midnight with mortars, small arms and machine guns. Twelve Americans were killed and 29 wounded. Four enemy were known to have been killed, U.S. headquarters said.

## F111s Resume Flying Strikes on North

SAIGON (AP) — F111 jet bombers have resumed flying combat mission against North Vietnam, U.S. military spokesmen said Saturday.

The revolutionary swing-wing planes had been grounded since March 30 when an F111 crashed in north Thailand, the second loss in less than a week of combat flying.

Spokesmen said F111s resumed flying combat missions Friday against North Vietnam, hitting in the southern end of the country and well below the 20th parallel, northern bombing limit ordered by President Johnson.

The spokesmen said the F111 strikes Friday hit at truck parks and other targets 25 miles northwest of the coastal panhandle city of Dong Hoi, or about 65 miles north of the demilitarized zone.

The bombing runs resulted in one secondary explosion, indicating a successful strike on ammunition or fuel stores.

Spokesmen refused to say how many F111s flew in Friday's missions. Air Force flights normally are made up of four planes.

The Air Force has six F111s in the war area, all based at Takhli in Thailand, north of Bangkok.

After the loss of two of the \$6-million planes the remaining

four were grounded. Two more F111s were flown to Takhli from Nevada to replace the two that went down.

The first six F111s, America's most advanced fighter-bomber, arrived at Takhli March 17.

The first F111 combat missions were flown March 25. One plane went down March 28 and has not been found. The two crewmen are missing, presumed dead or captured. When the second F111 crashed, the two-man crew ejected from the plane and were rescued.

The North Vietnamese have claimed they shot down both of the planes. U.S. sources have said that the cause of the second plane's crash was technical trouble.

Flying silently and unseen from the ground at altitudes above 20,000 feet, the eight-jet B52s hit what military spokesmen described as "troop concentrations, weapons positions and a storage area" Friday in the Mekong Delta 74 miles southwest of Saigon.

Shortly after the raid, South Vietnamese troops swept the box-like area and reported finding the bodies of 200 Viet Cong.

If their count is correct, it is the largest single number of enemy troops ever reported killed by B52 strikes in the nearly three years they have been supporting allied forces in South Vietnam. However, many areas which the Stratofortresses attack are never swept by allied ground troops because of their remoteness.

The B52s have flown perhaps only a dozen or so missions against enemy positions in the marshlands of the Delta.

In one of the five new raids Saturday, B52s pushed deeper into the delta to pound an enemy base camp, training area, bunkers and foxholes near Rach Gia, about 140 miles southwest of Baigo, close to the Gulf of Siam.

The other four raids were against enemy buildup areas west of Kontum city in the central highlands near the Cambodian border, near the Khe Sanh combat base and southwest of the old imperial capital of Hue.

## Marines Hold Easter Rites

SAIGON (UPI) — Easter came to Vietnam Sunday and, despite the war around them, men stopped to pray softly in a place called Khe Sanh.

It was more like Thanksgiving than Easter for some of the U.S. Marines who were able to drop their flak jackets and battered helmets before crowding into a bunker for mass. A week before, North Vietnamese artillery did not permit them the luxury of praying in the open.

Chaplain Charles T. Kelly took out a white linen cloth from his pack and fashioned an

altar on top of a field mess can, but to some of those who knelt there it was as holy as St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Sgt. John Cowan, of Louisville, Ky., paged through a hymnal and the men sang "Rock of Ages," the only hymn they all knew fairly well, UPI correspondent Perry Young reported at Khe Sanh.

"We are celebrating the fact, the day that our Lord rose to give us new hope of salvation," said the Rev. Kelly.

Then came communion. Pfc.

## Red Arms Seized at Khe Sanh

SAIGON (AP) — American forces searching an area near the Khe Sanh combat base Saturday found a major arms cache that might have been used in an attempt to overrun the outpost. They found and took it with little fighting.

U.S. headquarters said the enemy ammunition and weapons included 5,000 rounds of mortar shells.

Khe Sanh, in the northwest corner of the country, had been tagged as a prime target for North Vietnamese forces since early this year. It was surrounded and hammered daily by artillery, rocket and mortar fire until late in March. On April 1 Operation Pegasus, involving 20,000 allied forces, began and within a week the siege of Khe Sanh had been lifted.

Since that time, allied forces have been sweeping around the base and westward toward the Laotian border. They have met little resistance, and the lack of action has been considered significant in the current stage of military activity in the Vietnam war.

The arms cache was found less than a mile west of the Lang Vei Special Forces camp, an allied post just outside Khe Sanh which was overrun by the enemy Feb. 7. In addition to the supply of mortar shells, the cache included 32 crew served weapons, 1,000 rounds of recoilless rifle ammunition and 300 rounds of 4.2-millimeter mortar shells.

## VC Truce Called for 3 Days

SAIGON (UPI) — The Viet Cong have announced they are observing a three-day truce in four Mekong Delta provinces in observance of the Cambodian New Year.

Liberation Radio, the clandestine station of the Viet Cong, announced that the truce would be observed in the provinces of An Giang, Chau Doc, Kien Phong and Ba Xuyen, all of which have large numbers of ethnic Cambodians living there.

Radio Hanoi, quoting the Viet Cong, announced that the truce was in effect from 1 a.m. Saturday until 1 a.m. Tuesday Saigon time.

Both the Saigon government and the American government, stung by the Viet Cong violation of the Tet truces, have ignored the offer.

(AP reported U.S. officials said the Viet Cong's Liberation Radio announced on March 27 that South Vietnamese Army personnel and civil servants of Cambodian origin in about 10 provinces would be allowed to return to their homes for Cambodian New Year without being harmed.

(Officials said it would be a while before the South Vietnamese government would react to the Viet Cong ceasefire in An Giang, and said it was unlikely that it would reciprocate.)

## ROKs Kill 55 Reds

SAIGON (AP) — South Korean troops killed 55 Viet Cong Friday in a series of small clashes along South Vietnam's central coast, Korean military headquarters announced.

In the largest contact, headquarters said, an ambush patrol of the Tiger Div.'s 1st Reg. killed 18 of the enemy seven miles southeast of Phu Cat.

In another encounter, an ambush patrol from the Special Forces Co. of the South Korean 2nd (Blue Dragon) Marine Brigade killed 13 enemy soldiers in a 20-minute fire fight, a headquarters communiqué said.

During Friday's engagements, headquarters said, Korean troops seized three prisoners, and captured 27 weapons. Korean casualties were termed light.

## C130 Crashes At Khe Sanh

DA NANG, Vietnam (AP) — A U.S. Air Force C130 transport plane crashed and burned while landing at the Khe Sanh combat base Saturday. One crew-member was killed.

A U.S. military spokesman said the four-engine plane ran off the runway after blowing a tire. He said it had apparently not been hit by enemy ground-fire.

The C130 carried a crew of five, four of whom escaped injury. No one else was aboard, the spokesman said.

## Bunker Back in Saigon

SAIGON (UPI) — U.S. Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker flew back to Saigon Saturday from five days of conferences with President Johnson and other officials in Washington.

# Korat Chaplains Pray for Pilots' Return

By S. SGT. GENE YOUNG  
S&S Thailand Bureau Chief

KORAT, Thailand—Four sleek, bomb-heavy F105 Thunderchiefs taxied down the strip. Near the end of the runway they came to a stop in front of a group of U.S. Air Force personnel of the 388th Tactical Fighter Wing here.

Two men in white vests moved from the sideline over to the flight leader's aircraft. They gave him a thumbs-up signal and moved to the side of the Thunderchief. Each stood with his head bowed. Then they slowly moved to the next plane in line.

These men with the white vests were not mechanics, crew chiefs or armament personnel. They were two chaplains.

The chaplains of Korat have made it a very important point to be at the

end of the runway to see off every strike launch of the wing. They alternate on the ramp every day, but schedule it so that there are at least two of them there to lend moral support.

Of all the personnel working around the ready aircraft, the chaplains stand out pretty sharp among the group. The white vests have a black cross on the front and on the back is a fist with a thumbs-up sign.

Sometimes the runway temperature is over 110 degrees in the boiling sun. Added to this is the tremendous heat generated by the jets as they turn and taxi for take-off. The chaplains come away soaked with sweat, but not one plane nor one pilot has missed receiving this gesture.

On this particular day it was a

Catholic priest and a Lutheran minister. However denominations make little difference to the pilots. It's the presence of someone who really cares that means so much.

Maj. Mark Steege, a Lutheran chaplain from Springfield, Ill., has been with the wing for eight months and has watched thousands of aircraft take off for North Vietnam.

"You never get over the feeling of helplessness watching those guys take off and into combat. I have to stay behind and all I can offer is a smile, a thumbs-up and a few words of prayer. It just doesn't seem like I'm doing enough," he says.

"I hate the thought that maybe some of them won't be in church next Sunday. I only hope that in some way I have

helped them, there at the end of the runway."

Father Francis Daly is a reserve captain from Kansas City, Mo., who came back into the Air Force because he felt he had to do something in this war. Now he is at Korat doing in his way what he feels is his duty to his fellow man.

"These are the greatest bunch of men in the world and I feel very proud of being here with them. If I felt that I wasn't helping them in some way, then I haven't any business being here. I have to agree with Chaplain Steege, though. It is very hard to lose a pilot from the 388th. They are like a big family to me and it hurts deeply knowing that one of my boys is in a prison camp up North. I can only pray that they return safely."

## Safe Cycle Week Set At Clark

S&S Philippine Bureau  
CLARK AB, R.P. — Base officials have declared April 22-28 as Motorcycle Safety Week.

The first of its kind on Clark AB, the safety program was started by the Philippine Motorcycle Racing Association, the Ridge Riders, both base cycling organizations, and local Angeles City motorcycle sales and repair shops.

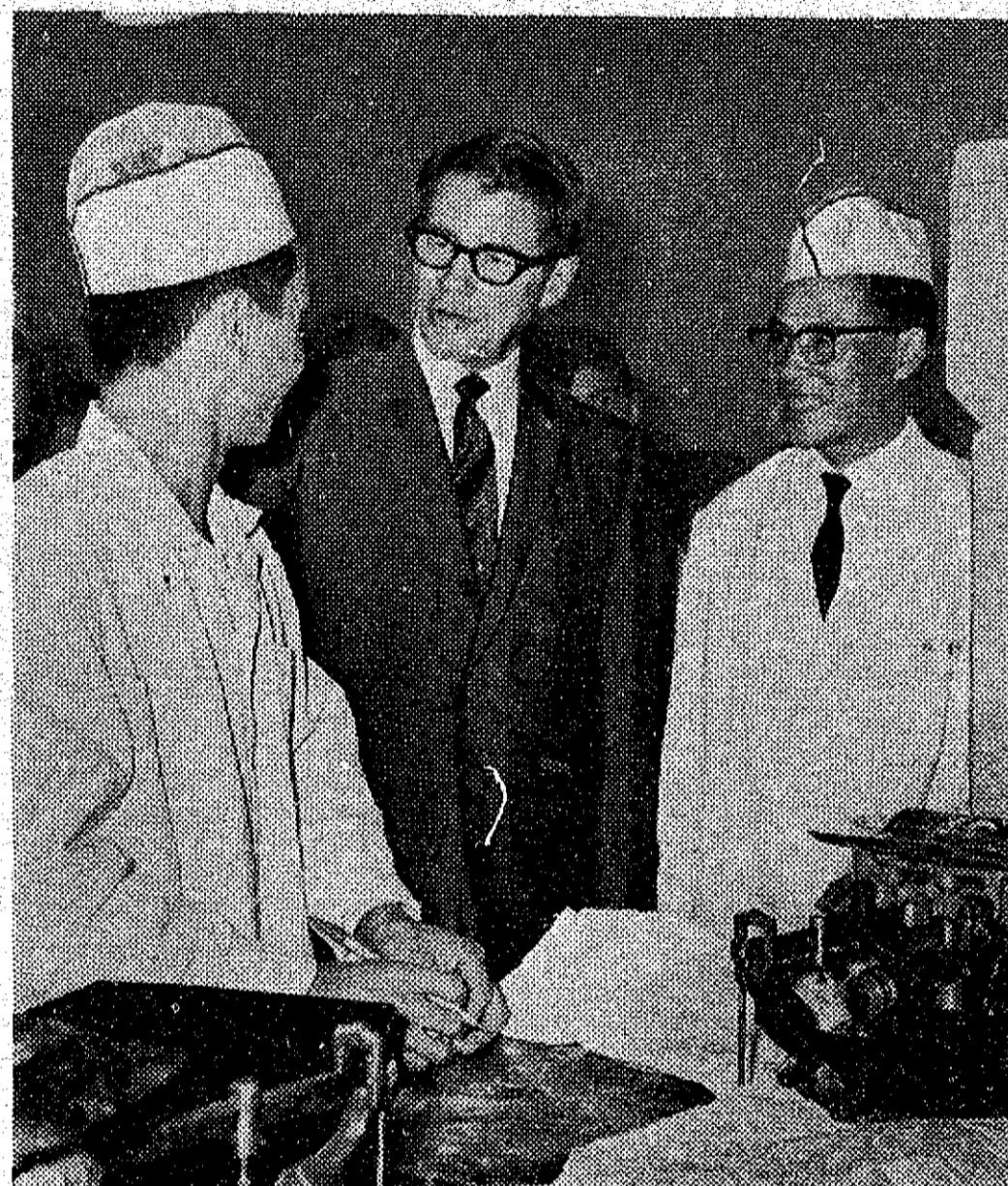
According to a spokesman, it has been created to "help enlighten the two-wheel motorist in the lines of safety and help make motorcycling safe."

There are more than 2,100 registered motorcycles on the base.

The program has been endorsed by Col. Phillip C. Rawlins, base commander, and base safety officials.

### Comptrollers To Meet

SUKIRAN, Okinawa (IO)—The American Society of Military Comptrollers will meet April 22 at noon for a luncheon at the Castle Terrace Club. Maj. Gen. John M. Finn, deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Ryukyu Islands, will be the guest speaker.



### Floury Talk

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman discusses the merits of American flour with student bakers during an April 12 visit to a baking school in Taipei. The purpose of the visit was to boost per capita consumption of U.S. wheat products in Taiwan. Freeman has also traveled to Japan and Korea this month in an effort to increase sales of American food products. (S&S)

## Food Donations Hit 18 Mil. Pounds

NAHA, Okinawa (S&S) — American people provided some 18 million pounds of food last year to Ryukyu families, schools and institutions through the Food for Freedom program, according to the U.S. Civil Administration.

Food donated consisted of bulgur wheat, dry milk, salad

oil, corn, soybean and milk. Three programs in the islands benefited from the food stuffs. They were school lunch, family and welfare institution feeding programs.

According to USCAR the lunch program provides bread, milk and other commodities to all primary and junior high

school students; the family program provides food to those who are classified as public assistance or needy cases, and the institution program assists all Ryukyu welfare institutions.

The U.S.-donated food is distributed locally by the GRI with the assistance of the Church World Service and Catholic Relief Services.

## Curtain Going Up On Scruggs Review

TAICHUNG, Taiwan (MAAG) — Tickets are on sale throughout Taiwan for the 13th annual "Scruggs Review", a yearly charity show project of the U.S. Military Community here.

The comedy review will be presented at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the I-Ning Middle School gymnasium here, officials said.

A special children's matinee will be shown at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Lt. Col. Paul T. O'Dowd,

chief, Central Advisory Team, MAAG-China, and president of the Scruggs Review Dramatic Club, said "This year's show should be one of the best ever."

"We have retained much of the original flavor, but added an entirely new script and situation to bring fresh variety and talent into the show," he added.

The 1968 version of the Scruggs Review revolves around conflicts created in the notorious Scruggs family when a traveling burlesque show is stranded on their property.

The show is produced and directed this year by Maj. Forrest E. Lawton, operations adviser with MAAG's Central Advisory Team.

The production features an all male cast of more than 25, and a supporting staff of an additional 25, all military and civilian employees or dependents of American personnel assigned to MAAG, Ching Chuan Kang AB and other local U.S. organizations.

Tickets at \$1 or NT40 for adults and 50 cents or NT20 for children, may be purchased in Taipei from M. Sgt. Lynwood J. Brock, M. Sgt. Ross J. Williams, or T. Sgt. George R. Blake who can be reached at TME 3225 or 3226.

In the Kaohsiung area tickets may be obtained from Capt. William C. Copeland at Tsoying 313. In Tainan they are being handled by M. Sgt. Robert H. Hesse and T. Sgt. Winfred A. Bell at 128, 131, or 135, and in Taichung M. Sgt. Melvin L. Friesen, S. Sgt. John A. Amos, and S. Sgt. Coling Molzen at 313, 314, 316, or 322.

Persons intending to travel to the 1968 Scruggs Review from outlying areas were urged to make hotel reservations in advance by calling Taichung Military 106.

### Ryukyuans Needy Given U.S. Food

URASOE, Okinawa (USCAR) — A total of 2,222,031 pounds of U.S.-donated food is being distributed to Ryukyuans needy families, schools and welfare institutions this month, according to the Ryukyu Islands Voluntary Agencies Committee (RIVAC).

The food includes flour, dry milk, bulgur wheat, salad oil and csm (corn, soybean, milk) donated by the American people under the Food-for-Freedom Program.

## MOVIES

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Sukiran									

**TITLES**

1. *Jack Of Diamonds*, George Hamilton
2. *The St. Valentine's Day Massacre*, Jason Robards
3. *The Taming Of The Shrew*, Richard Burton
4. *Fantastic Voyage*, Stephen Boyd
5. *The Big Mouth*, Jerry Lewis
6. *In Like Flint*, James Coburn
7. *Penelope*, Natalie Wood
8. *Destination Inner Space*, Scott Brady
9. *In The Heat Of The Night*, Sidney Poitier
10. *Kill A Dragon*, Jack Palance
11. *The Long Duel*, Yul Brynner
12. *The Caper Of The Golden Bulls*, Stephen Boyd
13. *Nobody's Perfect*, Doug McClure
14. *Gigi*, Leslie Caron
15. *A Fistful Of Dollars*, Clint Eastwood
16. *El Dorado*, John Wayne
17. *Daring Game*, Lloyd Bridges
18. *Point Blank*, Lee Marvin
19. *Hour Of The Gun*, James Garner
20. *How To Steal A Million*, Audrey Hepburn
21. *Maroc 7*, Gene Barry
22. *Grand Prix*, James Garner
23. *The Fortune Cookie*, Jack Lemmon
24. *Fathom*, Raquel Welch
25. *The Dirty Dozen*, Lee Marvin
26. *The Upper Hand*, Jean Gabin
27. *Luv*, Jack Lemmon
28. *Firecreek*, James Stewart
29. *The Cobra*, Dana Andrews
30. *Bonnie And Clyde*, Warren Beatty
31. *The Flim Flam Man*, George C. Scott
32. *Up The MacGregors*, David Bailey
33. *Clambake*, Elvis Presley
34. *Doctor, You've Got To Be Kidding*, Sandra Dee
35. *Tobruk*, Rock Hudson
36. *The Endless Summer*, Mike Hynson
37. *Counterpoint*, Charlton Heston
38. *The Jokers*, Michael Crawford
39. *The Last Safari*, Stewart Granger

Reaching the jettison range drop point, they saw a standby rescue helicopter near their dumping spot. Henderson and Markle decided, rather than endanger the helicopter, to make another pass. On the second go around they unloaded their unexpended ordnance, cranked down their landing gear by hand, and settled their Phantom into the M-21 barrier which brought them to an abrupt, but safe stop.

Later investigation revealed numerous gashes in the F4's wing and fuselage from shrapnel which had also caused the double hydraulic failure.

# 'Foxhole' Improve Combat Potential

# U.S. Advisers Spur Taiwan Air Wing

## T.SGT. WILLIAM J. BOND

TAINAN AB, Taiwan (OI) — Lt. Col. Jack R. Pulliam is a blue-suiter who conducts business out of an office about the size of a postage stamp.

More than three visitors to the cubicle at one time must stand for lack of sitting room. His battered wooden desk resembles a dropout from a furniture finishing school.

To the colonel's right stands a cup of steaming hot coffee. To his left, and mounted on a single stand, are three scale models of Northrop Aircraft Company's jet plane, the F5 Freedom Fighter, no stranger to Pulliam for the past seven years.

And it's because of the Freedom Fighter that Pulliam, of Los Angeles, and the Air Base

Advisory Team (ABAT) are here.

Through the Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG) and the U.S. Military Assistance Program (MAP), Pulliam's team of advisers is assigned to assist the Chinese Air Force 1st Tactical Fighter Wing, equipped with the F5, on operational concepts, tactical doctrine, flying safety, training and a whole passel of other functions all designed to improve the wing's combat potential. Much of this assistance requires actual participation in all phases within the wing.

Each adviser, whether in maintenance, supply, or operations, must be intimately familiar with the F5 system. Along with his knowledge of the system, each man must be in constant contact with the host

country base commander, who at Tainan is Maj. Gen. Chi-Heng Tung, and his complement of officers and airmen—equal to a U.S. Air Force fighter wing.

No stranger to advisory operations, Pulliam works directly for the Air Force Section, MAAG Headquarters in Taipei, commanded by Brig. Gen. Levi R. Chase, who is also commander of the 327th Air Div.

The operation at Tainan is divided into three primary categories: operations, maintenance, and supply. Of the three, maintenance has the most personnel assigned because of its far-reaching overall effect on the success or failure of the wing's three fighter squadrons.

Getting planes off the ground is a big job, and keeping them airworthy is no simple task.

Maj. Donald R. Hayes, 39, of Little Rock, Ark., heads the maintenance function of ABAT.

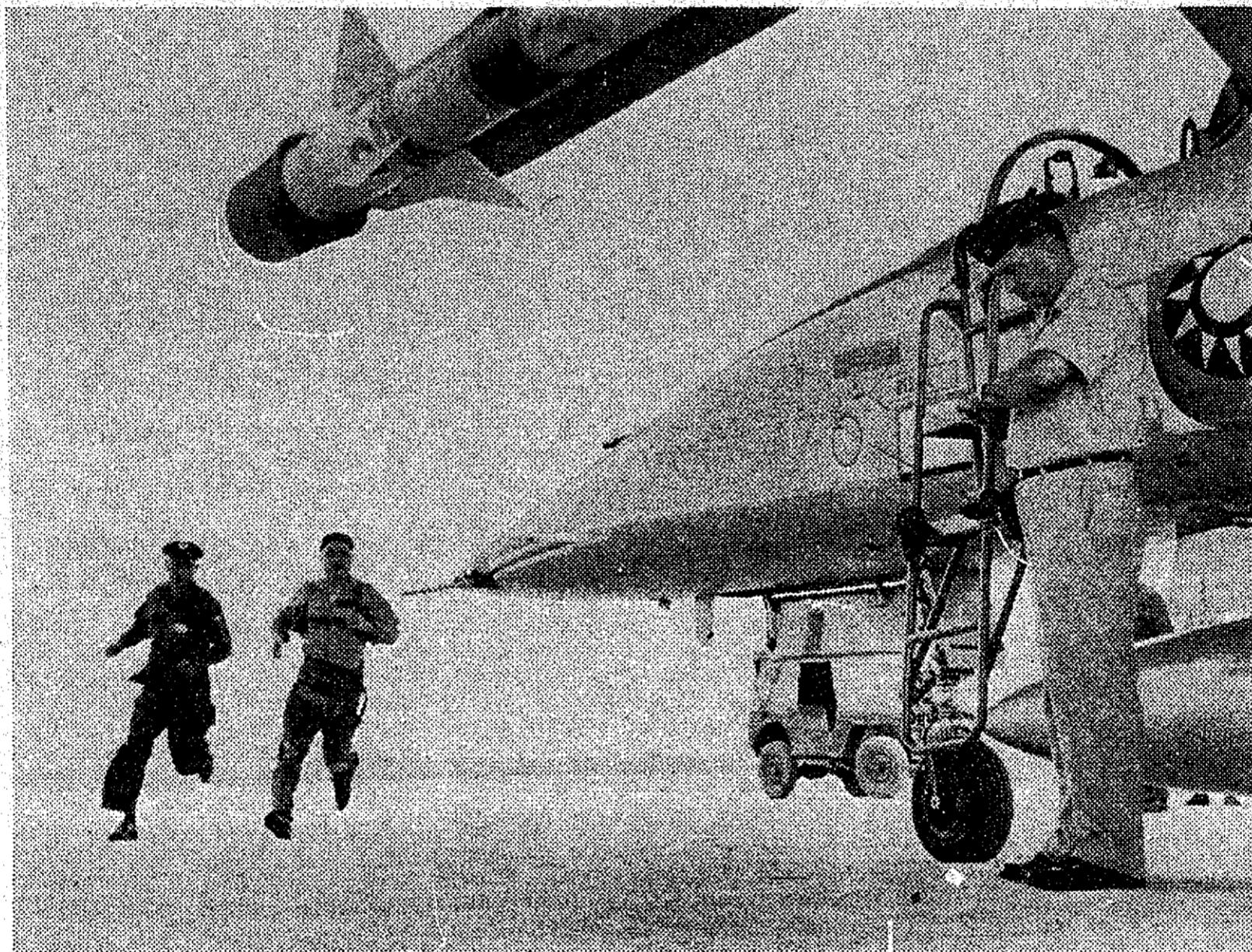
Two civilian technical representatives, Al Bardrum, of Northrop Corp., and Don Grobengieser, of General Electric, maker of the J85 engine, provide Hayes and his staff, along with Chinese Air Force officials, with technical assistance, advice and guidance concerning their respective products. Mr. Bardrum has been advising CAF and its American advisers at Tainan for the past three years.

Enlisted advisers are S. M. Sgt. Paul E. Poulos, and M. Sgts. Walter Holz and Joseph A. Mirarchi, veterans in their respective fields, who are in charge of the aircraft maintenance, engine and munitions sections, respectively.

A veteran F5 pilot recently assigned here after flying with the Skoshi Tiger Project in Vietnam, Maj. Clifford C. Carbaugh, 36, of Burbank, Calif., is the operations adviser to the wing. His varied background in the F5 more than qualifies him to provide advice and assistance on matters pertaining to flight operations, including organization, training, and tactical employment of fighter aircraft.

Keeping reins on the massive amount of paperwork involved in an advisory group operation is delegated to S. Sgt. Al Eaton, who is responsible for administrative reports and correspondence, including the processing and distribution of incoming and outgoing correspondence.

Because of the job the Air Base Advisory Team is doing, America's dependence upon her allies in times of crisis is further strengthened — knowing that they have been trained by Air Force professionals second to none.



First Lt. Chou Chang and crew chief M. Sgt. P. C. Shih sprint for their F5 Freedom Fighter as Lt. Col. Jack R. Pulliam checks their time. The crewmen are with the Chinese Air Force 1st Tactical Fighter Wing. (USAF)

## A Clean Story

NORWOOD, England (UPI) — Julie Bence vowed she would do her washing at home after she took a load of washing to the local laundromat recently. She put the washing into one of the self-operated machines and once the machine started it took two hours and the help of four policemen from a squad car and a motor-cycle patrol to get it to stop.

"A good feature is that it's built from materials easily found around any combat engineer facility," said Ferguson. "With the right number of people and materials available, one of these can be built in about four hours."

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## Gang Tackle Profitable

TAN TRU, Vietnam (IO) — A football style gang-tackle brought down an armed Viet Cong and led to the uncovering of enemy mortar positions near here.

Pfc. Jack D. Wilson, 24, of Temple City, Calif., and Pfc. Edward Leon, 21, of San Sebastian, P.R., had just settled into their listening post when they spotted a man walking outside the perimeter of the C Co., 2nd Bn., 60th Inf., 9th Inf. Div., base camp.

"We sneaked out about 30 meters and hid by the side of the road," Wilson said. "As he came down the road he began firing his AK-47 into our camp."

"He wasn't very accurate so we held our fire," Leon said. "When he came up beside us we ripped into him with a high-low tackle."

Detaining the man unharmed, except for bruises from the tackle, proved profitable.

When questioned, the Viet Cong told of guerrilla activity and enemy mortar positions in the area.

LONG BINH, Vietnam (IO) — A little "bounce" was added to Psychological Operations (PSYOPS) in Vinh Duong Province.

The bounce came in the form of 7,000 rubber balls which were given to children throughout the province. The balls are yellow and red, the Vietnamese national colors, and contain a message urging the people to oppose communism and save their country.

"We have heard that in some instances Viet Cong have ordered the children not to touch the balls. Then they collect the balls and burn them," said Robert B. Stirling, assistant PSYWAR adviser in the province.

"But the children love the balls. When we started passing them out, the children swarmed around our jeep," said Capt. Woody W. Turnbull, PSYWAR adviser.

Another 5,000 balls will be distributed to children in the area. "If the Viet Cong continue to try and collect the balls, as they do PSYOPS leaflets, they will lose the hearts and minds of many children," Stirling said.

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## Army Changes Duty Hours

SUKIRAN, Okinawa (S&S) — A change in duty hours for all military and civilian employees has been announced by USA-RYIS headquarters.

The new hours, effective May 6, will be from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Ryukyuans employees will also follow this schedule.

Those working Saturday morning will follow the 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. schedule.

## War's an Old Story

By MGY. SGT. J.T. FRYE  
S&S Staff Correspondent

NUI DAT, Vietnam—Don't be misled by the recent news that the 1st Royal Australian Regt. (1 RAR) arrived in country. It is no novice outfit, probably drawing upon more experience per capita than any allied unit in Vietnam.

The regimental colors and

more than 100 "Diggers" are back as repeaters, and some, like WO Ronald P. Pincott, are here for a third turn.

Others, notably S. Sgt. Frank W. Dean, Sgt. Douglas H. Fyfe and Cpl. Reginald J. Charlesworth, are veterans of as many as four wars and about 10 years of fighting in seven theaters of combat. Dean has spent 20 years

in one regiment.

During World War II, Pincott was a merchant seaman on tankers, mostly in the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean until moving to the Western Pacific in early 1945. Between wars he was a construction rigger in his native Sydney.

He joined the special force for Korea in 1952 and did two tours on the peninsula, usually near Hill 355, "Little Gibraltar."

Following a long period of training troops in Australia, Pincott was assigned to the first 30-man advisory team which trained Vietnamese north of Hue in the summer of 1962. That was for 13 months.

In June, 1965, he was back near Bien Hoa for 1 RAR's first stint here.

Dean enlisted in the army in 1943 and fought as a Vickers machine-gunner in two Borneo campaigns before going to Japan in late 1945 with the occupation forces. He returned to Bendigo, Victoria, but reenlisted in 1948 and has stuck with 1 RAR since. After a year in Korea, from March, 1952, he returned for duty in 1954-56.

In 1959 Dean took part in almost two years of Malaysian border operations just south of Thailand. After four years of home duty, he spent 1965 and 1966 at Bien Hoa.

Fyfe left Sydney in 1939 and soldiered as a rifleman in the North Africa campaigns. He faced Rommel's tanks near Tobruk for almost six months and at El Alamein was a captive for three days before escaping. After his unit transferred to the Pacific, he fought the Japanese

in Borneo and New Guinea.

Out of the army for six years, Fyfe returned in 1952. His next combat was with the 173rd American Airborne at Bien Hoa in 1965-66.

A real "salt" of the old school, Charlesworth, of Brighton, Victoria, started out in 1939 and made the desert campaigns in Africa. Then came Crete where his 140-man company was cut off by Nazi paratroops, and Charlesworth was one of only three to be evacuated by destroyer. He got back to Egypt, fought beside the Free French in Syria, did guard duty with the British in Ceylon for three months late in 1942 and came back for seven day's leave in Australia before finishing the war with two tours in New Guinea.

In 1947 Charlesworth went to Japan, and by 1950 was in on the early defense of South Korea before joining the push north. Hit by machine-gun fire at Hill 317, he was evacuated to Japan then home for a three-month hospital stay.

Late in 1959 Charlesworth was fighting guerrillas in Malaysia, returning to Australia two years later to train National Service conscripts.

Pincott is D Co. sergeant major, the others belong to A Co. Fyfe is regimental tailor but is carried on the rolls as a resupply sergeant. Dean is quartermaster sergeant, and Charlesworth runs the canteen and is battalion hygienist, among other duties.

The quartet is still career-minded. Pincott says, "I'll finish my 20 and might even do more."

## Aussies Keep Coming Back for More

### MOVIE SCHEDULE

#### TAIWAN

	Fri.	Sat.
East-West	1	2
Linkou	3	4
Tien Mou	5	6
Grass Mt.	7	8
Tolchung	9	10
Telmon	11	12
Ching Chuan Kang	13	14

#### GUAM

	Fri.	Sat.
Meehan	15	19
Skyview	16	20
Marbo	17	21
Superfort	18	

#### OKINAWA

	Fri.	Sat.
Billy Mitchell	22	23
Wheel	24	25
McConnell	26	27
MCAF	28	29
Machinato	30	31
Olympic	32	33
Camp Hansen	34	35
Ora-Wan	36	37
Kawasaki	—	38
Torii	39	40
Batoan	41	—
Chimu-Wan	42	43
Buckner	44	45
Palace	46	46
Keystone	47	48
Sukiran	49	50

#### TITLES

1. *The Venetian Affair*, Robert Vaughn
2. *You Only Live Twice*, Sean Connery
3. *Marco The Magnificent*, Anthony Quinn
4. *Kill A Dragon*, Jack Palance
5. *The St. Valentine's Day Massacre*, Jason Robards
6. *Texas Across The River*, Dean Martin
7. *The Poppy Is Also A Flower*, Senta Berger
8. *Jack Of Diamonds*, George Hamilton
9. *The Big Mouth*, Jerry Lewis
10. *Walt Disney's Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs*, Animated Feature Cartoon
11. *The Honey Pot*, Rex Harrison
12. *Gentle Giant*, Dennis Weaver
13. *Woman Times Seven*, Shirley MacLaine
14. *Further Perils Of Laurel And Hardy*, Robert Youngson
15. *The Wicked Dreams Of Paula Schultz*, Elke Sommer
16. *Kiss The Girls And Make Them Die*, Michael Conners
17. *Waterhole #3*, James Coburn
18. *El Dorado*, John Wayne
19. *Cyborg 2087*, Michael Rennie
20. *Diddy Roulette*, Robert Wagner
21. *Dimension S*, Jeffery Hunter
22. *The Viking Queen*, Don Murray
23. *How To Steal A Million*, Audrey Hepburn
24. *The Group*, Candice Bergen
25. *The Fortune Cookie*, Jack Lemmon
26. *Fathom*, Raquel Welch
27. *Torture Garden*, Jack Palance
28. *Rage*, Glenn Ford
29. *The Upper Hand*, Jean Gabin
30. *Murderer's Row*, Dean Martin
31. *The Sea Pirate*, Gerard Barry
32. *Dead Heat On A Merry-Go-Round*, James Coburn
33. *The Cobra*, Dana Andrews
34. *Bonnie And Clyde*, Warren Beatty
35. *After The Fox*, Peter Sellers
36. *Who's Afraid Of Virginia Woolf?*, Elizabeth Taylor
37. *Funeral In Berlin*, Michael Caine
38. *Up The MacGregors*, David Bailey
39. *Navajo Joe*, Bert Reynolds
40. *Doctor, You've Got To Be Kidding*, Sandra Dee
41. *Counterpoint*, Charlton Heston
42. *The Liquidator*, Rod Taylor
43. *The Jokers*, Michael Crawford
44. *The Last Safari*, Stewart Granger
45. *Return Of The Seven*, Yul Brynner
46. *The Biggest Bundle Of Them All*, Raquel Welch
47. *Where The Bullets Fly*, Tom Adams
48. *Arizona Bushwackers*, Howard Keel
49. *The Incident*, Jan Sterling
50. *Follow Me, Boys*, Fred MacMurray

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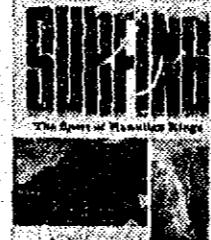
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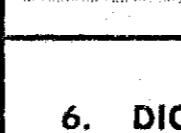
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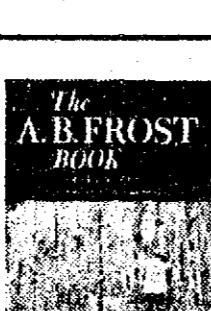
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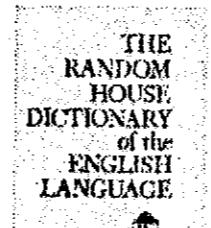
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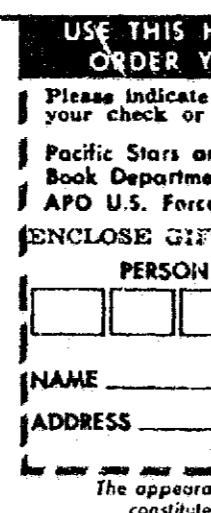
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The annual show, running from Friday through May 5, will open its gates to thousands of Okinawa's fun seekers. Opening ceremonies will begin at 6 p.m.

Admission to the carnival is free. Free transportation, to and from Kadena's gates, will be provided during the ten-day event.

The purpose of the carnival is "family fun," according to Ira Fleischer, the carnival's general manager. "Over 80 carnival attractions are under construction," he adds, "and they are designed to offer something for each member of the family."

The huge midway will contain flying saucers, space stations, a merry-go-round, ferris wheel, caterpillar, rocket, "KK" train and horse rides. Booths will feature balloons, "go fish," coin pitch, cork gun and many other amusements and games.

Once again this year, the popular habu-mongoose fights will be one of the highlights of the carnival.

Food to feed the carnival crowds will be in abundance. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, pop corn, cotton candy, ice cream and all the traditional carnival fare.

The carnival dates and times

## Stadium Gets Set For Carnival Fun

follow: April 26, 6-12 p.m., April 27, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., April 28-29, 10 a.m.-11 p.m., April 30-May 2, 6-11 p.m., May 3-4, 10 a.m.-11 p.m. and May 5, 10 a.m.-11 p.m.

Towering above all the preparation activity is a huge clown head, symbol of the carnival. Above the bustle of workers, the smiling clown face sits atop carnival headquarters near the entrance to the site—as if waiting for all the fun to begin.

## Women, Airmen Help Students

CLARK AB, R.P. (O) — Two 100-peso (\$25.60) scholarships and 450 textbooks have been presented to Filipino students of the Balubad elementary school in Porac, R.P., by members of the 6922d Security Wing's "Able" flight.

The scholarships, one from members of the Security Wing flight, and the other from Clark AB's Women's Welfare Association, will be used by two Balubad sixth graders to pay for most of their tuition for the first year of their secondary education.

The textbooks were obtained by Mrs. Ralph E. Manns of the women's group from California school systems which donated them.

## Archery Show Set

CAMP KUE, Okinawa (O) — The Bear-Bo Archery Club of Kadena AB will present a special demonstration of archery at the Sukiran Army Service Club Friday at 8 p.m.

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# Stork Beats C130

TAIPEI (S&S) — When an emergency call came in to fly an expectant mother from Tainan AB in southern Taiwan to Taipei, crew members of the 314th Tactical Airlift Wing, Ching Chuan Kang AB, handled the job as expertly as if it were a daily occurrence.

The only hitch was that the expectant mother, Mrs. Mildred Hinton, wife of S. Sgt. James Hinton Jr., of Richmond, Va., 6215th Support Sq., Chiayi AB, gave birth to a three-pound, one-half-ounce baby girl before she could board the waiting aircraft.

Dr. (Capt.) John R. Webb, 6211th AF Dispensary, Tainan AB, delivered the baby in the dispensary. The infant was then placed in an incubator and flown on a C130 Hercules to Taipei's Hq. Support Station Hospital.

The cargo report for the flight may be a record low: It was recorded as .0015 tons.

Aircraft commander for the flight was Lt. Col. Francis Stone. First Lt. L. B. Blaser was co-pilot.

## Show Nets \$200 for Students

TAIPEI (S&S) — A \$200-fund from proceeds of the 13th annual Scruggs Review, an amateur variety show presented at Taichung, Taiwan, has been turned over to Lt. Gen. Wego Chiang, commandant, Chinese Army Command and Staff College, for Chinese student scholarships.

The money was raised during a special performance by more than 50 members of the American military and civilian community in the Taichung area, under direction of Army Maj. Forest E. Lawton, an advisor with the MAAG Central Advisory team.

Chiang said the money will be used to provide scholarships at the I-Ning Middle School, Taichung, where the review was presented.

Army Lt. Col. Paul T. O'Dowd Jr., chief, MAAG Central Advisory Team and president of the Scruggs Review dramatic club, said about \$1,500 of the \$2,000 raised by several Scruggs Review performances will be reserved to provide eye surgery for a number of afflicted Chinese children.



### Naha's Carnival Queen

Susan Wood, 19, queen of the 1968 Naha Carnival of Fun, is crowned by Col. David L. Willetts, Naha AB commander. Susan is the daughter of M.Sgt. and Mrs. Frank R. Wood of Yozu Dake AS, Okinawa, and will reign as carnival queen from May 30 to June 8. (USAF)

## Base Labor Dispute Talks Stir Optimism

S&S Okinawa Bureau

SUKIRAN, Okinawa — Hope for a solution to the military labor problem here appeared late Thursday as the second collective bargaining session ended.

The session, attended by representatives of the All-Okinawa Military Employees Trade Union (Zengunro) and members of the High Commissioner's Joint Services Labor Committee, lasted five hours.

Following the session, Committee Chairman Ben B. Beezon and Zengunro Chairman Kosuke Uehara issued a brief but hopeful statement which said:

"The meeting was conducted in a very cordial atmosphere and we feel that our discussions were productive. We explored a number of avenues of

mutual interest including the establishment of a more progressive basis for future discussions on wages and other matters through which amicable accord can be reached."

The next session is scheduled for May 2.

Uehara told reporters the committee will study wage levels in local industries to determine goals for military employees. He expects a report within two weeks.

Zengunro and the committee will then iron out differences in future bargaining sessions.

### Filipino Named Titular Bishop

VATICAN CITY (UPI) — Pope Paul VI named Msgr. Francisco Cruces titular Bishop of Tambee and auxiliary to the Archbishop of Lingayen-Dagupan in the Philippines, the Vatican announced Thursday.

Msgr. Cruces, 49, was ordained in 1944 after studying at St. Thomas University in Manila. He holds degrees in education and guidance from Marquette University, Milwaukee and Loyola University, Chicago.

### Tender to Join Fleet

WASHINGTON (S&S) — The 20,500-ton destroyer tender Puget Sound (AD-38) will be commissioned Saturday at Bremerton, Wash. The new 644-foot destroyer tender will provide facilities for the repair and support of destroyer-type ships in the fleet.

## Clubs Featuring Tours and Shows

S&S Okinawa Bureau

FT. BUCKNER, Okinawa — Topping this week's activities at the various service clubs on Okinawa are tours to Shuri, Kadena and Onna Point. Also a coin show, picnic, record hop and folk singers are slated.

The Koza USO Club Sunday tour departs the club at 1 p.m. for the Shuri area. Shuri was once the ancient capital of the Ryukyuans and the cultural center of Okinawa.

The tour includes the Ryutan pond, the Ryukyu Museum and the stone ruins which are all

that remain of a magnificent complex of buildings. The mansion of the Prince Bensiten Shrine and many other shrines are located in a landscaped garden that houses two lakes.

The club is sponsoring a pinochle tournament beginning at 3 p.m. The Hop Tones folk-singers will make an appearance at 8 p.m., their repertoire consisting of American folk music.

The Coral Haven Club will visit Kadena and Onna Point Sunday. The tour departs the club at 1 p.m.

The International Coin Club of the Naha USO will present a special coin show Sunday from 1-4 p.m. The show is held in commemoration of National Coin Week. On display will be valuable medals and coins from throughout the world. The public is invited.

The club is sponsoring a picnic at Ozato Park Sunday for servicemen and junior volunteers. The bus leaves at 1:30 p.m. There is a 50-cent charge for transportation and food.

At 6 p.m. Sunday, the Naha USO is offering a free dinner

## 'War Souvenirs' Endanger Lives; Don't Keep Them

By S.SGT. MICHAEL R. KINCHEN

KADENA AB, Okinawa (OI) — "Two teen-agers disarm bomb."

A story with that headline would be considered news in any major American newspaper. But if the real story were known, it could only mean bad news.

This week the 418th Munitions Maintenance Sq.'s Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team was called to investigate reports that two dependents had explosives in their possession.

The team, headed by T. Sgt. Bobby L. Sanders, found dangerous explosives in the homes of a Kadena sergeant at Sebille Manor on base and an officer living off base in Sunabe.

Thirty pounds of explosives, 16 grenades, 12 mortar rounds, blasting caps and detonators and other explosives were found in the possession of two teenagers.

One of the youths had disassembled mortar rounds and chipped out the high explosive, according to Sanders. "This was impossible according to our manuals," he stated, "and I don't see how he kept from blowing up the whole house."

Sanders said this type of ordnance is so sensitive that normally the EOD team makes no attempt at disarming, but takes it to a disposal area where it is detonated.

All parents are urged to warn their children of the dangers of war souvenirs still to be found on the island.

Hundreds of deaths and crippling injuries have resulted from "innocent" souvenirs.

## Opposition Out to Oust Matsuoka

S&S Okinawa Bureau

NAHA, Okinawa — Following Wednesday's arrest of former Ryukyu Deputy Chief Executive Saburo Odo, opposition political groups are banding together to oust Chief Executive Seiho Matsuoka from office by forcing him to take political responsibility for the alleged taxi-license scandal here.

Leaders of the Okinawa Socialist Masses Party, which is spearheading the attack on the Okinawa Liberal Democratic Party, said Thursday the opposition groups are proposing to hold talks with the ruling party to discuss the scandal issue, but if it refuses again as it did Wednesday, they will start a campaign demanding Matsuoka's resignation.

OLDP leaders met Thursday in the official residence of the chief executive to discuss ways to counter opposition moves.

Following the conference, the party's secretary general, Cho-ko Kuwae, announced that his party regrets Odo's arrest but said it will never ask Matsuoka to resign because it would throw local politics in confusion.

As the police investigation is still under way it is not proper for the legislature to discuss the scandal issue at this stage, he said.

Odo was arrested on suspicion of having received bribes in licensing private taxi drivers last December when he was acting both as director of the Trade and Industry Department and as deputy chief executive of GRI.

## 2d R.P. Mission To Viet Forecast

WASHINGTON (AP) — The mission of the 2,000-man Philippines Civic Action Group (PHILCAG) in South Vietnam has been completed after 18 months duty but a second contingent probably will be sent, the commander of PHILCAG's security forces said Tuesday.

Col. Rafael Zagala, commander of the PHILCAG security battalion and his chief of staff, Col. Fidel Ramos, told a Philippine Embassy news conference that a new program of economic development has been agreed upon with the Saigon Government, if the Philippine Congress permits a second PHILCAG to replace the first.



## Allies Wade Right Into a Viet Cong Stronghold

River patrol boats of River Div. 51 move up the T1 T1 Canal near Tan Dinh Island in the Bassac River. The

area, a Viet Cong stronghold, was hit by a combined U.S. Navy and Vietnamese Navy task force. Only one

VC was killed but Navy SEALs destroyed three bunkers, three fortified buildings and four sampans. (USN)



U.S. Navy SEALs set charges on a Viet Cong bunker on Tan Dinh Island during an assault in the Mekong Delta by a joint U.S.-Vietnamese Navy task force. (USN)

## Greetings Collected For Mothers in U.S.

LAI KHE, Vietnam (IO) — Nearly 150 Mother's Day greetings have been gathered by members of the 1st Inf. Div. information office radio section.

Pfc. Mark Beardslee and Pfc. Dick Hallaran have been going to various units within the division with portable tape recorders. In the units those who wish can tape their Mother's Day greetings. At the same time they will fill out a form which includes their mother's name and address.

The tapes are collected and sent to the Hometown News Center in Kansas City. There the tapes are broken down and sent to the radio station closest to the town that the mother lives in.

On Mother's Day, May 12, the radio station can air the Mother's Day greeting, and using the forms can contact the mother to insure that she will be listening when the tape is played.

So far only the base camps of Lai Khe and Quan Loi have been contacted. But in April members of the IO Radio Section will be going to units in Di An and Phu Loi, in an attempt to give as many people as possible the opportunity to send their messages home. Servicemen are advised to be ready to greet their mothers when the recording team is at the base camps.

BIEN HOA, Vietnam (IO) — Lt. Andrew S. Rohaly, Erie, Pa., thought he was the proud owner of a Communist light machine gun, until his radio-man looked into the bunker where the weapon came from and learned it already had an owner.

Rohaly, forward artillery observer with A Co., 1st Bn.

CHU LAI, Vietnam (IO) — A platoon sergeant with the Americal Div.'s 196th Light Inf. Brigade recently led a party of 12 volunteers through heavy enemy automatic weapons fire to help evacuate wounded members of a pinned-down platoon.

Sgt. 1.C. George L. Fritz, of St. Joseph, Mo., and his rescue squad also killed eight NVA regulars while extracting the 17 soldiers.

The action occurred when B Co., 3rd Bn., 21st Inf., came in contact with a NVA battalion nine miles northwest of Tam Ky. After 10 hours of heavy fighting, the NVA broke contact, leaving 78 of their dead on the battlefield.

Shortly afterwards, the company began receiving small arms and automatic weapons fire from an island.

Capt. Robert E. Corrigan, Jr.,

of Arlington, Va., asked Fritz to take an element to help the pinned-down platoon. "I asked for volunteers and the whole platoon stepped forward," said Fritz. "I picked 12 men and we set out up a creek towards the embattled platoon. The water was about shoulder deep and afforded real good cover," he added.

Fritz placed six of his men on some high ground to lay down covering fire while the other six began pulling out the wounded.

"Some of my men were hit while carrying out the wounded, but we got quite a number of NVA too," he added. "We pulled out 17 men in all." At one point Fritz came across four NVA soldiers in a hedge-row about five meters above several U.S. troops.

"The GI's didn't know they were there and the NVA were about to open up on them," said Fritz. "The men were between me and the NVA. I was going to have to shoot over the heads of my men, so I yelled for them to get down," he continued.

"My shouting seemed to startle and confuse the NVA. We dropped all four of them before they could ever get off a shot," Fritz said. "The men still didn't realize that the NVA had been so close," Fritz added. "They asked me what I was shooting at."

## Colbe Appointed To CORDS Post

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON—William Egan Colbe has been named assistant chief of staff of Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development Support (CORDS).

Colbe was named to the post by Gen. William C. Westmoreland, succeeding L. Wade Lathram who will leave for Washington and a new post with the State Department.

Colbe was earlier with the U.S. Agency for International Development in Vietnam.

CORDS plays a support role in the Vietnam pacification program.

## Souvenirs Are Hard to Come By

(Abn.), 592nd Inf. of the 101st Airborne Div.'s 2nd Brigade, noticed the gun as his company swept through an apparently abandoned village.

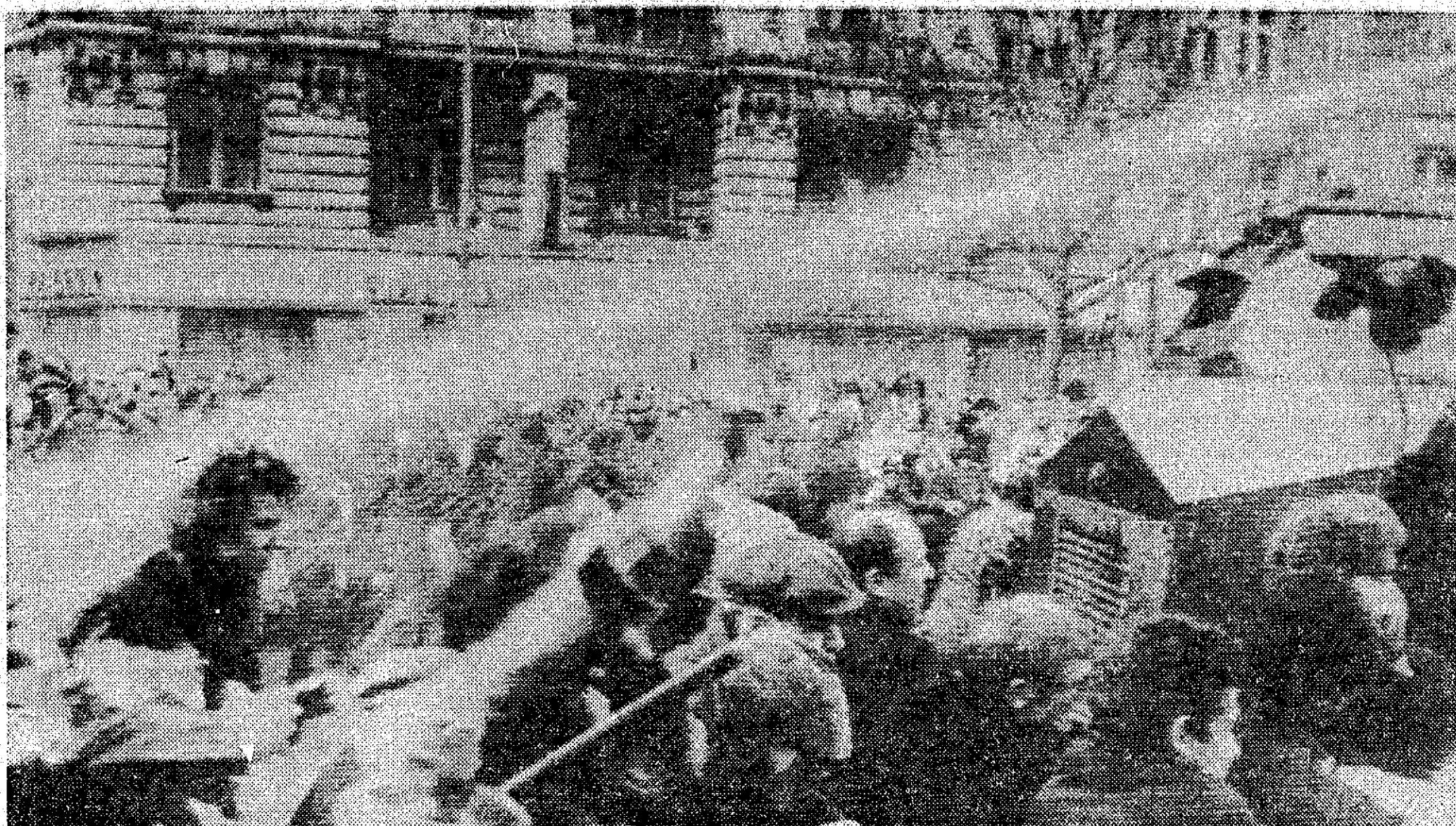
"Hey, there's a machine gun in this one," he said. He pulled the weapon out by the muzzle and slung it on his shoulder.

Radio telephone operator Pfc. William M. Wright poked his

bayonet into the layer of straw on the bottom of the bunker.

When a brown-clad soldier started squirming under the straw, Wright fired a burst from his M16 and then dropped a grenade into the hole.

After the smoke cleared, Wright and Rohaly shot and killed the Communist as he climbed out of the hole with a hand grenade of his own.



## Heavy Saipan Damage

AGANA, Guam (UPI)

— The 175-mile-an-hour winds of Typhoon Jean flattened most of Saipan's residential areas but reports from the World War II battlefield island said no lives were lost in the storm's violence.

Radio broadcasts said at least 90 per cent of the U. S.-governed island was devastated, with homes crushed and most foliage stripped away. About 75 per cent of the U. S. government buildings were heavily damaged, the radio said.

Only the large Roman Catholic church remained standing in the main native village of Calankanoa, the radio said, but Jean's winds had blown away its roof. They also demolished the U. S. Post Office and tore the roof from the high school, Saipan Radio said.

The Red Cross said the typhoon also ripped other wartime battle sites in the Marianas chain, including Tinian.

The reports said sustained winds of 145 miles an hour raked the island for 12 hours late Thursday and early today and peak gusts hit 175 miles an hour.

The Red Cross said winds of more than 75 miles an hour extended to the islands of Rota and Tinian, and high winds and flooding struck Guam 120 miles to the south of Saipan.

Jean, with maximum winds of 80 knots, was 390 nautical miles north of Guam Saturday morning, reported Fuchu Weather Central, and was expected to be 570 nautical miles north-northeast of Guam by 3 a.m. Sunday.

### Advice to Bank On

BASILDON, England (UPI) — When 60-year-old George Burnley, a clerk in a Basildon bank was handed a note informing him, "I am armed, I want some money," he snapped back, "Don't be silly, push off." Burnley said the man "looked a bit disappointed, then turned and walked out."

## Berlin Police Dampen Demonstrators

West Berlin police fire water cannon at demonstrators on Kurfuerstendamm Friday. The demonstrators were protesting the shooting of student leader "Red" Rudi Dutschke. Dutschke lay in

critical condition at a hospital. A 23-year-old suspect, identified as Joseph Bachmann, was also in critical condition after he was wounded in a gunfight with police. (AP Radiophoto)

## VW Boss Dies at 69

WOLFSBURG, Germany (AP) — Heinrich Nordhoff, 69, who guided the dramatic rebirth of Volkswagen from a World War II ruin to Europe's largest automobile producer, died in Wolfsburg City Hospital Friday after suffering a heart attack.

Nordhoff was to have retired as president of the huge automobile concern this fall.

He also built Volkswagen into the world's largest automobile exporter, with the United States the best of its 136 foreign customers. Americans bought 450,000 Volkswagens last year.

A rare combination of engineer, organizer and businessman, Nordhoff was born Jan. 6, 1899, in Hildesheim, lower Saxony. His father was a banker.

## Ammo Ship, Carrier Collide

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — The aircraft carrier Independence and the ammunition ship Wrangell collided off the South Carolina coast Thursday as the carrier was loading ammunition from the Wrangell, Atlantic Fleet headquarters reported Friday.

A fleet spokesman said no one was injured and both ships sustained minor damage in the collision, which he described as a sideswipe. The ships resumed their parallel courses after the collision and completed the rearming of the Independence.

The collision, which occurred 110 miles east of Charleston, damaged 20 feet of the carrier's starboard (right) catwalk and broke an antenna, and damaged the Wrangell's bridge wing and a motor whaleboat.

## Serious Pursuit

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — Bexar County Sheriff's Department investigator Alvin Johnson has announced the cracking of a car theft ring here. Johnson said the ring had stolen 300 cars in a four-year period. He added: "What really got me working was when they stole my car in front of the courthouse."

## Reserve Call-Up to Help Plug Gaps Caused by Viet Buildup

S&S Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The callup of Army National Guard and Reserves announced Thursday will go a long way towards filling holes in the U. S. Strategic Army Force (STRAF) left by recurring demands for more men in Vietnam.

Since the 1965 Vietnam troop buildup began, the Army has been forced to draw on divisions and brigades assigned to strategic missions in the U. S. STRAF was thus stretched to the danger level should trouble break out elsewhere.

Now with the callup of 24,550 Army, Air and Naval Reserves — 20,034 from the Army National Guard and Reserves — STRAF will be in a much stronger position.

Half of the Army's citizen-

soldiers about to come on duty can expect to go to Vietnam in the near future, while the two major units, the 29th and the 69th Brigades, will augment STRAF.

The 69th Inf. Brigade, with its aviation, cavalry, engineer, artillery, support and infantry units of the Kansas National Guard, is going to Fort Campbell, Ky., onetime home of the 101st Airborne Div. now in Vietnam.

The smaller 29th Inf. Brigade is made up of National Guardsmen from Hawaii, plus an aviation company from the California National Guard. The 29th is being assigned to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Besides the understrength 6th Div., now being formed, and the two brigades, the strategic re-

serve also include the 1st and 2nd Armored Div. at Fort Hood, Tex., two brigades of the 82nd Airborne Div. at Fort Bragg, N.C. (the 3rd Brigade is in Vietnam) and the 5th Mechanized Inf. Div. at Fort Carson, Colo. A unit from the 5th is going to Vietnam some time this summer to replace a Marine regimental landing team.

The 6th Armored Cavalry Regt. at Fort Meade, Md., completes today's STRAF.

In time the Army will also have two brigades of the 24th Inf. Div. at Fort Riley, Kans., when their movement from West Germany is completed, as well as the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regt. at Fort Lewis, Wash., but these units have a specific NATO commitment.

## 88 Called-Up Reserve Units Disclosed

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The 88 Reserve units, their mobilization stations and the numbers of men involved in Thursday's call-up are:

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The 1st Sq., 18th Armored Cav., from Burbank, Calif., going to Ft. Lewis, Wash., 1,002.

3rd Bn., 197th Arty. from Portsmouth and other locations in New Hampshire, Ft. Bragg, N.C., 554.

2nd Bn., 138th Arty. from Louisville and other locations in Kentucky, Ft. Hood, Tex., 506.

116th Engineers from Idaho Falls and other locations in Idaho, Ft. Lewis, 794.

650th Medical Det. from Birmingham, Ala., Ft. Campbell, Ky., 36.

126th Service Co. from Quincy, Ill., Ft. Carson, Colo., 233.

131st Engineer Co. from Burlington, Vt., Ft. Belvoir, Va., 184.

107th Signal Co. from East Greenwich and other locations in Rhode Island, Ft. Devens, Mass., 350.

101st Transportation Co. from Orange, N.J., Ft. Bragg, 174.

69th Inf. Brigade Hq. from Topeka, Kan., Ft. Campbell, 217.

109th Aviation Co. from Kansas City and other locations in Kansas, Ft. Campbell, 135.

Troop E of the 114th Cav. from locations in Kansas, Ft. Campbell, 170.

169th Engineer Co. from locations in Kansas, Ft. Campbell, 217.

2nd Bn., of 130th Arty. from Hilo and other locations in Kansas, Ft. Campbell, 508.

1st Bn., of the 132nd Inf. from Wichita and other locations in Kansas, Ft. Campbell, 841.

2nd Bn., of the 137th Inf. from Kansas City and other locations in Kansas, Ft. Campbell, 841.

2nd Bn., of the 133rd Inf. from Sioux City and other locations in Iowa, Ft. Campbell, 911.

2nd Inf. Brigade Hq. from Hawaii, Schofield Barracks, Hawall, 217.

40th Aviation Co. from Long Beach, Calif., Schofield, 135.

29th Aviation Co. of Hawaii, Schofield, 39.

Troop E, 19th Cav., Hawaii, Schofield, 170.

227th Engineer Co., Hawaii, Schofield, 217.

29th Support Bn., Hawaii, Schofield, 742.

101st Bn., 482nd Arty., Hawall, Schofield, 508.

1st and 2nd Bn., 299th Inf., Hawaii, Schofield, 1,682.

113th Service Co. from Gatesville and Lampasas, Tex., Ft. Hood, 154.

208th Engineer Co. from Festus, Mo., Ft. Benning, Ga., 127.

35th Surgical Group from North Miami, Fla., Ft. Bragg, 119.

115th MP Co. from Pawtucket, R.I., West Point, N.Y., 159.

99th Service Co. from Hays, Kan., Ft. Lewis, 179.

D Co., 151st Inf., from Greenfield and Evansville, Ind., Ft. Benning, 214.

1st Bn., 211th Arty. from New Bedford and other locations in Massachusetts, 554.

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424th Service Co., Livonia, Mich., Ft. Hood, 139.

978th Postal Unit, Fort Smith, Ark., Ft. Hood, 13.

448th Postal Unit, Garden City, N.Y., Ft. Carson, 35.

95th Postal Unit, Lexington, Ky., Ft. Knox, Ky., 13.

237th Service Co., Ft. Hamilton, N.Y., Ft. Meade, Md., 1/7.

238th Service Co., San Antonio, Tex., Ft. Hood, 1/7.

452nd Service Co., Wombleton and Windthrop, Minn., Ft. Carson, 216.

513th Service Co., Boston, Mass., Ft. Lee, Va., 351.

371th Service Co., Manitowoc, Wis., Ft. Riley, Kan., 154.

101th Service Co., Independence and Emporia, Kan., Ft. Benning, 233.

1018th Service Company, Schenectady, N.Y., Ft. Lewis, 233.

1002nd Service Co., Cleveland, Ft. Meade, 233.

103th Finance Section, Atlanta, Ga., Ft. Benning, 41.

312th Medical Unit, Winston-Salem, N.C., Ft. Benning, 313.

74th Medical Unit, New York City, Ft. Lee, Va., 213.

311th Medical Unit, Shoroville, Ohio, Ft. Belvoir, Va., 213.

378th Medical Unit, Memphis, Tenn., Fitzsimons General Hospital, Colo., 7.

316th Medical Unit, New York City, Ft. Dix, N.J., 8.

304th Medical Unit, Richmond, Va., Ft. Belvoir, 5.

422nd Medical Unit, Rockville, Md., Ft. Lee, Va., 14.

423rd Medical Unit, Aurora, Ill., Ft. Belvoir, 5.

305th Medical Unit, Philadelphia, Pa., 7.

313th Medical Unit, Richmond, Va., Ft. Belvoir, 7.

88th Medical Unit, Richmond, Va., Ft. Meade, 7.

336th Ammunition Bn., Little Rock, Ark., Ft. Carson, 166.

826th Ammunition Co., Madison, Wis., Ft. Knox, Ky., 240.

173rd Petroleum Co., Greenwood, Miss., Ft. Rucker, Ala., 153.

842nd Petroleum Co., Kansas City, Kan., Ft. Hood, Tex., 235.

253rd Quartermaster Bn., Pleasant Grove, Utah, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., 82.

357th Trans. Company, Gloucester, Pa., Ft. Benning, 266.

253rd Trans. Co., Garden City, N.Y., Ft. Dix, N.J., 174.

# Troubled Province Rises Up Against the Reds

QUANG TRI, Vietnam (UPI) — The balance of power among the Vietnamese civilian population in this critical northernmost province has swung dramatically toward the allied side since the Tet offensive, according to top American advisers here.

And for the first time, large numbers of Vietnamese civilians are actively opposing the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong.

This new sense of civilian urgency is most obvious here in Quang Tri—a sleepy provincial capital of 12,000—20 miles south of the Demilitarized Zone.

Several disorganized vigilante groups spawned at the height of the fighting have been molded into an impressive Quang Tri city home guard, encompassing more than 25 per cent of the population.

From a meager 236 members, the guard can now boast 3,338 active mem-

bers, men, women and children. All have roles to play. The men are armed in many cases. The women and children form an effective intelligence network throughout the markets, schools and streets.

"When a woman spots a stranger in the market she will report it. When a child sees a new face he will tell a policeman," says Robert Brewer, the province senior adviser, and it's proving to be effective.

"In effect, this is our anti-Viet Cong front," he said. "The guard includes Buddhists, Catholics, politicians and businessmen. By Vietnamese standards this is an amazing spirit of cooperativeness."

Though the Quang Tri home guard is the most vivid example of this new awareness, Brewer says other such incidents abound.

In the tiny hamlet of Lap Thach near the Marine base at Dong Ha, villagers

recently routed some 15 Viet Cong who tried to enter their area. The villagers first alerted their own Popular Force (PF) troops and then marched with the troops against the Viet Cong. In a couple of skirmishes, the PFs and villagers killed 10 Viet Cong.

"The entire operation lasted over four hours and showed excellent cooperation between the local population and military forces in the area," said Marine Lt. Col. Edward Hickman, the province psychological warfare officer.

In an even more spectacular incident several weeks ago, a PF unit north of Quang Tri routed a main force Viet Cong unit and killed more than 30 Communists. Brewer said a prisoner admitted his unit had suffered heavy casualties in that engagement.

Though the purely military aspect of the picture is encouraging, Brewer is

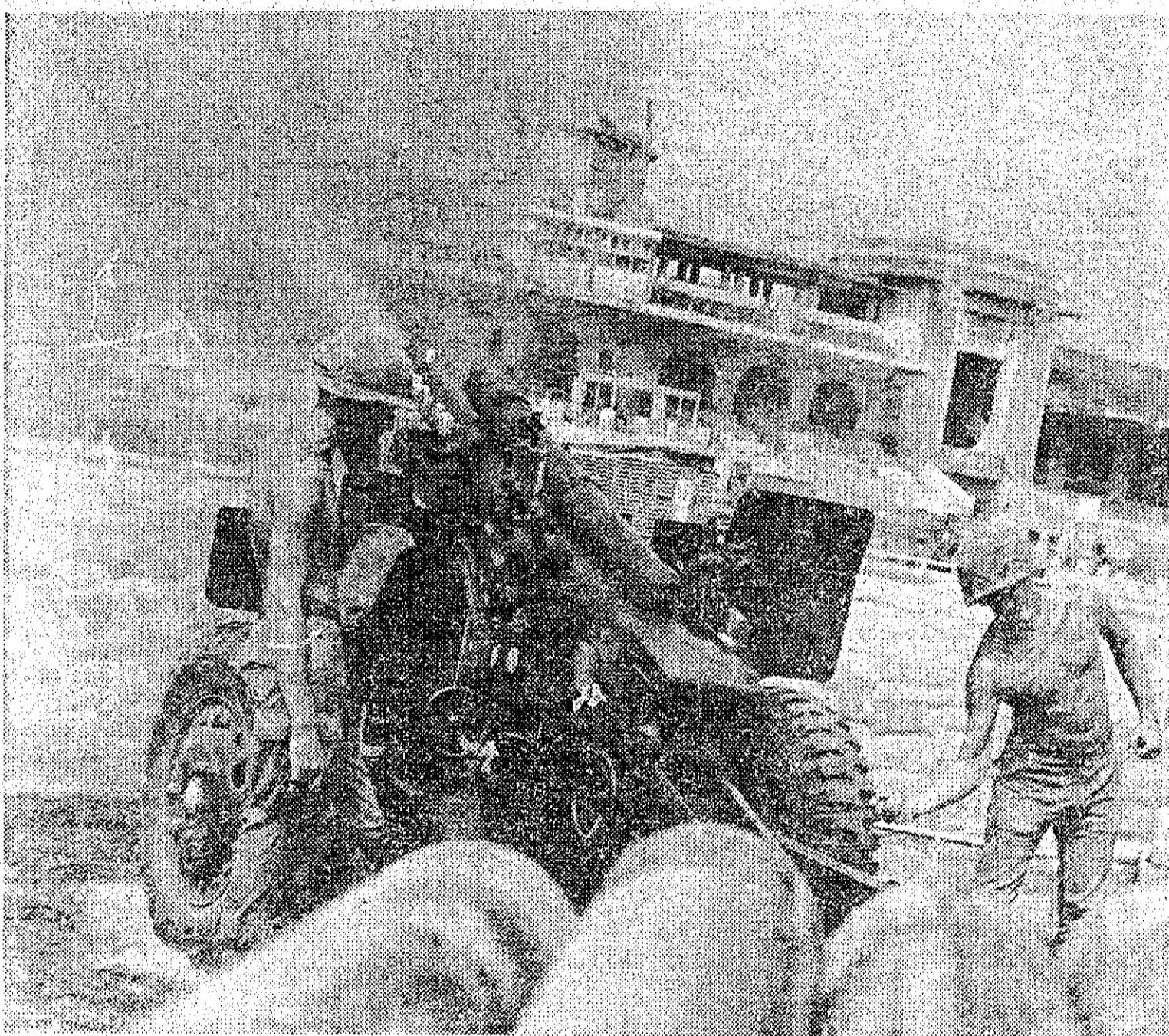
even more pleased with progress and cooperation in other spheres.

He can point out that Quang Tri leads every other province in Vietnam in the number of self-help projects not receiving one cent of aid from any allied source. Or that there are a higher percentage of cooperative organized farmers who have irrigated 1,600 hectares of land which had never before felt the plow.

A high Vietnamese official visited the city jail recently and complimented the jailers on having the best rehabilitation program for prisoners in the nation.

"Statistics do not tell the whole story," Brewer admitted. "They can be twisted to represent almost any point of view."

"Possibly even more important, I have a feeling for this place. We're on the winning track here. I can sense it in the people, in the officials. We have a winning combination."



## Shells Race to Red Positions

A 105mm howitzer of C. Btry., 2nd Bn., 13th Arty., blasts away at Communist positions from a fire support base at the Phu Tho racetrack near

Saigon. The U.S. artillerymen were supporting troops taking part in Operation Quyet Thang around Saigon.

(USA)

## Engineers Fight Dust to Build Thai Road

By SPEC. 5 MIKE BOYD  
S&S Staff Correspondent

KORAT, Thailand — Dust. If there were a way to bottle it, this area would have an export item second to none in Thailand except rice.

Camp Essayons, headquarters for the U.S. Army's 538th Engineer Bn. (Construction), 44th Eng. Group, is in the thick of the dust and, working with the Royal Thai Army's (RTA) 23rd Eng. Bn., is fighting the weather and mountainous terrain to build an all-weather highway connecting Korat with the Sattahip Deep Water Port Complex on the Gulf of Siam.

Commanded by Maj. Edward F. Clarke, Philadelphia, the 538th reports to the 44th Eng. Group's headquarters at Camp Friendship in Korat. The 44th is part of the U.S. Army Support, Thailand, numbering over 5,000 men involved in signal communications, engineering and transportation.

The 538th and the 23rd are working on the Korat-Kabin Buri Road, known as Route 304. The section to which they've

been assigned goes through the roughest terrain of the entire stretch. Civilian contract firms are also working to complete 304, their section primarily in the flat, rice paddy countryside.

Starting in the fall of 1965, the Thai and U.S. Army units moved in and started to clear out the jungle, their ultimate mission being to complete a road 89 miles long and 22 feet wide.

Route 304 is necessary for the movement of military cargo from the Sattahip port on the Gulf to the troubled northeast area and the air bases in-country. However, the road also handles heavy civilian traffic and will be a big economic boon to the area.

With its priority so high, the Thai and U.S. military engineers have been working night and day to beat time—to beat the weather. C Co. of the 538th works 12-hour shifts, seven days a week as do several other units. Double-shift operations are frequently maintained on the road itself and on all-important equipment maintenance.

Now it is dust. The workers go out there and toil for 12 hours in the hot sun, eating the red dust, the yellow dust, the brown dust and any other color that might go flying into their mouths. Low-flying clouds do not indicate rain or fog—it's a huge earth mover barreling down the bypass with some fill. The green countryside of luxurious, thick jungle is dusty, the men all have the same color hair, the same color skin. Dissections might indicate the same inside their lungs and stomachs.

Everything is done at rapid pace because the monsoons are coming and then the dust will be . . . "Instant Stop" or "Instant Slop, just add water." Soupy, syrupy mud bogs down the huge vehicles — 2½-ton trucks, earth movers, bulldozers. Wheels spin and/or sink.

Fill is a main item in the fight to build this highway. You have to knock down mountains with dynamite and bulldozers; then you move the former mountain-top down into the valley to make road grade more level. This job

is handled by the 538th and 16th Dump Truck Co. which is attached to them for this project.

It is not an all-military show—even in the mountainous section.

A road, of some sort, had been completed for some time all the way from Kabin Buri to Korat. Now the Army engineers are in the process of improving this road, widening, realigning and straightening out. Culverts and drainage structures must be put in and there are the numerous cut-and-fill jobs. All work must be done to meet specifications carefully laid out by the Officer-In-Charge-of-Construction whose headquarters are in Bangkok.

As with many other Thai/U.S. military efforts in this country, there is accompanying civic action to help the villagers and improve their way of life. The biggest is the new school recently started in Bankeke Sakaerat, a village near Camp Essayons, about 25 miles south of Korat.

When completed, the building will accommodate 400 students and cost about \$7,000.

## Cam Ranh Orphans Get Help

CAM RANH BAY, Vietnam (OJ) — The Protestant Men of the Chapel (PMOC) at Cam Ranh Bay AB are starting an orphanage for the 400 orphans living in Cam Ranh City.

Some time ago the group was looking for a project which would benefit the people of the city near the base, the home of the 12th Tactical Fighter Wing. Col. Nguyen Einh Bang, mayor of Cam Ranh City, indicated that one of the greatest needs was a home for the many orphans.

The mayor gave the PMOC an excellent tract of land for construction of the orphanage. Because of the scope of the project, it was decided to organize a formal board of directors.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Sam E. Brian, 53, Brownfield, Tex., 12th TFW chaplain, contacted the Rev. Sam James, a Southern Baptist missionary in Saigon, who agreed to accept the position of chairman of the board of directors.

## 3 One-Stars Get New Stations

WASHINGTON (S&S) — New assignments for three brigadier generals, George H. McBride, William T. Gleason, and William A. Knowlton, all in Vietnam, have been announced by the Army.

McBride, CG of the Army's support command at Qui Nhon, is going to the Aviation Material Command at St. Louis, Mo., in late June. Gleason, ADC of the 25th Inf. Div., is being reassigned to the Army Materiel Command here in early August. Knowlton, ADC of the 9th Inf. Div., is going to the recruiting command at Hampton, Va., in mid-September.

# 'Foxhole' Protects Trucks

PLEIKU, Vietnam (IO) — A two-ton "portable foxhole" now protects dump trucks of the 937th Engineer Group (Combat) on their daily sand run between Pleiku and Kontum.

The structure resembles an enormous tin can with the top and bottom cut out. It is encircled by a six-inch thick layer of concrete, with steel culvert rims lining the inside and outside. It stands four feet high.

A wrecker cable places the 4,000 pounds of concrete and steel on the back of the dump truck, directly behind the cab. A machine gunner stands inside and can pivot in any direction to return fire if the convoy is attacked.

A test model designed by CWO 2 John W. Ferguson, group equipment and maintenance technician, and built by him with the assistance of CWO 3 H.M. Stillman, now sits in group headquarter's motor pool.

The portable foxhole will be placed on vehicles providing escort protection for the daily convoys along Route 14. Since it has withstood firing similar to that encountered in two recent attacks, it should improve the convoy's security.

"A good feature is that it's built from materials easily found around any combat engineer facility," said Ferguson. "With the right number of people and materials available, one of these can be built in about four hours."

## Kids Have Ball; VC Burned Up

LONG BINH, Vietnam (IO) — A little "bounce" was added to Psychological Operations (PSYOPS) in Vinh Duong Province.

The bounce came in the form of 7,000 rubber balls which were given to children throughout the province. The balls are yellow and red, the Vietnamese national colors, and contain a message urging the people to oppose communism and save their country.

"We have heard that in some instances Viet Cong have ordered the children not to touch the balls. Then they collect the balls and burn them," said Robert B. Stirling, assistant PSYOPS adviser in the province.

"But the children love the balls. When we started passing them out, the children swarmed around our jeep," said Capt. Woody W. Turnbull, PSYWAR adviser.

Another 5,000 balls will be distributed to children in the area. "If the Viet Cong continue to try and collect the balls, as they do PSYOPS leaflets, they will lose the hearts and minds of many children," Stirling said.

## Wither Thou Goest

DAYTON, Tenn. (AP) — Russell Brady, 74, Battle Creek, Mich., collapsed and died Monday at a funeral home as he waited for his wife's funeral.

## Messages Woo Defectors

# The Plane Truth Convinces Reds

NHA TRANG, Vietnam (OI) — A recent Viet Cong defector was asked why he turned himself in. "The little airplane in the sky told me to," he said.

During January and February nearly 2,000 enemy came over to the South Vietnamese side. Psychological warfare played an important role in their decision.

The psywar messages, both printed and recorded, encourage Viet Cong to return to support Saigon government.

Headquartered at Nha Trang AB, air crews from the 5th and 9th Air Commando Sq. (ACS) fly from every major air base in South Vietnam, broadcasting messages and dropping millions of leaflets.

The two squadrons have divided South Vietnam in half in order to cover the country more effectively. The 5th ACS operates from

the Mekong Delta to south of Phan Thiet, while the 9th ACS flies from Phan Thiet to the Demilitarized Zone.

Capt. Michael S. Cox, 31, a U10 Courier pilot with the 5th ACS, spent several months in the Mekong Delta before coming to Nha Trang AB.

"We usually fly two or three times a day over a target area and saturate it with leaflets and then broadcast a psywar message over the same area," he said.

Cox believes the broadcasts really hurt the enemy.

"When we play messages we can sometimes see them making noises such as banging pots and singing."

"It's a different story with leaflets, though. Sometimes as soon as they hit the ground they are gathered and burned. This

is especially true where groups of people are gathered. The individual is afraid to read the leaflet because he might be turned in to the local Viet Cong."

Cox said one method of preventing destruction of the leaflets is to drop them along canals and road lines where an individual walking alone can pick one up and read it in private.

Both squadrons fly C47 Skytrains in psywar operations. Other aircraft in use are the O2B Super Skymaster and the U10.

The C47 is used mostly for dropping leaflets because of its greater capacity.

The 9th ACS operates mostly in mountainous terrain where some of the daily targets are hot areas such as Khe Sanh, Gio Linh, Bong Son and the central highlands.



Marine Capt. Clifford R. Dunning makes sure the fit is right as a child from the Hoi Due Anh Orphanage in Saigon is given a new pair of shoes. (USN)

## Marines, Veterans Give Shoes to Viet Orphans

SAIGON (PAO) — Hundreds of orphans are wearing new shoes thanks to the Baltimore Chapter of the American Legion and the members of Marine Advisory Team 43.

The shoes were presented to the children of the Hoi Due Anh Orphanage by Capt. Clifford R. Dunning. He arranged shipment of them from Baltimore to the Marine Team's quarters in Nha Be, headquarters of the Rung Sat Special Zone command.

Mrs. Thanh Kieu, president of the Association for the Protection of the Children of the Hoi Due Anh Orphanage, accepted the 594 pairs of shoes, officially, from Dunning and Navy Cmdr. Donald R. Warthen, senior American adviser to the Rung Sat commander, while other team members passed out some of the shoes directly to the happy, squealing children.

The Hoi Due Anh Orphanage has 141 boys and 177 girls ranging in age from one to twenty,

with the largest group, 49, being in the two-to-four age group.

The orphanage had been selected by the Marines because the unit's political warfare officer, Capt. David Brown, and one of his assistant advisers had worked with the orphanage on previous assistance projects.

## Engineers Build Big Asphalt Plant

TUY HOA, Vietnam (OI) — The Army's largest asphalt plant—capable of producing 150 tons of the road construction material per hour—was built recently by men of the 547th Engineer Platoon, 35th Engineer Group, near Phu Hiep.

The plant which turns out the same kind of road building material used on superhighways in the States, will furnish asphalt for the upgrading of Highway QL-1.

## Poncho's 'Lorelei' Is Morale Booster

Story and Photo  
By JOE C. K. FERGUSON

SUBIC BAY, R.P. (PAO) —

Sailors aboard Navy ships being refueled off the coast of Vietnam during the past few months have been surprised by a female voice making such invitations as, "Hello, big boy! Welcome alongside. How about a big, long drink?"

The voice comes from the oiler USS Ponchatoula, which has taken to heart the old sea tradition that ships are of the female gender, and have given their ship a feminine voice.

The greetings dumbfound the crewmen of Ponchatoula's refueling "customers," many of whom have been at sea for a month or more. Many goggle-eyed sailors search for the girl, but their visual efforts are in vain. The messages are taped.

"Voice" of the Ponchatoula, known to the fleet as "Poncho," is 18-year-old Mrs. Jane Cole, a Navy dependent whose husband is assigned to the Naval Communication Station, San Miguel in the Philippines.

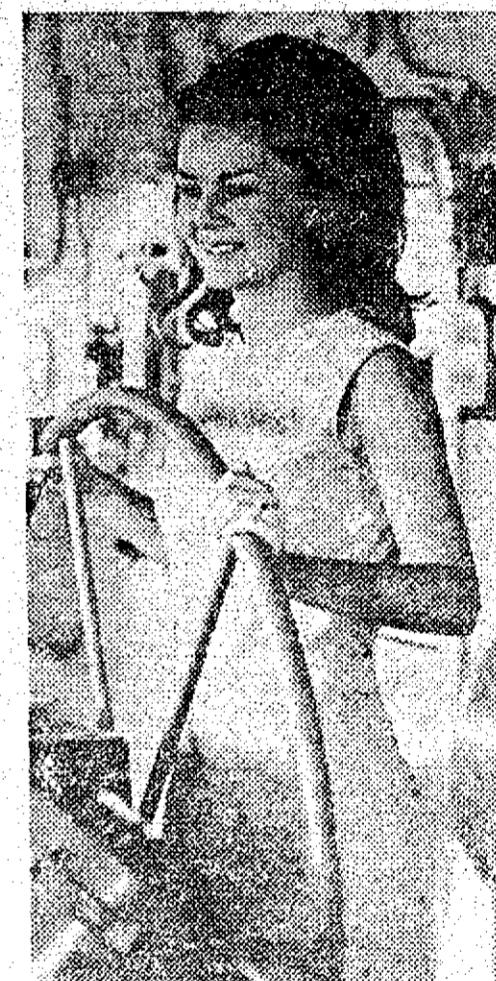
It all came about because some of the junior officers aboard the Ponchatoula thought crewmen on the ships they refueled on Yankee Station off Vietnam would, after weeks at sea, appreciate being greeted by someone other than the usual gruff-voiced boatswain's mates.

Ensign Howard Hayes met Jane at the Cubi Pt. Naval Air Station Officers' Club, where she is a part-time hatcheck girl, and appealed to her to make tapes during one of the ship's calls at the Subic Bay Naval Base for reloading with fuel. Jane consented and a taping session ensued in Poncho's wardrobe.

Jane's initial greeting is followed by a plug for the Ponchatoula, "welcome alongside the best darned oiler in the Pacific Fleet!" She then gets down to business, "Standby for Ponchatoula's Bolas (lines with lead-weighted tips which are used to play the oil hoses to the ship being refueled) . . . I don't want any of you handsome devils to get hurt. I'm very sorry but the smoking lamp is out throughout the ship (which is Navy dialogue for no smoking allowed) during refueling."

## Logs 15,000 Sorties

BIEN HOA, Vietnam (OI) — The Air Force's 90th Tactical Fighter Sq., 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Bien Hoa AB, recently logged its 15,000th combat sortie over Vietnam. Passing the milestone was Lt. Col. Walter G. Savage, 45, San Mateo, Fla., commander of the "Pair O' Dice" squadron.



Mrs. Jane Cole, the "voice" of the oiler Ponchatoula, takes the helm of the ship during a stopover at Subic Bay Naval Base, R.P.

In closing she tells them, "So long, big fellows, I hope you enjoyed my service!"

Some of the ships get even more personal attention as tapes were made in which she greets the larger ships by name.

"Poncho's Lorelei" is a young blonde from Dallas, Tex., wife of Communications Technician Third Class John M. Cole.

Ponchatoula's feminine voice may not start a trend in the fleet, but it's a morale booster that has afforded relief to the grim business of fighting a war.

## Pop Group Pops For 100 Hours

GREAT YARMOUTH, England (UPI) — The English pop group, The Soul Reaction, completed 100 hours of nonstop playing, claimed a new world record — and went right on playing.

"They'll go on playing until they drop," said their manager, Ivan Pierce, at the Seafair Ballroom where they have been playing continuously since Good Friday.

The previous world record of 160 hours was set by a pop group called the Toast in London last week.

# To Mark Law Day In Japan

FUCHU AS, Japan (OJ) — U.S. military personnel in Japan will observe Law Day, U.S.A., on May 1.

With the theme of "Only a lawful society can build a better society," Law Day will be observed for the 11th year as a time to emphasize the basic values of the rule by law in the United States.

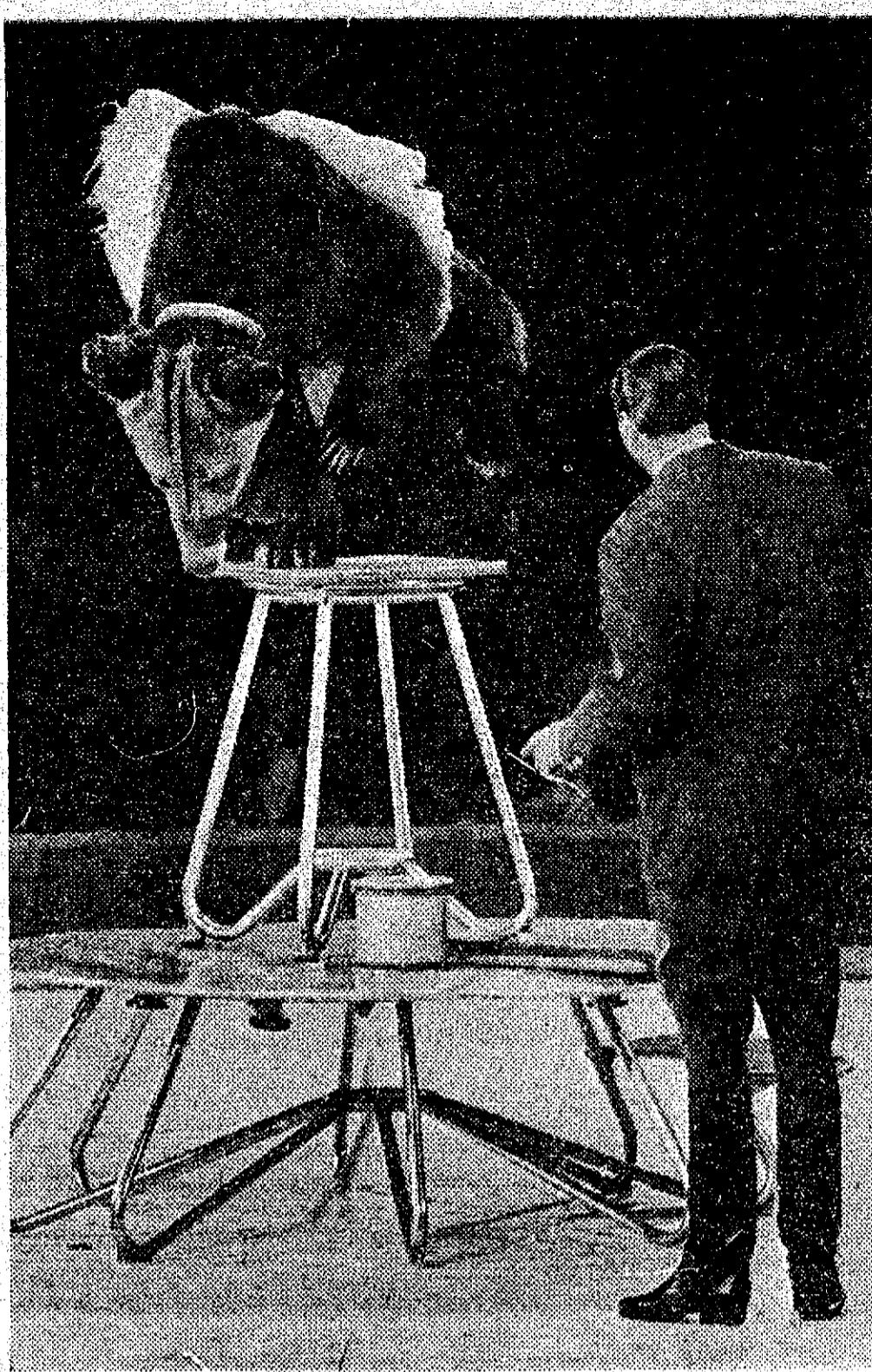
Lt. Gen. Seth J. McKee, commander of U.S. forces in Japan, has signed a proclamation calling upon military men to join in observing "this most significant day."

The Johnson Middle School at Yokota AB is sponsoring a Law Day Essay Contest for its seventh and eighth grade students under the auspices of the Office of the Yokota Judge Advocate and the Yokota Central Base Fund.

McKee will host a Law Day reception at the Sanno Hotel. Japanese, American and other dignitaries have been invited, McKee's office announced.

## Buono Natale, Roma

ROME (AP)—With summery sunshine, the city of Rome celebrated its 2,721st official birthday Sunday. The actual beginnings of Rome are unknown but officially the city accepts 753 B.C. as the founding date.



## Bear Up Under Orders

One of 16 tumbling, balancing, dancing and boxing bears performs under a trainer's command at the "Circus of the World" at the Kuramae Kokugikan in Tokyo. The circus, featuring acts from Eastern European countries, will be in Tokyo through Tuesday and will then go on a nationwide tour of Japan. (S&S)

# Basic Task: Keep Shoes on Recruits

CHI LANG, Vietnam (IO)—A basic recruit's feet hurt no matter where he takes his training.

But the biggest problem at the Chi Lang National Training Center, in Chau Doc Province, a part of the IV Corps in the Mekong Delta, is getting the recruits to wear their shoes at all.

"Most of these boys are

from farms in the Mekong Delta," center officials say, "and you don't wear boots while tending the rice paddies."

But the recruits do learn to wear boots and undergo training about like that offered in the U.S.

Advisory Team 61, composed of 12 members of the U.S. Army, and headed by Lt. Col. William Phillips, senior adviser, works closely with Col. Thuy, center commander, who is a graduate of the U.S. Command and General Staff College.

"We don't just think," Phillips said, "we know the center is turning out some of the best-trained men in the world."

There are six courses offered at the center in addition to the basic combat training course.

The recruits fire the M1 rifle. Courses in self-defense are conducted by a Republic of Korea Army lieutenant and sergeant, who live with their American counterparts.

Movies and USO-type shows are shown two or three times a week.

During its two-week visit to Japan, the group will appear in Tokyo, Fukushima, Sendai, Kyoto, Osaka and Nagoya. In addition to its concerts, it is to hold joint performances with Japanese university choruses and musical exchange meetings with Japanese counterparts.

## AF to Test Armor System

ANDREWS AFB, Md. (OJ)—Tests of experimental armor systems, designed to protect combat crews flying in Southeast Asia, are planned for late spring at Eglin AFB, Fla., by the Air Force Systems Command.

Directed by the Air Force Flight Dynamics Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, the AAI Corporation of Cockeysville, Md., designed and installed the armor system in an obsolete F89J two-man aircraft. The Air Force Armament Laboratory, at the Air Proving Ground Center at Eglin, provided the twin-engine turbojet, which will be fired upon at distances on the ground to simulate an operational mission.

George W. Ducker, project engineer for the Flight Dynamics Laboratory, said dummy figures of formed celotex blocks will be placed in the pilot and radar operator's seats to simulate the crew. Celotex blocks will also be placed at other places in the cockpit to give an accurate measurement of the energy-force of particles penetrating the aircraft. Fifty-caliber bullets and other sized projectiles will be fired at the aircraft.

Each member of the "crew" will have a full complement of equipment, including parachute, survival kit and life raft. Ducker said this will permit a more realistic evaluation of the protection from gunfire provided by operational and survival equipment.

Firing tests will be conducted by the Terminal Ballistic Division of the Armament Laboratory. Normal and experimental materials will be used as armor protection and have been designed according to protection required, availability of materials and the limited space within an aircraft.

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### TITLES

1. *The Liquidator*, Rod Taylor, Trevor Howard (M) (123 Mins.)
2. *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*, Zero Mostel, Phil Silvers (M) (117 Mins.)
3. *Who's Afraid Of Virginia Woolf?*, Elizabeth Taylor, George Segal (M) (135 Mins.)
4. *The Endless Summer*, Mike Hynson, Robert August (F) (117 Mins.)
5. *Navajo Joe*, Burt Reynolds, Nicolette Machiavelli (M) (118 Mins.)
6. *The Great British Train Robbery*, Harst Tappert, Gunther Neutza (MYP) (116 Mins.)
7. *The Viking Queen*, Don Murray, Carita (M) (111 Mins.)
8. *Up The Ma-Gegors*, David Bailey, Agatha Flory (MYP) (115 Mins.)
9. *Robbery*, Stanley Baker, Joanna Pettet (MYP) (122 Mins.)
10. *Easy Come, Easy Go*, Elvis Presley, Dodie Marshall (MYP) (108 Mins.)
11. *Point Blank*, Lee Marvin, Angie Dickinson (M) (118 Mins.)
12. *Our Mother's House*, Dirk Bogarde, Pamela Franklin (M) (111 Mins.)
13. *Rage*, Glenn Ford, Stella Stevens (M) (116 Mins.)
14. *Where The Bullets Fly*, Tom Adams, Dawn Addams (M) (112 Mins.)
15. *Dead Heat On A Merry-Go-Round*, James Coburn, Camilla Sparv (M) (116 Mins.)
16. *Torture Garden*, Jack Palance, Beverly Adams (MYP) (105 Mins.)
17. *The Taming Of The Shrew*, Richard Burton, Elizabeth Taylor (MYP) (138 Mins.)
18. *Fantastic Voyage*, Stephen Boyd, Raquel Welch (MYP) (119 Mins.)
19. *Destination Inner Space*, Scott Brady, Sherree North (F) (109 Mins.)
20. *Battle Of The Bulge*, Henry Fonda, Robert Ryan (F) (146 Mins.)
21. *Point Blank*, Lee Marvin, Angie Dickinson (M) (118 Mins.)
22. *What Did You Do In The War, Daddy?*, James Coburn, Dick Shawn (MYP) (119 Mins.)
23. *The Jokers*, Michael Crawford, Oliver Reed (MYP) (113 Mins.)
24. *The Quiller Memorandum*, George Segal, Alec Guinness (M) (121 Mins.)
25. *Funeral In Berlin*, Michael Caine, (MYP) (118 Mins.)

## Classified Ads

### For Sale (Misc.)

GE CLOTHES dryer, \$100; reclining chair, newly upholstered, \$80; Fedders air conditioner, 12,000 BTU, 220 V; phone Tokyo 0423-82-2703 or Fuchu city 62-2708 after 5 p.m.

Female cocker spaniel, JKC-registered, 1 1/2 years old. Call North Camp Drake 3749.

Kenmore automatic washer, Norge electric dryer, both \$50. Call Camp Drake 515-3437.

### Announcements

Yedo Chapter No. 3, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold a meeting and initiation ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Masonic Building. For more information call Mrs. Blue of Fuchu 45528 or Mrs. Webb at Tokyo 519-2608.

Three Civil Service vacancies for Photographers (laboratory) (GS-4) exists at Yokosuka. Interested persons should contact the Employment Branch, CIRG Yokosuka Bldg. B-30, at Yokosuka 2725 or 3568.

Chofu Kindergarten and Nursery School will begin pre-registration for the 1968-69 school term between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Mon.-Fri., May 6-10. For information call Kanto Mura 292-2 or visit the kindergarten-nursery school office.

## FEN RADIO

FEN broadcasts on 810 KHZ in Tokyo, 1550 KHZ in Itazuke, 1570 KHZ in Sasebo and Chitose, 1580 KHZ of Iwakuni, Misawa and Wakkanai and on shortwave frequencies 3,910, 6,155, 11,750 and 15,260 MHZ. News is heard on the hour. All programs subject to change without notice.

Tuesday, Apr. 23

### PHRASE OF THE DAY

Wed., 24 Apr.

Subarashii hi desu.

(It's a wonderful day.)

Thu., 25 Apr.

Konashii hi desu.

(It's a blue day.)

6:30—Music by Candle-light

7:10—Navy News

7:15—Flight Line Parade

7:30—Fun Dial

8:00—FBI In War and Peace

9:00—Tonight

10:15—What's Happening

10:30—All That Jazz

11:05—Moon Dial

Wednesday, Apr. 24

12:05—Young Sounds

1:05—A Date with Chris

2:05—Herman Griffith

2:55—Portrait

3:05—Nightbeat

4:05—Small World

5:05—Country Club

6:05—The Morning Show

6:55—Morning Meditations

7:00—Around the World

7:15—Weather, Time

7:30—News

7:35—Weather, Music

8:05—The Morning Show

8:30—Dan McNeill's Breakfast Club

9:05—America's Popular Music

9:30—Ira Cook

10:05—Small World

11:05—Country Corner

12:00—Mid-Day Report

12:15—John Doremus Show

1:00—News

1:05—Bill Stewart Show

2:05—Art Linkletter

2:15—Adventures in Good Music

3:05—Let George Do It

3:30—Fun Dial

4:05—Journey Into Melody

5:30—Journey Into Melody

6:30—Music by Candle-light

7:05—Fifth AF News

7:15—Music From Around The World

8:05—Music In The Air

9:05—Dragnet

9:30—Tonight

10:15—What's Happening

10:30—All That Jazz

10:55—Ebony and Ivory

11:05—Moon Dial

Wednesday, Apr. 24

4:00—Fractured Flickers

4:33—Local Time

5:00—Repeat Theatre

6:00—Evening Report

6:30—Addams Family

7:00—Lost In Space

8:00—Alfred Hitchcock Hour

9:00—Combat

10:00—Late Report

10:15—Ted Mack

10:45—Feature Film

Thursday, Apr. 25

4:00—Language In Action

4:30—Local Time

5:00—Repeat Theatre

6:00—Evening