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### MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT

Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy Tuesday with intermittent rain and thunderstorms. Winds east-northeast at 10 knots. High Tuesday 96. Low Tuesday night 76.

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### -----AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS-----

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO) -- Action in the Americal Division remained sporadic yesterday as Division forces killed 23 VC and three NVA and captured two individual weapons in their portion of southern I Corps.

Numerous small contacts in the 11th Infantry Brigade's area around Duc Pho and in Operation Muscatine resulted in 16 VC and two NVA killed and 29 suspects apprehended for questioning.

Soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry commanded by 1LT James O'Herron (Winona, Minn) conducted an extensive combat sweep around Hoi An hamlet six miles north of Duc Pho killing 12 VC and detaining five suspects. Another "Always First" rifle company led by 1LT John P. Nolan (Hopkinsville, Ky) killed one VC and apprehended 18 suspects in operations three miles north of Duc Pho.

A unit of the 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry commanded by CPT John D. Veatch (San Antonio, Tex) engaged and killed two NVA in an area 11 miles south of Duc Pho.

In Operation Muscatine, two VC were killed by a 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry company led by CPT John A. Gonzalez (Queens Village, N.Y.) from a night ambush position 13 miles northwest of Quang Ngai. "Aero Scout" helicopters of the 123rd Aviation Battalion killed another VC and detained five suspects while supporting ground operations six miles north of Quang Ngai.

A "Ginlet" unit of the 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry uncovered two huts three miles southwest of Duc Pho that contained 15 tons of salt. In the same area, the unit found 500 pounds of rice.

The "Old Guard" Volunteer Informant Program yielded 5,400 rounds of small arms ammunition, 29 hand grenades, eight mortar rounds and other explosives.

Brigade civic action personnel treated 1166 Vietnamese during MEDCAPs last week.

The 196th Infantry Brigade reported light activity yesterday that was centered near Fire Support Base Center. The "Chargers" killed seven enemy and captured one AK-47.

A unit of the 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry led by CPT John Wolfe (Marcellus, Mich) called in artillery on a group of NVA, killing one.

A unit of the 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry engaged and killed three VC in two incidents 11 miles northwest of Tien Phuoc. An air strike in the same area resulted in one VC killed and a secondary explosion reported. Another "Ginlet" unit engaged and killed one VC nine miles northwest of Tien Phuoc.

An 11th Infantry Brigade unit of the 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry operating in the 196th Infantry Brigade's area killed one VC and captured an AK-47 and equipment.

"F" Troop, 8th Cavalry, during light action yesterday, found 10 tons of rice which was booby-trapped in an area eight miles northwest of Tan Ky. "F" Troop also detained two suspects in the same area.

Americal's 198th Infantry Brigade reported light activity yesterday as one VC was killed and one weapon was captured. However, LZ Bayonet bristled with color as COL James R. Waldie (Omaha, Neb) passed the command of the brigade to COL Charles B. Thomas (Arlington, Va).

COL Waldie led the brigade through eight months of combat since the brigade was formed one year ago.

The lone VC was killed by infantrymen of the 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry when they returned fire on a sniper seven miles southeast of Tien Phuoc.

Division forces suffered six soldiers wounded and evacuated for treatment.

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## DATELINES AROUND THE WORLD.—UPI

WASHINGTON — World Bank President Robert S. McNamara announced today he will visit Indonesia in the second week of June.

The visit to Indonesia will be the first the former Defense Secretary has made to any Asian Country since becoming President of the World Bank last March.

Bank officials also announced today that Monamed Shoaib, a World Bank Vice President, and Bernford Bell, Deputy Director of The World Bank's Project Department, would arrive in Djakarta June 3.

They are proceeding McNamara in order to hold discussions with Indonesian officials to determine how the bank could best assist Indonesia's economic recovery. Their talks also will include establishment of a World Bank Mission in Indonesia, according to bank officials.

McNamara said in a prepared statement released by the bank that "I am anxious that the bank should render whatever

assistance it can, together with other international agencies, to help Indonesia in its present economic difficulties."

McNamara said... "A cooperative effort by all those in a position to be of assistance is clearly needed to enable this vast country of 100 million people to exploit its considerable potential for economic development."

SEOUL — The United States will provide South Korea's National Police with \$5 million worth of equipment, it was announced Saturday.

The Government said the equipment will include grenade launchers, vehicles, communications supplies and ammunition.

They will be used by 37 mobile police combat companies and other units recently activated to ward off increased armed infiltrations by North Koreans.

HOUSTON — A two man test crew moved through the last pre-flight check-out of the U.S. Moon Landing Craft Saturday and virtually assured that the vehicle would be declared safe for astronauts to ride in orbit this December.

Only one problem cropped up during the test. A portable back pack breathing device was not tested because officials were unable to receive any data from it on oxygen flow or test crew conditions. A spokesman at the Manned Space Craft Center said this was a minor part of the overall test and should not interfere with "man rating" of the moon lander. Project officials called a news conference for Monday to make a full report of the four-part test series.

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