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Ailes New Army Secretary As Vance Moves To No. 2 DOD Post

Secretary of the Army Cyrus R. Vance was named Deputy Secretary of Defense last Thursday following President Johnson's acceptance of the resignation of Roswell L. Gilpatrick from the post.

The White House also announced that Stephen Ailes will succeed Vance as the new Secretary of the Army. Ailes has been Army under secretary since early in 1961.

Gilpatrick's resignation will be effective Jan. 20. He is resigning to return

to private law practice after three years in Washington.

The new Secretary of the Army, Stephen Ailes is 50, and a graduate of both Princeton and West Virginia universities. During World War II he served in government posts from 1942 to 1946, again served briefly in 1951 during the Korean war, and returned to private law practice in Washington until President Kennedy nominated him as Under Secretary of the Army on Feb. 9, 1961.

Admiral Moorer, 7th Fleet Commander Sails Into Saigon

Vice Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, commander of the U.S. Seventh Fleet, was scheduled to arrive today aboard his flagship, the light cruiser USS Providence for a three-day operational visit.

Admiral Moorer, who visited Viet Nam last July prior to assuming command of the U.S. Navy's largest task fleet, will pay courtesy calls on Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Gen. Paul D. Harkins, and top ranking Vietnamese military and civilian officials.

Admiral Moorer will play host to some 200 military and civilian dignitaries aboard his flagship Monday. The 12,000-ton USS Providence, one of the most modern ships of the Pacific Fleet, will conduct an 'Open House' for civic, student and professional groups.

Commanded by Capt. M. C. Valley, the USS Providence has a complement of 1,000 men and 83 officers.

The Case Of The Welcome Visitor
(Perry Mason In Viet Nam)
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In addition, the Seventh Fleet Staff has a complement of 200 enlisted men and 55 officers. The USS Providence will depart Tuesday.

Westmoreland New Deputy To Harkins

Gen. Paul D. Harkins, COMUSMACV, announced this week that Lt. Gen. William C. Westmoreland, USA, has been assigned to his headquarters as Deputy Commander.

Now Commanding General, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, N.C., General Westmoreland will assume his new duties as second in command to General Har-

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Bar Blast Wounds Three U.S. Personnel

Three U.S. servicemen were wounded and two Vietnamese civilians were killed when a bomb exploded last Thursday night in the Bamboo Bar near Tan Son Nhut.

The blast also wounded 14 other Vietnamese civilians in the area.

Vietnamese authorities reported that a plastic type explosive was used.



NEW MARINE COMMANDANT—Gen. Wallace M. Greene Jr., new Commandant of the USMC is shown upon arrival at Tan Son Nhut last Friday for a three-day Viet Nam visit. Wire service correspondents Ray Herndon (left) of UPI and Malcombe Brown of AP interview the newest member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.



A VC SUSPECT IS FLUSHED FROM HIS HOLE
In Binh Duong, 40 miles north of Saigon.

Observer photo by Horst Faas.

Dateline Viet Nam

RVNAF Step Up Combat Action; VC Incidents Drop

Vietnamese combat forces this week continued to push the offensive against the Viet Cong with 4,500 small unit actions and 55 battalion-size or larger operations.

According to a U.S. military spokesman, government forces are spending more time in combat operations with larger numbers of units participating.

VC - initiated incidents have dropped in all the four corps areas. Incidents this week dropped from 436 to 329.

Casualties suffered by the ARVN forces totaled 430 while the VC had 340 killed and captured during the same period. Weapons

lost by the government troops amounted to approximately 200 while they recovered about 60 weapons from the Viet Cong.

A U.S. Army Mohawk OVIC aircraft was hit by VC ground fire Jan. 10 about 50 miles northeast of Ca Mau. A severed fuel line forced the crew to abandon the plane.

The crippled plane crashed in a residential area in Ca Mau killing two and injuring seven Vietnamese civilians. The crew, a U.S. Army pilot and a Vietnamese observer, was uninjured and were safely evacuated. The aircraft, which destroyed five houses and damaged two others, was a total loss.

Recovery operations were started Wednesday morning for a B-26 that crashed forty miles northeast of Saigon Tuesday night. The aircraft, with two USAF officers and a VNAF observer aboard, was brought down by hostile ground fire. There was no evidence of survivors.

A U.S. Army sergeant received grenade fragments on both legs Monday in a one-day operation against the Viet Cong at Hau Nghia. ARVN forces suffered eight KIA and 23 wounded. VC lost five KIA and

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National Health Agencies Campaign : Give Generously

(Jan. 15
through
Feb. 15)

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EDITORIAL

Thanks, Perry Mason!

Raymond Burr is a big man — big in physical stature and big in the sense of celebrity size because of the international fame brought him through his television portrayal of the Perry Mason role.

Last week he chose to come to Viet Nam, the first 'star' from the entertainment world to do so. He came to "talk and visit with the troops," and he did so with boundless enthusiasm and a tireless energy which would have sapped a lesser man.

By our reckoning, he was here some 48 hours. And he spent over 36 of the precious hours with the men. He didn't spend his time in the relative comfort of Saigon, but juked about the jungles to the most remote locations, insisting on talking to men in outposts where there were as few as two U.S. troops on duty.

He didn't, as one sergeant said, "get up on the stage, put on an hour show, and run off to the club." He wanted to talk to the troops up close, get next to them, swap stories, perhaps have a beer, and give a personally autographed picture to each man.

"I want to talk to every man in Viet Nam," he said emphatically, "and I'm coming back and do that in the very near future."

He visited every man in the hospital in Saigon. Dog-tired from his exhaustive field trips, he stayed up the two nights in Saigon until the small hours, visiting men in the clubs and messes, until there was no one else to talk to.

In the field, the boost he gave morale can never be measured, but it was much more than considerable. His down to earth infectious personality made immediate friends of everyone he talked with. It wasn't stiff, or formalized chatter, either, but rather the kind of buddy-buddy bull sessions that are as much as part of military life as GI cots and C rations.

Everywhere he went he took soldiers' addresses and phone numbers, "so I can call your folks when I get back."

The reaction to his visits in the field was overwhelming. The attitude was something like, "how about that, a man like Raymond Burr coming way out here in the boonies just to see me." It was a case of a friend visiting friends. Said one veteran sergeant: "When he got off the helicopter I didn't even know him, and when he left a half hour later it was like an old friend leaving.

One captain summed up everybody's feeling: "Mr. Burr," he said, I don't have much horsepower, or swing much weight, but I hope that someday, somehow, you'll be suitably rewarded for coming to a place like this to see insignificant people like us."

And Burr, the giant of a man, with tears welling in his eyes answered softly: "The reward is now."

That was the mark of the man.

And let us, on behalf of everyone, say it very simply: "Thanks, Perry Mason... thanks."

USO

The USO will play host to a special program welcoming the officers and men of the USS Providence tomorrow at 3 p.m. Coffee call is slated from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. and music for your listening pleasure at Candlelight Capers from 3 to 6 p.m. with the Internationales providing the music.

Today's schedule highlights the Photo Tour at 2:30 p.m. with a visit to a Glassware and vacuum bottle factory at Cholon. Also following the class in practical Vietnamese at 5 p.m., a dinner party will be held at 6:15 p.m. for the first class to graduate from the six-week course.

Other events this week include:

Sat. — Film showing, "Space Pioneer" and Survey of Astronautics" at 8:15 p.m.

Mon. — Sketching class for beginners and amateurs at 7 p.m.; model airplane builders meet at 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and beginner's bridge at 7:30 p.m.

Tues. — Chess tourney at 7:30. Stamp collectors will have the chance to get First Day cover of John J. Audubon at the VAA Stamp Club at 7:45 p.m. and at 8 p.m. Show your slide enthusiasts.

Wed. — Open Bridge at 7 p.m. and Folk singer's Hootenanny at 8 p.m. Bring your guitar or use our own. Guest Night tonight at 8 p.m. Bring a Vietnamese friend.

Thurs. — Hawaii Calls... an evening of music from the 50th State at 8 p.m. Darkroom instructions and techniques for advanced photomen at 8 p.m.

Fri. — Jam Session at 8 p.m. Bring a friend and enjoy an evening of wonderful fun.

SECRETARY



CHARMER — Pert Colleen Chun, 23, is a secretary in the Operations Branch of the Personnel Division, Army Sec., MAAG. Born and still living in Cholon, Colleen has been working for MAAG for 10 months.

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

A Piece Of Marble

By Chaplain (LCdr.) H.R. MILLER

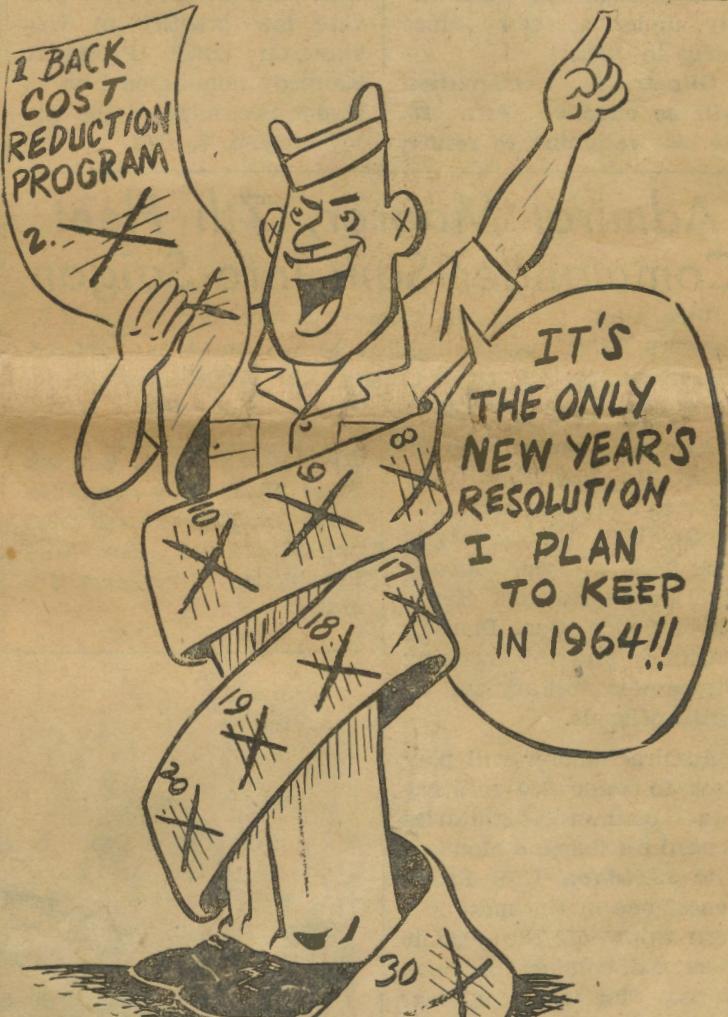
A large piece of marble, which someone had hacked at and then rejected, lay by the side of the road. One day it attracted the attention of Michelangelo and his trained eye saw that it could be made to be of service.

He had it brought to his studio and after much labor transformed it into one of his greatest masterpieces. Today, tourists from the world over pause at Florence, Italy, to see the wonderful statue of David made from rejected stone.

A great artist in mosaics had an apprentice who cleaned and swept his studio. The boy noticed how many pretty chips of glass and stone were thrown upon the floor and swept away, and he asked the artist if he might have these.

Some months later, the artist was surprised to find hidden in a storeroom a beautiful piece of mosaic-work executed by the lad with the broken, discarded chips.

Our Lord is ever rescuing from obscurity and mediocrity those who have been rejected. By His infinite grace they are transformed into useful servants of the most high God. In a similar way we should gather up the discarded fragments of our time, our knowledge, and our opportunities and work them into a useful mosaic of life to others and the glory of God.



Movie Schedule

(Jan. 19 through Jan. 25)

Sun. — **LAWRENCE OF ARABIA**

(Two performances: 2 & 7 p.m.)

Peter O'Toole — Alec Guinness

Mon. — **THE GREAT ESCAPE**

(One performance: 7 p.m.)

Steve McQueen — James Garner

Tues. — **THE MONGOLS**

Jack Palance — Anita Ekberg

Wed. — **Walt Disney's BON VOYAGE**

Thurs. & Fri. — **CATTLE KING**

Robert Taylor — Joan Caulfield

Sat. Matinee — **IDAHO**

Federal Operator No. 99 (Chapter 10)

Sat. Evening — **THE RACERS**

Kirk Douglas — Gilbert Roland



DOUBLE AWARD WINNER — Sp4 Lloyd W. Mann, 560th MP Co. holds the certificates for the Purple Heart and Air Medal presented him by Brig. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, CG, USASGV. Specialist Mann was wounded by VC fire while on a combat support mission as a helicopter gunner. Also on hand for the ceremony was Lt. Col. Arthur F. Driscoll, MACV Provost Marshal (right). (USASGV IO Photo).

GI Insurance Dividend Checks On Way To Vets

Washington (AFPS) — In response to President Johnson's directive for the earliest possible payment of the \$234 million GI insurance dividend for 1964, the VA said the first checks reached veterans by Jan. 2.

In reporting this, John S. Gleason Jr., Administrator of Veterans affairs, said payment to all the 4,725,000 veteran participating in the dividend would be completed in record time — by Jan. 25.

The President, on December 8, ordered Mr. Gleason to make accelerated payments as a stimulant to the economy.

In the first speed payment of a dividend ordered by the late President Kennedy in 1961, payments were completed by Mar. 17. The stepped up payments of the 1963 dividends were completed last Jan. 31.

The VA's plans to issue the 1964 dividend checks by next Jan. 25 will cut a week from previous record processing time of 31 days in 1963.

Of the total distribution of \$234 million, \$15 million will go to about 225,000 WWI veterans holding U.S. Government service life insurance policies.

Korean Conflict veterans hold non-participating policies that do not provide

regular annual dividend payments.

The regular dividends are primarily a return of their premium payments since the death rate among GI policy holders continues to be lower than the rate upon which the payments were established by law.

R & R SCHEDULE For JANUARY, 1964

Date of Departure/Return	Passenger Check-in TSN	Spaces Available
TO HONG KONG		
*24-28 Jan.	0800-0830	36
**27-31 Jan.	0800-0830	36
TO TACHIKAWA		
20-29 Jan.	0600-0630	36
26 Jan - 4 Feb.	0600-0630	36
TO BANGKOK		
21-25 Jan.	0500-0538	32
30 Jan. - 3 Feb.	0500-0530	32

* Passenger stop at Da Nang. Reporting time Da Nang personnel: 1200 for 1230 departure. No passenger processing at Da Nang.

** Passenger stop at Nha Trang. Reporting time Nha Trang personnel 1100 for 1130 departure. No passenger processing at Nha Trang.

HONOR ROLL

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

Maj. Leland W. Edwards
Maj. Alfred J. Koran
Maj. Arthur B. McClain
Maj. John A. Todd, Jr.
Maj. George I. Whitmore

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Second Award

Sp4 Jack J. Wilkinson

First Award

Sp4 Robert L. Farrell

PURPLE HEART

Capt. Albert L. Hall
Capt. Eduardo A. Torres
SFC Roy J. Branham

First Oak Leaf Cluster

Capt. Thomas A. Stoy
1st Lt. William S. Carpenter, Jr.
Lt. Col. Robert E. Morton
Lt. Col. Charles M. Olson
Maj. Harold J. Barbera
Maj. Stanley C. Benbrook
Maj. Roland E. Curtis

Veteran Navy Officer Hiked To Commander

Cdr. John G. Slattery, SC, USN, received his promotion orders and new insignia to commander Jan. 4 from Maj. Gen. Charles J. Timmes, Chief MAAG.

Commander Slattery, who is with the Comptroller Div., Hqs. MAAG, will complete his 28th year in the Navy tomorrow, Jan. 19. During his naval service, Commander Slattery has served in every enlisted rate from apprentice seaman to Chief Petty Officer — and held every rank from warrant officer to commander.

A Donation To The National Health Agencies Is Like Medical Insurance

Pocketful of Notes

By SSgt. Bob Reid
USAF

KEEPING UP WITH THINGS — They didn't say you will. What they did say was that the chances are 1,000 times better for smoking to rub you out than if your worst vice is sucking Life Savers.

The recent government report which really put the knock on smoking has created a whole phalanx of new nervous neurotics. Almost everybody we know has either (a) stopped, (b) voiced intentions to stop, or (c) the real progressives, have already stopped a few days and have started again.

The latest fad nowadays is to give up the weed. It's as fashionable as reading Salinger (not Pierre) or telling elephant jokes.

The man with real status these days is the guy who quit smoking before the government report. Sort of makes him clairvoyant, and all.

Pipe and cigar smokers almost have as much status as the non-smoker, because, foul smelling as these devices might be, they don't do the damage of cigarettes.

Well, we'll think about it. After all, a thousand-to-one is pretty tough odds to buck. A fella would have a better chance in a cageful of Bengal tigers.

Yes we'll really have to think about it.., but no rash decisions.

NOTES IN OUR POCKETS — Not to burden folks with an over-abundance of Perry Mason in this issue, but a couple of anecdotes occurred during his brief visit last week that seem worth repeating. First, they had difficulty getting some type of field clothing for Raymond Burr to wear, because he is one huge, barrel-chested gent. There wasn't a pair of fatigues in the country which would fit him.

Finally, someone came up with a big — really big — pair of flying coveralls. "They're extra large," said the donor proudly, handing them to Burr. The actor slipped into the suit, but, alas, couldn't close the zipper over his chest.

"Not 'extra' enough," said Burr.

The second incident happened at a jungle outpost which harbored a monkey for a pet. "What's the monkey for?" asked Burr. "Oh," explained one of the troops, "that's our substitute for television."

"Thanks a lot," wryly answered Perry Mason.

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By our reckoning, in order to be properly prepared to do business around town, a fella would have to carry at least six chit books. There are coupon books for the mess plan, the Saigon club, the Coco Club, the Support Group Club, the 33rd Tac. Group's AF club, to buy gasoline, and finally, the latest one, chit books in the USO.

Whatever happened to good old-fashioned money?

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A lady we know recently brought home a new baby from the hospital. She also has a couple more at home, among them a four year old, or so. Another lady brought her a present of some new baby bottles. There was some light banter, and somebody suggested that nothing would do but for the new baby to have a drink from a new bottle, immediately.

The four-year old wouldn't allow any such thing: "Oh, no," she admonished, "those bottles have to be fertilized first."

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When they play basketball in the state of Kansas, they really play for keeps... no quarter given, so to speak. We stumbled across an issue of the Topeka Daily Capital the other day and buried in the sports section were the high school basketball scores, one of which really caught our eye: Stanley 109, Edgerton 13.

If that ain't enough to cause the Edgerton athletes to give up sports forever, then nothing can do it.

According to the box scores, the Stanley coach used all the scrubs, but, presumably, not the cheer leaders. Cheer leader? Who needs cheer leaders when your team can run up the score like that!

TV's Perry Mason (Raymond Burr) V

By Maj. WILLIAM V. KOCH

In an isolated detachment far from Saigon the radio crackled and a radio operator began to take down the coded message. As he decoded the text, he judged the message to be hopelessly garbled. All he could make out was that a visitor was due, from last words which said "...X-Ray Murd Burr."

The message was noted in the radio log, reported to the detachment commander, and thrown away.

A few hours later, while this same radio operator was tending his set, a burly six-plus-footer walked into the radio room, offered a huge hand and quietly said, "I'm Raymond Burr. Your buddies told me you were on duty and I thought I'd come in and chat with you for a few minutes."

The radio operator now knew who was coming to visit.

Raymond Burr, television's Perry Mason, had arrived in Viet Nam!

Burr's visit, however, did not signal the arrival of the standard type troupe which normally appears before large groups at scheduled performances. He came, he said; "...to just go around to the out-of-the-way places and talk with the troops."

He made good on his intentions too, escort non-coms who met Burr at Tan Son Nhut stated that he passed up breakfast and a chance to freshen up on his arrival here, preferring to "...get out of Saigon as soon as possible and meet the troops in the field."

Within half an hour after his arrival in country, Burr was aboard a "Huey" for the first stop of a two day sojourn here.

Burr, who had spent the previous thirty-two days making similar visits at other service installations in the Far East was obviously tired after his overnight flight from the Philippines. However, he appeared to enjoy the hectic pace he set himself and seemed to draw additional reserves of stamina each time he met and spoke with another soldier.

In his discussion at the places visited, Burr always let his GI hosts steer the conversations to topics they desired to discuss.

However, at most places, he was asked details about his Perry Mason television series. The most frequently asked question was, "Why didn't you bring Della Street along?" Perry Mason said he would look into the matter.

Burr also said that at some of the places he had been prior to arrival here, several service men had asked him to represent them at up-coming court-martial actions. These requests appeared to stem from the fact that, as Perry Mason, Burr has lost only two cases in the seven years the show has been on the air.

He said he considers that "...a pretty good record."

At each stop — there were fifteen outside the Saigon area the actor would chat, smoke, and have coffee or other refreshments with the unit visited. The conversation was always "give and take" and allotted times always seemed to be too short.

Troop reaction to Burr's visit, expressed privately to accompanying NCO's was universally favorable.

One tough, grizzled, senior NCO, stated that Burr's appearance here was different from any he had ever seen because "...he didn't come in here to get up on a stage, put on a one hour show, and then run off to a club. He got out to see the guys in the field — the ones who seldom see anyone — and the men appreciate his taking time to do that."

Burr's concern about having the opportunity to see as many men as possible during his brief stay here was evidenced by the fact that he deviated from his schedule twice to drop in on battalion advisors in the field with their units.

At one battalion's remote outpost he came in with the mail that it could not be delivered to them because there was no helicopter assigned the unit that day.

While the troops were commenting on their reaction to his visit, Burr also commented on his reactions to them and their jobs in country.

In a moment of reflection, Burr, a World War II naval veteran, said, "I don't find any men at all in the position of fighting a war who haven't the greatest morale I've ever seen."

He added: "Morale seems to be highest when the men are closest to the enemy. It seems that the more isolated the place of duty, the better the morale."

"I have never found units like those I have visited during this current tour," he said, referring not only to the troops in Viet Nam but in other places within the Far East area.

In one free-wheeling discussion, he commented that sometimes "...we Americans don't really realize what we have."

He added, however, that, "...here we are, extending ourselves beyond endurance to preserve what we hold most dear — our freedoms.

"We haven't done all we can with the freedoms we have, but we are doing better," he observed.

"I have yet to meet the man in Viet Nam who doesn't understand the meaning of our freedoms and who isn't fighting for them."

Asked his opinion of soldier attitudes in Viet Nam, Burr said "The morale of the men I've seen in Viet Nam is great, but then the war is here."

"I think these guys are doing magnificently well," he added.

Burr, who left Viet Nam for home and resumption of his television commitments Sunday morning, said he hoped to return here in early May for a more extended series of visits.



OFF ON VISITS — Minutes after his jetliner touched down at the civilian side of Tan Son Nhut, Raymond Burr was aboard UH-1B helicopter and off to the jungles to visit American troops last Friday.



VIETNAMESE INTERESTED, TOO — Although none have ever seen television, Vietnamese gathered outside My Tho's soccer landing field when Burr arrived, for a glimpse of the famed American actor.



THANKS FROM SENIOR ADVISOR — Col. Edward W. Markey, senior advisor to the 7th Division expresses thanks to Burr for visiting outlying division detachments. Lt. Edward L. Schmidt is in center.



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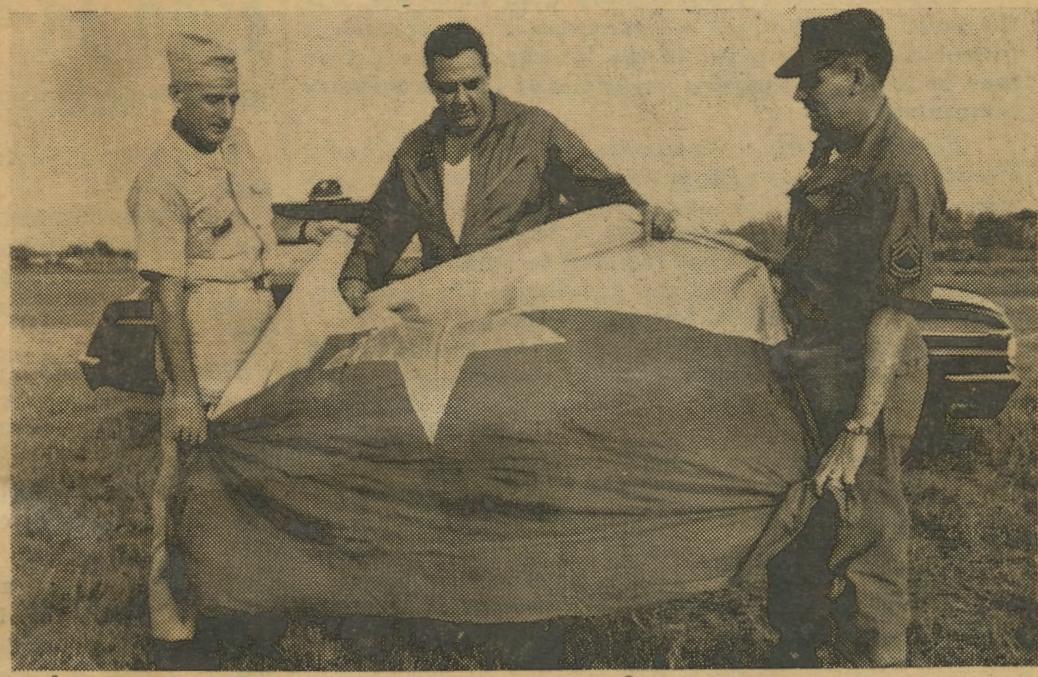


DETECTIVE captured, home-n Joseph D. Holle to their compoun

Visits Troops In Viet Nam Boondocks



MAILMAN — Burr insisted on side trip when he learned of two Bao Da outpost whose mail was held up due to lack of transportation. Here mail to MAAG advisors Lt. James I. O'Brien and MSgt. William W. Harper.



CAPTURED VIET CONG FLAG — Enlisted escorts, CPO D.W. Jacobs and SFC Russell T. Allen help Burr display blood-stained VC battle flag captured by the 5th Division and presented the actor as a souvenir.



LUNCHEON CHAT — Burr lunches on first day at the MAAG detachment at Bao Loc, where he chats with enlisted members of the detachment.



AUTOGRAPHS, AUTOGRAPHS — At Song Be, Burr autographs personal picture for Sgt. James E. Gay and PFC Loyd H. Hare, part of hundreds he signed without, apparently, developing writer's cramp.



THE CASE OF THE MONTAGNARD CROSS-BOW — Burr tries out a montagnard crossbow presented to him at the MAAG detachment at Ham Tan, while Capt. John L. Gill looks on. Burr allowed as how crossbow might end up as murder weapon on future Mason TV episode.



END OF TRIP — Burr expresses appreciation to his Huey pilot, CWO Dolin B. Dunn of the Utility Tactical Transport Co., who flew him about Viet Nam visiting remote locations.

WORK ON GUN — Burr examines a home-made VC pistol shown to him by Capt. Gill and Maj. John S. Ames during his visit to Ben Tre.

TAX TIPS

(First in a series)

Under the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, only the jurisdiction of which a serviceman is a legal resident (domiciliary), as opposed to the jurisdiction in which he may be only a temporary resident, may tax his military compensation.

Formerly the service departments sent information regarding a serviceman's compensation to the tax authorities of the state where his Finance Officer was located; however, pursuant to the provisions of Budget Circular No A-38 (Revised 4 August 1963) the services are now required to send Copy D of Withholding Form W-2 to the jurisdiction which the serviceman "indicates to be his legal residence."

In the absence of such an indication this information will be furnished to the jurisdiction in which the serviceman is stationed. If a serviceman fails to indicate a legal residence, the tax authorities of the jurisdiction in which he is stationed may attempt to tax his military pay and personal property. No information regarding compensation paid will be automatically furnished with respect to the compensation of servicemen while they are stationed outside the United States.

Because of his frequent changes in duty station, determining the legal residence of a serviceman is quite often a complex legal problem; however, everyone must, under the law, have a legal residence. Generally, the legal residence of a serviceman when he entered the armed forces is not lost or changed unless a new one is acquired.

To change a legal residence there must be a simultaneous concurrence of three elements: (1) physical presence in the new locality; (2) an intention to remain there permanently or indefinitely; and (3) an intent to abandon the old legal residence.

The local Legal Assistance Officer is prepared to help if further assistance is needed.

137 Travel Checks Awaiting Pick-up

A total of 137 travel checks remain unclaimed according to Lt. D.D. Cullen HSAS disbursing officer. Of the total checks, nine belong to Navy personnel and eight are AF checks.

Personnel due travel pay are advised to check with the HSAS disbursing office for their checks as soon as possible.

Hold Baggage Burgeons Household Warehouse

Personnel having personal effects such as duffle bags or footlockers in storage at the HSAS Household Effects Section are advised to claim them.

Lt. H. J. Bonnett, HSAS transportation officer, said that storage space is critical and owners must claim their baggage by calling 33-2265 or 33-2198.



SPECIAL WARFARE CHIEF—Maj. Gen. William P. Yarborough, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Special Warfare Center, Ft. Bragg, N.C., listens to briefing at MAAG's Tactical Information Center during his recent 10-day visit to Special Forces detachments and ARVN Psychological Warfare units. Weapons on the wall were captured from the Viet Cong.

(MAAG IO Photo).

Servicemen Never Stop Learning; Even In VN Maryland Offers Courses

By SFC TONY BERMUDEZ

When does a serviceman quit learning?

Ask any professional soldier, sailor, airman or marine and the answer will undoubtedly be an unqualified... NEVER;

There is no end to education for the members of the U.S. Armed Forces. And being assigned to Viet Nam is no deterrent to the pursuit of a higher education.

The challenge of a new assignment or a better chance for promotion or maybe a second career after retirement from the service is being met everyday through correspondence courses via USAFI, extension courses for pre-commission requirements or speciality proficiency.

In the muggy and wet swamps of the Mekong Delta region, an American advisor carefully unwraps a plastic bag protecting his "education kit" and during a lull in an operation, he answers an end-of-course test for an extension course in special warfare. His school... 14,000 miles away... is at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

A signal specialist assigned to Da Nang, a veteran of 16 years service, uses his "siesta" time to study up on a USAFI correspondence course in Calculus while an Air Force major assigned to Tan Son Nhut attends a three-hour course in Economics on Mondays and Wednesdays for a bachelor's degree he has been working on for the past seven years.

Last year the Far East Division of the University of Maryland established a branch at the American Community School at Tan Son Nhut. Where during the daytime, dependent children of military and U.S. government personnel attend school, grades one through 12—in the evenings, officers, and enlisted men and military dependents take over the classrooms.



FOR THE AMERICAN GI, LEARNING CONTINUES
U. of Maryland Instructor teaches History.

A brigadier general, one of the U.S. Army's top logisticians, teaches a class in business administration; an engineer assigned to USOM teaches an economics course and a medical service officer teaches a class in history. These educators, while they are all degree holders, are both sharing their education and learning... and so the education cycle comes full circle. There is no end to education... even in the midst of a war against the insurgent Viet Cong guerrillas in Viet Nam.

During its 12 months of operation, some 4528 students have attended six terms and have studied courses ranging from mathematics to French and general psychology to history. Tuition assistance, 75% of the cost of the course paid by the government, has helped some 374 officers and enlisted men.

Classes for the next term will start Feb. 3 and 4 and will run through Mar. 27 according to LTJG Peter Dorr, HSAS education officer. Registration for these University of Maryland courses will be held Mon., Jan. 27 through Sat., Feb. 1 during normal working hours at the HSAS Admin. Bldg., 100 Hung Vuong, Cholon.

Courses offered for Mon.

& Wed. classes are Elementary French 2, Business Administration 10 and History of American Civilization. Classes meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays include Elementary French 1, Psychology 1 and Far Eastern Civilization.

All military personnel entitled to tuition assistance will pay \$9.00 for a three-credit course. Personnel enrolling for the first time with the University of Maryland will pay a matriculation of \$10.00, which is not refundable. A book charge list will be available during registration.

Applicants must be high school graduates, or have an authorized high school equivalency, or have no less than 12 credit hours of college work with a grade of "C" or better from a college or university. The University of Maryland no longer recognizes the USAFI College GED level test unless the student was matriculated prior to Sept. 1, 1963.

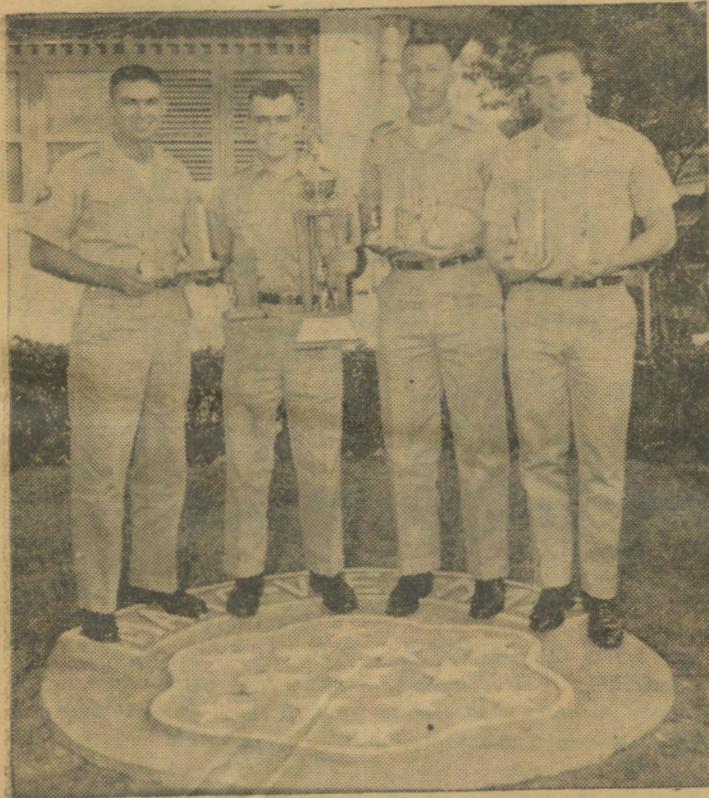
Air Force personnel must report to the 2d Air Div. library to obtain necessary tuition assistance approval prior to enrollment. Any further information can be obtained by calling Lieutenant Dorr or Sp5 Thomas F. Brown at 60851 or 60688.

PEANUTS



BY CHARLES M. SCHULZ

Franx Finx Fight On



AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS — MAAG's "Franx Fighting Finx" basketball team, runner-up team champs for the 1963 HSAS Basketball crown, pose with their 18 trophies. Team players (left to right) are Sp4 Charlie R. Sutton, Cmd. Gp., Sp4 Joseph W. Kelly, team captain, Log. Div., Sp5 Ronald L. Sipes, O & T Div., and Sp4 Albert G. Pullin. Team members not present were MSgt. Everett Franks, manager, and Sp4 Theodore Roberts, who both rotated. The trophies were presented Jan. 13 by Brig. Gen. Delk M. Oden, Army Sec., MAAG. (MAAG IO Photo)

Sports SCENE 'HEARD'

(AFPS Weekly Feature)

Americans have admired the art of judo for many years. Any kid on the block who knows, or says he knows, anything about it is indeed looked up to.

But now, thanks to Air Force initiative, judo as a sport occupies a spot on the American scene. Within the Armed Forces, interest in judo has greatly mushroomed in the past decade. Now, nearly every sizeable base in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps offers judo instruction from qualified judo instructors, and not from teachers who studied only judo textbooks.

Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, the Air Force Chief of Staff, picked up an interest in judo when he was commanding the Strategic Air Command at Offutt AFB, Neb., in 1950. His staff set up a physical conditioning unit and judo was included in the program.

Because of a deficiency of qualified instructors, 24 airmen were sent to the world famous Kodokan Judo Institute in Tokyo in 1952.

Each year since, Air Force men have shown well at the Kodokan and perfected Japanese techniques began to spread to the U.S. In 1960 all four services had teams taking part in exhibitions and classes in Tokyo. A year later American military judo adherents formed the Armed Forces Judo Association and a deluge of applications for membership quickly followed.

Last year alone Army judo clubs sprang forth at Bamberg and Nurnberg, Germany, and at Ft. Hood, Tex., and Ft. Knox, Ky. The AFJA reports that judo in the Armed Forces is growing fastest within the Marine Corps.

EXTRA POINTS — Texas Coach Darrell Royal told Army's Paul Dietzel after Navy's 21-15 narrow escape: "You should have won it, Paul."... Duke has shown early what kind of basketball team it has. The Blue Devils beat highly touted Ohio State and West Virginia in college basketball's first big week... St. Louis U. won the National Soccer Championship, beating Navy, 3-0.

SPORTS

QUIZ

(AFPS Feature)

1. What is the major league record for most games lost in one season by a pitcher?
2. What pitcher holds the record for most walks issued in one season?
3. What were the most runs scored against a major league pitcher in a game which he tossed a no-hitter?
4. How many major league pitchers have recorded four strike-outs in one inning?
5. He won seven U.S. singles, five U.S. doubles, three Wimbledon singles and six U.S. claycourt singles titles during his tennis career. Who was he?

(Answers to Quiz)

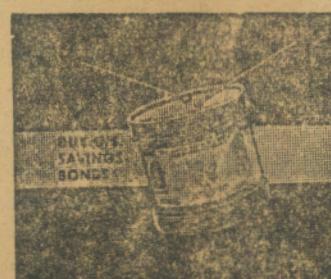
1. Bill Tilden.
2. Nine.
3. In 1901 Earl Moore, Cleveland, pitched a no-hitter but lost the game in the tenth inning 4-2.
4. Sam Jones gave up 185 walks in 36 games during the 1955 season.
5. John Coleman, Philadelphia Phillies, lost 48 games in 1883 — the record. Victor Willis, Boston Braves, lost 29 in 1905 — the modern record.

It Happened Here One Shot, Two Deer

Reno, Nev. (AFPS) — Col. Philip Loofburrow of Stead AFB will debate anyone who says you can't kill two birds with one stone.

While hunting in Elko County the Colonel sighted four deer darting into the brush. He took aim from 400 yards away with his 30-06 and fired one round. Two deer fled.

The Colonel rushed to the brush and found the other two dead — both hit in the head with a single bullet.



Roving Photographer

Miss TV? You Bet, Say Viet Nam's U.S. Troops

By SFC TONY BERMUDEZ

January is usually a busy month for newspapers, magazines, radio and television. The start of the year is usually devoted to reviewing the last year... and making prophecies for the new year.

Our roving photographer, a sincere believer of looking after the morale and welfare of the troops assigned to Viet Nam, discovered that television, of all other information media, was the one sorely missed by troops here in Viet Nam.

Therefore the question for this week is:

Do you miss viewing television here in Viet Nam? What programs do you miss most?

SFC Clement L. Benavente, II Corps Liaison NCO, MAAG, (San Bernardino, Calif.): "Yes, definitely! I miss top comedians like Danny Kaye and Bob Hope and Jack Benny. Also, I miss the sports programs... all sports."

Sp5 Wilson B. Austin, Admin. Sp., Trans Br., MAAG (Tampa, Fla.): "Sure I do miss TV. I enjoyed watching action program like 'Combat' and also comedy shows. I wish they would start television here in Viet Nam like they have in Korea."



BENAVENTE AUSTIN

SSgt. Glen D. Rudolphi, Chief Clerk, Programs Div., AF Sec. MAAG, (Elgin, Ill.): "Very much so. The programs I missed most are college basketball and football games."

Sp6 Donald J. Hamilton, Courts and Boards NCO, MAAG, (St. Claire, Mich.): "Extremely so! Since its inception I have enjoyed

the Perry Mason program. Sorry I didn't get a chance to meet Raymond Burr when he was here in Viet Nam."



RUDOLPHI HAMILTON

YN3 Ramond A. Nixon Correspondence Yeoman, Navy Sec. MAAG, (La Porte, Ind.): "No, I don't miss television here in Viet Nam. Back home I had too many things to do and did not watch TV too much. However, I tried to catch 'Rawhide' and 'Wagon train' every chance I could."

Sp5 Ronald L. Sipes, Admin. Sp., Training Br., O&T Div., MAAG, (Kansas City, Kans.): No! I keep pretty busy here. However, as TV programs go, I guess I miss the top comedy programs like the 'Hillbillies' and 'McCoys' and Bob Hope.



NIXON SIPES

U.S. Boy Scouts Seek Leaders

Troop 1 Saigon of the Boy Scouts America needs qualified adult leaders.

Anyone who has had experience in scouting and who would like to participate in scouting activities here is asked to contact Mr. Shaffer at the Vietnamese-American Association, Phone 25771-21129.

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▲ Dateline*(Continued from page 1)*

12 captured. The U.S. advisor, reported in good condition, was evacuated to Saigon.

Last Tuesday, a T-28 aircraft returning to Bien Hoa airfield from an operational mission, with a wing-tip tank on fire, made a wheels-up landing about 200 yards short of the runway.

A USAF captain, suffered minor scratches and burns upon leaving the aircraft after it landed. The VNAF observer bailed out of the burning plane on instructions of the U.S. advisor-pilot. Although the aircraft burned, all the plane's weapons were recovered. Cause of the crash is under investigation.

A combined Special Forces and ARVN patrol, pinned down by an intense Viet Cong mortar barrage Monday morning in western Quang Tin near the Lao-tian border, was saved from heavy losses when a U.S. Army L-19 piloted by Lt. Alan Black of the 73rd Avn. Co. flew over the ambush area.

A Special Forces PFC was wounded in the head and both legs by mortar fragments. Eight ARVN soldiers were also wounded. Three other U.S. advisors escaped injury.

The unit, returning from a 17-day penetration patrol, was hit by the barrage as they approached their pick-up zone. The U.S. soldier was treated at the Marine dispensary at Da Nang and later evacuated to Nha Trang. His condition was described as good.

The presence of the small unarmed plane, according to the three U.S. advisors, stopped the mortar firing. Lieutenant Black kept his plane in the air despite low fuel. After landing in Kam Duc he had only two minutes of fuel remaining.

An armed UH-1B and T-28 strafed and bombed the suspected VC mortar position but no results were reported.

Got the 'up-country' blues?
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and many more
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Here's Something For Lonely Nites

Join the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force or Coast Guard!

Many of our hottest Tin Pan Alley songsmiths and lyricists composed their greatest classics while sweating out a stint in the Armed Forces.

Vincent Youmans, for instance, was a shy, introverted Marine during World War I. At Great Lakes Naval Training Station he wrote his first melodies. With some trepidations, he showed them to the director of the U.S. Marine band, John Philip Sousa. Sousa approved. Years later one of the tunes is still the American standard: "Hallelujah."

Cole Porter did not, as may be imagined, begin his career while lounging in a silk dressing gown in a Paris penthouse. Porter enlisted in the French Foreign Legion in 1916. When the United States entered the war he transferred to the French artillery and it was there he composed his first hit, the charming "An Old Fashioned Garden" — while actually under fire in France.

A member of the 89th Division of the Army Expeditionary Force, Ernie Burnett, was badly gassed at Soissons. In the veterans hospital he wrote "Melancholy Baby."

Frank Loesser was making \$5 a month as a buck private when he wrote "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition" and "What Do You Do in the Infantry."

Irving Berlin got his start in the Army in 1917. As a sergeant, he wrote "Oh How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning," and was immediately famous. He tried another song, while in infantry camp, but the publishers would not take it. Nearly a quarter-century later, with a different war brewing, they suddenly liked it: "God Bless America."

▲ Gen. Westmoreland*(Continued from page 1)*

kins later this month.

General Westmoreland was graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in June 1936. He fought in Europe during World War II with the 9th Infantry Division and in the Korean War as commander of the 187th Regimental Combat Team.

He is also a former Commanding General of the 101st Airborne Division and served as superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point from 1960 to 1963.

House Hold Goods Weight To Be Upped**Washington (AFPS)** —

Weight limitations for shipment of house hold goods are to be increased 500 pounds for officers up to O-4 grade and all enlisted men entitled to such shipment.

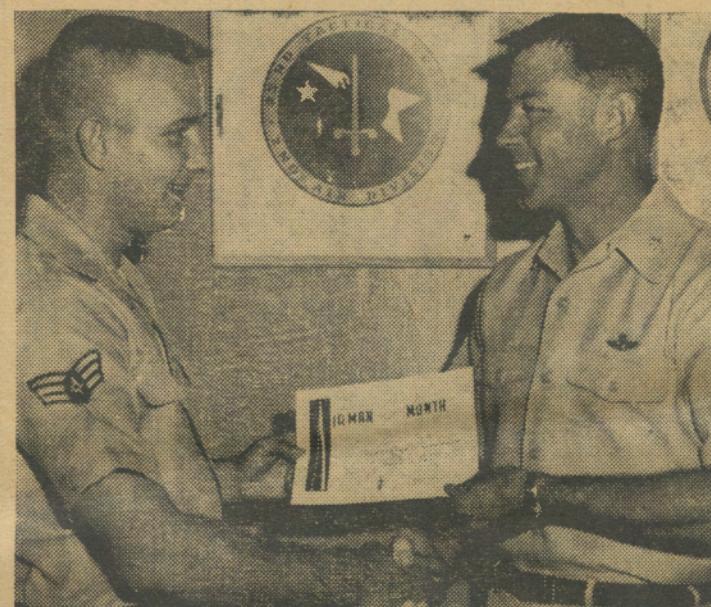
Officers in the O-5 grade will receive a 1,000-lb. increase bringing them to the maximum permitted by law, 11,000 lbs.

No definite date for the increase was given, but Defense Department officials said it was just a matter of changing the existing Joint Travel Regulations with regards to weight limitation.

The change resulted from a study instituted by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower) Norman S. Paul when it was discovered that increasing numbers of uniformed personnel were finding themselves in debt to the government for overweight shipments.

With the change, E-4s with over four years service will be allowed 5000 lbs.; E-5s, 5500 lbs. and each next higher grade an additional 500 lbs. up to E-9s 7,500-lb. limitation. O-1s and W-1s will have the same maximum as E-9s; O-2s will be allowed 8000 lbs.; O-3s and W-3s, 9000 lbs.; O-4s and W-4s, 10,000 lbs.; O-5s and above 11,000 lbs.

The 11,000-lb. limitation now in effect for O-6s and above is to be the subject of another study and possible legislative request for an increase.

Top Airman

AIRMAN OF MONTH — A1C David L. Reynolds, Charleston, West Virginia, receives the Airman of the Month Award for December from Lt. Col. Robert Marberry, deputy commander, 33d Tac. Gp. He competed with the top airmen from Air Force units at Tan Son Nhut for the monthly award. In addition to the certificate, he also received a \$50.00 check and a Letter of Appreciation. Airman Reynolds is a ground radar operator with Det 2, 5th Tac Control Gp.

USIS Official Will Address DSA Jan. 31

USIS deputy director David P. Sheppard will be the guest speaker at the Defense Supply Association dinner Friday, Jan. 31 at the Rex BOQ roof-garden.

A social hour, starting at 7:30 p.m., will precede the dinner. Reservations may be made by calling 60184 or 63284 before Jan. 30.

Lodge Holy Name Speaker Sunday

Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge will be the guest speaker at the Holy Name Society Communion breakfast tomorrow after the 9 a.m. Mass.

The HNS communion will

Sojourners To Elect Officers

Incoming officers for 1964 will be elected Tuesday, Jan. 21 by the Saigon Chapter, National Sojourners at the Coco Club on the Street of Flowers in Saigon.

The election will be preceded by a fellowship hour, dinner and a business meeting. All Sojourners and prospective applicants are invited to attend the meeting.

be the first joint communion (Saigon, Bien Hoa and Tan Son Nhut) held for all HNS members in this area. Breakfast will be held at the Coco Club on the Street of Flowers in Saigon.

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