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MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT

Continued partly cloudy Saturday with rain and thunderstorms in the vicinity. Winds east southeasterly at 5-10 knots. High Saturday 101. Low Saturday night 78.

AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO) -- Among scattered enemy contacts in the Americal Division's area of southern I Corps yesterday was an attack on the Division's Chu Lai complex which resulted in no casualties and light damage. During sporadic fighting, Division forces killed 27 VC and 12 NVA and captured seven individual weapons.

Artillery from the 198th Infantry Brigade stormed down on rocket firing sites early yesterday morning disrupting the attack on the Chu Lai complex. A search of the area found the artillery to be on target. Activity slackened the rest of the day for the 198th Infantry Brigade as they reported no significant enemy contacts.

Elements of the 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry accounted for nine VC and six NVA killed during actions in Operation Burlington Trail and Operation Wheeler/Wallowa yesterday. First Cavalry troopers killed the six NVA and two of the VC and captured five individual weapons during a fight nine miles southwest of Tam Ky. Later in Operation Wheeler/Wallowa, an air strike in support of 1st Cavalry ground troops three miles south of Hoi An accounted for five more Viet Cong killed. In the same area, gunships of "F" Troop, 8th Cavalry observed two VC killed by an air strike.

Elements of the 196th Infantry Brigade killed 10 VC and six NVA and captured two weapons in sporadic action yesterday northwest of Tam Ky.

Americal's 11th Infantry Brigade killed eight VC and detained four suspects in scattered action yesterday throughout their portion of Quang Ngai Province.

After only a few enemy rockets were fired, 198th Infantry Brigade artillery bombarded the suspected positions shortly before two a.m. A search of the mountainous areas west of Chu Lai by 1st Battalion, 46th Infantry soldiers revealed the artillery to be right on target. Numerous blood trails and rocket firing components were found by the infantrymen.

An element of the 196th Infantry Brigade's 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry killed five NVA in an area nine miles northwest of Tam Ky. Later the company detained one suspect.

A unit of the 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry engaged two VC in a sampan re-

sulting in two VC killed and one sampan destroyed.

Elements of the 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry found two dead VC who had been recently killed in fighting three miles west of Que Son. Later, another unit of the same battalion killed one VC and captured a carbine and equipment.

Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry killed one NVA yesterday in action northwest of Tam Ky. Other action by units of the 1st Battalion, 52nd Infantry resulted in four VC killed and one weapon captured.

Infantrymen of the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry killed one VC in action six miles southeast of Que Son.

Infantrymen from the 11th Brigade's 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry commanded by CPT Joe Rhinehart (Canton, N.C.) engaged a group of VC six miles west of Duc Pho yesterday. In the brief fire fight, brigade soldiers killed four of the Viet Cong.

An offensive sweep around Lam Binh Lake four miles southeast of Duc Pho by a unit of the 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry led by CPT Fred H. Mowrey (San Gabriel, Calif) resulted in one VC killed, two suspects apprehended and two booby trapped 105 rounds destroyed. Another unit of the same battalion operating five miles south of Duc Pho killed another VC yesterday afternoon.

In Operation Muscatine, "Aero Scout" gunships supporting ARVN soldiers yesterday, three miles east of Quang Ngai, unleashed numerous rockets on an unknown size enemy force. No assessment of damage has been reported.

"Aero Scout" helicopters of the 123rd Aviation Battalion also killed two VC and detained two suspects in action five miles north of Quang Ngai.

Division forces suffered eight soldiers killed and 55 wounded and evacuated for treatment.

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DATELINES AROUND THE WORLD—UPI

SEOUL -- South Korea plans to send an 80 member delegation to the Mexico Olympics, officials of the Korea Olympic Committee said today.

The Korean delegation will include some 65 athletes and 15 officials, they said. Members of the delegation will be selected by the end of June, according to officials.

A meeting of the committee confirmed decisions Tuesday that Korea will enter seven events, including men's basketball, women's volleyball, boxing, wrestling, weight-lifting, shooting and cycling.

CAMP FRIENDSHIP, Thailand — General William C. Westmoreland, alluding to dissent about Vietnam, told Army Troops there yesterday that reports on the war were "confusing", and "because of its complexity, it's been difficult for some of your parents and families to understand".

Westmoreland called the war "unusual", but said he thought by fighting it the U.S. was assuring continued freedom for Southeast Asia.

The outgoing Commander of U.S. Troops in Vietnam is on a two-and-a-half day farewell tour of American Bases in Thailand.

WASHINGTON—Defense Secretary Clark M. Clifford said Thursday more hard fighting is ahead in Vietnam and the United States must be prepared to fight and negotiate at the same time.

He called the high intensity of the war since the Paris Talks began as "disappointing but not surprising".

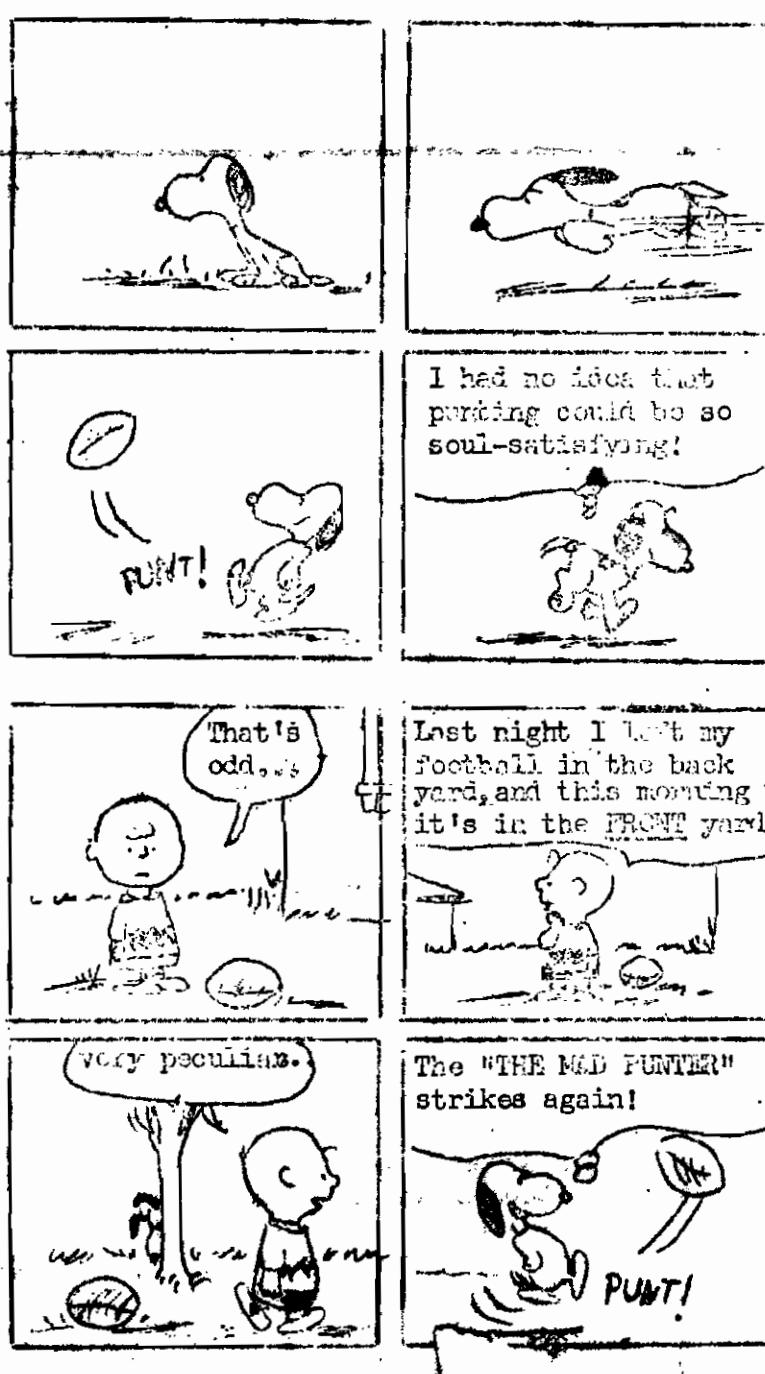
Clifford made the statements in testimony prepared for a closed session of the Senate Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations.

MANILA — The USS America, the U.S. Navy's newest aircraft carrier, will leave on its first trip to South Vietnam within a few days, it was learned Thursday.

The 77,600 ton carrier arrived at the U.S. Subic Bay Naval Base in the Philippines Tuesday after a 40 day trip around the world.

A U.S. Navy spokesman at Subic, about 75 miles west of Manila, said the ship carries more than 100 aircraft capable of delivering both conventional and nuclear weapons. There are more than 5,000 officers and men aboard, he said.

The carrier is part of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet.



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LONDON — Britain has stepped into line with most other boxing countries by ruling that eight ounce gloves be used for fights involving the three heavy divisions.

SAIGON — North Vietnamese forces have reoccupied the A Shau Valley just one week after Allied Troops ended a costly sweep through the communist stronghold, it was learned Thursday.