

More Pay Hikes In Next 2 Years

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WASHINGTON—The nation's 5.9 million military and federal civilian employees received a small pay raise this year with prospects built into the pay bill for another boost next year and still another in 1969.

How much the civilian raises will be can be estimated, but how much they may be for the military is anyone's guess, according to Paul D. Pentagon officials.

It is a year-and-a-half ago that a 4.5 per cent boost and the military received a comparable raise in base pay of 3.4 per cent.

In the pay bill Congress also included provisions to bring the civilian pay in line with increases that have been going on for some time in the civilian labor market; so another round of increases next year and the following year of 4.4 per cent and 7.4 per cent respectively can be expected. This comes to a three-year total of about 16 per cent.

Civilians may well receive these raises and following the reasoning that prevailed in Congress this year to give the servicemen the same help civilians get, men and women in uniform could then assume another increase of about 15 per cent or 16 per cent is in the offing.

While admitting the logic of this line of reasoning officials are quick to point out that this is not likely to happen because of the just-concluded Hubbell study of military compensation and career development.

Details of the study by Rear Adm. Lester E. Hubbell and a team of Army, Navy and Air Force officers, are now under review by top Defense officials before being translated into proposals for congressional approval next year. This legislation, aimed at putting servicemen on a salary system, is expected to have a significant effect on military pay in the future.

Outcome of the study and government plans for the future are expected to be made public in the next few weeks and possibly about the time the second session of Congress begins in mid-January.

Since one of the study's aims was for a new pay formula to induce men with the skills needed in the Army, Navy, Air

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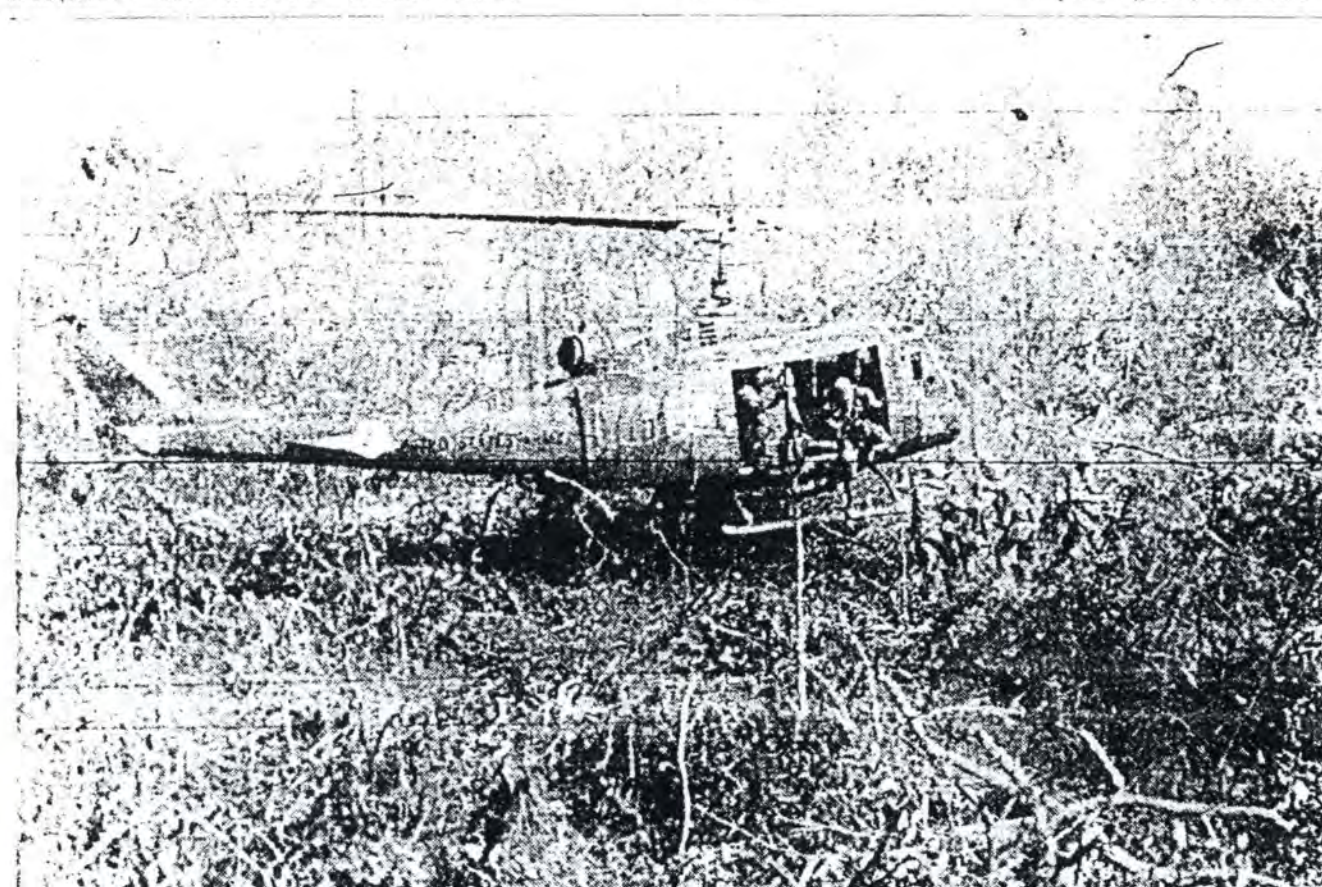
The U.S. Command said the total was enough to feed 504 men 14 pounds of rice a day for a year.

A spokesman said it was the most Viet Cong rice he could remember being uncovered at one time.

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Headquarters said that during 1967, Korean troops had constructed or repaired 32 classrooms, 39 clinics, 24 temples, 200 houses, 52 bridges and 70 miles of road.

Headquarters noted that since 1965, Korean involvement in the Vietnam war in 1965, 10 units had launched 150 major operations and 100,154 small-scale operations. Since 1965, headquarters said, Korean



Airborne Rescue for Wounded Soldier

Reinforcements leap from a helicopter as other men of the 2nd En., 25th Inf., carry a wounded comrade for medical evacuation

during a 25th Inf Div. operation about 40 miles north of Saigon. (USA Photo by Spec. 4 Joe Carey)

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