★ Millionaire's Daughter Kidnaped ★

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—The nightgown-clad 20-year-old coed daughter of a multi-millionaire Florida land developer, was kidnaped from an Atlanta motel early Tuesday by a shotgun-wielding duo, her mother told DeKalb County police.

Mrs. Robert F. Mackle reported that her daughter, Barbara Jane, a junior at Emory University in Atlanta, was taken at gunpoint after the kidnapers gained entry by claiming to be from a police agency.

The account of the incident was given by Mrs. Mackle in a complaint of "kidnaping at gunpoint" released by police to the news media.

The girl's father, Robert F. Mackle, 56, is secretary-treasurer of the Deltona Corp., a homebuilding firm with assets of $65 million, and is reputed to have made millions in a series of Florida land development and building projects.

Miss Mackle, a tall, brown-eyed brunette, was wearing a red and white check flannel

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Reinforced Convoy Batters Ambushers

Troops of 1st Air Cav. Div. advance over a tree trunk on patrol near Cambodian border. (UPI Radiophoto)

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SAIGON—An abortive Viet Cong ambush of a 25th Inf. Div. convoy Tuesday morning cost the Reds 35 dead.

U.S. spokesmen said the convoy was en route from Dau Tieng to Tay Ninh City when it was attacked by VC rifle and grenade fire 35 miles northwest of Saigon. The convoy security force immediately returned the fire and radioed for assistance.

A 25th Inf. Div. mechanized unit reinforced the beleaguered convoy while an infantry unit air-assaulted behind the Reds' positions. The infantrymen were supported by Air Force jet fighters, Army artillery and helicopter gunships.

The ambushers withdrew before 2 p.m., leaving behind 35 dead. Seven Americans were wounded, but there were no fatalities.

The 1st Marine Div. announced the start of Operation Taylor Common which has claimed 123 Red lives since Dec. 7. The huge search and clear operation is centered near An Hoa, 360 miles northeast of Saigon.

First Div. Marine casualties since Dec. 7 are 18 killed and 73 wounded. The Marines have detained 41 suspects for interrogation.

A 25th Inf. Div. ambush sprung on a VC sampan carrying enemy soldiers down the Saigon River Monday night, killed 15 Reds. There were no U.S. casualties in the action 20 miles above Saigon.

Meanwhile, U.S. forces sweeping above Saigon found numerous enemy bodies left behind by

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Nixon Appoints 2 Aides, Meets Thant

NEW YORK (UPI)—President-elect Richard M. Nixon Tuesday named two new members to his administration during a busy day of meeting advisers, appointees, and diplomats at the United Nations.

Nixon appointed Herbert Stein as a member of the Council of Economic Advisers. Stein, a senior fellow of the Brookings Institution, has been Nixon's chief adviser on fiscal policy, heading the task force in that area.

The president-elect also appointed John C. Whitaker, a campaign scheduler for Nixon and a vice president of the International Aero Service Corp., to be secretary to the cabinet.

Stein, 52, is the second member to be named to the Economic Advisory Council, the chairman of which is Paul W. McCracken. Whitaker, 42, will set up the agendas and schedules for Nixon's cabinet meetings.

Nixon's schedule also included a meeting with U.S. Secretary-General U Thant and a visit to the U.N. headquarters itself.

Press spokesman Ronald L. Ziegler said the President-elect would put off his announcement of his U.N. ambassador for several days and would not use his meeting with Thant as a forum to announce his choice.

The president-elect's day began with a courtesy call by the Emir of Kuwait, an oil-rich kingdom on the Persian Gulf, who said that he received a "very good impression" of Nixon's stance on the tense Middle East.

Then came a half hour discussion with Gov. George W. Romney of Michigan, secretary-designate of housing and urban

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Cost of Giving to Your True Love Rises

FT. BRAGG, N.C. (UPI) — The cost of Christmas is going up—particularly if you're going to buy your true love a gift for each of the 12 days of Christmas —like the lyrics say in that favorite yuletide carol.

Once the man who sent his true love exotic gifts on each of the 12 days could do it for a song. Last year, according to the Ft. Bragg Information Office, the gifts would have cost $224,721.48, if he had been stationed here.

But Army researchers found that because of a 4.5 per cent increase in the cost of living, the price this year for gifts ranging from 12 drummers drumming to a partridge in a pear tree jumps to $234,877.86.

The Army said Bureau of Labor Statistics figures released last month increased by $10,156.38 the amount determined last year by Spec. W. J. Chandler of Raleigh, N.C., then a draftee.

Chandler discovered last year the partridge in a pear tree the Englishman gave his lady love would cost $16.25. Today the cost would be $16.98.

By today's higher prices, he

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