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# Attack in Fog

# KHE SANH RAID FAILS

SAIGON (AP) — Charging through a natural camouflage of predawn fog, more than 500 North Vietnamese infantrymen drove to the barbed-wire ring around the U.S. fortress at Khe Sanh Friday.

South Vietnamese Rangers and giant Air Force B52 bombers crushed the attack, the heaviest mounted yet against the 500 Rangers and 5,000 U.S. Marine defenders.

Associated Press correspondent Peter Arnett reported from Khe Sanh that the eight-engine B52 Stratofortresses, flying in direct support of infantrymen at Khe Sanh for the first time in more than 1,000 sorties, rained tons of explosives only 750 yards in front of the Rangers' lines.

Arnett said that the North Vietnamese troops lost 70 dead. Casualties among the Allied defenders in the ground attack and an earlier heavy shelling of the fortress were reported as "very light."

The attack was launched on the eastern perimeter of the two-square-mile base held by

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With President Johnson looking on and Mrs. Clifford holding the Bible, Clark Clifford takes the oath of office as secretary of defense from Chief Justice Earl Warren in ceremony in the White House East Room Friday. (AP Radiophoto)

## Clifford Takes Oath

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson welcomed Clark M. Clifford to the cabinet as secretary of defense Friday with a renewed pledge that control of American military might would "firmly and forever" reside in civilian hands. Clifford took the oath of office in a ceremony in the White House East Room. The oath was administered by Chief Justice Earl Warren.

Before Clifford took the oath Johnson praised the new cabinet officer's role in helping develop a unified Defense Department.

Shortly after World War II as

### Amen

FT. LEWIS, Wash. (UPI)—As Brig. Gen. Robert L. Ashworth was presenting officers diplomas for a course in work simplification, he asked Maj. Walter R. Laubscher, a chaplain, "Does this mean you've found a shortcut to heaven?"

"No sir," replied Laubscher, "Just shorter prayers."

## Hundreds Injured in Rome As Students Battle Police

ROME (AP) — Downtown Rome was paralyzed Friday by rioting Rome University students who battled thousands of helmeted policemen.

The police used clubs and tear gas.

About 150 police and scores of passers-by were hurt. More than 150 students were arrested.

Midcity bus and taxi service halted. Shopkeepers shuttered their stores. Passers-by and school children fled as the rioting spread.

Students screaming "Revolution! Revolution!" bombarded police with stones ripped up from the streets. They overturned and set fire to police cars and buses. Ambulances with sirens screaming raced through the streets.

It was the most violent clash in the city since students began occupying university buildings three weeks ago in a campaign for more say in school administration and more modern teaching methods.

A parade of 3,000 students formed in Piazza di Spagna and marched to the School of Archi-

ecture to fight with police guarding the building.

Groups of shouting students surrounded a policeman, disarmed him and set fire to two empty police trucks, a jeep, a police car and a fireman's car.

The rioting came a day after police, summoned by Giovanni D'Avack, university rector, moved onto the main campus

and dragged hundreds of students from buildings they had been occupying since early February.

Demonstrations originally began as part of a national student move to force a series of reforms. But the movement quickly took on a political tone. Many of the demonstrators were

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## \$150-Million Mistake Keeps Bouncing Along

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—The Fidelity Bankers Life Insurance Co. in Richmond as a promotional gimmick mailed out \$150 million in make-believe checks to insurance brokers last year.

By design, the checks—each for \$15,485—looked real. Far too real, in fact. And to complicate matters, Fidelity bankers forgot one detail—it forgot to mark them non-negotiable. All 10,000 of them.

So far, a score or so have turned up at banks around the

nation. Company officials' faces now are the color of the red banknote paper on which the checks were printed. They admit a couple have even cleared Richmond banks and gone as far as regional Federal Reserve clearing houses.

The checks were mailed out to emphasize to insurance brokers how they could increase their commissions by selling the new Fidelity Bankers policy.

The checks, all numbered

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## Blizzard Paralyzes Northeast

Compiled From AP and UPI  
Heavy wet snow, riding on winds up to 45 miles an hour, swept across New England Friday with the total fall in some sections reported at 15 inches.

In New York City heavy snow accompanied by high winds snapped power lines in three of the city's boroughs, blacking out numerous residential areas and playing havoc with the fire department alarm system.

Police said the snow had particularly affected fire alarm lines in Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island.

The sanitation department had 1,500 men spreading salt and said that if the snow continued

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## Topless Triple Exposure

HANFORD, Calif. (UPI)—Two women, aged 22 and 21, were charged with indecent exposure in the first raid on a topless nightclub in Kings County. The arrests came after five county investigators gathered evidence by watching the show—three times.

# Key VC Positions Overrun North of Tan Son Nhut AB

SAIGON (UPI) — South Vietnamese paratroops overran the fortified positions of an estimated two companies of Viet Cong Friday, killing 22 of the Communist defenders in a banana grove near Saigon.

The fight erupted shortly after 8 a.m. on the outskirts of Tan Thoi Hiep village, two miles north of Tan Son Nhut Air Base. This deserted, shell-shattered farming community was the scene of a fierce clash between the paratroops and a Communist battalion two days earlier.

U.S. advisors with the paratroops said the fight may have

interrupted a Viet Cong burial ceremony for the men they lost in the previous battle. Three open graves and seven fresh ones were found by the paratroops after the battle.

The immediate area surrounding Tan Thoi Hiep has been hotly contested between the opposing forces here four times since the Communists launched their Tet offensive. American officers believe the Viet Cong want to use the village to fire rockets on the sprawling air base directly to the south.

"They've got to get in here to do any harm. This is the maximum range for their rock-

ets, if they want to hit Tan Son Nhut," Capt. Herb Lloyd of Hope, Ark., said. "We'll probably have more action around here in the next few days."

The Communist effort to gain control of Tan Thoi Hiep has cost them dearly. Since Tet, they have lost more than 200 men killed in and around the village.

Among those killed in Friday's fighting was a Communist company commander and a North Vietnamese soldier. The paratroops also captured three machine guns, 11 automatic rifles and a large assortment of rockets and ammunition.

# Vietnam Casualties

WASHINGTON (S&S) — The Defense Department has announced the following casualties in connection with the conflict in Vietnam.

## KILLED IN ACTION

**Army**  
Pfc. Archie V. Willis, Stevenson, Ala.  
SP4 Harold L. Bagody, Tulsa City, Ariz.  
1Lt. Robert S. Hutchinson II, Hacienda Heights, Calif.  
Cpl. Rodney S. Cantohos, Waiipahu, Oahu, Hawaii.  
Sgt. Dennis J. Lulofs, Derr, Mich.  
Cpl. Lawrence J. Farrell, Lawrence, Mass.  
Pfc. Richard D. Vick, Bemidji, Minn.  
SP4 Larry W. Elliott, Ballywin, Mo.  
SP4 Steven R. Anderson, Levittown, N.Y.  
SP4 Michael Punillo, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
SP4 Donald P. Roemer, East Amherst, N.Y.  
Pfc. David E. Keister, Reynoldsburg, Ohio.  
Pfc. Ernest W. Fowlke, Pleasant Grove, Utah.

## Navy

HM3 Charles E. Olson, Naytahwaush, Minn.  
HN Richard D. Odaffer, Albert Lea, Minn.  
HM2 Alvin L. Raper, Abilene, Tex.  
FN Christopher Delgado, San Antonio, Tex.  
SEAMAN J. B. Cathey, Victoria, Tex.

## Marine Corps

Cpl. John H. Reynolds, Bessemer, Ala.  
Pfc. Ernest F. Lawrence, Walnut Creek, Calif.  
Pfc. Michael L. Lavato, Barstow, Cal.  
Pfc. Anthony Montana, Pueblo, Colo.  
Capt. Stephen P. Thuel, Washington, D.C.  
Sgt. Carl C. Lowery, Indianapolis, Ind.  
1Cpl. Thomas V. Maybury, Chamblee, Ga.  
1Cpl. John F. Lewis, Joliet, Ill.  
1Cpl. Cordell E. Woods, Chicago, Ill.  
Pfc. Dennis W. Frisbee, South Beloit, Ill.  
Pfc. Joseph Osborne Jr., Chicago, Ill.  
1Cpl. Howard R. Carpenter Jr., Indianapolis, Ind.  
1Cpl. Charles J. Martin, Connersville, Ind.  
Pfc. Harold W. Abbott, Darlington, Ind.  
1Cpl. Richard S. Roberts, Kansas City, Kan.  
Pfc. Jerry D. Mounis, Wichita, Kan.  
Sgt. Bobby R. Hatfield, Pineville, Ky.  
Pfc. Everett E. Justice Jr., Mount Airy, Md.  
1Cpl. Kenneth R. Johnson, Florence, Mass.  
1Cpl. Douglas A. Young, Dorchester, Mass.  
2ndLt. Terence R. Roach, Detroit, Mich.  
1Cpl. Patrick W. Murphy, Southfield, Mich.  
Pfc. David A. Bernheisel, Battle Creek, Mich.  
Pfc. William T. Mangum Jr., Jackson, Miss.  
Pfc. Jimmy A. Darnell, Dover, Mo.  
Pfc. David L. Boyd, Newark, N.J.  
Cpl. Donald G. Brant, Norwalk, N.Y.  
1Cpl. Sylvester W. McFarland, Rochester, N.Y.  
Pfc. Alberto Colon, Bayside, N.Y.  
Pfc. William M. De Vos, Rochester, N.Y.  
Pfc. Daniel M. Stone, Illon, N.Y.  
Pfc. Robert G. Burr, Wadesboro, N.C.  
Pfc. Robert L. Couick, Gastonia, N.C.  
Pfc. Billy C. Hayes, Winston-Salem, N.C.  
Pfc. Robert M. Marden, Greensboro, N.C.  
1Cpl. Ronald W. Shields, Enid, Okla.  
Pfc. Thomas W. Kieran, Luzerne, Penn.  
Pvt. James P. Harkinson, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Pfc. Gary R. Smith, Memphis, Tenn.  
Cpl. Robert A. Taylor, Corpus Christi, Tex.  
1Cpl. Michael C. Kinsey, Cleburne, Tex.  
Pfc. Ronald L. McElroy, Duncanville, Tex.  
Pfc. Thomas J. Sparks, Groves, Tex.  
Pfc. William L. Draper, Hopewell, Va.  
Cpl. David H. Warner, Mercer Island, Wash.  
Cpl. Raymond R. Lewis, Milwaukee, Wisc.  
Cpl. Harry W. Schneider, Jamesville, Wisc.  
Pfc. Kenneth W. Radanski, Milwaukee, Wisc.

## Air Force

A1C John J. Kopter, Hamilton City, Calif.  
A1C Larry C. Cox, Denver, Colo.

## DIED OF WOUNDS

**Navy**  
SEAMAN: Michael Pellegrino, Maspeth, N.Y.  
**Marine Corps**  
1Cpl. Gene D. Killgore, El Centro, Calif.  
1Cpl. Kenneth E. Stetson, Loveland, Colo.  
Pfc. Michael W. Warren, Golden, Colo.  
Pfc. Joseph C. Andrew, Auburn, Ky.  
1Cpl. Joseph T. Bailey, Warsaw, N.Y.  
Pfc. Raymond Rodriguez, Staten Island, N.Y.

## MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE

**Army**  
Pfc. Larry J. Blankenship, Midfield, Ala.  
Sgt. Norbert P. Holzapfel, Burbank, Calif.  
Sgt. Alfred H. Bleigh, Pacific Grove, Calif.  
Sgt. Donald W. Vaughn, Ventura, Calif.  
SP4 John D. Mendoza, South Gate, Calif.  
Pfc. William Blakely, Castro Valley, Calif.  
Pfc. Joseph D. Daughton Jr., San Leandro, Calif.

1Lt. William E. West, East Granby, Conn.  
Sgt. Donald E. Dawson Jr., Wilmington, Del.  
Cpl. Ronald L. Brown, Washington, D.C.  
MSGT. William L. Coffey, Columbus, Ga.  
Sgt. Herbert C. Davis, Blairsville, Ga.  
SP4 Marvin E. Monroe, Columbus, Ga.  
Pfc. Michael J. Kurella, Willing, Ga.  
Pvt. John S. Stuckey Jr., Cloverdale, Ga.  
Pfc. John L. Jones, Madisonville, Ky.  
Pfc. Charles B. Poole, Hardinsburg, Ky.  
Sgt. James W. Wilson, McDade, La.  
SP4 Charles M. Burke, Mandeville, La.  
SP4 Jack L. Croxdale II, Lake Charles, La.  
SSgt. Luther Page, Jr., Baltimore, Md.  
SP4 Christopher Lyon, Caldwell, Mich.  
Pfc. David E. Wedhorn, Union Lake, Mich.  
SSgt. Vernon S. Tschertter, Windam, Minn.  
Sgt. Donald D. Roach, Concord, N.H.  
Sgt. Donald Iandoli, Paterson, N.J.  
SP5 William Elster, Mount Holly, N.J.  
Pfc. Daniel A. Hildebrandt, Iselin, N.J.  
1Lt. Robert E. Coates, New York, N.Y.  
Pfc. Peter Colicchio, Brentwood, N.Y.  
Pfc. Geavel Lopez-Garcia, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Pfc. Edwin J. Martinez-Mercado, New York, N.Y.  
Pfc. Timothy C. Reffmann, Valley Stream, N.Y.

Pfc. David R. Reynolds, Buffalo, N.Y.  
SP4 Lemmie D. Lunsford, Durham, N.C.  
SP4 Robert M. Stefan Jr., Jamesville, N.C.  
Pfc. Elbert H. Maxwell, Statesville, N.C.  
Pfc. Gary F. Shaw, Toledo, Ohio.  
Pfc. Leonard E. Euliff, Miami, Okla.  
Pfc. Roger G. Wilson, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
SP4 John N. Brackman, Monroe, Ore.  
1Lt. William R. Ross Jr., Pittsburg, Penn.  
Pfc. Danny E. Daniels, Spartanburg, S.C.  
WO Roger S. Cameron, Pierpont, S.D.  
Pfc. Larry W. Norgaard, Ironquils, S.D.  
Sgt. Ronnie L. Adams, Iowa Park, Tex.  
SP4 Ernest W. Caraway, New Braunfels, Tex.

Pfc. Robert C. Maurice, Fort Worth, Tex.  
Pfc. Benjamin D. De Herrera, East Vernal, Utah.  
1Lt. Hugh R. Mc Kibbin Jr., Arlington, Va.  
SP4 Fletcher L. Lewis, Danville, Va.  
Pfc. William H. J. Underwood, Arlington, Va.  
SP4 Ronald A. Greenwald, Mt. Vernon, Wash.  
SP4 Dale S. Puhlis, Rochester, Wash.  
SP4 Kenneth E. Tichnell, Newaura, W.Va.  
Pfc. Walter R. Waschick, Merrill, Wisc.

**Air Force**  
Capt. Edward B. Quill Jr., Phoenix, Ariz.  
A1C Brent J. Tash, Cocoa, Fla.  
SSgt. Robert K. Kawamura, Waiipahu, Hawaii.  
Sgt. James H. Bennett, Cynthiana, Ky.  
SSgt. Roger G. Lee, Alexandria, La.  
Sgt. Warren Dixon, Newton, Mass.  
Capt. Thomas J. Marge, Philadelphia, Penn.  
1Cpl. Karl M. Valdron Jr., Alexandria, Va.

**DIED WHILE CAPTURED OR INTERNED**  
**Army**  
Capt. William F. Eisenbraun, Glendale, Calif.

## MISSING IN ACTION

**Army**  
2Lt. Robert W. Price  
1Lt. Richard P. Bruce  
WO Thomas J. Moore  
WO Garry D. Sheppard  
Sfc. Donald J. Gouin  
Sfc. Harvey G. Brande  
SSgt. Benjamin F. Malffson  
SSgt. Wilburn E. Westler  
SSgt. George M. Kinnley  
SSgt. Sheldon E. Blower  
SSgt. Leonard Bunnelle  
Sgt. Donald L. Lloyd  
Sgt. Seventy J. Pollock  
Sgt. David H. Lewis  
Sgt. James G. Standefer  
SP4 Robert S. Griffith  
SP4 Kendall T. Finney  
SP4 Rhonda G. Claypool  
SP4 James O. Feeman  
SP4 Ulysses Stewart  
SP4 James D. Douglas  
SP4 Michael M. Alley  
SP4 Leonard M. Philips  
SP4 Michael J. Lynch  
SP4 Charles P. Hadley  
SP4 Valentine B. Vollmer  
SP4 Joseph V. Spellman  
SP4 Melvin C. Dore  
SP4 Joseph S. Sabarak, II  
SP4 Thomas C. Vaughan  
Pfc. Terrence E. Feder  
Pfc. Charles A. Stovall  
Pfc. Herman Mc Kinzie  
Pfc. Larry L. Hackleman  
Pfc. Henry M. Tobat  
Pfc. George H. Dize  
Pfc. Gary B. Cates  
Pfc. George G. Lescarbeau  
Pfc. Gerald L. Millbrodt  
Pfc. Donald W. Dixon  
Pfc. John Barbary  
Pfc. Darrell L. Cabell  
Pfc. William C. Jenkins  
Pfc. John F. Turrell

**Marine Corps**  
Capt. Lucien C. Testler  
Sgt. Kenneth P. Ehnis  
1Cpl. Benjamin F. Johnson, III

**DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION**  
**Army**  
SSgt. Clayton Ligoins, Tacoma, Wash.

**Navy**  
BM1 Walter G. Anderson, Oxnard, Calif.

**Marine Corps**  
1Cpl. Louis W. Knib, Baltimore, Md.

**MISSING TO DEAD—NON HOSTILE**  
**Army**  
SP4 LeRoy A. Peter, Payson, Ill.  
SP5 Charles O. Goodman, Memphis, Tenn.

**Navy**  
HM2 Halcott P. Jones Jr., Atlanta, Ga.  
HM3 Wallace C. Slaughter Jr., McGrath, Penn.

**Marine Corps**  
Cpl. George W. Ellis, Camarillo, Calif.  
Pfc. Daniel Diaz, Long Beach, Calif.  
1Cpl. Charles H. Smith, Elberton, Calif.  
1Cpl. Ronald L. Helfand, Chicago, Ill.  
1Cpl. David D. Nicholson, Rockford, Ill.  
WO Millard E. Price Jr., Salisbury, Md.  
Sgt(Maj. Lawrence J. Cyr, King of Prussia, Penn.  
Sgt. Michael R. Day, Ashland, Tenn.  
Pfc. Michael E. Vaught, Corpus Christi, Tex.

**CORRECTION**  
2ndLt. Michael J. Hall, USMC, change status from missing to dead—hostile to missing to dead—non hostile.

# U.S. Shifts Generals In North

SAIGON (AP)—Gen. William C. Westmoreland's headquarters announced Friday a change in the American commanders directing the fighting in the menaced northern provinces of South Vietnam.

The shift is expected to result soon in the return to Saigon of Westmoreland's deputy, Gen. Creighton W. Abrams.

Abrams only three weeks ago was sent to Phu Bai, a big Marine air base complex seven miles south of Hue, to take charge of a northern command post known as "MACV Forward." The area includes Khe Sanh and the five northern provinces in the I Military Corps.

The change in the northern set-up announced Friday by the U.S. command put Lt. Gen. William B. Rosson in the position of deputy commander to Abrams. Since last August, Rosson has been commander of the area in the central part of South Vietnam just south of the five northern provinces.

The reason for sending Rosson as deputy in the north was not announced.

# House Rejects Thieu Request

SAIGON (UPI) — South Vietnam's House of Representatives Friday overwhelmingly rejected President Nguyen Van Thieu's request for special economic and financial powers in the face of the Communist offensive.

The lower House deputies voted 85 to 10 against the request, which was made by Thieu on Feb. 9 following the Communists' wave of attacks on the country's cities and towns.

Thieu had asked for the power to bypass the legislature and rule by decree in economic and financial matters.

In the debate which preceded Friday's vote, the majority of speakers based their opposition to Thieu's request on the grounds that it would be unconstitutional for the President to assume such powers.

Some deputies said they would be willing to give priority consideration to economic and financial proposals made by the President but that they were not willing to give up their law-making powers in that field.

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## More Than a Little Luck

This South Vietnamese Ranger has good reason to consider himself very lucky. What he's looking at is a dud mortar round that landed next to him during fighting in the Cholon section of Saigon. (UPI Radiophoto)

## Covered Downing of Plane

# Mortars Wound 3 Newsmen

SAIGON (UPI) — A C123 transport plane was shot down Friday shortly after takeoff from the U.S. Marine base at Khe Sanh. One passenger aboard the plane was injured, and three newsmen who rushed to the scene of the wreckage were wounded in a subsequent mortar attack.

UPI stringer photographer David Powell said a few minutes after the crash mortar rounds crashed into the crowd of newsmen and Marines who had rushed forward to help the

passengers out of the burning plane.

(AP reported the injured newsmen were Russ Bensley, a producer with CBS; John Smith, a CBS television cameraman; and Hugh Van Es, a soundman for NBC.)

"I saw the C123 lifting off, it flew a few feet off the ground and just came back down again," Powell said.

Powell said the plane skidded sideways towards the sand-bagged trench which is the Khe Sanh press center and hit the

wreckage of a C130 transport that was downed two weeks ago.

"Men started running out of their bunkers to help the people off the plane. They were clambering out through the nose on the right side," Powell said.

"Two fire trucks pulled up and someone yelled, 'All you spectators get out of here,' but while they were massed around the incoming rounds started and continued for at least an hour," Powell said.

# Times Change— But Okinawa's Charcoal Doesn't

By ETSUJIRO MIYAGI

S&S Okinawa Bureau

NAGO, Okinawa — During World War II, when every conceivable thing was rationed under a rigid national austerity program, civilian omnibuses and taxis for civilians were driven by charcoal.

These vehicles with bulky charcoal burners panting and whining often ran out of steam and stopped midway up a hill. Passengers had to push their vehicles up the slope and hop on for the ride downhill.

Drivers had to replenish the burners with evenly crushed charcoal, fanning it vigorously for hours, until finally they were put out of action by the carbon monoxide fumes.

Instead of gasoline tanks, bus terminals had mountains of charcoal sacks. Drivers and mechanics had to stuff burners of the vehicles and get a fire going hours before they could drive them. Men with their faces and hands smeared with grime and charcoal powder were a common scene around these terminals.

Those charcoal days are now long gone, but charcoal is still an important heat source on Okinawa, partly for economic and partly for psychological reasons.

People particular about the way their fish is cooked, say it does not taste right when broiled over an electric or gas range. Rice also tastes better when boiled by charcoal fire, they claim.

Stew meat and spare ribs they claim cook better over a charcoal fire.

But, more important, charcoal is indispensable for many families as a heating fuel. When a hibachi (charcoal brazier) is used in a Western-style concrete house, it accumulates a toxic gas, which can cause headaches and clogged nostrils. But in naturally-ventilated Japanese-style homes, it poses no problem. Well, almost. . . .

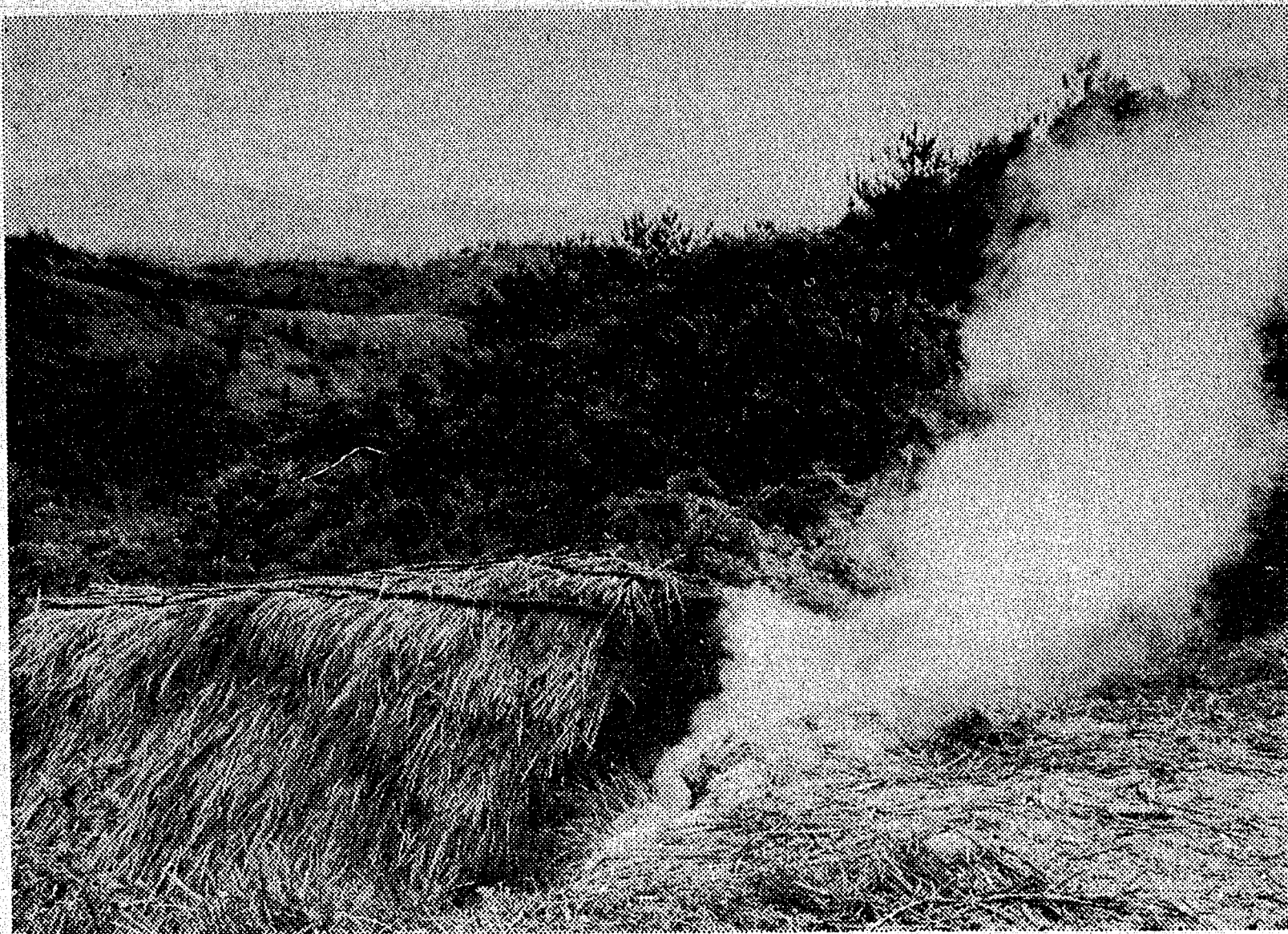
Just as Christmas without snow is no Christmas to some people, a cold New Year's season without a blazing hibachi offers no holiday mood.

Charcoal used here is produced in the mountain areas of northern Okinawa. Woodcutters stack freshly-cut mountain logs in dome-shaped kilns made of clay, and cure the wood for six days.

When smoke rising from the eye of the dome turns from white to thin blue, it signals that the logs have been completely dehydrated. The kiln is then sealed and left to cool for four additional days.

The kiln is carefully opened on the 11th day. This is the most important step in the whole process. If any cinder is left at the bottom of the kiln, the accumulated gas inside flares up upon contact with air and completely ruins the charcoal.

One kiln of charcoal sells for \$90 to \$100.



Fire is put to the charcoal kiln through a small hole in the bottom part. When the smoke changes from white to blue it is time to stop the burning and the kiln is completely sealed for four days.



Tetsuo Kinjo, 82, takes charcoal from the furnace after the four-day cooling period.



Kinjo packs finished charcoal into bundles for shipment to local stores. A bundle of charcoal costs about \$1.15.



Kinjo opens a furnace to take out charcoal after 10-day process. Lumber burn in the furnace for six days, then cool for four days prior to removal for packing. (S&S Photos by Eikoh Goya)

# Reds Pushed Back in Drive on Khe Sanh

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 the battalion of 500 elite South Vietnamese Rangers. The North Vietnamese infantrymen charged behind three platoons of demolition experts called sappers.

Arnett reported that some of the Communist sappers managed to place Bangalore torpedoes under the coils of barbed wire that circle the fortress but were killed before they could set off the charges.

The Allied defenders at Khe Sanh, encircled by an estimated 20,000 North Vietnamese troops, have been anticipating an all-out attack for several weeks in what could develop into the biggest battle of the war.

But so far the Communists have failed to mount a massive, sustained assault in what has become a war of nerves. North Vietnamese gunners have been chipping away at the Marines and Rangers with heavy shellings each day, launching ground probes and zeroing in on cargo planes bringing in supplies of ammunition and food.

Col. David Lownds, the base commander, said that when the attack came Friday morning, he thought "this might be the big attack, but it was just another probe."

He told Arnett that the North Vietnamese troops also made several other small attacks along the line held by Marines in the northeast and south sections.

Arnett said the North Vietnamese launched their main assault from trenchlines they had dug within 50 yards of the Rangers' lines in the past week despite the most massive and concerted bombing campaign of the war.

The B52 bombers normally do not strike any closer than to within 3,000 yards of Allied positions but they cut this to 750 yards to round what was believed to be the assembling area for the enemy assault.

The giant Stratofortresses also flew six others missions between noon Thursday and noon Friday, hitting at other troop concentrations and gun positions menacing Khe Sanh. One of the raids Friday morning on suspected troop concentrations and artillery positions was within a mile of the fortress.

U.S. senior commanders say they can hold the Khe Sanh fortress. It is considered a vital stronghold by the U.S. command because it sits astride North Vietnamese invasion routes from the west leading across South Vietnam's northern valleys. The fortress is in the northwest quadrant of South Vietnam 14 miles south of the Demilitarized Zone and seven miles from the Laotian border.



POLICE BUS AND A CAR BURN AFTER BEING SET ABLAZE DURING STUDENT RIOTS. OTHER PICTURES ON PAGES 12-13.

## Rome—

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 admirers of Communist China's Mao Tse-tung, and president Ho Chi Minh of North Vietnam.

Some 2,000 police blocked off all entrances at the main campus Friday, admitting only university personnel.

At the School of Architecture students ripped up paving stones and hurled them at helmeted police. The fighting spilled over into the Lycée Chateaubriand, a nearby French school, as police chased demonstrators into the school grounds.

The disorders echoed in parliament. Political parties, from communists to Fascists, demanded explanations from the government of why police had been brought into the situation.

A university reform bill, years in preparation, is still pending in Parliament. With just weeks to go before Parliament is dissolved for new elections in late May or early June, the bill is given little chance of passage.

Demonstrators at the university here and at universities across the country demand a wider voice in school administration. They want an end to the practice of permitting absentee professors to hold university posts while away at jobs in business or government.

## No Trace Found Of Lost Bomber

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (UPI)—The Coast Guard dismissed Friday as a probable meteor the flare-like light seen Thursday night in the Gulf of Mexico area where a B52 bomber is believed to have gone down Wednesday night with a crew of eight.

The crew of a fishing boat late Thursday saw a flash of green light which looked like a flare.

The Coast Guard said more than 30 planes—Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard—now are involved in the search for the

bomber along with several seagoing vessels.

Those on board the plane were identified as Maj. Frank M. Salvarria, 35, aircraft commander, Mt. Vernon, N.Y.; 1st Lt. William T. Causey, 28, copilot, Houston; Capt. Charles W. Roberts, radar navigator, Alamogordo, N.M.; 1st Lt. Michael L. Carroll, 26, navigator, Brownwood, Tex.; Capt. John T. Pantilla, 27, electronics warfare officer, Verriem Springs, Mich.; M. Sgt. Kermit C. Casey, 36, tail gunner, Little Rock, Ark.; Maj. Philip F. Strike, 32, instructor pilot, Mansfield, Ohio, and Capt. Thomas D. Childs, 25, instructor navigator, Muncie, Ind.

## Mistake—

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 99999, were drawn on the First City National Bank of Virginia — which is as phony as the checks.

They were "signed" by Paul Clarke, who was listed as "director—Hero Department." Clarke and the "Hero Department" are imaginary, too.

Officials at Fidelity Bankers figure many of the fake checks have been "deposited" by pranksters. Some, they think, may have been sent to banks by accident — by secretaries who thought they were part of the daily haul of premium payments.

## Farley Reported Satisfactory

NEW YORK (UPI)—James A. Farley, former postmaster general and "grand old man" of the Democratic party, was reported in "most satisfactory" condition at St. Clare's Hospital Thursday following surgery.

The hospital said Farley, 79, was admitted Feb. 20.

A statement from the team of surgeons who performed the exploratory abdominal operation said it was "tolerated very well by the patient and the patient's general condition is most satisfactory."

## Blizzard—

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 to pile up it would shift some men from the 5,000-man day force to help with snow-clearing operations.

Schools were closed in many areas of New England and many other events were cancelled.

Highway and air travel was hampered by the blinding snow which left roads and runways hazardous.

Snow depths in Massachusetts, southern Vermont and New Hampshire, and Maine averaged 6 to 10 inches. Lesser amounts were reported in southern Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Some ski resorts in New Hampshire and Maine reported up to 15 inches of snow.

Abnormally high tides pounded the New England shores northward to Eastport, Maine.

Horse racing was cancelled at Narragansett Park in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

The storm forced cancellation of a scheduled news conference by Michigan Governor George Romney in Manchester, New Hampshire. Instead, he held it in Washington, D.C.

## Weather

USAF Weather Central  
 TOKYO AREA

Saturday night: Fair; Low low 30s  
 Sunday: Cloudy w/ gusty winds; High low 30s

### TEMPERATURES

March 2, 1968					
	H	L			
Bangkok	91	75	Suwon	94	78
Chitose	37	25	Seoul	36	21
Hazuke	63	30	Taipei	57	46
Manila	89	64	Tokyo	64	45
Naha	66	57			
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Albany	43	30	Miami	75	59
Aibue	51	30	Minneapolis	27	11
Amorillo	56	19	Moscow	23	19
Atlanta	37	32	N. Orleans	50	37
Bismarck	39	31	NYC	39	34
Boise	46	33	N. Platte	56	03
Boston	37	32	Okla. City	38	18
Chicago	28	17	Omaha	35	03
Cincinnati	31	22	Paris	50	32
Cleveland	24	15	Philly	30	20
Denver	40	30	Phoenix	77	49
Des Moines	23	05	Pittsburgh	31	23
Detroit	30	18	Port., O.	68	39
Duluth	21	-5	Reno	68	22
Fairbanks	30	08	Richmond	37	34
Fort Worth	45	27	Singapore	88	72
Hong Kong	69	56	St. Louis	35	15
Honolulu	81	65	St. Paul	74	03
Jackville	44	31	Salt Lake	57	31
Jakarta	86	68	S. Antonio	55	33
Kansas City	24	11	San Fran.	54	34
K. Lumpur	93	70	Seattle	64	40
London	41	29	Shreveport	44	27
L.A.	82	52	Sydney	80	73
Louisville	32	25	Turkey	71	56
Melbourne	95	62	Wash.	43	36
Memphis	37	30			

## LBJ and Scientists On Secret Texas Trip

HOUSTON, Texas (AP)—President Johnson arrived at Ellington AFB near America's space capital in South Texas Friday.

Ellington AFB was the first stop on another secrecy-shrouded weekend trip by the President.

Presidential Press Secretary George Christian said other stops would be announced as the President continued his trip.

Invited to accompany Johnson

were James E. Webb, administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Dr. Frederick Seitz, president of the National Academy of Sciences and a member of the Science Advisory Board, and Dr. Charles S. Draper, one of the scientists who developed the guidance system for the Polaris submarine system and for Apollo space flights.

The President announced after landing that he is summoning all parties in the 230-day copper strike to an emergency White House conference Monday. The conference is to aim at achieving around-the-clock bargaining.