

# Mystery Spaceship Launched by Soviets

MOSCOW (AP) — A new unmanned Soviet Sputnik, Zond 4, rocketed into space Sunday amid hints it may make history's first attempt to orbit the moon and return to earth.

Without specifying its mission, an official announcement said the space ship was launched Saturday—first into a "parking orbit" around the earth, then into a new flight path heading for "outlying regions of near-earth space."

The phrase "near-earth space" has been used in past announcements to mean the region of the moon.

The last previous mission in the Soviet Union's Zond (probe) series, Zond 3, took pictures of the far side of the moon in August 1965 on its way into orbit around the sun.

The brief announcement described the new probe as an "automatic station" and (Continued on Back Page, Col. 2)



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## Puerto Rico Resorts Periled

# OIL SHIP SPLITS IN 2

## 48 GIs Slain in Ambush

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON — A company from the 25th Inf. Div. was ambushed by Communist troops four miles north of Tan Son Nhut airport Saturday.

Forty-eight U.S. infantrymen were killed and 28 wounded.

The U.S. command said the company was on a reconnaissance mission along Route 248, which runs into Saigon, when they were hit by the dug-in Communist force at 9:20 a.m.

The Communists raked the U.S. company with a savage barrage of small arms and automatic weapons fire and exploded anti-personnel claymore mines into the U.S. company's ranks.

U.S. Army helicopter gunships hit the Communist positions and artillery fire and air strikes pounded the area in an (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)

## 3,600 Marines Arrive in Viet

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON — The arrival of 3,600 fresh Marines in South Vietnam was announced by the U.S. Command Sunday.

The 27th Marine Regt. has arrived in Vietnam within the past three weeks, U.S. spokesmen said.

The additional Marines bring the total of new troops in Vietnam to at least 7,600 since President Johnson asked for 10,500 fresh troops in early February.

The 27th Marines are commanded by Col. Adolf G. Schwenk. The main body arrived in the Da Nang area on Feb. 17, according to the command.

Heavy equipment and some of the troops arrived by ship on Feb. 28.

The new unit will be responsible for the securing of the area south of Da Nang.



President Johnson points out planes in the sky to his son-in-law, Patrick Lyndon Nugent, at Ramey AFB in Puerto Rico. The President wears a turtleneck sweater and sports attire. (AP Radiophoto)

## LBJ Watches Practice Alert Of N-Bombers in Puerto Rico

RAMEY AIR FORCE BASE, Puerto Rico (AP) — President Johnson watched as six B52 bombers, each carrying four nuclear bombs, went through a practice alert at this American air base in the Caribbean Sunday.

Under the President's eye, Strategic Air Command crews rushed to their bombers and KC135 tanker planes as the alert klaxon sounded.

Within four minutes the eight-engine jets—of a newer

type than those used in conventional missions in Vietnam—were rolling along the takeoff strip, their engines thundering.

The planes, however, did not take off. With the commander in chief standing at his elbow, Col. George McKee told a newsman that these armed bombers on alert do not take off except under orders from the President himself.

After a B52 crashed on the ice at Greenland a few weeks ago, the Pentagon was reported to

SAN JUAN, P.R. (UPI) — A tanker loaded with 5.7 million gallons of crude oil split in two Sunday in pounding seas at the entrance to San Juan harbor. The slimy fuel oozed from the wreckage and befouled the city's tourist-crowded beaches.

The shipwreck also forced closure of the port and trapped six U.S. warships at their moorings.

Patches of crude oil from the 12,065-ton, 579-foot Ocean Eagle began washing ashore in front of some of the hemisphere's richest hotels late Sunday.

The Ocean Eagle, of Liberian registry, broke up just outside the harbor in a historic graveyard of ships and under the shadow of the 400-year-old Spanish fortress of El Morro.

The assistant manager of the plush Caribe Hilton said he found

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patches of crude oil fouling the water along the hotel's beach. The hotel is about two miles from the stricken ship.

A U.S. Coast Guard spokesman said that so far the after half of the ship had remained intact and was not spilling its oil into the water. At nightfall, two tugboats sprayed the waters around the two sections with chemicals in an effort to check the spread of the slime.

All 35 crew members were rescued from the stricken vessel, which was carrying 135,000 barrels of crude oil to San Juan from Venezuela.

The U.S. Coast Guard closed (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)

## Anti-U.S. Bombings In Europe

LONDON (AP) — A series of explosions, apparently the work of leftist extremists, damaged a U.S. military club, embassies and other buildings in London and The Hague Sunday.

The blasts followed an explosion which extensively damaged the U.S. consulate in Turin, Italy, Saturday night.

Explosions in two separate incidents in London Sunday damaged an American military officers club, the West German Embassy and the Spanish Embassy.

Police said there was no immediate link between the blasts.

Sunday is a favorite day for demonstrations in London, mainly by various left-wing groups, and sources speculated that a leftist organization could be responsible.

No injuries were reported. In the first incident, an explosive device shattered a garden door of the Spanish Embassy in London's Belgravia district.

The blast shattered a number (Continued on Back Page, Col. 3)

## Next Time Find A Safe Place

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (UPI) — Police in the suburb of Greece late Sunday were searching for more than \$11,000 missing from the police headquarters since last Tuesday.

Police Chief Gerard Paul, who disclosed the money was missing Saturday, said the bank bag containing \$11,309 in town tax money disappeared from the police dispatcher's desk and may have been stolen, misplaced or even thrown away by accident.

have ended airborne alert flights of bombers with nuclear weapons.

Johnson mixed his inspection of the Strategic Air Command facilities with relaxation and a tour of the base. On the tour, the President drove a Ford convertible.

With him in the car were Texas Rep. J. J. Pickle, Gen. John McConnell, the Air Force chief of staff, and Jim Jones, an assistant appointments secretary. (Continued on Back Page, Col. 5)

# Haiphong Rail Span Hit

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON — U.S. pilots flew through heavy overcast skies to bomb several key targets in the Haiphong area during 62 missions over North Vietnam Saturday.

Navy A6 Intruder pilots bombed the Haiphong railroad and highway bridge just one mile from the center of the city and the Hon Gay and Cam Pha military barracks 29 and 44 miles northeast of the port city. No damage reports were given.

The Navy's all-weather bombers also hit a boatyard 25 miles northeast of Haiphong. Air Force pilots reported hitting a fuel dump two miles west of Dong Hoi, and two military storage areas 14 and 20 miles southeast of the city.

Marine pilots concentrated on enemy gun and troop positions in and just north of the DMZ.

MARINES WATCH BOMB EXPLOSIONS AS B52S STRIKE NEAR THE KHE SANH COMBAT BASE. AP Radiophoto

# GI 'Prospectors' Hunt Reds With Divining Rods

By PETER ARNETT

KHE SANH, Vietnam (AP)—A U.S. Marine planted a steel helmet on his head, threw a flak vest over his shoulders, and stepped determinedly across the red clay slope of the company perimeter, his hands holding two thin brass rods out in front of him, parallel to the earth.

In this most sophisticated of all wars, the divining rod, regarded by many people as a worthless gadget, has entered the inventory of this base.

None of his buddies in the nearby bunkers tittered as Lance Cpl. D.E. Isgrig, 20, fol-

lowed his brass rods up and down the slopes. He was looking for the telltale twist of the rods that might indicate a tunnel below.

It was a deadly serious business.

The possibility that the North Vietnamese Communists who surround Khe Sanh in the thousands might be tunneling under the two-square mile plateau that the base sits upon, has been a constant worry. The surface enemy trenches are now within 55 yards of the perimeter in some places.

Late last week the worst fears of the Marines were realized:

An enemy rocket slashed into the wire at the northwest perimeter of Khe Sanh, opening a tunnel newly dug six feet below the surface. Now every possible device is being used to locate further enemy digging. The divining rod is the latest.

"No matter how stupid anything is, and I don't say the brass rods are stupid, we use it," commented the base commander, Col. David E. Lownds.

"If some country boy from the Kentucky Hills says he has a gadget that he used to hunt foxes with, and wants to try to find tunnels, I say go ahead. I try everything."

Lownds has read his military history. He is aware that the Communist Viet Minh dug under the French stronghold of Ellme in the battle of Dien Bien Phu and blew it up in the final stages of their attack.

# Casualties in Vietnam

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

## KILLED IN ACTION

### Army

SSgt. Spencer Adams, Mobile, Ala.  
Pfc. Sam W. Stewart, Huntsville, Ala.  
Spec. 4 Larry D. Powell, Congress, Ariz.  
Spec. 4 Edward Zamora, Selma, Calif.  
Pfc. Carroll B. Fuller, Sunnyvale, Calif.  
Spec. 4 Henry H. Graham, Washington, D.C.

1Lt. Jeffrey W. Green, Marathon, Fla.  
Pfc. John T. Roberson, Greenville, Fla.  
1Lt. Ashland F. Burdwell, Columbus, Ga.  
SSgt. Howard Williams, Columbus, Ga.  
Cpl. George R. Fuller, Thomaston, Ga.  
Spec. 4 Charles W. Cline, Dalton, Ga.  
Spec. 4 James L. West, Smyrna, Ga.  
Sfc. Vincent B. Parkhurst, Chicago, Ill.  
Cpl. Walter Robinson, Chicago, Ill.  
1Lt. Jerry D. Adams, Greenwood, Ind.  
Spec. 4 Larry W. Darling, New Castle, Ind.

Pfc. Bruce A. Swain, Lynn, Ind.  
SSgt. Adrian B. Sigler, Russellville, Ky.  
Sgt. Bobbie E. Stiles, Acme, La.  
SSgt. Pearly J. Thomas, Baltimore, Md.  
Spec. 4 Ralph H. Reid, Tyaskin, Md.  
Pfc. Zygmunt P. Jablonski, Jr., Chicopee Falls, Mass.

Pfc. Gregory J. Evans, Union Lake, Mich.  
Pfc. Walter M. Patterson, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Pfc. Richard A. Sharpe, St. Paul, Minn.  
Sgt. Michael W. Picard, Bainville, Mont.  
Sgt. Albert C. Woods Jr., Hathaway, Mont.  
Spec. 4 Robert V. Nowak, Ogallala, Neb.  
Cpl. James C. Foster, Patterson, N.Y.  
Cpl. Thomas J. Loback, Long Island, N.Y.  
Spec. 4 Norman T. D'Agostino, Buffalo, N.Y.

Spec. 4 Charles J. Patrizzo, New York City.

Sfc. Robert N. Baker, Spring Lake, N.C.  
Pfc. Ronald J. Mc Coy, Greensboro, N.C.  
Pfc. Johnnie W. Potts, Charlotte, N.C.  
Sgt. Aaron H. Reigle, Rockford, Ohio.  
Spec. 4 John W. Kinney, Alina, Okla.  
Spec. 4 Hubert Price Jr., Slinger, Okla.  
Sgt. William R. Selbert, Pittsboro, Pa.  
Spec. 4 Ray D. Crapper, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Spec. 4 Joseph T. Gallagher, Philadelphia, Pa.

Spec. 4 William A. Gleixner, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Pfc. James A. Anderson, Chester, Pa.  
Pfc. Robert J. Rosenwald, McKees Rock, Pa.

Pfc. Arthur D. Frederick, Chester, S.C.  
SSgt. James D. Brown, Copperas Cove, Tex.

SSgt. Paul M. Douglas, San Antonio, Tex.  
Sgt. Clarence F. Maas III, Victoria, Tex.  
1Lt. William E. G. Bobbitt, Norfolk, Va.  
Sgt. John E. Millanowski, Milwaukee, Wis.  
Spec. 4 Dale E. Anderson, New Lisbon, Wis.

Pfc. Wallace L. Giesen, La Crosse, Wis.  
SSgt. Ramon H. Gonzalez, Bayamon, P.R.

### Navy

HN Emil J. Wurtz, Chicago, Ill.  
SN Terry J. Sulton, Red Cloud, Neb.

### Marine Corps

1Cpl. James H. Miller, Shortleaf, Ala.  
1Lt. Dennis D. King, Lakeside, Ariz.  
Cpl. Roy V. Berry Jr., Porterville, Calif.  
Pfc. Andres Sorchini, Los Angeles, Calif.  
Sgt. Joe M. Gutierrez, Pueblo, Colo.  
Pfc. David A. Piffs, Brandon, Fla.  
Capt. James T. Riley, Herrin, Ill.  
Pfc. Armando A. Gomez, Chicago, Ill.

Pfc. Ronald D. Bapp, Blanford, Ind.  
Pfc. William W. Hook, Indianapolis, Ind.  
Pfc. Vincent A. Mottola, Medford, Mass.  
Pfc. Martin L. Rimson, Detroit, Mich.  
LCpl. Michael E. Mc Keever, Duluth, Minn.

Pfc. Albert Dandridge, Coldwater, Miss.  
Pfc. Terry L. Boyce, East St. Louis, Mo.  
Cpl. Thomas H. Birch, Keansburg, N.J.  
Cpl. James T. Gordon, Englewood, N.J.  
Pfc. John F. Baronski, North Plainfield, N.J.

Pfc. Henry F. Henderson III, Rome, N.Y.  
Pfc. Franklin D. Ray, Smithfield, N.C.  
LCpl. Joe M. Copeland, Conroe, Tex.  
Pfc. Garry E. Rogerson, Eden, Utah.  
LCpl. Joseph K. Fish, Rutland, Vt.

### Air Force

SSgt. Johnny Rose Jr., New Orleans, La.  
Sgt. Robert C. Krumm, Tranton, Neb.  
1Sgt. Kenneth K. Huffman, Roswell, N.M.  
1Sgt. Lowell V. Smith, Banner Elk, N.C.  
SSgt. Norman E. Thomas, Morgantown, W. Va.

### DIED OF WOUNDS

#### Marine Corps

Cpl. Lonnie W. Clark, Vallejo, Calif.  
LCpl. Howard M. Cox, Bedford, Iowa.  
Sgt. Maj. James T. Gaynor, Jacksonville, N.C.

### MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE

#### Army

WO Horace G. Giddens Jr., Andalusia, Ala.  
Sgt. Joe L. Jones, Phenix City, Ala.

Cpl. Joel K. Brown, Evergreen, Ala.  
Pfc. William C. Jenkins, Gadsden, Ala.  
Pfc. Wilbert Peters, Mobile, Ala.

Pfc. Barry N. Grigsby, Anchorage, Alaska.  
PSgt. William L. Greenwell, Westminster, Calif.

SSgt. Michael W. Elben, Heights, Calif.  
Sgt. Ronald R. Loveland, Sunnyvale, Calif.  
Cpl. William D. Thomas, Sunnyvale, Calif.

Spec. 4 Victor C. Nordstrom, Huntington Beach, Calif.  
Spec. 4 David M. Schaefer, Santa Ana, Calif.

Pfc. Gary A. Banglos, San Francisco, Calif.  
Pfc. Clyde R. Mc Afee, San Diego, Calif.

Pfc. Brad J. Szulz, San Bernardino, Calif.  
Pfc. Willie C. Torrence, Vallejo, Calif.  
Pfc. Alfred Valdez, Gilroy, Calif.

Pfc. Ernest M. Weathersbee, Sacramento, Calif.  
Pfc. James D. Wilson, Gridley, Calif.

Spec. 5 Donald R. Thompson, Grandby, Colo.  
Pfc. Frank A. Azzarito Jr., Brookfield, Conn.

Spec. 4 Garry F. Vickery, Eau Gallie, Fla.  
Pfc. James H. Bass Jr., Pensacola, Fla.  
Pfc. Owen N. Garnet, Miami, Fla.

Sgt. Bennie L. Martin, La Grange, Ga.  
Spec. 4 Robert W. Tanksley, Augusta, Ga.  
Cpl. Herman Mc Kinnel, Augusta, Ga.

Spec. Gilbert R. Lish, Boise, Ida.  
Sgt. Andrew L. Dawson, Chicago, Ill.  
Sgt. Bruce G. Hawerter, Canton, Ill.

Spec. 4 Allen L. Mummert, Lanark, Ill.  
Pfc. Rodolfo De Leon, Chicago, Ill.  
Sgt. Ronald J. Johnson, Quimby, Iowa.

Sgt. Joseph P. Bowling, Wichita, Kan.  
Pfc. Gary D. Johnson, Baldwin City, Kan.  
Spec. Larry H. Jones, Owensboro, Ky.

Pfc. Victor Johnson Jr., Donaldsonville, La.  
Sfc. Joaquin Castro, Hyattsville, Md.

Pfc. Michael F. Austin, Dorchester Mass.  
Sgt. Michael L. Holiday, Detroit, Mich.  
Sgt. Harold O. Hoskins, Bronson, Mich.

Spec. 4 Jack W. Grandahl, Ironwood, Mich.  
Spec. 4 John R. Huscher, Dowagiac, Mich.  
Spec. 4 Gary E. Sallsbury, Ceresco, Mich.

Pfc. Dennis D. Nagelkirch, West Olive, Mich.

Cpl. Kenneth W. Shipland, Saginaw, Mich.  
WO Michael L. Koskovich, Hayfield, Minn.

Pfc. Frank W. Asp, Goodridge, Minn.  
Cpl. Gary S. Pascover, St. Louis, Mo.

Sgt. Norman D. Green, Albion, Neb.  
SSgt. Roy L. Anderson, Reno, Nev.

Cpl. James F. Sosnowski, Bayonne, N.J.  
2Lt. Donald Lelo, Irvington, N.J.  
Cpl. Wayne L. Golan, Bergenfield, N.J.

1Lt. Jesse Mechem, Las Cruces, N.M.  
WO Theodore A. Papke, Rochester, N.Y.  
Spec. 4 Robert J. Pastore, Watkins Glen, N.Y.

Pfc. Randall J. Gustafson, Lakewood, N.Y.

Pfc. Mural Mc Daniel, New York City.  
Pfc. Charles R. Martin, Hoganburg, N.Y.  
Pfc. James P. Vojir, Jackson Heights, N.Y.

SSgt. Benjamin F. Mattison, Anderson, N.C.

1Lt. Gerald B. Greendyke, Greenville, Ohio.  
Spec. 4 Joseph S. Sabczak II, Peninsula, Ohio.

Pfc. Arthur T. Friley, New Philadelphia, Ohio.  
Pfc. Terry L. Schaub, Haynesville, Ohio.  
SSgt. Donald L. Lloyd, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Maj. Aloysius P. Mc Gonigal, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Cpl. Gary D. Holland, Beihlehem, Pa.

Pfc. Anthony Degerolamo Jr., Wheatland, Pa.  
2Lt. Dennis E. Burke, Woonsocket, R.I.  
Cpl. Leo P. Dunsmore, Warwick, R.I.

Spec. 4 Robert J. Allen, Providence, R.I.  
Pfc. Domenico Morgera Jr., Providence, R.I.

Sfc. William Jenkins, St. George, S.C.  
Cpl. Albertis Williamson, Darlington, S.C.  
Cpl. James E. Reed, Kingsport, Tenn.

Spec. 4 Charles P. Headley, Madison, Tenn.  
Pfc. Terry W. Williams, Nashville, Tenn.

Pfc. Billy L. Wright, Stanton, Tenn.  
SSgt. Leonal Buerntello, Gregory, Tex.  
SSgt. Douglas O. Davis, Temple, Tex.

Sgt. Charles E. Bennett, Terrell, Tex.  
Spec. 4 Reuben Jones Jr., Houston, Tex.  
Spec. 4 Robert M. Nix, Dingerfield, Tex.

SSgt. Charles C. Mitchem, Woodbridge, Va.  
Spec. 4 Earl W. Haug, Everett, Wash.

Pfc. Donald A. Hiedmeier, Milwaukee, Wis.

### MISSING IN ACTION

#### Army

1Lt. James E. Mullins.  
SSgt. Alexander Fedoroff.  
SSgt. Daniel Halcomb.

Sgt. Robert A. Jackson.  
Sgt. Guy E. Lee.

Sgt. Carl A. Rolfe.  
Spec. 5 Harry L. Etmueller.  
Spec. 5 Galen E. Ohlson.

Spec. 4 Richard M. Hammond.  
Spec. 4 Stephen M. Hansen.  
Spec. 4 David W. Heck.

Spec. 4 Donald L. Herndon.  
Spec. 4 Jimmie D. Jones.  
Spec. 4 John A. Nevels.

Spec. 4 Bernard Smith.  
Spec. 4 Walter E. Vanderchek.  
Spec. 4 James R. Webster Jr.

Spec. 4 Thomas E. Whitaker.  
Spec. 4 Douglas C. Williams.  
Spec. 4 Arkle J. Wright.

Pfc. Tommie Brandon.  
Pfc. Kenneth E. Hornbaker.  
Pfc. Rosalind B. Lanning.

Pfc. Donald J. Lozano.  
Pfc. Ernest Mahoney.  
Pfc. Marvin L. Miller.

Pfc. Donald D. Philbeck.  
Pfc. Darryl W. A. Painter.  
Pfc. David K. Pomeroy.

Pfc. Arnold W. Price.  
Pfc. Joseph P. Turnbull.  
Pfc. Paul R. Urban Jr.

### Marine Corps

Pfc. John G. Bellanger.  
Pfc. Frederick W. Bungartz.  
Pfc. Melvin L. Jones.

### Air Force

TSgt. Sylvester Mc Cullough.  
**MISSING TO CAPTURED**  
Air Force

Capt. Ronald J. Webb.  
**RETURNED TO MILITARY CONTROL**  
Army

Sgt. Edward C. Dierling.  
Sgt. Robert E. Hayhurst.  
**MISSING TO DEAD—NON HOSTILE**  
Army

WO Jeffrey P. Marley, Torrance, Calif.  
Spec. 5 Lee R. King, Fairview Park, Ohio.  
**NAVY**

HN Donney L. Jackson, Compton, Calif.

# C130 Crashes, Burns in Viet

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON — An Air Force C130 transport crashed and burned while attempting to land at Phu Bai Airfield Saturday night, the U.S. Command reported Sunday.

The command said it was not clear if the transport was hit by ground fire before the crash. One man aboard the plane was wounded. Eight others aboard escaped injury.

The C130 was the third transport in four days to crash on runways in South Vietnam. An Air Force C130 was shot down at Song Be on Wednesday and an Air Force C123 was hit by a mortar round as it was taking off from Khe Sanh Airfield on Friday.

# Report Saigon Offer to Double Buildup

SAIGON (UPI)—South Vietnam's President Nguyen Van Thieu has informed U.S. officials his country is prepared to double its planned troop buildup this year, Saigon government sources said Sunday.

The sources said the government was capable of mobilizing

125,000 men instead of the 65,000 originally planned for 1968 if the United States provided the weapons to arm them and some assistance in training them.

The present size of the Vietnamese armed forces is about 650,000.

The sources said additional troops would be acquired through new measures first announced by President Thieu on Feb. 9 in the face of the Com-

munist offensive in the nation's cities and towns.

The new measures included the freezing of all armed forces discharges, the recall of veterans of less than 33 years of age who served less than five years, and the drafting of 18 and 19 year olds. Until recently the minimum age for conscripts was 20.

Government sources said

President Thieu, meanwhile, has requested better American weaponry for Vietnamese Army units. They said Thieu pointed out in recent conversations with U.S. officials that Communist main force units are better equipped than regular Vietnamese Army units in terms of basic infantry weapons.

American authorities were reported to be giving serious consideration to Thieu's request.



DT2 Ronald J. DeRoco applies a fluoride solution to the teeth of S. Sgt. J. E. Cummins, of the 1st Recon. Bn. (USMC)

## Fluoride Enhances Marines' Smiles

DA NANG, Vietnam (ISO)—“My group had 45 per cent fewer cavities” might well be a new motto for Marines now serving with the 1st Marine Div. in Vietnam.

Under instruction from the Navy's Bureau of Medicine, the division's 1st Dental Co. began a fluoride treatment program last fall that so far has reached approximately 6,000 Marines.

“The treatment should be administered to each man twice a year,” said DT2 Ronald J. DeRoco, 27, of Seattle, Wash. “It doesn't remove existing cavities, but does stop the growth of new ones.”

The program was launched five months ago at 1st Marine Div. headquarters in Da Nang. Since then, dental technicians have visited most outlying units, setting up their equipment in a central location to process a maximum number of men from each command. Each individual treatment takes about three minutes.

According to DeRoco, the first step is two minutes of brushing with a pumice compound to which extra fluoride solution has been added. Eighteen Marines at once can brush at water outlets over a portable trough. Each man receives a small, disposable brush and a paper cup of cleaning compound.

After the well-scrubbed teeth have been rinsed, the technician applies a 10 per cent fluoride solution directly to the enamel with a cotton swab. No eating or rinsing of the mouth is permitted for half an hour after the treatment.

“Stannous fluoride has an appetite for tooth enamel,” DeRoco explained. “It coats the enamel and actually prevents tooth decay for six months.”

Cavities can be controlled. The 1st Dental Co. feels that six minutes a year invested in the fluoride treatment program can pay big dividends to each man who participates.

# 'Bird Dog's' Smoke Rocket Touches Off Ammo Cache

S&S Vietnam Bureau

PHU LOI, Vietnam—A rocket sent from a frail OIE “Bird Dog” not only marked the site of a Red hideout, but ignited an ammo dump, causing countless enemy rockets to fly every which way from their marshy concealment 25 miles north of Saigon.

“I couldn't quite believe my eyes and ears” said Lt. Earl L. Russell III, of Wichita, Kan., a pilot with the 1st platoon, 74th Recon. Airplane Co. “With the way those rockets were going off, I thought it was the begin-

ning of the Tet offensive all over again.”

Russell was adjusting artillery fire for the 1st Inf. Div., which was supporting the 3rd Bn., 8th Regt., 5th ARVN Div. when he made his lucky strike.

“I had my suspicions about this place,” he said, “so I was marking it for the ARVN troops. I never thought I'd set off such a red fireball.”

When the fires created by the explosion died down, government troops were guided to the ammo dump by Russell. They had to wade through waist-deep mud and fight off strong enemy

resistance before reaching the objective, 1,000 yards from the edge of the Saigon river.

The ARVN soldiers later had to be extracted by helicopters of the 145th Combat Aviation Bn., as the rising waters of the incoming tide cut them off from the mainland.

By nightfall Friday the chopper pilots had also extracted 18 122mm rockets, 684 antitank hand grenades and 48 B40 rockets.

A government spokesman said this was believed to be the launching site for recent rocket attacks on Thu Loi.

## Viet General Denies Profiteering Charge

By S. SGT. GERARD FORKEN  
S&S Staff Correspondent

PHU LOI, Vietnam—Brig. Gen. Pham Quoc Thuan, the 5th ARVN Div. commander, has answered a charge by a national weekly magazine, that his chief-of-staff profiteered from the sale of rice.

In an interview with *Pacific Stars and Stripes*, the 41-year-old General explained that two years ago, a major working in the chief-of-staff's office sold the rice for personal gain and was removed from his position and punished.

Prior to Tet of this year, Thuan put out an order that any of his soldiers caught looting or maliciously damaging property would be subject to severe punishment.

The 5th Div. tactical area of operation covers Binh Duong, Binh Long and Phuoc Long provinces, where the commander is also charged with the support of the revolutionary development program.

Commenting on the poor coverage by some American newspapers of ARVN activities, Thuan stated: “The reason why some correspondents seem so critical of the valor and ability of the ARVN soldier, is that they have not yet lived together with the ARVN troops.”

The General said that those same correspondents enjoyed many advantages in covering American troops . . . feeling more at home with the better facilities offered.

Speaking of the Tet Communist offensive, Thuan agreed with President Nguyen Van Thieu—himself a former 5th ARVN Div. commander—that 1968 would see the downfall of the Communists; that by their attacks on the major towns and cities throughout the republic, the Reds had lost whatever sympathy and support they

might have enjoyed in the past; that the people were now solidly behind their government.

The General spoke with high regard of the American troops, singling out the fine allied victories shared by his division with the 1st Inf. Div. at Loc Ninh; and, more recently, with the 101st Airborne Div. at Song Be. He said that his troops looked forward to joint operations with the U.S. and allied troops, and also stressed the success the 1st Inf. Div. had in training the 96th Regional Force Company—the unit having since distinguished itself at Loc Ninh.

Lauding the pacification program being conducted by U.S. troops throughout the three provinces, Thuan had a special word of praise for Gadsden refugee village at Phu Loi.

The sprawling village, with its 141 concrete buildings and some 800 refugees from Thezen Suc and Dong Xoai areas, is the project of the 23rd Artillery Group.

## Thais Unveil 105mm Rocket

BANGKOK (UPI) — The Thai Army has unveiled a rocket designed and made in Thailand.

The 105mm rocket looks like a missile and is 45 inches long. It is operated by a solid propellant and can carry a 40-pound warhead at 1,620 feet per second over its 4,000 yard range.

“Since it is not a guided missile,” one of the designers said, “a regular artillery piece is much more accurate over the same range. But the ‘Marshal Thanom I’ as the missile has been dubbed, has the advantage of being much more mobile and requires a crew of only three to fire it efficiently.”

## Downed GIs Kill 2 Reds

PHU BAI, Vietnam (IO) — Thirty paratroopers from the 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Div., survived a helicopter crash near here recently and killed two VC as they waited for extraction.

A “Chinook” ferrying the men of the 2nd Bn., 501st Inf., took a round the rear engine.

Army pilot CWO Hadley F. Kitteredge, of Madison, Me., alerted his passengers for a crash landing.

As the aircraft settled toward the ground, 2nd Lt. John Rodell, Chicago, barked instructions to his platoon.

“I told the men to set up a perimeter around the chopper as soon as we touched the ground,” Rodell said.

As the aircraft landed enemy sniper fire peppered the area. Rodell's platoon returned the fire and killed two.

Kitteredge revved up the empty chopper and flew it to Phu Bai.

Gunships arrived on station above the paratroopers and provided covering fire.

“When a second ‘Chinook’ came to pick up the platoon, ‘Charlie’ opened fire again,” said squad leader Sgt. Brian K. Green, of Portland, Ore. “We were glad when we climbed out of small arms range.”

Rodell added: “It was the first time most of us came under enemy fire. I'm proud of the way the men did their job.”

## It Was VCs' Last Straw

CU CHI, Vietnam (IO) — “Stinger” gunships of the 116th Assault Helicopter Co., 1st Aviation Brigade, found a “needle in a haystack,” while operating on combat assault missions south-west of Saigon recently.

The “Stingers,” in support of the 199th Light Inf. Brigade, had spotted and killed two enemy soldiers in an open field when an “odd” haystack attracted their attention. One of the 116th gunships made a low pass over the strange haystack and dropped an incendiary grenade on it. Five startled VC ran from the flaming haystack and were cut down by the “Stingers” as they attempted to escape.

## Sally Wants a Job With Teeth in It

PHUOC VINH, Vietnam (IO) —An 18-year-old Vietnamese girl took the lowest paying job in the 101st Airborne Div.'s 3rd Brigade here because she wants to serve her community with a very important skill.

“When she came in to our civil affairs office and looked over the list of available jobs and the pay scale, she selected a position in our dental clinic,” said Pfc. Gene A. Wilhelm, Iron Gate, Va. “I noted it was the

lowest starting pay of all the vacancies we sought to fill.”

Why did she want a job in a dentist's office?

“Because I like,” she said. Why did she like?

“I want to learn a job I can do the rest of my life,” she answered after a long pause.

Her identification card identified her as Bui Thi Thao, but the dental clinic staff call her Sally.

Teaching her a skill she can use the rest of her life is Capt. James Buchanan, Washington, D.C., a Georgetown University graduate assigned to the 326th Medical Det. here.

Dentist Buchanan is teaching Sally to clean teeth, and the many skills required of a dental assistant.

“When she finishes training, she will be paid more,” Buchanan said. “More importantly,

we're training a dentist for Phuoc Vinh—a village that doesn't have one.”

In addition to aiding in dental treatment of paratroopers here, Sally assists in caring for villagers who come to the dental clinic three mornings each week.

She explains clinic methods and impresses upon her fellow citizens the benefits of good dental care.

# Red Ambush Kills 48 GIs, Wounds 28

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 effort to drive the enemy off. During the afternoon, two other U.S. companies were sent into the battle, but reported only light resistance as they swept the area.

During the sweep, the infantrymen turned up 20 enemy bodies that had been left behind and found four weapons.

(Meanwhile, AP reported, Communist rocketeers hit three parts of the Da Nang area early Monday. The main rocket attack was launched against

U.S. installations in the Marble Mountain area, southeast of the city.

(At least 20 explosions from detonating rockets lit up the night sky in that part of Da Nang.

(The southern part of the large Da Nang airbase complex was hit with eight to 10 rockets an hour and a half earlier, an Air Force spokesman said.

(An undisclosed number of rounds thudded into the Fourth Logistics Command to the northwest of the city at Camp Books.

the major Marine supply installation in South Vietnam.

(U.S. spokesman said they had no initial reports on damage or casualties.

(U.S. spokesmen reported from the Marble Mountain Marine Air Group (MAG) installation that 16 rounds of 122mm rocket fire were received in the helicopter revetment area and that some aircraft were burning.

(The spokesman said a hangar had taken a direct hit and was burning.)

In other action, a company

from the 25th Inf. Div. located an enemy grave less than a mile south of Ben Cat. The grave reportedly contained 15 enemy bodies dressed in khaki and black pajamas. The enemy soldiers appeared to have been killed by artillery fire, according to the report.

Soldiers from the 1st Inf. Div. reported finding an enemy ammunition cache 10 miles northeast of Saigon which contained twenty cases of 81mm mortar rounds. Each case reportedly contained three rounds.

In other ground action

throughout the republic, 12 enemy soldiers were reported killed 2 1/2 miles southwest of Can Tho by units from the 9th Inf. Div.

Forty-nine Communists were reported killed by U.S. Army and Marine units in action around Hue.

Communist gunners continued to pound U.S. marine positions along the DMZ Saturday, slamming an estimated 180 rounds of mortar, rocket and artillery fire into Marine positions around Khe Sanh. Another 145 rounds crashed down on marines in the Con Thien area.

## House Unit Urges Viet Land Reform

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Government Operations Committee said Sunday meaningful land reform in South Vietnam is unlikely without strong U.S. pressure on the Saigon regime. And it questioned whether American support should continue if there is no effective land reform.

It said progress on land re-

form depends on the Saigon government and that its failure to show "its sincere commitment" could undermine support by Congress and the American people. "This could raise the question of the advisability of continued U.S. involvement," it added.

The report drew sharp dissent from a minority which said land reform is not as important as it was pictured.

The report was formulated last October but delayed by jurisdictional disputes.

In the meantime, the Tet offensive by the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces apparently has disrupted land-reform efforts.

But Rep. Ogden R. Reid of New York, the ranking Republican on the subcommittee which wrote the report, said that despite what he termed the increasingly serious military situation the United States should insist on action by the Saigon government "to institute sweeping social and economic reforms and to deal with pervasive corruption at all levels."

## Tanker—

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the port and organized emergency mobilization of the U.S. Navy, the Army Corps of Engineers, and private industry forces to combat the threat posed by the spreading oil. Commonwealth officials met to coordinate plans for the battle.

The forward half remained at anchor, but the after section, buffeted by the incoming tide, drifted into the harbor, and grounded just inside the harbor entrance but out of the ship channel.

By early afternoon, heavy oil slicks extended half a mile out to sea and nearly a mile to the east—in the direction of the city's "golden strip" of luxury hotels and white sandy beaches.

A Coast Guard statement said efforts were being made to tow the remains of the vessel out to sea and minimize the danger. But so far these efforts had not succeeded.

Coast Guard helicopters hovered over the stricken vessel and a small flotilla of private tugboats and Coast Guard craft was in the area, as well as a few pleasure craft that defied heavy seas to get a glimpse of the wreckage.

A strong smell of oil permeated the warm breezes for a wide area, including El Morro Castle, a prime tourist attraction, while hundreds of sightseers lined the coast.

The tanker was at least the 12th ship to go aground in or near the narrow, reef-edged entrance to this harbor in the past five years.

But because of the huge oil cargo carried by the Ocean Eagle, the disaster posed the greatest peril to the port in recent times.

## Satellite—

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said its mission is "to study outlying regions of near-earth space and improve new systems and units aboard the station."

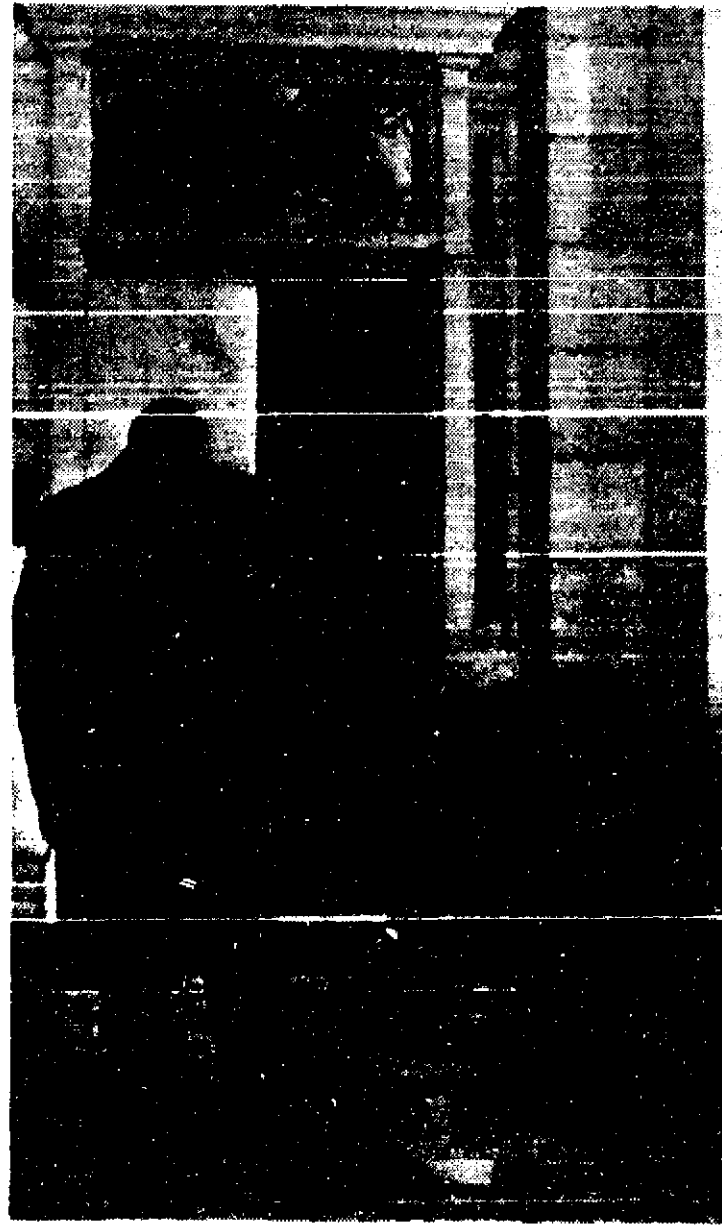
It did not say what the "new systems and units" were.

The announcement said Zond 4's flight path is "close to the calculated one" — a standard phrase indicating it is basically on course.

The announcement did not give the size or weight of the new craft, or other information on its mission.

A reference to Zond 4's being put on a flight path "from the parking orbit of an artificial satellite" suggested powerful rockets were used, and that part of the original craft remained behind, possibly still orbiting earth.

If Zond 4 is heading for the moon, it would be expected to get there Tuesday or Wednesday, depending when it was launched Saturday. The trip takes 3 1/2 days.



Security men inspect a damaged doorway after an explosion at a U.S. military club in London. No one was hurt. (AP Radiophoto)

## Anti-U.S. Bombings

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 of windows in the Spanish Embassy and also blew in windows at the West German Embassy next door.

The blast outside the U.S. officers club across town occurred almost an hour later.

Police said it could be the work of one group.

Italian police said guards at the U.S. Embassy in Rome and at other American official buildings in Italy have been given a special alert following the Turin blast.

In The Hague, the chief of protocol at the Dutch Foreign Ministry visited the ambassadors of Spain and Portugal and the Greek charge d'affaires and expressed the deep concern of the Dutch government.

He offered compensation for the damage to the three buildings and said a full investigation is under way.

Four policemen were stationed outside the Spanish and German embassies. Scotland Yard explosive experts were examining debris from both blasts.

## Bake-In for Vietnam

ELMIRA, N.Y. (UPI) — Twelve thousand cookies and 1,000 personal notes from more than 200 Elmira College coeds are on their way to the 7th Marine Regt. in Quang Nam, Vietnam. The girls, headed by blonde Canadian Lillian Waram, 18, held a bake-in Saturday "to demonstrate to our boys in Vietnam that young people here appreciate them, care for them and think of them while they are away from home."

## Johnson—

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 and the little white dog Yuki.

Daughter Luci, and her husband, Pat Nugent, later joined the President to watch the alert demonstration.

Earlier, President Johnson, Mrs. Johnson, Luci and Nugent attended Roman Catholic services at the base chapel.

The President was welcomed outside the church by a crowd made up mainly of Air Force personnel and their families.

After lunch, wearing a white golfing cap, the President again got behind the wheel of the convertible and headed toward the base golf course.

On his way to the golf links, the President stopped briefly outside the officers club where 100 or so persons, most of them in sports clothes and some in bathing togs, had gathered.

Johnson stopped the car and for the entertainment of the crowd, showed them how his little white dog can leap from the sidewalk into the car without any need of opening doors.

## S. Dakota's Not 'Proud'

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — It's "arrogant and conceitful," said the resolution before South Dakota lawmakers calling for repeal of the slogan designating this prairie land as the "Proud State."

Not so, replied Rep. Charles Lacey, who told House members: "We don't have to take a back seat to any state in the nation."

House Majority Leader Frank McKenzie, one of eight sponsors of the repealer, termed the slogan "repulsive." He said the word "proud" had boomeranged, adding, "The state is getting a feedback and the feedback is by no means complimentary."

The House Tuesday then "condemned" the "Proud State" slogan, 63 to 9.

McKenzie happens to come from Winner, S.D.

## Weather

USAF Weather Central  
 TOKYO AREA

Monday night: Mostly cloudy; Low 37  
 Tuesday: Mostly fair; High 58

TEMPERATURES  
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Chitose	33	7	Manila	57	52
Guam	80	77	Saigon	86	72
Hazuke	49	29	Seoul	43	23
Manila	84	70	Taipei	59	46
			Tokyo	50	38
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Albany	37	25	L.A.	74	58
Anchorage	39	37	Melbourne	80	59
Atlanta	64	31	Memphis	62	41
Boston	36	28	Miami	57	41
Chicago	31	24	Moscow	73	12
Cincinnati	44	31	N. Orleans	62	40
Cleveland	31	18	NYC	35	31
Denver	33	25	Paris	46	32
Detroit	29	10	Philly	41	28
Fort Worth	56	45	Phoenix	72	55
Hong Kong	63	50	Portland, O.	43	29
Houston	61	51	Singapore	80	71
Jakarta	89	73	St. Louis	60	30
Kansas City	36	30	Salt Lake	58	29
K. Lumpur	94	65	San Fran.	67	56
London	45	34	Sydney	78	67
			Wash.	54	28

## Viet Was Never Like This, Driver Finds

COCOA, Fla. (AP) — Robert C. Johnson, 20, of Cocoa Beach, just home from Vietnam where he saw service as a Marine, never had such an experience as happened to him early Sunday.

The Brevard County sheriff's

office said Johnson's small sports car crashed through a crossing gate at State Road 520 in Cocoa. The train caught the car on the undercarriage of a flatcar.

The car was dragged northward five miles to the town of Sharpes, where three freight cars derailed. Parts of Johnson's car were scattered all along the way and there was

damage to rails, ties, switches and signals.

When the train stopped, Johnson crawled from under the flatcar where the dash portion of the car was hanging. He told the started engineer what had happened.

Johnson was taken to Wuesthoff Hospital in Cocoa, where the hospital reported he had "a few contusions, abrasions and lacerations."