

# VC Wreck Hospital, Abduct Nurse

SAIGON (AP)—Six Viet Cong soldiers armed with AK47 assault rifles, hand grenades and explosive charges entered a hospital run by an American woman doctor Monday, blew up a laboratory and X-ray building, killed one patient and wounded four others.

The Viet Cong abducted a German nurse. The American doctor, Patricia Smith, escaped by hiding in another building.

The nurse was identified as Renate Kuhnen. Almost 24 hours after her abduction, her fate was still unknown.

Dr. Smith's hospital is in the central highlands just outside of Kontum City, about 275 miles north of Saigon. She has been caring for South Vietnamese Montagnards (mountain tribesmen) for more than eight years and is well known throughout Vietnam.

Dr. Smith could not be reached immediately for comment. She was reported spending the night at a downtown Kontum hospital run by Catholic nuns.

But Capt. John Griffith, assistant intelligence officer for the Kontum sector, said he had talked to her earlier in the day.

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# REDS OPEN FIRE ON ALLIED BASES

SAIGON (AP) — Communist forces sent hundreds of rockets and mortars slamming into allied air bases, command posts and other installations Monday in the heaviest series of coordinated shellings in more than two weeks. The U.S. Command said damage was generally "light or insignificant and casualties were very light."

The major targets up and down the country included six allied air bases, the base camps of the U.S. 1st Air Cav. Div. and the 4th Inf. Div., the country's biggest oil tank farm, just outside Saigon, a big Marine supply base, and two "Green Beret" Special Forces camps.

In one attack on a government district town just below Da Nang, Viet Cong mortars left 150 houses burned to the ground, 20 civilians dead and another 80 wounded, South Vietnamese military headquarters said.

In the northern sector of South Vietnam, U.S. Marines, helicopter-borne American infantrymen and government forces backed by artillery and dive-bombers crushed Communist troops in a series of clashes Sunday along the eastern sector of the Demilitarized Zone and farther south.

Nearly 300 Communist troops were reported killed. U.S. and government losses were said to be light.

On the northwestern outskirts of Saigon, U.S. infantrymen from the 25th Inf. Div., riding armored personnel carriers, clashed again with elements of two Communist regiments in an area believed to be an assembly point for attacks on the capital.

Tactical fighter-bombers, helicopter gunships and artillery pounded the entrenched communists. When the dust cleared after 14 hours of fighting, 31 enemy troops were counted dead. U.S. losses were seven dead and 40 wounded.

Among the air bases shelled were Da Nang and Bien Hoa two of the biggest in South Viet.

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## Pueblo Plea May Be a Fake

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Johnson Monday received an appeal allegedly written by imprisoned crewmen of the intelligence ship Pueblo suggesting they might be "swiftly returned" if the United States apologizes and "frankly admits" the ship intruded in North Korean waters.

Although the initial reaction in some high administration circles was to regard the letter as another forged propaganda story by North Korea there were some indications that it could be a prelude to eventual release of the men.

The 800-word, "Dear Mr. President" letter listed what it described as "damning evidence" that the ship violated North Korean waters before it was seized Jan. 23.

"We firmly believe now that you have the facts, that you will take all the necessary steps

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Dr. Patricia Smith, of Seattle, Wash., examines a Vietnamese girl in her hospital near Kontum— hit by Communists Monday. This photo was taken in 1962. (AP Radiophoto)

## LBJ Urges \$15 Bil. Health Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson proposed a \$15.6 billion "Health in America" program to Congress Monday that would more than double federal outlays for birth control programs, boost efforts to slash infant deaths and provide new incentives for the training of more doctors.

In a special message, Johnson outlined "five major new goals" — to curb infant mortality, provide more health personnel, combat soaring medical costs, lower the accidental death rate, and seek volunteer efforts by doctors, hospitals and others to

provide better health for all Americans.

The \$15.6 billion price tag for the fiscal year beginning July 1 compares with an outlay of about \$14 billion during the current year.

Johnson asked Congress to increase funds for birth control activities to \$61 million from \$25 million. He said this would make family planning information and birth control devices or drugs available to an additional 3 million women "if they so desire."

He also announced plans to create a center for population studies and human reproduc-

tion, primarily to direct family planning research, and asked for an initial appropriation of \$12 million to support it.

The chief executive said in-

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## Senate Curbs Debate on Rights Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate clamped a cut-off Monday on further debate on a compromise civil rights protection and open housing bill.

The vote was 65 to 32, a bare two-thirds majority. The vote appeared to assure

Senate passage of the administration-backed measure. It had been hovering on the brink of defeat after the failure of three earlier debate-limiting cloture moves.

From now on each senator will be limited to one hour's

speaking time on the compromise bill and the scores of proposed amendments.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield indicated to newsmen before the vote that if cloture failed he felt it would be futile

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# 'Killed' Marine Greets Mom, Feels 'Great'

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. (UPI)—A 20-year-old Marine twice reported dead of Vietnam wounds was joyously reunited with his family Saturday night.

"I feel great—real wonderful," said Michael Johnson as he stepped from a commercial airliner into the arms of his happy, fearful mother.

A crowd of about 50, including Johnson's two younger brothers and sister, crowded the runway at the municipal airport to shake the young soldier's hand.

Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Johnson, was overcome with emotion by the hometown welcome that was planned in a hurry after he was flown from a

Yokohama, Japan, hospital for the occasion.

"I have never been happier," said the red-eyed Marine, tears streaming down his cheeks, "and I look forward to a real good time with my family and friends."

"I just regret that the mix-up ever happened. I'm sorry for everyone involved."

Mrs. Johnson, head cashier of a local supermarket, described it as the "happiest moment" in her life.

"God bless you, God bless you, oh, God bless you," Mrs. Johnson said over and over as she and her son embraced.

A week ago, she was heartbroken after being notified first by Marine Corps

representatives and then in a telegram that her son was dead of combat wounds suffered Feb. 6 near Quang Nam, Vietnam.

Nagging doubts by Mrs. Johnson as to her son's death caused the Marine Corps casualty section to seek a double check and it was confirmed Feb. 22 that Johnson, indeed, was alive.

The Defense Department in Washington said Johnson's evacuation tag apparently had been mistakenly placed on another Marine named Johnson who had died of battle injuries.

Mrs. Johnson and her husband, a World War II Marine veteran, expressed regrets that the "death message" they

received last week had to go to another family. They bore no bitterness over the mix-up. The elder Johnson called it "an honest mistake."

Johnson, home for a 30-day leave, will be reassigned to another post when the time is up.

Asked if he would return to Vietnam if requested during the rest of his three years in the Marine Corps, Johnson replied:

"I wouldn't mind if I could be assigned to my old company."

Johnson was a tank gunner with C Co., 1st Tank Bn., 1st Marines.

He was wounded Feb. 6 while on a patrol.



A Vietnamese soldier demonstrates rifle handling to university professors in Saigon. The professors are being given a week of military training by the government. (AP Radiophoto)

## Viet Teachers Learn To Handle Weapons

SAIGON (AP)—About 500 university professors and instructors began a week of military training Monday under the South Vietnamese government's partial mobilization plan.

Another 500 high school teachers are expected to join the training Tuesday at Saigon's National Technical Center, officials said.

Training is limited to persons 18 to 45 years old.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Bui Tien Rung, director of the School of Industrial Engineering at the National Technical Center, said the teachers would be taught how to defend streets and buildings, erect barriers, stand watch and control the population. He

said the government did not expect the teachers to learn much, but that the course would have a good psychological effect.

Civil servants will start a similar training course next week, Rung said, and plans were being made to train workers in private industry.

Rung said the government also was planning to start mandatory reserve officer training at the nation's university. Students would be required to pass three years of military training or they will not be allowed to continue in school, he said. In addition several weeks of intensive training will be given to university students.

## Wife Asks VC to Free Husband as Stork Nears

SAIGON (AP) — The wife of a wealthy missing Australian businessman appealed to the Viet Cong Monday to free her husband "so that he can be with me when our baby is born."

The Australian, Keith Hyland, 54, was believed captured by the Viet Cong Feb. 6 at the height of street fighting in Saigon.

His wife, Liza, 29, an American, released a public appeal

to newsmen and Vietnamese newspapers for her husband's return.

In her appeal, she said:

"I know you captured my husband accidentally and I know that the National Liberation Front would not deliberately harm him. I appeal to you to let my husband go within the next month so that he can be with me when our baby is born."

After making the appeal, Mrs. Hyland left for Australia.

Hyland has been in Vietnam since 1954. He acquired a fortune in commercial ventures.

## SEATO Opens 35th Exercise

BANGKOK (AP) — Thai Prime Minister Thanom Kittikachorn Monday opened the 35th combined Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) Exercise.

Called Ramasoon after a mythical Thai god, the exercise will probably be one of the last major appearances of British forces on SEATO maneuvers.

British forces are scheduled to be withdrawn from Asia by 1971.

The British SEATO force, mostly signal specialists from Singapore, make up the largest contingent in the 2,000-man six-nation exercise which is designed to test communications procedures for SEATO forces in the event of an invasion of Thailand.

Troops from Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Thailand and the Philippines, as well as Britain, are taking part in Ramasoon.

## Reporter Hit For 2nd Time

SAIGON (AP) — A television producer for the Columbia Broadcasting Co., who was wounded last Friday at Khe Sanh, was wounded again Monday when the Navy hospital at which he was recovering was rocketed by the Viet Cong.

Russ Bensley, of New York City, was among five patients and two medical corpsmen wounded at the Navy hospital in Da Nang. He was hit by shrapnel in the lower abdomen. His condition was reported as satisfactory.

## 3rd Jet Strike Blasts Hanoi Docks

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON—Navy A6 Intruder pilots from the carrier Enterprise, guided by radar, flew through heavily overcast skies to bomb the Hanoi port facility less than two miles from the heart of the Communist capital Sunday.

The strike was the third against the sprawling complex of warehouses and loading docks in eight days. The first strike of the war on the port was on Feb. 24. It was hit again on March 2.

The heavy cloud cover which has been hanging over North Vietnam for several weeks limited U.S. pilots to 68 missions north of the DMZ during the day.

Other Navy A6's hit the Nam Dinh transshipment point 45 miles southwest of Haiphong. Darkness prevented a damage report.

Air Force pilots spotted and attacked a convoy of Communist barges strung out along the coast 12 miles northwest of Dong Hoi.

Most of the day's strikes were against Communist supply lines along the coastal Panhandle and against Communist troop and gun positions along the DMZ.

## Reds Bolster Thailand Units

BANGKOK (AP)—The ranks of the Thai Communist terrorist's army have swelled to an estimated 2,300 full-time guerrillas, Thai Prime Minister Thanom Kittikachorn said Monday.

Thanom, speaking at his weekly press conference, said an estimated 1,000 terrorists were operating in northeast Thailand, 800 in two northern provinces and about 500 in the south.

Thanom said the terrorists were equipped with modern weapons.

## 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 Cornelius Pressley, Ensley, Ala.  
SP4 James S. Strickland Jr., Jacksonville, Fla.  
SGT Kenneth W. Roche, Nemaha, Iowa.  
2LT David J. Davis, Hubbell, Mich.  
SP4 Warren R. Brown, Nashua, N.H.  
SP4 Samuel L. Anderton, Seneca, Pa.  
SP4 William T. Conley, Philadelphia, Pa.  
1LT Jan D. Daxey, Quantico, Va.  
PFC Lee G. Tolley, Arlington, Va.

### Navy

HN Michael "J" Reinhold, Page, Ariz.

LT Robert R. Brett, Collingdale, Pa.

### Marine Corps

PFC James F. Scott, Mobile, Ala.

PFC Frank J. L. Madrid, Santa Monica, Calif.

LCPL Howard L. Jones Jr., Post Falls, Ida.

PFC Daniel L. Kick, Riverton, Ill.

PFC Ruben A. Burgess, New Orleans, La.

PFC Charles R. Miller Jr., Bossier City, La.

PFC Alexander S. Chin, Baltimore, Md.

GYSGT Paul E. Robitaille, North Attleboro, Mass.

PFC Robert J. Neal, Bluff, Md.

PVT Danny R. Pierce, Saint Louis, Mo.

PVT Terry M. Abbott, Lancaster, N.H.

LCPL Michael A. Andrews, Mogadore, Ohio.

PFC Gregory W. Fischer, Parma, Ohio.

PFC Robert L. Peterson, Portland, Ore.

LCPL Laurence J. Herfel, Madison, Wis.

PFC David A. Cramer, Burlington, Wis.

### DIED OF WOUNDS

**Marine Corps**

PFC Stephen A. Shelley, Saint Augustine, Fla.

PFC Paul Staska Jr., Butler, Pa.

PFC Sidney T. Stratton, Dallas, Tex.

### MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE

#### Army

SP4 Timothy L. Collier, Chowchilla, Calif.

SP4 Joseph P. Zale, Vernon, Conn.

SGT William J. Thornhill, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

CPL Joseph P. Turnbull, Tampa, Fla.

PFC William J. Goldberg, Miami, Fla.

SSG William E. Wester, Cedartown, Ga.

SP4 Danny A. Weber, Albion, Ind.

SP4 Larry J. McCubbins, Fairdale, Ky.

SP4 Leon J. Shrum, Bowling Green, Ky.

SP4 Milaire A. Andry Jr., Metairie, La.

SP4 Steven P. Lina, South Range, Mich.

PFC Ralph A. Keating, Caledonia, Mich.

PFC Martin R. Knight, Belding, Mich.

PFC John R. Barfield, Bude, Miss.

SP4 Arthur A. Stephens, Walker, Md.

### MISSING IN ACTION

#### Army

1LT Terance M. Bozarth,

WO Noel D. Williams,

WO Kenneth B. Scott,

WO Jeffery R. Byrne,

SGT Robert B. Selby,

SGT Jon A. Julla,

SP4 Ronald O. Bigelow,

SP4 Jack W. Wasington,

SP4 Ronald L. Hill,

PFC John M. Olszewski,

PFC Joseph Hudson Jr.,

PFC Irving C. Pierce Jr.,

PFC Daniel R. Bodin,

PFC Jimmie L. Harvin,

#### Navy

HM2 Robert J. Bridges Jr.,

HM2 Larry J. Goss,

#### Marine Corps

CPL David F. Schneider,

CPL Dennis K. Fleming,

CPL Lowell T. Combs,

CPL James L. Holland,

CPL Jeffrey R. Wentzell,

LCPL Ernesto Martinez,

PFC Robert C. Wilson,

PFC Barry L. Rigby,

#### Air Force

MAJ Laird D. Gullersen,

1LT Myron L. Donald,

### DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

#### Army

CPL William A. Rozzi, South Meriden, Conn.

SP4 Wayne D. Clements, Camden, N.J.

#### Navy

LT John L. Saunders, Boulder, Colo.

EN3 William C. Ling, Las Vegas, Nev.

GMGC Allen F. Sullivan, Concord, N.H.

SFC Harris G. Robinson, Rockaway, Ore.

### MISSING NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

#### Army

SP4 Michael G. Mohareff.

# Canada Aiding Refugees

OTTAWA, Ont. (AP)—Special Canadian aid to Vietnamese refugees, \$200,000 worth, was announced by External Affairs Minister Paul Martin.

The minister said Canada is responding to a special appeal for help sent to a number of western nations. The aid is in addition to regular Canadian aid for South Vietnam which totaled \$3 million in fiscal year 1967-68.

The special aid breaks down this way:

—\$100,000 worth of food, mostly powdered milk, specifically requested by the South Vietnamese government and the International Red Cross.

—\$50,000 for a Red Cross refugee project involving medicine, rice, sleeping mats and clothing for about 70,000 refugees in various centers.

—Dispatch of medical volunteers to South Vietnam for short periods of service.

The Canadian Red Cross and the Canadian Medical Association will join in a campaign to find four surgeons and four orthopedists, either English or French-speaking, to serve in established hospitals. They will be sent to Vietnam as soon as they can be recruited.

## Will Real Bill Buy a Drink?

CAMP ENARI, Vietnam (IO) — A bizarre dialogue began quietly in the 4th Inf. Div. staff officers mess. At the mirrored, mahogany bar two lieutenants casually introduced themselves.

"Glad to meet you. I'm Bill," the tall, thin lieutenant began.

"My name's Bill, too," said the other, shaking his hand.

"Where are you from?"

"The Bronx, in New York," he replied.

"You're kidding. I'm from the Bronx, too. What school did you go to?"

"Rice High School," the blackhaired Bill answered.

"That's north of—"

"That's where I went," the other added, amazed. "Maybe I know someone in your family. What's your last name?"

"Gorman."

"That's my name — William Joseph Gorman."

"What? My full name is William Joseph Gorman too."

Separated by only a year in high school, the first lieutenants, one from the G-5 staff and the other from the 4th Administration Co., had never met nor heard of each other until that evening.

Seven men from C Co. of the 720th were on river patrol with two boats when an Air Force reconnaissance plane circling overhead radioed and asked them to investigate an area near their position. Spec. 4 Jerry C. Claburn, acting NCO-IC, had his men dock the boats

## In Wake of Tet Fighting

# Urges Expanded Role for ARVN

By WILLIAM L. RYAN  
SAIGON (AP) — A high American military source says it is now urgently necessary to begin preparing the South Vietnamese army to fight its own war.

This idea has been put forward in the past, with little visible results, but this time it is proposed against the background of the shock produced here by the Communist Tet—lunar new year—offensive.

The United States, the informant said in an interview, will never be able to walk out of this country unless and until the ARVN—Army of the Republic of Vietnam—is strong enough to defend it.

"Let's get them into a battle and tell them to run it, that it's their battle and that they'll have strong support from us," he said.

"We should give them more and better equipment, including some helicopters of their own," the informant said. "When the helicopters come, we grab them all."

The idea of giving the ARVN a more important battle role was broached as a means of bolstering its morale and pride in itself. At the same time, such a role would tend to ease complaints among both Americans and South Vietnamese about U.S. domination of the war effort, the source said.

In any case, the process would be slow.

However, the Communist offensive is looked upon as a sort of shock treatment. Americans say they detect a hardening process in the ranks of ARVN.

Two corps commanders have been fired.

Even before Tet, the government had been resorting to extraordinary measures to replenish the ranks: amnesties for deserters, extension of the draft to include ages from 18 to 33 and recall of some veterans.

Some of the troops are superb fighting men. The best are found among the airborne units, mostly volunteers who get premium pay, and among the marines and rangers. The worst are found among the low-paid infantry.

Many are tired and often physically sick. This country has been at war, to a greater or lesser degree, for more than a generation.

One informant, a man widely respected by American newsmen here, said that during the Tet offensive, when ARVN forces were at half strength because of holiday leaves, there

was not a single recorded case of South Vietnamese troops breaking and running. They fought well, even if in some instances it was a desperate fight for self-preservation.

A vignette of courage and tenacity was provided by a volunteer outfit called the Black Panthers in the battle of Hue. The Black Panthers entered that four-week fight 200 strong. With more than half killed or wounded, the survivors took part in the final drive that wrested the palace grounds of the walled Citadel from Communist hands.

Knowledgeable Americans here say there is neither a chance nor an expectation of any sudden massive victory in Vietnam. The hope is that if and when the fighting dwindles to residual warfare, the Americans can leave a cleanup job to the ARVN.



## The Wet Way to Wage War

A trooper of the 1st Bn., 28th Inf., finds the going pretty damp as he wades waist-deep, holding both hands up for balance during a sweep by the 1st Inf. Div. (USA)

## VC Arsenal Captured In Hue

PHU BAI, Vietnam (ISO) — Pfc. Norman Estelle, 24, of Lawrence, Kan., captured an arsenal of enemy weapons from several fleeing Viet Cong after he led an assault into their quarters during Operation Hue City.

Shortly after H Co., 2nd Bn., 5th Marines liberated the Hue hospital from the VC, several bursts of fire blazed past Estelle and two other Marines, who were in one of the rooms.

With Estelle in the lead, the three Marines rushed the enemy position on the opposite side of the street, 50 meters from the hospital.

Estelle threw a grenade through the window and silenced the enemy fire.

Another grenade was hurled that hit the window frame and bounced out into the street.

The grenade exploded harmlessly as the Marines reached the side of the building.

At the same time, five VC retreated out the back door.

As Estelle and the VC exchanged quick bursts of fire, an enemy round smashed into his helmet, circled his head and tore through the front of the steel pot.

The force of the bullet reeled Estelle backwards and gave the enemy time to escape.

## GI Facing Drug Charge

HONG KONG (UPI) — U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Rodney Daniels 19, of Cincinnati, has been ordered to reappear in court this Thursday to face charges of violating Hong Kong's dangerous drug law by possessing marijuana.

Daniels, serving in Vietnam, was arrested at Hong Kong Airport last Thursday after he flew in for a leave here.

Police said they found he carried 130 cigarettes containing "Indian hemp," known as marijuana in the West.

He was placed in the custody of U.S. military authorities and appeared in a civil court Saturday.

## MPs Seize Red Medical Supplies, Data

LONG BINH, Vietnam (IO) — A Viet Cong flag, medical supplies, a Chinese rifle and various documents were taken from a Viet Cong hospital and base camp five miles south of Long Binh Post by a river patrol from the 18th Military Police Brigade's 720th Military Police Bn.

Seven men from C Co. of the 720th were on river patrol with two boats when an Air Force reconnaissance plane circling overhead radioed and asked them to investigate an area near their position. Spec. 4 Jerry C. Claburn, acting NCO-IC, had his men dock the boats

and proceed on foot toward the area. They had gone less than 20 yards when they came to a Viet Cong camp consisting of two buildings and a bunker with a slit trench in front.

Spec. 4 Richard G. Silver, one of the first inside the camp, saw a bolt action Chinese rifle leaning against the wall in one of the shelters.

Inspecting the rifle, he noticed a wire leading from its muzzle to the ceiling. The other end of the wire was attached to the pin of a hand grenade which was wedged between the bamboo slats of the roof. Silver had just finished detaching the

wire and had taken the rifle when the reconnaissance plane called and told the MPs to leave the area because artillery was being called in.

An hour and a half later, after joining forces with a 12-man reconnaissance patrol of Vietnamese Popular Forces and MPs from B Co. of the 720th, the river patrol returned for a second look at the Viet Cong camp. After leaving their boats, they began to receive enemy fire.

Spec. 4s Bill Collins Jr., Anthony L. Aceto and Don E. Hering were moving toward the enemy camp when they saw

three Viet Cong on a path leading to the shelters.

One of the Viet Cong ran; the other two were brought down by Hering and Collins. The MPs continued receiving enemy fire from the thick brush behind the VC camp. Aceto fired a round from his M79 grenade launcher into the brush and the firing stopped.

While Hering provided cover, Collins and Aceto walked into the camp. Inside the shelters they found medical supplies, a Viet Cong flag and various documents which later proved to be of considerable intelligence value.

# OGO Is a Go-Go, As U.S. Space Lab Swings Into Orbit

CAPE KENNEDY (UPI)—A space lab resembling a giant dragonfly soared into an orbit reaching a third of the way to the moon Monday to study radiation hazards and other phenomena influenced by the sun.

The Orbiting Geophysical Observatory (OGO) carried a record number of experiments—25 sets of delicate sensors—into an orbit that officials said appeared close to the planned 92,000 mile peak altitude.

## Health—

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infant mortality is "inexcusably high" although it has dropped from 25.2 deaths per 1,000 children under the age of one in 1963, to 22.1 last year.

Noting that the United States ranks only 15th in infant mortality, Johnson said the nation "should lead the world in saving its young."

He asked Congress to provide an additional \$58 million next year for maternal and child health care programs. He said the goal should be to eliminate all problems in this area by 1973.

He also asked for another \$215 million or a total of \$1.4 billion, for child health services.

Proposing a new Health Manpower Act, Johnson said this measure would consolidate and continue programs now being carried out under laws that expire in June, 1969.

Johnson also proposed some ideas aimed at lowering the amount that American families now spend on drugs. He asked Congress to authorize the government to establish within a relative narrow range the "reasonable cost" of drugs the government now pays for under a variety of programs.

Because of the size of federal outlays in this area, the idea is that drug costs generally would come down.

In the area of accidental deaths, Johnson announced a test program to help states and communities develop improved ambulance services manned by trained personnel.

Johnson also announced establishment of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports to be headed by Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey. This is an attempt to upgrade the old President's Council on Physical Fitness.

## French Sailors Need Fuel, Too

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The French aircraft carrier Jeanne d'Arc, which sailed from San Francisco after a goodwill visit, took on fuel and 3,500 gallons of red wine.

# Viet Cong Wreck Hospital, Kidnap Nurse

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From the conversation he had with her and other sources he gave this account:

"It was not a real attack. Six Viet Cong walked into the patients' ward and asked for the American doctor. The hospital has no defense of any kind.

"When the Viet Cong were told for the American doctor, the Montagnards lied and told them

24 Pacific Stars & Stripes  
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"We had a beautiful bird all the way," said launch director Robert H. Gray an hour after the 8:06 a.m. EST launching of OGO on the space agency's last Atlas-Agena rocket.

Tracing stations later reported that the craft had set its sight on earth as planned and that OGO "is in good shape."

The \$35 million satellite, fifth in a series of six, is said to give taxpayers "more science for the dollar" because it carries such a big payload. OGO 3, launched in 1966, had the previous record with 21 experiments.

OGO 5's job is to pry into earth's sometimes-puzzling space environs at a time when radiation-producing flares on the sun are intensifying. Solar activity will reach a peak next year—when astronauts are scheduled to go to the moon.

## Pueblo—

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for our expeditious return," the letter said.

State Department Press Officer Robert J. McCloskey said he was not in a position to comment on or evaluate the authenticity of the letter or the signatures.

However, some authoritative sources who analyzed the signatures on the letter are reported to believe that at least some of them were forged, including that of the skipper, Cmdr. Lloyd M. Bucher.

McCloskey said the letter was handed over at a private meeting at Panmunjom Sunday between North Korean and U.S. representatives. It was the 10th private meeting on the subject of the Pueblo.

The letter was dated Feb. 29 and the contents broadcast Monday over North Korean radio.

When asked whether he thought delivery of the letter was a prelude to some other move by the North Koreans, McCloskey said he would be "reluctant to characterize it one way or another."

Asked whether there might be a reply, McCloskey said he would leave open the possibility.

that she was in downtown Kontum. She was hiding in another building and assumed all her nurses had done the same thing. There is a large yard in front of the hospital and Dr. Smith had heard them talking in loud voices and recognized them as Viet Cong.

"When the Viet Cong were told the American doctor was not there, they began to threaten the lives of the patients. One Montagnard girl screamed. The nurse (Miss Kulmen) who was



Black, gummy oil smears the beach at the Army-Navy Club in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the six-million-gallon cargo of a split tanker rolls ashore. (AP Radiophoto)

## Bases—

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nam. Both have been repeatedly hit by Communist rockets and mortars.

At Da Nang, the U.S. Marine heliport at Marble Mountain also came under rocket attack. One round slammed into the U.S. Naval hospital just across the road from the heliport, wounding five patients and two medical corpsmen. Headquarters listed damage at Marble Mountain as moderate, indicating that at least several aircraft were destroyed or damaged.

The U.S. command listed these among major installations that came under what it termed harassing enemy attacks by fire:

—The command post of the 1st Air Cav. Div. north of Hue received an unknown number of 82mm mortar rounds.

—A 4th Inf. Div. base camp at Dak To in the central highlands received more than 25 rounds of mixed 82mm mortar and 75mm recoilless rifle fire.

—Kontum Airfield in the central highlands was attacked with more than 15 rounds of 122mm rocket fire.

—Camp Enari, the 4th Inf. Div.'s base camp 250 miles north of Saigon, received more than 10 rounds of 122mm rocket fire and an unknown number of 82mm mortar rounds. There was light damage to aircraft and the airfield was closed for a time due to a cratered runway.

—The Shell and Esso petroleum storage areas in Nha Be, six miles southeast of Saigon, were hit with 82mm mortar and 75mm recoilless rifle fire. Only light damage was reported.

sleeping in another room came into the ward and was apprehended by the Viet Cong. They also took two Montagnard male nurses with them.

"The two male nurses escaped later. They were separated from the German female nurse and could not tell her they planned to escape. They had no way of assisting her. . . ."

Griffith said Dr. Smith told him the Viet Cong selected three patients at random and shot

# San Juan Fighting Oil on Beaches

SAN JUAN, P.R. (AP)—The U.S. Navy, Coast Guard and the Puerto Rican government fought a giant oil slick Monday in an attempt to save San Juan's main tourist attraction: its sunny beaches.

President Johnson has ordered a team of conservation experts in to help. Before leaving Ramey AFB, in western Puerto Rico, where he spent the weekend, Johnson also

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to continue debate on this bill.

Once all the amendments have been acted on, unlimited debate on passage of the bill will be possible unless cloture is voted a second time.

But the bill's supporters were confident that the back of the opposition had been broken by Monday's vote.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits, R-N.Y., a leader of the civil rights forces, said they had been working tirelessly to win the necessary two-thirds margin.

"This is an enormous crisis for our nation," he told the Senate.

Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois said in a final appeal for cloture that "all I have to say is that I've tried."

To begin with, Dirksen joined with Southern senators in fighting the bill but he later switched around and worked out the compromise measure with a bipartisan civil rights bloc.

them. All were wounded and survived.

"Then they went to a small building next to the patients' ward," he continued, "in which there were X-ray and laboratory facilities. They tossed hand grenades and satchel charges into the building, heavily damaging it. One Montagnard was killed and another wounded in the building."

Griffith said that as far as he knew, Dr. Smith was the only American on the grounds.

promised to propose legislation to deal with the damage.

Venezuelan crude oil from the Liberian flag tanker Ocean Eagle, which split in two Sunday as she approached San Juan Bay, is still washing onto the city's northern coast. The tanker carried six million gallons.

Thousands of tourists were forced off the beaches at noon Monday as oil continued to roll in. High waves Sunday night sent the oil 30 yards up the beaches of luxurious Condado Arca hotels.

Dozens of tourists ignored warnings and went to the beaches to get their suntans under 80-degree weather. Some ventured a few feet into the water, keeping an eye on the oil patcher.

Coast Guard ships continued to pour emulsifying chemicals into the oil in an attempt to dissolve and sink it. A Coast Guard spokesman said the effort was "producing encouraging results," but noted that the slick is still a severe threat.

## Weather

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Tuesday night: Cloudy w. showers Low 37  
Wednesday: Partly cloudy: High 53

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