



# Reds Routed in Delta

# VC SHELL CAM RANH



Surrounded by Alabama Highway Patrol bodyguards, presidential candidate George Wallace (center, top photo) begins a speech at the Civic Auditorium in Omaha, Neb. In bottom photo, bodyguards shield Wallace from debris thrown by demonstrators. (UPI Radiophoto)

SAIGON (AP) — For the first time in the Vietnam war, Viet Cong guerrillas mortared the air base at Cam Ranh Bay Tuesday, but damage was light.

In another major action, 300 Viet Cong invaded a provincial capital at the southern end of Vietnam Tuesday and seized a hospital, but government forces drove them out of the city after a day-long fight, military spokesmen said.

Officers said 195 Communist troops were slain. The Viet Cong also shelled a dozen provincial capitals, seven allied airfields, 14 military bases and camps and six district towns as they continued their harassing attacks by fire throughout the country for the second straight day.

Before the attack Tuesday, the Cam Ranh Bay base had been considered the most secure area in Vietnam. President Johnson on his two trips to Vietnam over the last two years stopped only at Cam Ranh Bay. The base lies on the coastline about 200 miles northeast of Saigon.

In some other attacks, the Communists sent ground troops storming into cities and air bases under the cover of rockets and mortars.

Most of the attacks were centered in the Mekong Delta.

Two battalions of South Vietnamese troops, perhaps 800 men, drove the Viet Cong from the provincial capital of Ca Mau at the bottom of the delta, 153 miles southwest of Saigon.

The 300 Viet Cong troops were pushed to the outskirts of the city at dusk after more than 15 hours of fighting, spokesmen said. Government troops were reported pursuing the enemy south and southwest of the city.

Government troops also reported taking five prisoners and capturing 43 weapons. Friendly (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)

## U.S. Bars Rhodesia's Ian Smith

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The State Department said Tuesday it has denied an entry visa to Ian Smith, the Rhodesian prime minister, because the United States does not recognize his regime.

Smith had accepted an invitation to speak at the University of Virginia as guest of the University Student Legal Forum, and presumably would have spoken elsewhere in the country.

A department spokesman said that in the absence of "compelling humanitarian or medical considerations," it is against government policy to waive passport requirements for leading officials of foreign regimes the government does not recognize, even if the visit proposed is a private one.

Smith does not have a valid British passport, the department said, and the "British government is the internationally recognized sovereign authority for Southern Rhodesia."

In a statement received here by the Rhodesian Information Office, the Salisbury government said Smith did not actually apply for a visa.

State department officials said that "we considered that he applied."

## Quake Shakes Tokyo

TOKYO (UPI) — A strong earthquake shook Tokyo at 2:12 a.m. Wednesday. The shock was felt inside reinforced concrete buildings designed to withstand quakes. The Central Meteorological Agency said the quake registered three in Tokyo.

## Youth Slain as Wallace Visit Ignites Violence in Omaha

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Tension mounted steadily in Omaha Tuesday following the early morning fatal shooting of a Negro teenager during a series of disorders that began when former Gov. George Wallace of Alabama came to town to launch his third party presidential campaign.

Ernest Chambers, militant Omaha Negro leader, said the situation was triggered by Wallace's appearance Monday night at the Omaha Civic Auditorium when about 50 anti-Wallace demonstrators were ousted by police. Police hustled the demonstrators out of the auditorium after they pelted the speakers' platform with sticks, bits of piacards and small stones.

Before the night was over 13 persons were injured, one critically, and at least 10 businesses

looted or damaged.

Sixteen-year-old Howard L. Stevenson was fatally shot by an off-duty policeman as the youth attempted to enter a looted pawn shop the white police-

man had been hired to guard. He fired one shot from his 12-gauge riot gun.

Tuesday morning students walked out of classes at Horace (Continued on Back Page, Col. 2)

## Senate Adds Antiriot Law to Rights Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate attached an antiriot amendment Tuesday to the open housing-civil rights protection bill.

The antiriot proposal, first ruled out of order by Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, was accepted by a 82-13 vote over the objection of Johnson Administration forces.

Under the amendment, offered by Sens. Strom Thur-

mond, R-S.C., and Frank J. Lausche, D-Ohio, crossing a state line with intent to incite a riot would be a federal crime punishable by up to five years' imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.

Humphrey's ruling had been appealed by Sen. Spencer J. Holland, D-Fla., and a roll call was ordered on whether to sustain the vice president.

After protracted argument,

however, Holland withdrew his appeal and Humphrey's ruling was vacated under an agreement to permit the antiriot measure to come to vote as an amendment.

Then the antiriot proposal was modified by striking out language that some senators contended put the burden of proof on defendants.

Sen. Philip A. Hart, D-Mich.,

floor manager of the civil rights protection-open housing measure, implored his colleagues not to take action that could jeopardize its passage.

Hart reported that the administration will submit its own antiriot legislation later in the day or Wednesday.

(In a related development, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Monday approved a \$75 (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)

# 'Even the Babies Were Petrified'

KONTUM, Vietnam (AP)—Dr. Patricia Smith's hospital in the central highlands, for five years a haven for sick and injured mountain tribesmen, is closed and may never reopen.

Dr. Smith, 40, of Seattle, Wash., stood in the wreckage of the hospital laboratory Tuesday and told how Viet Cong guerrillas invaded the hospital in a 15-minute burst of terror Monday.

They shot three Montagnard patients—a young girl, a boy, and a woman—kidnaped a German nurse and tossed grenades into the hospital laboratory and X-ray rooms.

"It still seems incredible," she said. "We were surrounded by Viet Cong and North Vietnamese during the battle for Kontum, a month ago."

"They never once came in. We had bullets flying through the compound. But they never came in. Foolishly, we had begun to feel secure."

Dr. Smith has been caring for the Montagnards for more than eight years. Until now the Communists have not tried to stop her work, apparently feeling it would hurt their attempts to win over the tribesmen.

"But this is just sheer terrorism. They don't seem to care about the political ob-

jectives any more," she said. "Their aims seems to have been terrorism and to get the Americans."

In addition to the German nurse, three American nurses and two Danish nurses work at the hospital, but were not there at the time of the raid.

Dr. Smith hid in the bathroom of her room in the administration building, lying flat on the floor during the attack.

"Five of them went into the ward and asked where the Americans were. The Montagnards said we were all out.

"This was the only question they asked the Montagnards."

The guerrillas then picked out three patients at random and shot them in the legs, Dr. Smith said.

She said the German nurse, Renate Kuhnen, of Schwelm, Westphalia, apparently heard the screams of the patients and went to help. "They grabbed her immediately and left immediately," she said.

The Montagnards told Dr. Smith later that Miss Kuhnen had resisted the Viet Cong. "They gave her some propaganda leaflets written in English and she threw them on the floor. They literally dragged her out."

"I'm sure by now they must know she's a German citizen.

"She's a spunky little girl," Dr. Smith said.

"I've never seen Montagnards so completely petrified," she went on. "For hours after not even a baby cried. Even the babies were petrified."

"Their first concern was to protect me," she said of the tribesmen.

Aside from the laboratory and X-ray rooms, the hospital suffered little damage. But because of the security situation, the patients have been moved to a Roman Catholic school in Kontum City and the hospital is closed. It is run by the Kontum Roman Catholic Diocese.

The other nurses, who were not in the hospital at the time of the attack, were Jean Platz, 37, of Milwaukee, Wis., Milicent Rice, 37, of Seattle, Wash., and the two Danish nurses, Anna Marie Wollesen, 30, of Sunderjylland, and Winnie Paaschel, 27, of Svendborg. Dr. Smith and the nurses are now quartered at the U.S. military compound in Kontum.

Miss Kuhnen had been a nurse on the hospital ship Heigoland for a year before coming to the hospital last October.

# Civilian Tet Toll Revised

SAIGON (AP) — The U.S. Mission said Tuesday its latest figures show 57 American civilians killed, captured or missing as a result of the Communist lunar new year offensive. This is two more killed and 10 more captured than a report released last Thursday, and the number unaccounted for dropped 20.

The latest tabulation, covering the period from Jan. 30 to date, said there were 32 killed, 18 known to have been taken prisoner and seven missing.

Of those killed, 11 were U.S. government officials and the others private citizens, including two women. Those captured included seven officials and the missing included three.

Most of the private citizens were persons under contract to U.S. government agencies in South Vietnam or missionaries.

The U.S. Mission said no exact total was available for the number of American civilians wounded in the offensive but there were scores. It said some were sent to hospitals in Japan, the Philippines and the United States, but most suffered minor injuries.

The U.S. Mission also announced that donations from Vietnamese, U.S. and allied citizens for relief of refugees of the offensive have reached \$585,000.

## VC Mines Kill 19

DA NANG, Vietnam (AP) — Nineteen South Vietnamese civilians were killed and 88 wounded Monday by Viet Cong mines in three incidents in the northern I Corps military area, military sources reported.

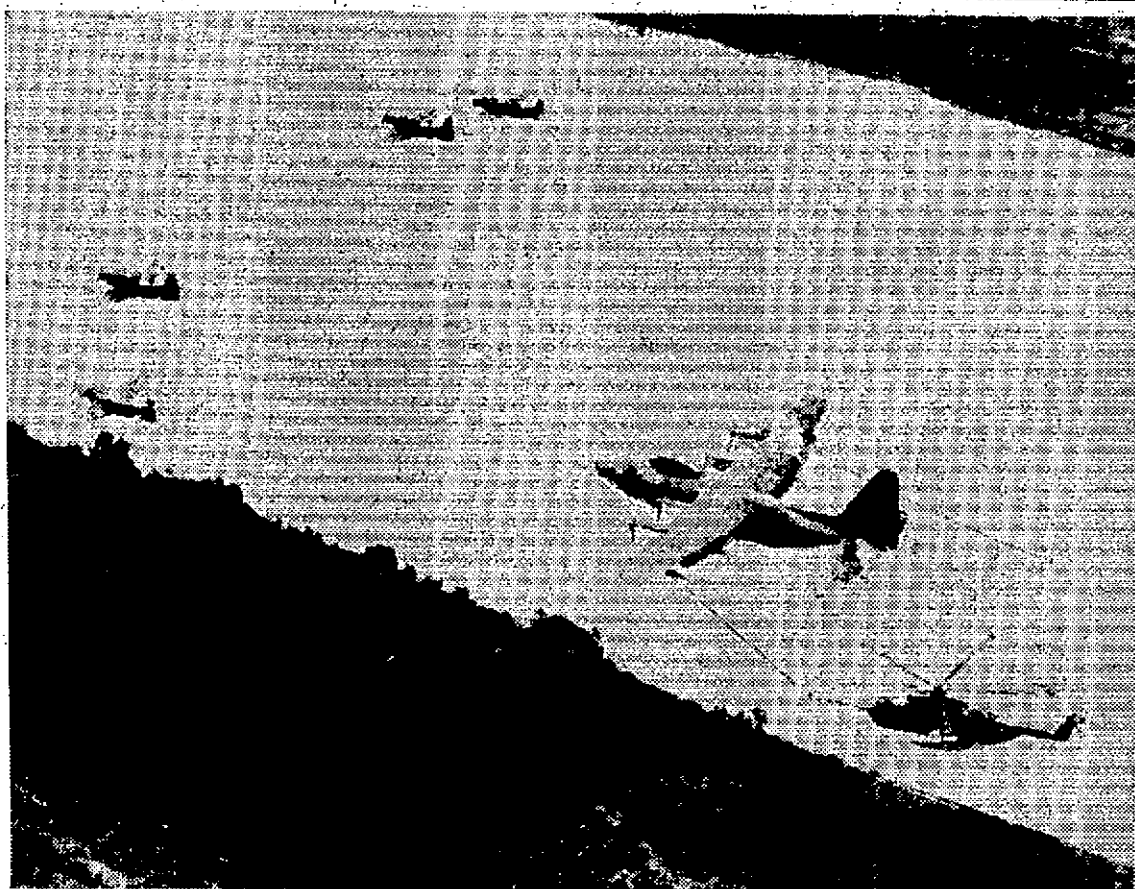
## Thailand Gets Boats, Copters

BANGKOK (AP)—The United States Tuesday delivered to Thailand 22 helicopters and 18 patrol boats.

The boats—each 40 feet long—were made locally but the United States supplied the engines and equipment, including the mounting of machine guns on the boats.

The total aid amounted to \$6.42 million.

U.S. Ambassador Leonard Unger handed over the helicopters and boats to Police Chief Gen. Prasert Rujiranwongse in a ceremony held at water police headquarters here.



## Feeding Time for Green Giant

Somewhere over South Vietnam an HC130P copter as four A-1 Skyraiders fly protective cover tanker refuels a Jolly Green Giant rescue heli- for the slower aircraft.

(USAF via UPI Radiophoto)

## Laos Calls U.S. Experts To Identify Red Rockets

VIENTIANE, Laos (UPI)—A company-size fight erupted north of Attapeu Town Sunday night, but that was the only military activity reported in southern Laos over the weekend, Gen. Uodone Shanankone said Monday.

Uodone, chief of staff of the Laotian armed forces, said the fight broke out Sunday afternoon when the company of government troops on the southern edge of the Bolovens Plateau tried to link up with the garrison inside Attapeu Town.

The company was attacked by elements of three North Viet-

namese battalions emplaced between the town and the plateau.

Uodone said there was no report of casualties.

Meantime, U.S. ordnance experts were dispatched to the town of Lao Ngam, northwest of the plateau to attempt to identify the make and caliber of Communist rockets fired at the neutralist position on Saturday night.

The experts were sent at request of the Laotian government to find out whether the Communists introduced a new kind of weapon during the attack.

The first report from Lao Ngam indicated the attack was made with 140mm rockets, but later reports indicated that the weapon may not have been that large.

## AF Jets Rip Red Boatyard

SAIGON (UPI) — U.S. Air Force jets bombed a North Vietnamese boatyard on Hanoi's doorstep Monday for the first time — another previously restricted target hit in America's stepped-up bombing campaign.

The U.S. Command announced Tuesday the raid on the Ha Dong boatyard and described it as "a construction yard for small supply boats," six miles southwest of the North Vietnamese capital.

Air Force F4 Phantom pilots said poor weather precluded any assessment of damage caused by their 750-pound bombs.

Still other Air Force pilots silenced a surface-to-air missile site 10 miles west of Hanoi, cratered the runway at Dong Hoi in the southern Panhandle in seven places and reported damaging 21 storage structures, 12 trucks and four barges.

## Vietnam Casualties

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

### KILLED IN ACTION

SP4 Bruce J. Dent, Williams, Ariz.  
PFC Richard A. Contreas, Kearney, Ariz.  
SP5 Joseph McCloy, Las Angeles, Calif.  
SGT Alfonza Williams, Tampa, Fla.  
SP4 William T. Pittman, Athens, Ga.  
PFC Barry M. Wapinski, Chicago, Ill.  
SP4 Bobby Wilson, Bloomington, Ind.  
PFC Randall A. Henze, Evansville, Ind.  
SP4 Bobby R. Talton, West Monroe, La.  
SP4 John J. Magee, Jamaica Plains, Mass.

PFC Luis A. Colon, New York City.  
PFC Terry W. Sutton, Greenville, N.C.  
SP4 James S. Combs, Dayton, Ohio.  
SP4 Forrest L. Bolin, Wellston, Okla.  
SP4 Robert B. Hudson, Enid, Okla.  
PFC Jimmy D. Whitlock, Holdenville, Okla.

SP4 Michael S. Collins, Medford, Ore.  
SP4 Ronald M. Urbanski, Pittsion, Pa.  
PFC Ronald L. Weaver, Quakertown, Pa.  
PFC Lucien Robinson, Johns Island, S.C.  
2LT Danny L. Gilstrap, Kilgore, Tex.  
SP4 Florentino Cantu Jr., Laredo, Tex.  
PFC Rodolfo A. Vasquez, El Paso, Tex.  
PFC Louis A. Martinez, Lomita, Tex.  
SP4 Timothy C. Agard, Janesville, Wis.

**Marine Corps**  
SSGT Bernard J. Novak, Muskegon, Mich.  
LCPL Julius C. Foster, Winston-Salem, N.C.

PFC Frank A. Szymanski, Cleveland, Ohio.  
PFC Lester E. Chambers, Dallas, Tex.

### DIED OF WOUNDS

**Marine Corps**  
PFC James A. Johnson, Miami, Fla.  
PFC Hector L. Semidey, New York City.  
PFC Michael V. Wright, Houston, Tex.

### MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE

**Army**  
PFC Floyd Voyles, Union Grove, Ala.  
MAJ James C. Payne, Truman, Ark.  
WO Charles A. Alvarez, Santee, Calif.  
PSG John R. Posa, San Jose, Calif.  
CPL Terry Y. Ogami, Reedley, Calif.  
SP4 Enrique L. Soliz, Stockton, Calif.  
SP4 Raymond J. Paleolo, Seaside, Calif.  
PFC Henry M. Tabet, Compton, Calif.  
PFC Edward Monowski, Los Angeles, Calif.

SGT Fred Reeves Jr., Washington, D.C.  
CPL Billy R. Norris, DeFuniak Springs, Fla.

2LT Richard H. Fox, Atlanta, Ga.  
SP4 Bobby C. Sutherland, Middleton, Ga.  
SP4 Donald F. Marsh III, Honolulu, Hawaii.  
SP4 Bernard Smith, East Saint Louis, Ill.  
SP4 James D. Douglas, Lebanon, Ind.

SSG John B. Madison, Des Moines, Iowa.  
SP4 John W. Johnson, Louisville, Ky.  
SP4 Charles A. Brocher, Caneyville, Ky.  
SP5 Kenneth J. Almsworth, Harahan, La.  
SP5 Paul R. Anzelone, College Park, Md.  
PFC Jesse L. Smith, Hattiesburg, Miss.  
PFC John K. Ripel, Dover, N.J.  
SGT Kevin E. Ver Pault, Wyandanch, N.Y.

SP4 Ronald G. Johnson, Uhrichsville, Ohio.

PFC Richard M. Vasko, Swanton, Ohio.  
PFC Robert D. Griffin, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
SP4 Harold P. Gray, Corapolis, Pa.  
SP4 James D. Pentland, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
SP4 Dennis L. Magrie, Havertown, Pa.  
SFC Paul F. Chornetzki, Clarksville, Tenn.  
PFC Chester W. Wilson, Whitesburg, Tenn.  
CPT Franklin S. Bradley Jr., Fort Worth, Tex.

SFC Everett A. Wyatt Jr., Rogers, Tex.

### MISSING IN ACTION

**Navy**  
HM2 Gene J. Wheat, Eunice, La.

**Army**  
SGT Ned R. Brown.  
SP4 James Gormley.  
SP4 James L. Zypa.  
SP4 James C. Blount.  
SP4 Stanley Johnson.  
PFC Ronnie Harrell.  
PFC James A. Koch.  
PFC Richard B. McDaniel.

### DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

**Army**  
MAJ Charles E. Pursler, Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
SSG Raymond R. Sprout, Ellington, Conn.  
SP4 Paul D. Knowlton, Essex, Mass.  
SGT John E. Ishman, Clarendon, Pa.  
PFC James W. Guest, Littleton, Pa.  
SP4 Robert E. Curry, Waco, Tex.

### MISSING TO DEAD—NON HOSTILE

**Marine Corps**  
CPL Philip S. Strand Jr., Riverside, Calif.  
PFC Richard A. Rumley, Canoga Park, Calif.

CAPT Frederick L. Schram, Pensacola, Fla.

CPL Vernon B. Venegas, Joliet, Ill.  
SGT Daniel R. Fulwider, Wabash, Ind.  
LCPL James A. Pintor, Merrillville, Ind.  
LCPL Gary A. Teeter, Morenci, Mich.  
PFC Jerry Patrick, Saint Louis, Mo.  
PFC James J. Miller, Columbus, Ohio.  
SSGT Bennett W. Olson, Portland, Ore.  
PFC Kenneth D. Barry, Portland, Ore.  
LCPL Craig N. May, New Castle, Pa.  
LCPL Craig P. White, Philadelphia, Pa.  
LCPL Louis L. Schautteef, Gonzales, Tex.  
PFC Hovey R. Curry, Klumarnock, Va.

### MISSING NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

**Army**  
WO William R. Hight.  
SP5 John A. Baffle.  
SP4 David N. Valeria.  
PFC Grady Scott.  
**Marine Corps**  
CAPT George L. Hubler.

# DOD Slashes Space-Available GI Travel

S&S Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—Tourist-type space available travel for active and retired servicemen and their dependents—a much reduced fringe benefit since the Vietnam war—has officially ended as a victim of the government's drive to curb the gold flow.

A Defense Department directive issued Feb. 17 brought this to a close, at least for the time being, in order to end the movement of what was described as a small handful of Americans who had the time and could find the space on military aircraft flying to an overseas command or within the command.

The directive, however, does not end all forms of space available trips. Travel involving home and reenlistment leave, dependents' education, medical observation and treatment, rest and recuperation, death or serious illness in a family or any other similar circumstances will continue, for active and retired regular and reserve military personnel, the directive states.

The directive also says that delays en route in foreign countries on a leave of absence basis will be

authorized only in emergency situations such as illness and other medical problems requiring immediate attention or under unusual circumstances when approved by the Army, Air Force or Navy secretaries.

Neither the Air Force nor the Military Airlift Command at Scott AFB, Ill., could say how many individuals travelled as space available tourists, but they said the number was small.

MAC, which provides the bulk of the space-available travel said the numbers of tourist travellers has been dwindling ever since the Vietnam buildup, and, in the case of the trans-Atlantic flights, scheduling is so arranged that there is very little actual space available.

World-wide, MAC said between 97 per cent and 98 per cent of its aircraft passenger spaces are filled and the remaining two or three per cent are often taken up with excess baggage or additional fuel.

Last year MAC airlifted 2.5 million troops and civilian passengers, up 22 per cent from the previous year. Of this number, over 1.5 million travelled between the U.S. and Southeast Asia. Ninety-one per cent of MAC

flights are made on commercial airliners operating under charter.

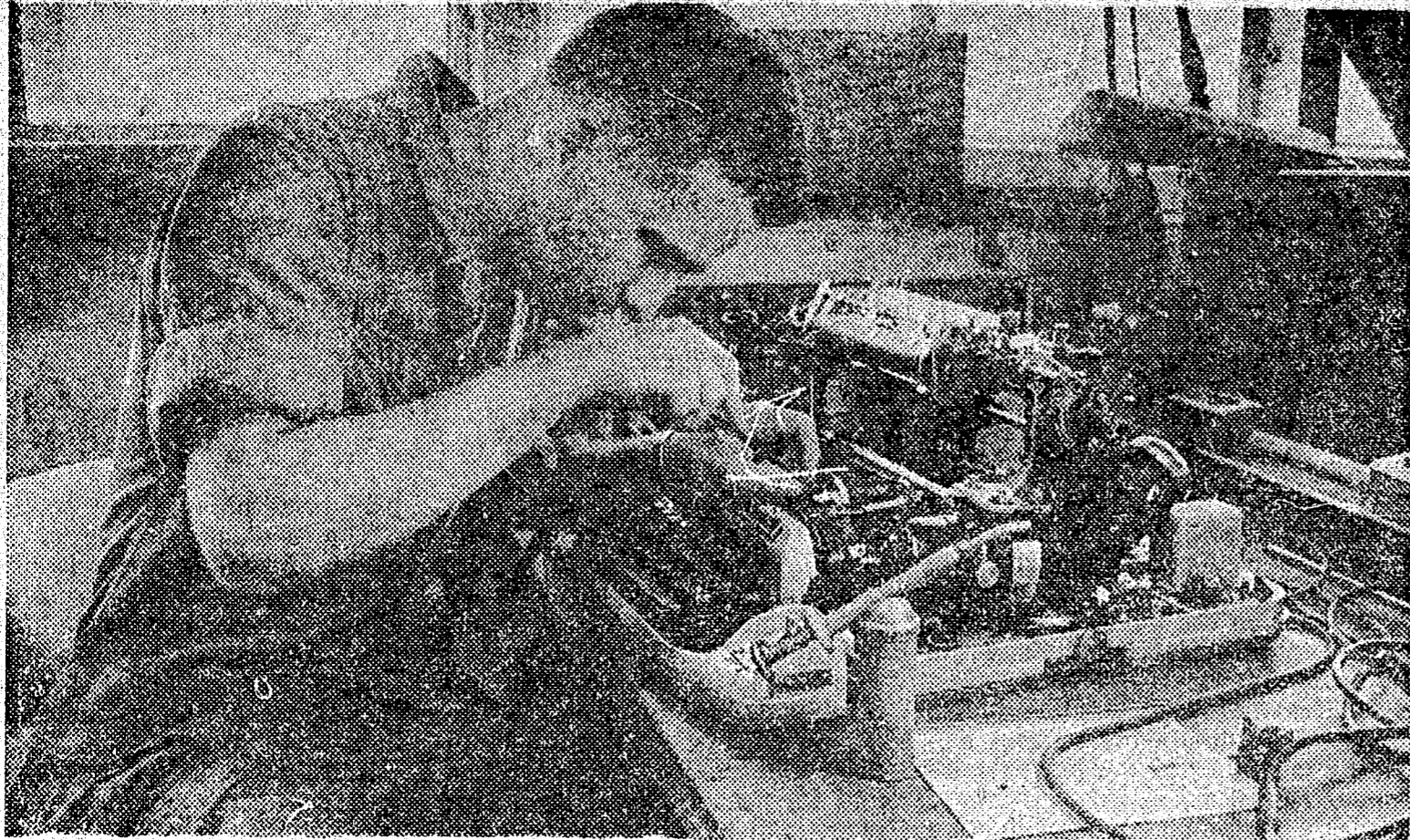
Some travel was possible to places like Thule, Greenland, but then "who wants to go there?" a spokesman said.

The Military Sea Transportation Service (MSTS), which once took servicemen and their families on low-cost trips around the Mediterranean and the Caribbean and on trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific voyages on troopships when space was available said all this ended with the Vietnam buildup.

Since the transfer of virtually all of the MSTS troopship fleet to the U.S.-Southeast Asia run, only about 20 passengers a month are carried between Pusan, South Korea and Sasebo, Japan, on space available.

The directive also called for a defense-wide curb of about 25 per cent in official travel from the U.S. to overseas posts and bases for international conferences, and meetings.

When travel is necessary, it should be done tourist-class on U.S. airlines.



Spec. 4 Nicholas A. Graziano repairs a faulty teletype machine. His unit works 24 hours a day to keep the maximum number of the communications machines working.

## 69th Signal Links Saigon To Far-Flung Viet Posts

Story and Photos  
By SPEC. 5 B. MCILHANEY  
S&S Staff Correspondent

SAIGON—Once the largest battalion in the U.S. Army, the 69th Signal still holds one of



Men of the 69th Signal Bn. man the switchboards in Saigon. They handle more than 26,000 calls a day.

the biggest jobs—linking Saigon's main headquarters with the rest of Vietnam.

Headquarters MACV, Free World Forces, and other U.S. agencies such as USAID rely on the 69th Signal to deliver their vital messages. For the 1,100 men of the battalion it's a round-the-clock job.

The most familiar of the battalion's communications devices are the 7,500 telephones scattered everywhere in Saigon. Four seemingly small switchboards, two automatic and two manually operated, route thousands of calls each day. One of them, Saigon LD (long distance), with 27 operators receives an average of 26,000 calls each day.

"I can call anywhere I want in Vietnam through my switchboard," said SFC Mariell La Booth, Fort Smith, Ark., Saigon LD section chief. "We have circuits reaching as far north as Da Nang and as far south as Can Tho."

Long distance calls are relayed through the Signal Support Company's transmitter station nicknamed "the Octopus". Bundles of cables running between antenna towers and transmitter buildings explain the station's name.

The Octopus sends out a total of 460 channels, 308 of which could carry 16 teletype messages each if necessary. One of the channels is used to send Armed Forces Radio north to Pleiku.

These operations depend on the miles of wire strung and maintained by the Wire and

Cable Construction Platoon. It provides the first channel of communication for all messages.

When one of the 600 or 1,200-strand cables of the telephone system is broken each individual wire must be spliced together. In recent weeks these four-hour splicing jobs have been done by the platoon's crews amidst heavy Saigon street-fighting.

Some messages handled by the battalion are uneconomical to send by radio but too classified to read over the telephone. These messages are delivered in person by the Air Courier Section of A Co.

The couriers average 250 hours per week, in the air, but are not eligible for flight pay. Their distribution routes are also Vietnam-wide.

## A Heart-Warming Operation

DA NANG, Vietnam (PAO)—The Navy doctor stripped the surgical gloves from his hands, wiped the perspiration from his brow, and smiled.

"We sewed up a heart," he said to those who had gathered outside the operating room.

Little more than two hours earlier, a small boy had been brought into the Da Nang's Surgical Hospital. The child's heart had been punctured by shrapnel, which had then passed through his liver and lodged in his abdomen.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Gilbert T. Herod and Dr. Robert N. Neil-

## AF Overseas Duty Policy Is Changed

S&S Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—Many first term airmen now overseas can expect a second consecutive overseas tour to follow on the heels of their present one as a result of a change in the assignment policy for men in imbalanced specialties, the Air Force announced.

The change was brought about because of imbalances and the higher requirements in overseas commands for skilled men than in the U.S.

As a result, more airmen will be traveling between Southeast Asia and Europe at the end of their present tours, a spokesman explained.

The Air Force was forced to send what it called an excessive number of three skill level technical school graduates to fill positions calling for higher five level skills, according to an explanation in a Feb. 23 Pentagon message to major commands.

The assignments have been to both long and remote or isolated areas. This, the message pointed out, tended to degrade the effectiveness of overseas units.

The Air Force also has two other skill levels, seven and nine, for senior non-commissioned officers, but they were not mentioned in the change.

A forthcoming amendment to AFM 39-11, the Airman Assignment Manual, will authorize major commands to select first term airmen, trained in imbalance specialties, for consecutive duty tours in two overseas areas.

### 603 Newsmen in Viet

SAIGON (UPI)—A total of 603 newsmen are now accredited by the U.S. military command to cover the Vietnam War—more than ever before. They represent about 150 wire services, television and radio networks and stations and newspapers from 23 nations.

## Red Troops Run Afoul Of LAAW

PHU BAI, Vietnam (ISO) — "It's like a little artillery piece," said a Marine speaking of a light, rocket-firing antitank weapon (LAAW) during Operation Hue City.

Pfc. Clem W. Labine Jr., 20, of Woonsocket, R.I., carried a LAAW when his platoon searched the streets and buildings of Hue for enemy snipers.

"I thought it would come in handy if we ran up against a machine gun position or enemy bunker," he explained.

Approaching a large brick building, the Marines received sniper fire and one round of B40 rocket fire.

"We opened fire on the building," Labine continued, "and four North Vietnamese Army soldiers ran out toward a doorway in a nearby house."

Sighting in carefully, Labine fired the LAAW at the fleeing enemy.

"The round hit in the doorway," Labine said, "and killed all four."

"Maybe it's supposed to be an antitank weapon," Labine concluded, "but it's pretty darned effective against enemy infantry, too."

blood from the liver. Then it was over. The shrapnel was removed and the heart and liver sewn. The patient was now on the road to recovery.

"It's a gratifying thing to accomplish an operation like this and know the patient will be alright," Herod said.

The Surgical Hospital, where Herod works, has a staff of 15 American, and 150 Vietnamese nurses, eight American doctors, and three Vietnamese doctors.

# Airliner Hijacked To Cuba

**BOGOTA, Colombia (UPI)**—A Colombian DC4 airliner with 32 persons aboard was hijacked in flight Tuesday and its pilot ordered to fly to Communist Cuba.

The newspaper "El Vespertino" in Bogota said Colombian guerrillas hijacked the four-engined airliner to get their leader, Ricardo Quelara Parada, to Cuba for urgent medical treatment. Quelara Parada, 40, a former university student leader and head of the underground "Popular Liberation Army," was described as critically ill.

Colombia, which has no diplomatic relations with Cuba, asked the Swiss embassy in Havana to negotiate the immediate release of the plane and its passengers.

The Presidential Palace said the stolen airliner landed in Santiago de Cuba, at the eastern end of the island, at 1:10 p.m. EST. The pilot radioed the plane was almost out of gas when it landed because of stiff headwinds.

First reports said the pilot of the hijacked aircraft, Capt. Pedro Vives, reported the incident to the Barranquilla airport control tower. He was forced off the radio after his brief report.

The plane belonging to Avianca Airlines was en route from Riohacha to Barranquilla, both cities on Colombia's northern Caribbean coast, when it was hijacked. It carried 28 passengers and a crew of four.

It was the third hijacking of a Colombian airliner in the past year—all with the same purpose—and the second hijacking of a commercial airliner in two weeks.

A Chicago-to-Miami Delta Airlines DC8 jetliner with 109 persons aboard was hijacked in flight Feb. 31 by a gun-wielding passenger who took a stewardess as hostage and forced the pilot to fly him to Havana.

## Kosygin to Visit Iran

**MOSCOW (AP)**—Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin will make an official visit to Iran from April 2 to 8 at the invitation of the Iranian government, an official announcement said.

## Weather

USAF Weather Central  
**TOKYO AREA**  
Wednesday night: Mostly fair; Low 35  
Thursday: Partly cloudy; High 58

**TEMPERATURES**  
March 5, 1968

	H	L	H	L	
Bangkok	91	73	Saigon	88	72
Cairo	37	34	Seoul	39	21
Manila	87	70	Tripoli	75	46
Naha	70	48	Tokyo	56	45
	H	L	H	L	
Albany	42	10	Louisville	52	21
Albuquerque	59	28	Memphis	68	55
Anaheim	62	23	Minneapolis	55	23
Atlanta	55	27	Miami	71	57
Birmingham	57	19	Milwaukee	56	28
Bismarck	52	23	Moscow	28	9
Boise	69	36	N. Orleans	56	16
Boston	38	12	NYC	45	20
Chicago	58	30	N. Platt	66	16
Cincinnati	54	20	Okla. City	56	16
Cleveland	45	17	Omaha	48	34
Denver	60	22	Phoenix	50	25
Des Moines	63	26	Pittsburgh	78	49
Detroit	49	25	Portland	47	17
Duluth	50	24	Port. O.	67	48
Fairbanks	20	06	Rapid City	64	33
Fort Worth	50	23	Reno	72	—
Hana Kong	54	24	Richmond	53	20
Honolulu	67	50	Singapore	90	72
Houston	64	30	St. Louis	59	27
Indianapolis	52	20	St. Paul	54	24
Jacksonville	58	40	Salt Lake	62	33
Jakarta	87	72	San Antonio	51	41
Kansas City	61	24	San Diego	83	55
K. Lumpur	94	65	San Fran.	65	56
Las Vegas	75	43	Seattle	58	48
London	51	37	Shreveport	57	26
			Sydney	75	44
			Tucson	72	48
			Wash.	59	26



## Fiery Finish to Red Trawler

A South Vietnamese patrol boat approaches a burning and partially sunk Communist trawler destroyed by a joint U.S.-Vietnamese naval force before it could discharge its cargo of weapons.

In center of the burning craft is a twin-barrelled heavy machine gun. (AP Radiophoto)

## Reds Mortar Cam Ranh Bay

(Continued From Page 1) casualties were reported as light.

There was no report on civilian casualties or the patients in the provincial hospital.

The Viet Cong drove into the city just after midnight, first softening it up with barrages of mortar fire and recoilless rifle shells.

The Communist troops had kept up a volley of sporadic mortar and recoilless rifle fire through Monday afternoon.

Allied tactical fighter-bombers, helicopter gunships and artillery earlier had joined the ground troops in efforts to crush the Viet Cong force.

Military spokesmen also reported that government troops captured a sampan loaded with explosives, indicating that the Viet Cong may have been planning to blow up key installations in Ca Mau.

By-and-large, the U.S. command characterized seemingly coordinated attacks in a 70-mile arc surrounding Saigon as "minor."

Its report stated: "Several locations in the III corps were harassed with minor attacks by mortar fire early this morning between midnight and 2 a.m. There has been no significant damage reported as a result of any of the attacks. Reported U.S. casualties are one killed and five wounded. Less than 20 rounds were received at each of the locations."

Communist gunners pumped 15 rounds of mortar fire into sprawling Cam Ranh Air Base. Military spokesmen said that most of the rounds hit northeast of the base itself.

Several rounds fell on the base and made a few dents in the runway and taxiway, but aircraft continued to fly in and out. One round hit in a fuel storage area and a spokesman said there was "some fuel lost."

At the same time, the Communists hit a small Army liaison airfield seven miles northwest of Cam Ranh Bay with another 15 rounds of mortar.

## U.S. Freeing 3 N. Viets?

**SAIGON (UPI)**—American Embassy officials here first confirmed and then said "no comment" Tuesday on reports that the United States is attempting to return three captured North Vietnamese seamen to Hanoi.

Return of the three seamen, taken prisoner in mid-1966 when their patrol boat was sunk during an attack on U.S. Navy ships in the Gulf of Tonkin off North Vietnam, would be a goodwill gesture for the Communists' release last month of three U.S. pilots, the first ever freed from North Vietnam prison camps.

U.S. officials confirmed the move Tuesday and said, if successful, they hoped it would pave the way for the release of more U.S. pilots captured on bombing missions over the north.

## No Help From Russ

**JERUSALEM (AP)**—Israel asked the Soviet Union to assist in the search for the Israeli submarine "Dakar", which vanished without a trace Jan. 27. But apart from asking for details on the sub, the Russians extended no help, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan disclosed Tuesday.

## Youth Killed in Omaha

(Continued From Page 1) Mann Junior High School which is about 95 per cent Negro. Police cruisers ringed the school but police did not interfere when students smashed windows with sticks and set fire to the tinder-dry grass and small evergreen shrubs on the school grounds.

Chambers, who is a candidate for election to the Omaha board of education, finally persuaded the pupils to leave.

"Go home and watch the news," he told them. "These cameramen are making you look like hoodlums. You guys are not doing anything to help yourselves."

The school was closed for the day.

Omaha Mayor A. V. Sorensen said the disorders "without question widen the gap between the white and black citizens and only delay the ultimate equality of citizenship for all people."

## Rights—

(Continued From Page 1) million emergency outlay to bolster summer job programs for youths in the slums, UPI reported.

(The committee added the funds to the House-passed \$1.2 billion supplemental appropriations bill for the fiscal year ending June 30. The bill now goes to a House-Senate conference.)

## Carole Tregoff Denied Parole

**FRONTERA, Calif. (UPI)**—Carole Tregoff, 30, who with her lover, Dr. R. Bernard Finch, was sentenced to life imprisonment in one of the most sensational murder cases of the past decade, was denied parole Tuesday from the prison where she has served seven years.

Her request for parole will be reconsidered in another 14 months.

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## Sun-Studying Explorer in Orbit

**WALLOPS ISLAND, Va. (AP)**—The National Aeronautics and Space Administration reported Tuesday that its new Explorer 37 spacecraft was in orbit around the earth.

The craft is designed to signal any spurt of sun spots during the current rising cycle of solar activity.

It will monitor and measure solar X rays and selected ultraviolet emissions from the sun.

The data is needed to improve forecasting of ionosphere conditions which affect short wave radio transmissions, and to

serve as a warning system for major solar flares that might prove hazardous for manned space flight.

The launching, postponed several times from day to day because of unfavorable weather, occurred at 1:28 p.m. EST.

The 198-pound craft, 27 inches high and 30 inches across, carried X-ray photometers, geiger tubes and other devices.

It will be powered from 24 solar cells, the output of which will be stored in rechargeable batteries.

In Washington, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said Tuesday its newest satellite, the orbiting Geophysical Observatory OGO 5, is performing satisfactorily.

As of 8:30 a.m. EST, 18 of the 24 scientific experiments aboard the spacecraft were operating successfully, NASA said.

The scientists started turning on the experiments at 3 a.m.

The spacecraft, launched from Cape Kennedy, Fla., Monday is orbiting between the altitudes of 175 and 92,700 miles. Its orbit is inclined 31 degrees to the Equator.