

# These Prison Skeletons Publicity Stunt, Jury Says

STAR CITY, Ark. (UPI) — A grand jury said Friday the unearthing of three broken human skeletons at the Cummins State Prison farm Jan. 29 was a "publicity stunt" staged by Thomas O. Murton, who was dismissed Thursday night as Arkansas prison superintendent.

The county grand jury said Murton set up the digging "for the news media."

"It is the unanimous decision of this grand jury that this whole episode was

designed as a publicity stunt for the personal benefit of Mr. Thomas O. Murton abetted and aided by Dr. Edwin Barron with the consent of Mr. Bob Scott at the expense of the State of Arkansas and the present administration," the jury said.

Barron is former prison physician and Scott is an official in Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller's office.

The discovery of the skeletons came (Continued on Back Page, Col. 5)



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## Rescuers Find 21 Bodies

# TRAPPED MINERS DEAD



Arthur Oliver Sr. (center) is helped by friends. He is weeping after hearing that bodies of 21 trapped miners had been found in

Louisiana salt mine where he works. Oliver's son and two nephews were among the victims. (AP Radiophoto)

CALUMET, La. (AP)

—The 21 men trapped two days ago when a fierce fire erupted in a salt mine elevator shaft were found dead Friday.

Rescue crews first found 16 of them huddled in a tunnel 3,000 feet from the shaft. The other five were located a few hours later.

"All 21 are now accounted for," announced a weary spokesman for Cargill, Inc., the firm that owns the mine.

There were shrieks of anguish and weeping when the announcement was made to the some 70 relatives and wives who had kept the long anxious vigil at the Calumet headquarters, 14 miles from the mine.

Miners in muddy work clothes sobbed unashamedly.

The disaster came eight months after the Federal Bureau of Mines recommended that the mine sink a second shaft as an escape route and for ventilation, and install various fire controls.

Raymond R. Ashby, a Kentucky coal mine safety expert, said the 16 found by his crew apparently "died of carbon monoxide poisoning."

"They died a painless death," added Ashby, a member of one of the special mine rescue crews. "It was like lying down and going to sleep."

Officials declined to say where the other five bodies were located. A source who declined to be quoted said they were in the sump—a deep, water-filled hole at the base of the shaft.

A Cargill spokesman said efforts to recover the bodies would be postponed until Saturday. The rescue workers were exhausted, he added.

### A Gasser

PORTLAND, Ore (AP) — A customer remembered an appointment and zoomed his car away from the gas station. The trouble was, the gasoline pump nozzle was still attached to the car. The Fire Department said the pump was shaken loose and started a \$600 fire. The station had to be closed.

## 100 Reds Caught Tunneling Toward Khe Sanh; 27 Killed



LONDON (UPI)—Twelve dedicated special investigators have seen the writing on the wall and were surprised. The team spent three weeks checking toilets at 337 pubs in 27 English towns. Among other tasks, they also read the writing on toilet walls. A spokesman for the Council of British Ceramic Sanitaryware Manufacturers said: "There was surprisingly little evidence of wall writing. Most writing seemed to be references to someone called Kilroy."

SAIGON (AP) — South Vietnamese Rangers helping U.S. Marines defend the Khe Sanh fortress surprised more than 100 Communist North Vietnamese troops tunneling their way toward the allied lines Friday. The Rangers killed 27 Communists as they emerged from a tunnel just outside the barbed wire ring around the fortress. There had been intelligence reports that the North Vietnam-

ese were tunneling their way toward the allied lines just as they did in defeating the French at Dien Bien Phu in 1954. But it marked the first time they were caught in the act. Associated Press correspondent Robert Ohman reported from the besieged Marine fortress that the North Vietnamese troops were led by a lieutenant who was wounded. When the Rangers attempted to move out

to rescue him, he waved them back and shot himself in the head to avoid capture. Ohman reported that the Communists heavily shelled the base all day long Friday, pumping in about a round of artillery or rockets every 10 minutes. A Giant Marine CH46 helicopter loaded with wounded Marines narrowly missed being hit by Communist recoilless rifle fire (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)

# Evacuate Civilians At DMZ

DONG HA, Vietnam (UPI) — Allied authorities Friday completed the evacuation of 10,000 Vietnamese civilians from the embattled area adjoining the Demilitarized Zone.

The evacuation has created a massive no-man's land extending from near the coast to Laos and from the Ben Hai River southward about 10 miles.

The refugees were moved from their ancestral homes in the war zone to a string of new refugee camps in relatively safe areas.

Thousands of farmers are now clustered in villages and resettlement areas in the Cam Lo Valley.

Villagers in the Gio Linh area were moved out of their homes last July. They have since drifted back in small groups. This week South Vietnamese and American troops again cleared the area.

Most of the villagers walked out voluntarily, but some had to be forcefully evacuated.

In addition 2,000 Montagnards from the Khe Sanh area have been resettled in the Cam Lo camp after trekking 15 miles from the Communist saturated jungle to Cam Lo.

The Cam Lo camp was built last May when the Marines first vacated the Demilitarized Zone and relocated the thousands of farmers living along the boundary.

Cam Lo now boasts of a brick factory, three schools, churches and two hospitals. Each family has its own vegetable patch.

American Marines have built a reservoir and dug wells.



An F5 Crusader jet from the aircraft carrier Enterprise, operating in the Gulf of Tonkin, fires a rocket at North Vietnamese positions only a few hundred yards from the perimeter of the Khe Sanh combat base in South Vietnam. (AP Radiophoto)

# B52s Continue to Pound Enemy Forces in S. Viet

S&S Vietnam Bureau  
SAIGON — U.S. Air Force B52s continued to dump hundreds of tons of explosives on Communist forces in South Vietnam Thursday evening and early Friday morning, flying 10 missions during the 24-hour period.

It was the second day in a row the huge bombers flew 10 or more missions. Eleven were flown the day before.

Six of the day's missions were flown in support of U.S. Marines at the besieged outpost of Khe Sanh.

The high-flying jets bombed enemy bunker complexes two and six miles south of the combat base late Thursday and re-

turned early Friday morning to hit another bunker complex two miles southeast of the base.

The Stratofortresses also pounded an enemy fortification 11 miles southwest of the base and hit Communist troop positions six miles south and 11 miles northwest of Khe Sanh.

In two other B52 raids Thursday, the bombers hit a Communist troop position 10 miles southwest of Hue and an enemy base camp 44 miles southeast of Saigon.

In two raids Friday, B52s hit enemy troop positions 23 miles northwest of Saigon and 16 miles north of Kontum City.

Despite poor weather Thurs-

day, U.S. pilots flew 109 missions over North Vietnam. It was the highest day's total in more than a month for the U.S. warplanes.

During the raids, U.S. Navy pilots hit the Hanoi radio communications receiver station 10 miles south of the Communist capital and pounded the Van Dien battery plant about three miles away for the second straight day.

Air Force pilots reported hitting the Kiep railroad yard 38 miles northeast of Hanoi and pounded Communist trucks parked in the Panhandle.

Poor weather over the targets prevented damage reports.

## Viet Losses Top Korea's

SAIGON (UPI) — U.S. casualties in the Vietnam war now exceed those of the war in Korea.

According to U.S. military figures compiled Friday, 136,993 Americans have been killed or wounded in Vietnam fighting. This was 80 above the number of U.S. casualties in Korea.

In Korea, however, a greater percentage of the casualties were killed in action.

The breakdown:  
Vietnam — Killed in action 103,313; wounded in action 117,683; total 136,993.  
Korea — Killed in action 33,629; wounded in action 103,281; total 136,913.

The figures were compiled by UPI, using complete U.S. military figures reported for the week ended March 2 in addition to casualty reports issued daily since that date.

## Australia Puts Tanks in Viet

SAIGON (AP) — Elements of Australia's Centurion Tank Squadron, the first to serve overseas since World War II, went into action Friday for the first time in South Vietnam.

The tanks, fitted with bulldozer blades on the front, are supporting Australian task force infantry troops and engineers in Operation Pinaroo, in the Long Hai mountains, about 40 miles northeast of Saigon.

Troops of the 3rd Bn., Royal Australian regiment, were lifted into the foothills of the mountains Friday by helicopter. They are attempting to clear Viet Cong guerrillas from one of the remaining strongholds in the Australian area of interest.

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

- KILLED IN ACTION**
- Army**
- SP4 Stanley R. Levier, Huntsville, Ala.
  - SP4 Alan D. Masteller, Chico, Calif.
  - CPL Joseph A. Zuniga, Los Angeles, Calif.
  - PFC Caizhar Paggallugan, San Francisco, Calif.
  - PFC John D. L. Duffield, Ventura, Calif.
  - PFC Richard A. Randolph, Suffer Creek, Calif.
  - 2LT Larry W. Peffel, Denver, Colo.
  - MAJ William W. Reusch, Glenside, Pa.
  - SGT Maurice L. Strohs, Winterhaven, Fla.
  - CPL John D. Hall, West Palm Beach, Fla.
  - SGT Thos E. Delagile, Waynesboro, Ga.
  - PFC Willie Jackson, Albany, Ga.
  - PFC Robert H. McCollum, Mableton, Ga.
  - SP4 Mitchell F. Sek, Chicago, Ill.
  - SP4 Calvin H. Bigger, LaPorte, Ind.
  - SGT John E. Dillard, Kansas City, Kan.
  - SSG Ernest Chaffins Jr., Hillsdale, Ky.
  - PFC Michael Coffan, Alexandria, La.
  - PFC David L. Smith, Kenner, La.
  - SGT Sherwood Reynolds, Prince Frederick, Md.
  - SP4 Robert B. Hedge, Plymouth, Mass.
  - SP4 Daniel D. Callahan, North Reading, Mass.
  - PFC Robert L. Walker, Howell, Mich.
  - PFC Rodney A. Roul, Flint, Mich.
  - PFC Gary K. Lannom, Corliss, Miss.
  - SP4 John L. Dengler, Rochester, N.Y.
  - CPL Gerard M. McDonald, Ellensburg Depot, N.Y.
  - CPL Robert W. Howden, Wellsville, N.Y.
  - PFC Anthony LaRocco, Brooklyn, N.Y.
  - PFC Richard D. Welch, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
  - 1LT Anton D. Bloemhard, Mount Gilead, N.C.
  - SFC Clarence H. Burdett, Asheville, N.C.
  - SSG Joe S. Rodriguez, Fayetteville, N.C.
  - CPL James E. Deese, Jr., Hickory, N.C.
  - SSG Carl J. Reid, Covington, Okla.
  - PFC Ernest E. Beam, Guthrie, Okla.
  - SP4 Rory A. Covington, Philadelphia, Pa.
  - SP4 Kenneth E. Aleshire, Philadelphia, Pa.
  - 2LT Louis H. McFarland, South Houston, Texas.
  - MSG Edgar J. Brosnan, San Antonio, Texas.
  - SP4 Andrew A. Allen III, Galveston, Texas.
  - CPL Alfred S. Najar, Jr., Galveston, Texas.
  - PFC Ofs L. Nick, Myton, Utah.
  - SP4 Lewis N. Langford, Howertons, Va.
  - PFC Larry R. Moore, Hampton, Va.
  - SSG Terry A. Gilbertson, McCobel, Wis.

# Casualties in Vietnam

- Navy**
- HM2 Edward L. Niebur, Council Bluffs, Iowa.
  - GM3 Gary L. Crampton, Dayton, Ohio.
  - BM3 James L. Lien, Lead, S.D.
  - SN Kenneth C. Lockwood, Norfolk, Va.
  - BMT Jelder J. Warren, Seattle, Wash.
- Marine Corps**
- MAJ Edwin G. Melner, Santa Ana, Calif.
  - SGT William E. Adams, Los Angeles, Calif.
  - SGT Marc W. McCabe, Menlo Park, Calif.
  - CPL Donald N. Cooper, Laguna Beach, Calif.
  - PFC Michael S. Garrell, Santa Susana, Calif.
  - PFC Joe W. Vanderpelt, San Diego, Calif.
  - PFC Gilbert Thibault, Bristol, Conn.
  - PFC Robert L. Hall, Monticello, Fla.
  - PFC Robert L. Shorter, Gainesville, Fla.
  - CAPT John P. Ellis, Albany, Ga.
  - PFC Gary W. Painter, Smyrna, Ga.
  - CPL Aiden F. Moore Jr., Decatur, Ill.
  - CPL Kenneth R. Bradley, Cedar Lake, Ind.
  - PVT Ransom L. Stuck, Farmersburg, Ind.
  - CPL Charles A. Smith, Louisville, Ky.
  - SGT John H. Moreno, Voburn, Mass.
  - SGT Charles E. Parsons, Springfield, Mass.
  - CPL Lawrence G. Leigh Jr., West Medway, Mass.
  - PFC William L. Harris, Detroit, Mich.
  - PFC Thomas D. Rosinno, Minneapolis, Minn.
  - PFC Richard R. Ballantine, Omaha, Neb.
  - PFC Roy S. Spurgeon, Albuquerque, N.M.
  - PFC Carl L. Lujan, Brooklyn, N.Y.
  - PFC Miles B. Stuart, Bronx, N.Y.
  - PFC John S. Collier, Springlake, N.C.
  - SGT John P. Toth, Toledo, Ohio.
  - SSGT Carl R. Leel, Marysville, Pa.
  - CPL Alfredo Benigni, Ruffedge, Pa.
  - LCPL Ronald S. H. Christman, Leighton, Pa.
  - PFC Donald C. Bennett Jr., Sunset Valley, Pa.
  - PFC Roikilif C. Goodiron, Mahop, S.D.
  - 2LT John R. Ruggles III, Knoxville, Tenn.
  - SSGT Joe B. Dunn, Westaco, Texas.
  - CPL Danny D. Gard, Wharton, Texas.
  - LCPL Roy N. Burris, Dallas, Texas.
  - LCPL Kyle J. Coles, Lake City, Utah.
  - PFC Paul W. Heinz, Milwaukee, Wis.
- DIED OF WOUNDS**
- Army**
- MSG Willie L. Richardson, Valdosta, Ga.
  - PFC Roy R. Maddux Jr., Independence, Calif.
  - CPL Gerald W. Conner, Galis Neck, N.J.
  - PFC Raymond J. Brereton, Hoboken, N.J.
  - LCPL Thomas J. Sweeney, McKeesport, Pa.
  - CPL Mark D. Cool, Colliers, W. Va.
- MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE**
- Army**
- 2LT Gordon K. Hughes, Huntsville, Ala.

- SP4 Stanley Johnson, Ridewood, Ala.
- PFC Charlie A. Stewart Jr., Birmingham, Ala.
- PFC Randle Hurrell, Bessemer, Ala.
- PFC James L. Coker, Phoenix, Ariz.
- SP4 Willie L. James, Wabbaseka, Ark.
- MSG Walter H. Hucks, San Pedro, Calif.
- SGT Thomas W. Leas, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
- SP4 Denny M. Jackson, Santa Paula, Calif.
- SGT James G. Standefer, Garden Grove, Calif.
- SP5 Galen E. Ohlson, Modesto, Calif.
- PFC Henry E. Casias, Trinidad, Colo.
- SGT Melvin H. Sanders, Bridgeport, Conn.
- 2LT George Paragonian Jr., Miami, Fla.
- SP4 James R. Walden, Miami, Fla.
- PFC Joseph Hudson Jr., Deerfield Beach, Fla.
- SSG Daniel Holcomb, Columbus, Ga.
- SP4 James C. Blount, Columbus, Ga.
- PSG Maurice T. Williams, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.
- CPT Daniel R. Schuere, Arlington Heights, Ill.
- SP4 John Spurlock, North Pekin, Ill.
- PVT Maurice Boguess, Chicago, Ill.
- PFC Marvin L. Miller, Muncie, Ind.
- PFC Jeffrey L. Holbrook, Indianapolis, Ind.
- PFC Donald G. Hicks, Indianapolis, Ind.
- SP4 Michael C. Zeller, Wamego, Kan.
- SP4 James R. Webster Jr., Wichita, Kan.
- PSG John H. Geller, Oak Grove, Ky.
- PFC Joseph B. Robinson, Astland, Ky.
- 1SG Abelardo Matave-Rios, Leesville, La.
- SGT Robert B. Selby, Baltimore, Md.
- SGT Jon A. Julla, West Minister, Md.
- SP4 Rocco E. Bryant, Baltimore, Md.
- SP4 Frank R. Mantello, Baltimore, Md.
- SP4 Edward Singleton Jr., Baltimore, Md.
- SP4 James O. Feaman, Oxon Hill, Md.
- CPL George H. Dize, Crisfield, Md.
- SGT Carl A. Rafter, Monson, Mass.
- PFC Kuzie E. Ackerman, Saginaw, Mich.
- CPL George D. Whitelaw, East Detroit, Mich.
- PFC John C. Glessakamp, Flint, Mich.
- SP4 James W. Nichols Jr., International Falls, Minn.
- CPL Daniel R. Bodin, Waverly, Minn.
- SP4 Ulysses Stewart, Civil Creek, Miss.
- SP4 James E. Tinsley, Pokar Bluff, Mo.
- PFC Monte E. Vauckike, Saint Louis, Mo.
- SP4 Douglas M. McNabb, Marlton, N.J.
- SP4 Arthur Crespin, Pueblo, N.M.
- PFC George E. Tafaya, La Joya, N.M.
- WO Thomas J. Moore, Clarence, N.Y.
- SP4 Arnold E. Welsh, Bronx, N.Y.
- SP4 Frederick C. Webber, Williamson, N.Y.
- SP4 Bismark W. Henry, New York, N.Y.
- SP4 Jerry D. Evans, Holland Patent, N.Y.
- PFC Gerald W. Allen, Sidney Center, N.Y.
- SP4 Gene C. Reid, Lenoir, N.C.
- PFC Fred W. Jansonius, Jamestown, N.D.

- SGT Guy E. Lee, Lancaster, Ohio.
  - SGT David W. Heck, Columbus, Ohio.
  - PFC George E. Speck, Ravenna, Ohio.
  - PFC Richard E. Grjer, Burbank, Ohio.
  - WO Noel D. Williams, Niconia Park, Okla.
  - SP4 Paul D. Herschbach, Grove, Okla.
  - SGT Frank J. Matthews, Ontario, Ore.
  - PFC William J. Black, Ore.
  - SGT Russell E. Kephart, Lewistown, Pa.
  - SP4 Bernard J. Burns Jr., York, Pa.
  - PFC William E. Bruha, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
  - PFC John M. Olszewski, Philadelphia, Pa.
  - SP4 Jack W. Brasington, Hanahan, S.C.
  - SGT Larry W. Barnard, Knoxville, Tenn.
  - SGT Ned R. Brown, Columbia, Tenn.
  - SGT William H. Golins, Franklin, Tenn.
  - 1LT Michael S. Lane, Fort Worth, Texas.
  - 1LT John R. Lawrence, Hurst, Texas.
  - 2LT Ronald W. Wood, El Paso, Texas.
  - PSG Kenneth S. Andrade, El Paso, Texas.
  - SP4 Wayne B. Pfaff, Borger, Texas.
  - SP4 John A. Nevils, Brazoria, Texas.
  - PFC Jose A. Hinojosa, Rio Grande City, Texas.
  - WO Ray G. Jenkins, Logan, Utah.
  - 1LT James E. Mullins, Arlington, Va.
  - SSGT Curtis R. Patton, Suffolk, Va.
  - SP4 Donald L. Herndon, Danville, Va.
  - 1LT Roger R. Herfel, Pullman, Wash.
  - SGT Darrel Z. Wright, Port Orchard, Wash.
  - SP4 James L. Zeph, Granger, Wash.
  - CPL Douglas E. Hoback, Skygusty, W. Va.
  - 2LT Lein G. Greshamer, Neenah, Wis.
  - SP4 Roger C. Atkinson, Madison, Wis.
  - PFC Dennis L. Siegel, Marian, Wisc.
  - PFC Jose B. Herrero, Old Agai, Guam.
- Navy**
- BU1 Charles O. Spillman, Port Hueneme, Calif.
- MISSING IN ACTION**
- Army**
- SFC Lawrence F. Beals
  - SGT Robert L. Watts
  - SP4 Ramiro Alvarado Jr.
  - SP4 Paul P. Sontatin
  - SP4 J. D. De Foor
  - SP4 Garfield Evans
  - PFC Melvin E. Giloupek
  - PFC Theodore A. Stangill
- Navy**
- LCDR Henry A. Coons
  - LT Thomas Stepan
  - LTJG Richard C. Lannom
  - BM2 Leslie E. Murray
- DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION**
- Army**
- 2LT Charles H. Stanley, East Gary, Ind.
  - SGT George A. Missenden, Bronx, N.Y.
- MISSING TO DEAD—NON-HOSTILE**
- Army**
- SP5 John A. Baillie, Granada Hills, Calif.
  - SP5 Steven Hernandez, Winnebago, Minn.
  - SSG David H. Lewis, Newark, Ohio.
  - SP4 Ronnie D. Bigelow, Sheridan, Ore.

## Aided by Tanks

# Marine Kills 7 In Hue Battles

PIJU BAI, Vietnam (ISO) — "The tanks were chasing enemy in front of my platoon. Enemy soldiers kept appearing like pop-up targets."

That is how Sgt. Josef Burghardt, 24, a platoon sergeant from A Co., 1st Bn., 1st Marine Regt., described the coordina-

tion with Marine tanks which aided him in getting seven confirmed kills during the fierce street fighting in Hue.

Early one morning, Burghardt and a rifle squad from his platoon were searching houses in Hue for enemy snipers that had been firing on passing vehicles.

"I spotted some enemy soldiers moving in a building," he explained, "so I got on the radio and 'called up' a tank."

Soon a tank was pounding the building with its 90mm gun and a .50 cal. machine gun.

Several North Vietnamese Army soldiers ran from the building in a vain attempt to escape the wrath of the tank. Burghardt killed four.

The following morning, the sergeant was informed by a member of his platoon that four enemy soldiers—three NVA and a Viet Cong guide—were trapped by a squad of Marines.

Leaving his fellow Marines to provide covering fire, he maneuvered through alleys and buildings until he had flushed the enemy and then opened fire, killing two of the NVA regulars.

Again the platoon sergeant was leading a squad of Marines when they checked a treeline near Hue for enemy positions.

"An NVA fired a B-40 rocket at us," he related, "but missed." Enemy soldiers ran with the rocket launcher, the Marines in pursuit.

Suddenly another NVA, armed with an AK-47, stood up and opened fire at the Marines. Burghardt also promptly neutralized that threat.

## GIs Capture VC Rice Cache

QUANG TRI, Vietnam (IO) — Soldiers of the 1st Air Cav. Div.'s 1st Brigade ran across more than 10,000 pounds of enemy rice while searching a suburb of Quang Tri for North Vietnamese soldiers reported in the area.

The Reds fled the village of Thon Ngo Xa Ta, some two miles east of Quang Tri, as Skytroopers of the 1st Bn., 8th Cav.'s B Co. approached, leaving behind many sacks of rice along with assorted military gear.

On the outside wall of one hut were chalk drawings showing detailed illustrations of vulnerable spots on helicopters and the best way to position mortars.

The cavalrymen worked for several hours carrying the bagged rice out to a field and placing the loose rice in sand bags. Huge Chinook helicopters carried it away to be used to feed refugees.

## Allies Fix Orphans' War Scars

QUANG TRI, Vietnam (PAO) — People often think of all Vietnam as steaming jungle, but a group of children huddled together in a Quang Tri orphanage knew all too well the falseness of this generalization, as cold, wind-whipped rain penetrated their shelter through newly-made shell holes.

The orphanage was raked by shellfire as the NVA attacked Quang Tri in a Tet holiday battle at the provincial capital. The American-South Vietnamese defenders beat off the assaults.

Various elements of the allied forces moved quickly to reinforce the area and repair any damage to its facilities. But the defensive force, although seemingly impersonal in its necessary work, has "heart," as was demonstrated by the men of U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Bn. 10.

Although heavily engaged in priority construction all over the northern war zone, the Men of 10's civic action crew found the time to give an able hand to the innocents of war—the children. Shortly after the sounds of battle faded, a crew headed by BUR2 Fitzpatrick arrived at the orphanage to repair the war-scarred facility.

Men scrambled over the buildings, patching holes in the roof and using mortar mix to repair cracks in the walls. Scrap lumber, used for heat against the chill monsoon nights, is a premium item to the poor Vietnamese and the Men of Ten had brought a trailer load of it for the orphanage.

As repairs were made, Hospital Corpsman Tyler worked with the orphanage caretakers and the children to carry and store the scrap wood.

After the work was completed, the children crowded around the Seabees for candy and gum.

The nights are still cold and the rain still falls, but the orphanage in Quang Tri is able once more to offer protection from the elements for its children and fuel for fires to keep them warm.

## Officer Saves 2 From Viet River

BIEN HOA, Vietnam (IO) — CWO Ronnie D. Griggs saved two children when they fell off a foot bridge into a river near here recently. Griggs happened to be passing by. He jumped into the river, swam to the drowning children and pulled one to safety.

Although he injured his leg in the first rescue, he went underwater to save the other child. He then applied artificial respiration until the child resumed normal breathing.

# Red Chinese Steal Photo, Then Turn It Into a Lie



These pictures show how Communist China can use thievery out of the air to serve its propaganda purposes.

The picture above was an Associated Press transpacific radiophoto transmission of March 21, 1967, from Saigon.

The caption reads: "American soldiers kneel and bow heads as they pray for their dead and give thanks that they are alive as they attend Protestant field

service in War Zone C after one of the most furious battles of the Vietnam war. These are men of the 3rd Brigade, 4th U.S. Inf. Div., which mauled a Red regiment, killing 423 Communists at a cost of 30 dead, 109 wounded and three missing. (AP Radiophoto)."

Chinese Communist radio receivers intercepted the transmission. The Reds rebroadcast

the picture, as shown below, from Peking March 24, 1967, with a new caption, fabricated to suit their own aims.

It read: "New China News Agency Radiophoto, Peking — U.S. aggressors have recently received sound beatings from South Vietnam Liberation Army in C area. Photo shows demoralized U.S. soldiers of the 3rd Brigade of the 4th Inf. Div., who survived the attack."



## Marine Recalls Training, Rescues Platoon

PIJU BAI, Vietnam (ISO)—A U.S. Marine civil affairs clerk took charge of an ambushed platoon when the platoon commander was seriously wounded.

Cpl. Joe French, 21, of H&S Co., 1st Bn., 5th Marine Regt., was part of a volunteer group sent as a relief force for another patrol under fire.

During the fire fight, the platoon commander was wounded and the radioman killed.

French retrieved the radio, strapping it to his own back. He then crawled to the wounded platoon commander and dragged him to a safer position.

Observing a column of enemy troops maneuvering toward them, French called for mortar

fire.

"My radio procedure was awful but under the circumstances I guess it served," French remarked.

The first two rounds were short of the target.

"I didn't have a map," explained French, "and I was calling the mortars by describ-

ing my location to the gunners.

"After I found a map I remembered I hadn't used one since staging."

His prior training had stuck with him and he called direct hits, destroying the enemy force.

# Suicide Hinted in Crash Killing 20

BAKER, Calif. (UPI)—Twenty persons were burned to death Thursday when a Las Vegas bound Greyhound bus was struck head-on by what may have been a suicide car. Twelve persons survived.

"The driver missed several smaller vehicles before it struck the bus. It may have been a suicide," said Lt. Jim Perkins of the California Highway Patrol.

The car, believed to have been driven by Michael Barry, an unemployed cook, was traveling about 70 miles an hour on the wrong side of Interstate 15, a main artery linking Los Angeles and Las Vegas, when it crashed into the bus three miles east of here on a stretch called the Baker Grade.

Barry, 39, was fired Thursday as a cook at the restaurant after being employed for eight days.

Kenneth L. Burkhardt, driver of the bus, suffered a broken leg. He told state police he had pulled into the left lane to pass a car when suddenly he saw another car heading directly toward him. He swerved the bus toward the dirt median strip but was unable to miss the car, a 1964 white Chevrolet that was flattened in the crash.

The flaming bus flipped over on its side in the sagebrush covered freeway median. The door and side windows were buried in the sand. Those who escaped were either ejected by the initial impact or climbed out the front windshield.

A marine sergeant, bleeding from the head, pulled two persons to safety and was attempting to rescue a third woman when the flames became so intense he was pulled away by firemen.



FIREMAN SPRAYS WATER INTO BUS (BACKGROUND) WHICH HAD COLLIDED HEAD-ON WITH THIS SHATTERED AUTO. (AP Radiophoto)

## Recall Envoy From Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (UPI)—The United States has recalled its ambassador to Sweden in protest against the Swedish government's stand on Vietnam, U.S. officials said Friday night. Ambassador William W. Heath will return to Washington March 12 "for consultations," a spokesman for the U.S. Embassy announced.

The recall marked a new low in U.S.-Swedish relations, which have been going from bad to worse in recent months because of Sweden's outspoken criticism of the American involvement in Vietnam.

## Housing Bill Gets A Boost

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Senate Friday gave tentative approval to open housing legislation that ultimately would outlaw discrimination in the sale or rental of 88 per cent of America's homes.

By a 61-19 vote the Senate approved the Open Housing Amendment of its Civil Rights Bill and set the stage for final approval of the entire bill on Monday.

Diehard opponents could, if they wished, try to filibuster against the measure because the debate-limiting closure voted by the Senate earlier this week applied only to the housing amendment proposed by Senate minority leader Everett M. Dirksen, R-Ill.

But majority leader Mike Mansfield, D-Mont., announced that the Senate would take up other matters on Monday—an indication that southerners had agreed to give up their attempt to block the Civil Rights Bill.

## Hopes Fade in Hunt For Canoe Victims

QUANTICO, Va. (UPI)—Searchers resumed the hunt Friday for seven Marines and a sailor believed dead after their canoe trip Wednesday afternoon on a training exercise on the Potomac River. A ninth body has been recovered.

## 7-Foot Boa Puts Bite on Marriage

MILWAUKEE (UPI)—It was the 7-foot boa constrictor that proved too much for marital Blechl. She sued for divorce after the reptile escaped from its cage four times. At least that's what she told the judge.

Mrs. Blechl's attorney said the boa was "kind of a disturbance to the household with young kids around." Mrs. Blechl won temporary custody of the couple's four children. Her husband was granted custody of the snake.

Marine officials said "hopes are dim" for finding the men alive in the water.

The men started the four-mile as part of their schooling to become physically fit and close combat instructors. All were qualified lifeguards and "excellent swimmers." Five were also Vietnam war veterans, including one recipient of the Bronze Star.

The missing men were identified by the Marine Corps as: Gunnery Sgt. John Browning, 23, Woodbridge, Va.; Staff Sgt. James E. Von Ness, 20, Laurel Bay, S.C.; Staff Sgt. Kenneth R. Andrews, 24, Monterey, Calif.; Signaller I.C. Delmar E. Frederickson, 30, Fairfax, Va.; Sgt. Alan R. Bradley, 22, Quantico, Va.; Sgt. Gary E. Ecklund, 22, Parris Island, S.C.; Sgt. Herbert J. Kaiser, 23, Kehler, Wis.; CPL. William R. Jackson, 21, Tulsa, Okla.; CPL. Jack G. Certain, 18, Mobile, Ala.

## Clifford Meets The Press

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Defense Clark M. Clifford said Saturday President Johnson is keeping an open mind on the question of more troops for Vietnam and related actions. He said, it will be some time before any decisions are made.

Clifford, sworn in as Pentagon chief a week ago, spoke informally with reporters in a get-acquainted session.

He said that a process of discussion, examination and exchanges of different views has been under way since Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, returned from Vietnam nine days ago.

## Skeletons—

(Continued From Page 1) after widespread reports that a reign of murder and terror existed at Cummins for years before Rockefeller brought Murton in last year to clean up what the governor and penologists called the worst prison system in the country.

The grand jury returned no true bills.

The jury said it had been determined "without a shade of doubt" that the area where the skeletons were found was the regular Cummins cemetery and had been since 1923.

Murton was discharged Thursday night by the State Penitentiary Commission. The commission offered him another job but he could not agree with them on terms. Victor Urban, brought from California by Murton to work with him in the prison administration, was named to succeed him.

"We recommend there be no more digging at the prison cemetery," the jury said. "It is the recommendation of this jury that Mr. Murton be replaced immediately."

## 27 Tunneling N. Viets Killed

(Continued From Page 1) as it was taking off. Some Marines standing nearby were wounded when a round hit behind the helicopter.

The new development and earlier discovery of tunnels under the Khe Sanh barbed wire perimeter indicates that the Communists are following the same siege techniques used at Dien Bien Phu. There they drove mine shafts under the French positions, loaded them with explosives and set them off at opportune times in the fighting.

SAS Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON—Vietnamese infantrymen teamed up with U.S. Marines Thursday to kill 138 Communists in one of the biggest and bloodiest battles near the DMZ in nearly a month.

Government troops were credited with the majority of the enemy killed, but U.S. Marines bore the brunt of the allied casualties, losing 15 men killed and 124 wounded in the battle. Government casualties were said to be light.

The battle reportedly began about noon when a multi-battalion force from the 1st Vietnamese Inf. Div. ran into a Communist force of about 400 men two miles northeast of Dong Ha, about 10 miles below the buffer zone.

Shortly after the battle broke out, units from the 3rd and 4th Regts. of the U.S. 3rd Marine Div. began a push on the eastern flank of the North Vietnam-

ese battalion.

The savage fighting continued throughout the day while U.S. jets screamed down on the enemy positions dropping bombs and strafing. The allied forces also called for artillery fire in an effort to overrun the Communists.

Under the heavy pressure the Communists withdrew at sundown.

The Vietnamese infantrymen were credited with 123 of the Communists killed, U.S. Marines reported killing 15.

In other developments, government officials said Vietnamese infantrymen and Popular Forces soldiers killed 160 Communists during three days of fighting five miles northeast of the central highlands city of Ban Me Thuot.

## Weather

USAF Weather Center  
TOKYO AREA  
Saturday night: Fair, cooler; Low near 50  
Sunday: Mostly Fair; High Mid-50s

TEMPERATURES			
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Bangkok	26	77	Haiphong
Chitose	34	23	Saigoa
Hazuke	52	37	Seoul
Manila	92	71	Taipei
Naha	63	43	Tokyo
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Albany	34	06	Melbourne
Albuquerque	55	44	Memphis
Amarillo	64	42	Miami
Atlanta	61	31	Milwaukee
Birmingham	66	28	Moscow
Bismarck	59	25	N. Orleans
Boise	30	32	NYC
Boston	34	20	N. Platte
Chicago	53	29	Okla. City
Cincinnati	41	22	Omaha
Cleveland	35	18	Paris
Denver	57	29	Phila.
Des Moines	60	28	Phoenix
Detroit	44	20	Pittsburgh
Duluth	50	22	Port., O.
Fairbanks	25	-1	Rapid City
Fargo	58	35	Reno
Fort Worth	66	45	Richmond
Hankow	73	43	Singapore
Honolulu	83	65	St. Louis
Houston	52	35	Sydney
Indianapolis	54	25	Taipei
Jackville	61	42	Salt Lake
Jakarta	88	77	S. Antonio
Kansas City	64	33	San Diego
K. Lumpur	94	71	San Fran.
Las Vegas	64	42	Seattle
London	46	34	Shreveport
Louisville	51	31	Sydney
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