

Candidates Dance on Press Griddle

WASHINGTON (UPI) —Presidential prospects of both parties were ribbed in impartial fashion Saturday at the Gridiron Club's annual dinner of political lampoonery.

President Johnson, Richard M. Nixon, Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, Michigan Gov. George Romney, Sen. Eugene McCarthy were the targets of satirical skits and songs by the club of Washington newsmen who normally cover their more serious activities on the national scene.

A number of those portrayed in the skits by Gridiron members were in the audience of 500 guests, including Humphrey, Romney and Ford. But others such as Wallace, Nixon, Rockefeller and Kennedy were unable to make it.

The Republicans were roasted first by the 83-year-old club, which limits its active membership to 50 Washington newspapermen.

The skit was based on a racetrack theme with the opening chorus number a takeoff on "I Love a Parade" with this passage: "We love a campaign!—We're for motherhood,—Whatever is good—for winning a vote."

The first Republican notable to be kidded was Romney who bowed out of the presidential race last week without waiting for the results of the first primary in New Hampshire.

Romney's campaign manager, Leonard Hall, was portrayed by a club member singing this (Continued on Back Page, Col. 5)

Executive, Kin Die in Air Crash

CHICAGO (AP) — Edward H. Litchfield, board chairman of SCM Corp. was killed and five other persons, including members of his family, were believed to have perished Friday night when their two-engine plane plunged into fog-shrouded Lake Michigan while coming in for a landing.

The body of Litchfield, 53, of Coudersport, Pa., a former chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh, was recovered at midmorning Saturday five miles off Meigs Field, Chicago's lake-front airport.

The crew of the Coast Guard boat that recovered the body did not report sighting any wreckage of the plane or other bodies.

Others aboard the plane were Litchfield's wife, Mary, 42; his mother, Ethel, 81; their children, Edward, 10, and De Forest, 4, and the pilot, James Looker, 43, of Wellsville, N.Y.

Litchfield's body was identified by R.T. O'Neil of Munster, Ind., brother-in-law of Mary Litchfield. He had been waiting (Continued on Back Page, Col. 4)

Sour Apple Sass

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — A pupil here gave a teacher an apple—right between the eyes. The teacher is asking for reimbursement for injuries suffered when the apple came sailing down a school corridor.

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GIS KILL 129 REDS IN LOWLAND FIGHT



SAIGON (AP) —

American troops reported killing 129 Communists Saturday in a raging day-long battle in South Vietnam's coastal lowland.

The Communists broke contact with the U.S. troops Saturday night.

The day-long fighting broke out at 10:15 a.m. when a troop of Americal Div. soldiers aboard armored personnel carriers (APCs) contacted an unknown-size Communist force some nine miles northwest of Tam Ky.

The infantrymen, supported by artillery and dive-bombing aircraft, hit the Communists with heavy bursts of 50-caliber machinegun fire from weapons mounted on their take-like carriers.

The U.S. Command said U.S. casualties were not immediately available.

Other troops of the Americal Div. took a pounding from Communist mortar-men who fired on a U.S. night defensive position in the Tam Ky area. One American was killed and 25 wounded.

Meanwhile, at the embattled Khe Sanh Marine Corps combat base, the Leathernecks shelled a supply of tear gas in a North Vietnamese troop installation near the camp's perimeter Saturday.

A U.S. spokesman said the prevailing winds at the time blew the fumes back across the combat base and the Marines were forced to don their gas masks "to avoid momentary discomfort."

The Marines are also supplied with tear gas and all troops at Khe Sanh carry gas masks with them.

Communist shelling of the (Continued on Back Page, Col. 2)

Shaky Helping Hand

NEW YORK (AP)—Salvatore Califano of New York said all he wanted to do was help President Johnson and the United States. But police take a dim view of his efforts.

They charge he altered his \$21 veterans pension check to \$900 million. Then he mailed it to President Johnson.

Califano was charged with forgery and is being held in \$5,000 bail.

SUPPLIES ARE PARACHUTED INTO THE U.S. MARINE STRONGHOLD AT KHE SANH.

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U.S. Aid Spurs Can Tho Rebuilding, Morale

By PAT LUMINELLO
S&S Staff Correspondent

CAN THO, Vietnam—Under a blistering sun and in a burned out, shattered area which echoed with the laughter and singing of pitiful-looking children, a small step toward recovery was taken by this city Friday.

Representatives of 40 refugee families lined up to receive from Lt. Col. Hoa, province chief, 10 sheets of double aluminum roofing, 10 bags of cement and a total of 8,000 piastres to help each family rebuild its war-shattered home.

The supplies came from U.S. AID in Saigon and from the South Vietnamese government under a program run by CORDS Advisory Team 56 and the Viet-

namese Ministry of Social Welfare and Refugee Aid.

Before the Tet offensive, as all time seems to be measured in Vietnam these days, the city of Can Tho had no refugees at all, according to Gene Chiavarioli, a onetime Washington lawyer who is now a regional director in the IV Corps refugee program. Now there are between 6,000 and 7,000 homeless persons in this city of 80,000.

But even this is an improvement compared to conditions immediately after Tet when 15,000 refugees crowded this unlovely city. Most of the original refugees have found shelter or have gone to stay with relatives, but the workload facing CORDS remains formidable.

John Greenough, a province

director for the CORDS refugee program, and Frank Kelly, the deputy senior adviser for Advisory Team 56, share Chiavarioli's optimism about the situation, however.

Kelly explained that Friday was just the start in the rebuilding program. About 406 more families will be getting cement, aluminum sheets and cash next week and more supplies are in the pipeline.

In Friday's distribution, conducted by Revolutionary Development cadres, the area helped was once the scene of the heaviest attacks of the Tet offensive. The huge university still stands in the area, but it is a pockmarked bulk of a building surrounded by scorched earth and the ruins of what once was a residential area. Greenough estimates that 1,100 houses were destroyed during the offensive.

The city still receives occasional mortar or rocket rounds (about a dozen children were killed in one recent shelling), but for the most part things are quiet now.

Greenough, a former Peace Corpsman in the Dominican Republic, thinks that the schools can reopen by April 1. Right now, the schools, pagodas, and tents are being used to house the refugees.

When the refugees' houses are rebuilt, they will be better than the ones that were destroyed. Instead of the hard, packed mud which had been used as a floor, cement can be used, Kelly said.

Because Advisory Team 56, headed by Army Lt. Col. Les Conger, has had such a sudden influx of refugees to care for, the problem of Viet Cong infiltrators would seem to be a serious one. But Chiavarioli said checks by hamlet chiefs, who know the populace, tend to weed out any would-be infiltrators.

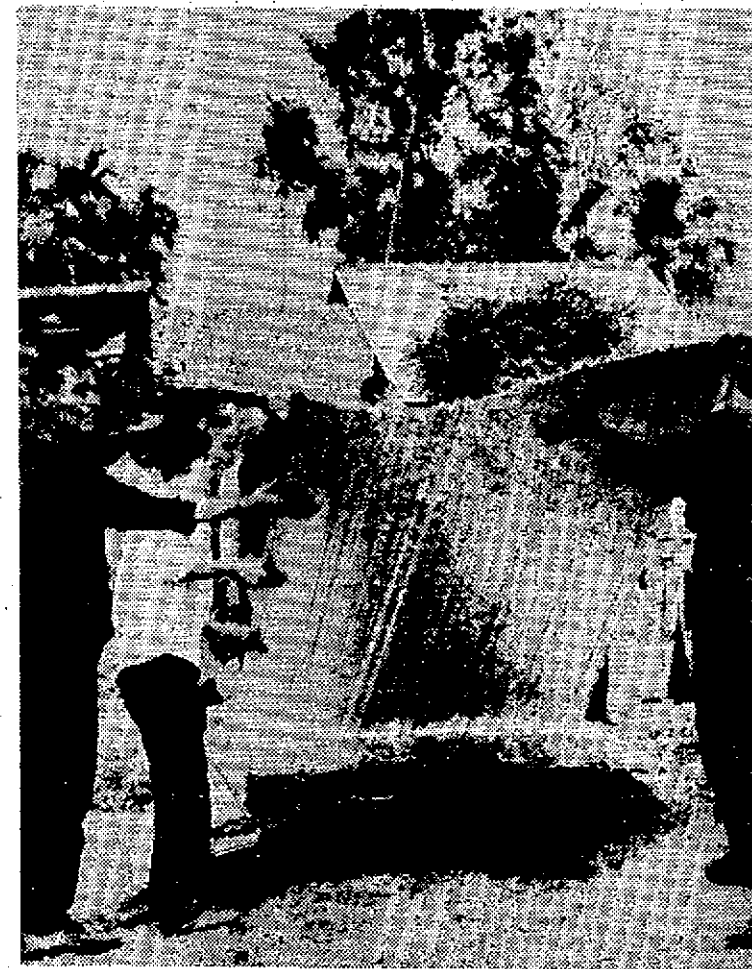
Kelly, who comes from San Patricio County, Tex., explained that the advisory team headed by Conger is composed of six nurses, two medical technicians, 12 U.S. AID men, two persons from JUSPAO, two Revolutionary Development cadre advisers and 58 military men. There is a team like this in each of the provinces in the Delta. In some cases, as with Team 56, the chief is a military man and his deputy a civilian. In some cases, the roles are reversed.

The advisory teams concentrate on food, clothing and shelter for the refugees. Medical care comes under the guidance of CORDS' public health program.

The destruction and dislocation caused by the Tet offensive has disrupted much of CORDS operations, but gradually conditions are being brought back to a semblance of normal. At any rate, the people working for CORDS don't seem dismayed by the challenge before them.



Bags of cement (above) and sheets of tin roofing (below) are given to refugees in Can Tho. Each refugee family receives 10 sheets of roofing, 10 bags of cement and some money to help them rebuild their war shattered homes. The supplies were furnished by the U.S. AID program and the South Vietnamese government. (S&S Photos)



Reds Scrape Barrel For Replacements

CAN THO, Vietnam (AP)—The new commander of South Vietnam's 4th Military Corps area, where the allies claim to have inflicted heavy casualties on Viet Cong attacking in the recent Tet offensive, said Saturday the Communists have already refilled their ranks with new recruits.

But, says Maj. Gen. Nguyen Duc Thang, former head of the nation's pacification program, the Viet Cong recruits are very young and untrained.

"I think they attacked our cities with mostly main force," Thang said, "and we inflicted severe losses."

However, he added, "we have to say they (have) got replacements already—but the quality of the replacements is rather poor."

Thang said the Viet Cong were abducting young men from the countryside and cities of the Mekong Delta.

Thang, took over as chief government representative in the Delta 10 days ago, and told a news conference Saturday he faces tough going pushing back the Communist advances made since the end of January.

The delta is South Vietnam's most important area with regard to population. Its 7 million people are about 40 per cent of South Vietnam's 17.2 million people, and they produce most of the country's food.

"I think the soldiers under my command understand that we are in a very critical position," Thang said. "This delta may fall into the hands of the Reds or it can remain as a portion of free Vietnam—it's entirely up to the fighting spirit of my soldiers and the fighting spirit of our people."

More Hue Executions Discovered

SAIGON (AP)—New reports of Communist executions of men, women and children in Hue and its surrounding areas were announced Saturday by the United States Mission.

The announcement was based on reports from the Combined Interrogation Center (CIC) at Hue where military intelligence officers have been questioning hundreds of eyewitnesses to Communist executions, the mission said.

The latest reports followed discovery of three mass graves in the Gia Hoi district in the northern part of Hue, containing a total of just over 100 bodies. Some of the bodies were found tied up with their hands bound behind their backs, the mission said.

"The NVA and the VC had the names and addresses of the people they wanted to get," an officer of the CIC said. "And they had their own order of priorities for the ones they wanted to kill."

"Their victims were mainly police, political leaders, government and local civil servants, anyone who worked for the Americans and anybody who was known for his active support of the government," he said.

Terrorists Slay 139 Civilians

SAIGON (AP)—The U.S. Mission said Saturday that 139 Vietnamese civilians were killed last week in Viet Cong terror incidents, bringing the total since the first of the year to 5,831.

The mission also reported 395 civilians wounded and 401 were kidnaped by the Viet Cong in the week ending last Saturday.

Among those killed, wounded or abducted were nine village officials, six hamlet chiefs, 11 revolutionary development workers and 72 national policemen.

Gunships Cut Tax

SAIGON (AP)—Villagers in the Mekong Delta complained about tax collectors so the U.S. Navy sent helicopter gunships to deal with the problem.

The Navy said Saturday that Viet Cong guerrillas had been taxing boats passing on the Bassac River 73 miles southwest of Saigon.

Four river patrol boats with Vietnamese militiamen forced the Viet Cong tax collectors into an open field, the Navy said, and the helicopter ships attacked them with rockets and machine guns. Vietnamese troops found seven enemy bodies there later, a spokesman reported.

Thieu Tours Wreckage In Old Imperial Capital

HUE, Vietnam (AP)—South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu and a party of officials Saturday made a day-long tour of Vietnam's ravaged old imperial capital, virtually destroyed during a month-long battle.

The president toured both sides of the city bisected by the Perfume River, talked to local officials and was taken to a former Communist command post.

Thieu flew to Hue Saturday morning accompanied by Prime Minister Nguyen Van Loc, First

Corps Commander Hoang Xuan Lam and U.S. Marine Corps Commander Lt. Gen. Robert E. Cushman.

Thieu flew to Phu Bai from Saigon and from Phu Bai was taken by helicopter into the old Vietnamese 1st Inf. Div. command post—one of the few spots which withstood the Communist onslaught January 31.

While an American infantry company and South Vietnamese troopers swept the area for security, Thieu toured ruined areas of the city.

2 TV Men Wounded

SAIGON (UPI)—Two ABC television newsmen were slightly wounded Friday by fragments of a rocket or mortar fired into the U.S. Marine base at Khe Sanh.

ABC news correspondent Bill Brannigan was struck by shell fragments in his right hand and leg and cameramen Jim Deckerd was wounded in the neck and one leg.

Both were reported in good condition after evacuation to the U.S. Navy hospital at Da Nang.

'Operation Recovery' Spurred at Hoi An



Refugees Rough It in Vietnam

Refugees, in picture at left, rummage through the debris of their homes in Hoi An, capital of Quang Nam Province, Vietnam, trying to salvage something from the ruins left by the Viet Cong's

Tet attack. At right is a portion of a tent city on the outskirts of Hoi An, used as a temporary refuge for the homeless from outlying villages. (USMC)

HOI AN, Vietnam (IO) — "Operation Recovery is in full swing here," said Capt. William F. Walsh, of Detroit, political warfare adviser for Quang Nam Province.

Operation Recovery is the name given to the project of straightening out the mess left in the wake of the attacks by the Communists during Tet.

As a result of the attacks, 696 families were left homeless in the city and an additional 2,000 refugees have poured in from outlying villages seeking help.

There were 696 homes damaged, burned or destroyed. Of these 97 were destroyed by the dependents of the ARVN 102nd Eng. Bn. in order to hold the enemy.

The 102nd Eng. Bn. Compound took the brunt of the attack and the enemy was holed up in the dependents' housing area which adjoins the compound.

While the attack was still in progress, Lt. Col. Le Tri Tin, province chief, drew on all sources of relief commodities for the victims.

Local administrative officials and members of the Cultural Drama team organized themselves into disaster teams, and, although under fire, went out into the streets evacuating wounded, guiding civilian refugees to shelter and moving food and medical supplies from point to point.

"The VC proclaimed there would be a popular uprising in Hoi An. There was — but it turned out to be a popular uprising against the VC. A fact that must have surprised the hell out of them," Walsh commented.

He pointed out that the city of Hoi An from Jan. 30 to Feb. 2 was a battleground, where civilians, instead of hiding in their homes or running away, were organizing and pitching in to help the city survive.

"There were many cases where civilians carried a wounded ARVN soldier away to a place of safety and took his weapon and returned to his foxholes or bunker to fight in his place," the captain added.

The dependents of the 102nd Engineers and other ARVN who were burned out of their homes were immediately taken into the homes of citizens of the city.

In addition, the merchants formed a committee and collected \$200,000 to help the refugees and the ARVN dependents.

Police Program Includes Officers

WASHINGTON (S&S) — Army commissioned officers and warrant officers are also eligible to take part in the civilian police recruiting program recently announced by the Defense Department, according to an Army message to major commands.

Application for an early release of up to 90 days may be made under the provisions of AR 135-173 if the eligibility requirements of Army circular 655-3 are met.

All requests for early release must be made through channels to the Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Washington D.C., 20315, Attn: AGPO-SE.

NCO Saves Wounded Officer Twice as Heartbeat Stops

CAMP EVANS, Vietnam (IO) — A 1st Air Cav. Div. platoon sergeant has saved the life of his platoon leader after the officer's heart stopped.

B Co., 2nd Bn., 5th Cav. was moving along a rocky hillside in the Nui Mieu mountains near the brigade command post in Binh Dinh Province when a North Vietnamese soldier popped out of a cave entrance, firing a weapon.

In a second, Platoon Sgt. Carl Schofield and three other men of his platoon killed the enemy soldier. But with the two shots the man had gotten off, he had wounded the platoon leader in the right side of his chest and in the right hand.

The chest wound was bleeding profusely. Schofield, a veteran of 20 years in the Army and nine months in Vietnam, knew what had to be done.

"First of all, I put my finger on it to stop the bleeding," he said. "Air was rushing into it,

and I just saw it had to be stopped."

Then a second problem faced him: The lieutenant had lost so much blood that his pulse gradually weakened. Finally it stopped completely.

Schofield immediately started massaging the heart, and it began beating again.

A second time the heart stopped beating, and a second time Schofield's heart massage started it again.

By then, a Medevac helicopter was overhead. The thickly

wooded hill didn't permit the chopper to land, so a sling was lowered, and the men of the platoon loaded their leader onto it.

"I saw him in the hospital at Qui Nhon a couple of weeks later," said Schofield. "He was just fine. They sent him to Japan and I understand he's going to be all right."

How to apply heart massage is just one of the skills Schofield has picked up in his Army career, which included service with the 25th Inf. Div. in the Korean War.

Con Thien Leathernecks

CON THIEN, Vietnam (ISO) — The embattled outpost at Con Thien has been manned by numerous Marine battalions since February, 1967, when the Leathernecks took over, but none have stayed as long as the 2nd Bn., 1st Marines.

Commanded by Lt. Col. Billy

R. Duncan of Amarillo, Tex., the battalion assumed command at Con Thien Dec. 21.

Since their arrival they have made significant improvements.

According to Duncan, some 200,000 sandbags have been brought in to fortify or build new bunkers.

'Invisible' Marines Recon Enemy

DA NANG, Vietnam (ISO) — The Viet Cong were only yards from the Marine reconnaissance team, but the "green phantoms" — their faces smeared with black and green camouflage paint—were invisible.

The Marines were frozen, hardly breathing, blending perfectly into the background of green jungle.

They spotted a total of 810 enemy soldiers while on a recent mission in Mortar Valley near Da Nang.

"After we were helilifted into the area," explained Sgt. Michael L. Keddy, 23, a team

leader with D Co., 1st Recon Bn., "we heard enemy soldiers talking."

Keddy led his team off the main trail, and established an observation post on a hill overlooking two large trails.

Concealed by the thick foliage, Keddy and his recon Marines remained for three days, observing enemy troop movements.

"Sometimes they were as close as 10 meters," he added.

The enemy soldiers were in groups of about 200 each and were equipped with packs, flak jackets, .50 cal. machine guns,

mortars and automatic weapons. They were carrying bundles of supplies and ammunition.

"We called artillery in on the columns," Keddy said. "An aerial observer assisted us and observed the results of the fire. After artillery had worked an area over we called in fixed wing air strikes."

Because of thick brush, an accurate appraisal of damage done by the supporting arms was impossible.

"The enemy soldiers never knew we were in the area," Keddy concluded, "and that's the way it's supposed to be."

Some Get Retirement Turndown

S&S Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Army has issued a reminder to soldiers nearing their 20-year service mark that applications for retirement are not granted automatically.

Although the Army could not say how many applications are delayed for the good of the service, it did point out that the 20 years of active duty is no guarantee of automatic retirement, particularly at present with the needs of the Vietnam war having a top priority.

Servicemen with critical skills are retained on duty until the Army's needs are fully met. Medical and service eligibility requirements must be met as well as school and promotion obligations, the Army said.

An enlisted man must complete one year at his duty station from the time of his or his dependent's date of arrival and an officer must complete one year of an overseas assignment or one year from the arrival of his dependents whichever is later.

Exceptions may be granted when the best interest of the service is involved or when substantial hardship would result. On the other hand the Army secretary may also retire a soldier who is eligible and whose retirement is in the best interest of the service.

Troupes for Vietnam

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Entertainment troupes again will be permitted to tour Vietnam to perform for American fighting men, it has been announced by George Chandler, chairman of the Hollywood Overseas Committee.

Potomac Tragedy

Fisherman Last to See Lost GIs

QUANTICO, Va. (UPI) — Authorities searched Saturday for a fisherman who is believed to be the last person to see eight Marines and a sailor alive before their canvas war canoe capsized in the icy waters of the Potomac River.

The fisherman was mentioned in testimony before a three-man Marine court of inquiry which began hearings on the drowning of the nine servicemen last Wednesday. All were members of an elite physical fitness academy at this Marine base 35 miles south of Washington.

The tribunal will try to reconstruct the circumstances surrounding the accident and

report to the Secretary of the Navy whether the victims died in the line of duty or because of misconduct. Such a decision is required before veterans' benefits for survivors can be approved.

Only one body, that of S. Sgt. Kenneth N. Andrews, 24, of Mount Rose, Calif., has been recovered during three days of air, land and sea operations.

Boatswain's Mate 2.C. Thomas T. Miller told the court he was sent out about 4:15 p.m. Wednesday in an aviation rescue boat in the initial search for the canoeists, who were crossing the two-mile wide Potomac in a water survival exercise.

Miller said he found a fisherman, whom he identified as Smith Booney, about 5 p.m. Booney was quoted as saying he had seen the canoeists about 20 minutes earlier, paddling and singing cadence.

About 6:30 p.m., a helicopter spotted their overturned craft about four and one-half miles south of the Quantico base. Nine paddles, nine seat cushion life preservers and a red baseball cap with an orange letter "M" on the front were subsequently recovered.

The cap reportedly belonged to the group leader, Gunnery Sgt. John Browning, 33. Maj. George Otott, director of the

physical fitness academy, said Browning was considered the highest qualified water safety instructor in the corps and was "extremely safety-minded."

Maj. James Hardin, assistant director of the academy, said part of the class training schedule called for capsizing the canoe deliberately in the Potomac as part of a survival drill.

One of the ironies of the mystery was that no one at Quantico could have stood a better chance of surviving such a capsizing than the nine victims, all of them expert swimmers who were in extraordinary physical condition even for the Marine Corps.

Florida Teachers To Return

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI)—Thousands of Florida's teachers voted Friday to return to their classrooms Monday, marking the beginning of the end of the first statewide teachers' strike in U.S. history.

The actual end depends on the 67 county school boards and whether they go along with terms laid down by the Florida Education Association (FEA), organizers of the strike, that teachers must be accepted back with no loss of pay, position or contract status.

The three-week-old strike was broken when Gov. Claude Kirk permitted a \$254-million educational package to become law Friday midnight without his signature.

It was the passage by the Legislature of this educational package — which the FEA claimed was not enough — that originally led to the strike, but once it became law, the teachers, as predicted, had a change of heart.

Tanker's Oil Perils Beaches of Nassau

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — Two tugs and a U.S. Navy vessel stood by a battered Greek tanker Saturday while strong winds and heavy ocean swells spread a thick, black carpet of oil onto the pink beaches of Eleuthera Island.

Detergents were flown in from Miami and New York in an effort to emulsify the oil which already had covered an area five miles long and two miles wide around the 555-foot General Colocotronis, grounded since Thursday night on a reef near Port James.

The tugs Alice Moran from Miami and Cable from Key West, Fla., were standing by the crippled ship which carried 18,478 tons of Venezuelan oil—about 6 million gallons—from Aruba to West Palm Beach, Florida.

The Coast Guard reported the captain and radioman refused to leave the General Colocotronis although the aft deck was awash.

One crewman, identified as Stratos Mastrotainis, the second officer, was lost when a small boat being used to transfer crewmen capsized in rough seas.

The 13-year-old General Colocotronis, under charter to a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, appeared doomed. The Coast Guard at Miami said even if tugs could

pull her free, she might sink in deeper water.

Meanwhile, off Victoria, British Columbia, the burned out tanker Mandoil II was towed into the mouth of Nootka Sound on the west coast of Vancouver Island early Saturday.

The Mandoil carries a cargo of 10 million gallons of naphtha-base oil. Fire has flared intermittently in her stern since she collided with the Japanese freighter Suwaha Maru Feb. 28 off the Oregon coast.

Eleven of the Mandoil's crew of 43 were killed.

The Japanese freighter reached Victoria under tow Thursday night for a survey of damage.

VC Slain—

(Continued From Page 1) base was reported around 300 rounds during the last 24-hour period. U.S. casualties were said to be light.

Air Force B52 bombers and all-weather fighter bombers kept the pressure on Communist buildup and storage areas and gun positions both in North and South Vietnam.

The eight-engined B52 saturation bombers continued hammering away at suspected Communist troop positions menacing Hue and Khe Sanh.

Two waves of the high-flying Stratofortresses pounded suspected troop and bivouac areas within nine miles of Hue Friday. These raids were followed up with two more strikes Saturday morning in the same general area.

Other flights of B52s mounted two more raids Saturday near Khe Sanh.

In the Central Highlands, some 270 miles north of Saigon, a U.S. spotter plane came upon three to five heavily laden elephants Saturday near a Viet Cong truck parking area.

The beasts are used by the Communists in the highlands — near the Cambodian border — to transport military supplies. The animals are also used by Montagnard tribesmen as beasts of burden.

The spotter pilot called in an airstrike and, after returning to the area, reported one of the elephants was killed and a bunker at the truck park was destroyed.

Saigon appeared quiet Saturday night, with no flares to be seen in the skies over Tan Son Nhut airport and artillery and bombing missions notable by their absence.



Coast Guardsmen carry body identified as that of Edward H. Litchfield. It was recovered from Lake Michigan after the crash of a private plane. The pilot, Litchfield's mother, wife and two children were missing. (AP Radiophoto)

She Stalls Everything

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Downtown traffic was tied up for an estimated 35 minutes Wednesday when a 19-year-old girl refused to back her car to allow a semitrailer truck to complete a turn.

Patrolman Herbert D. Good said that after 15 minutes of verbal persuasion failed, he wrote a ticket charging the driver of the car, Shari Rue Walker of Des Moines, with interfering with the flow of traffic.

She refused to sign the ticket. Good warned her she might go to jail. She still refused to sign. Good called for help. Two other officers failed to persuade her to sign.

Miss Walker was taken to municipal court, where she drew a five-day jail sentence.

Air Crash—

(Continued From Page 1) at the airport for the plane to arrive.

The plane reportedly took off from Wellsville, and was due to land at Meigs Field Friday night. The Coast Guard said the plane received landing instructions from Meigs Field but did not land.

Two Coast Guard boats started a search immediately. Three search planes and a Fire Department helicopter stood by but could not join in the search because of fog.

SCM, of New York, is the parent firm of Smith-Corona Merchant, Inc., a major manufacturer of business machines.

The airport manager at Wellsville, M. J. Tarantini, said Litchfield and his wife had been vacationing in central America. He said they flew to Wellsville Friday to pick up his mother and the two boys.

Grid Club—

(Continued From Page 1) lament: "Pore George is daid!—George Romney is daid. —All gather 'round his platform and cry.—His program was so grand—What we could understand—It hurts us all to have to say goodbye."

Nixon was portrayed next singing to the Cole Porter classic: "I've got it under my skin,—the White House deep in the heart of me,—So deep in my heart, it's really a part of me, I've got it under my skin."

The Republican finale showed Ford marching backward with a troop of followers, singing to "Onward Christian Soldiers" this lyric: "Backward, wooden soldiers, to the status quo—With old Ev and Gerry, let no progress show."

Then it was turnabout, with the Democrats depicted in a skit, "Forget the Alamo."

To the tune of "Stand up for Jesus," a club member emerged to sing in the guise of Bobby Kennedy: "Stand up, stand up for Lyndon—We must be firm and true—Believe me I admire him—the gossip's just not true.—I'm not like Gene McCarthy—Or Fulbright's careless crew—I will stand up for Lyndon—There's nothing else to do."

The Humphrey number showed a Vice President wearing coonskin cap singing to the tune of "Davy Crockett" this praise of Johnson: "Born in a cabin on the brown prairie—Learned Texas politics at Old Sam's knee.—Got him a medal for one Navy spree — Built himself a fortune through the FCC—Lyndon, Lyndon Johnson—The buckskin buccaneer—Lyndon, Lyndon Johnson—King of the wild frontier."

French General Killed in Crash

TANANARIVA, Madagascar (AP) — The French military command for the Indian Ocean Sunday said that a plane carrying Gen. Charles Ailleret, chief of the French general staff, had crashed on Reunion Island.

The general, his wife and daughter were reported killed.

Ailleret, 60, and members of his staff had been in Tananariva on an official visit. They left Friday for Reunion Island.

Weather

USAF Weather Central

TOKYO AREA

Sunday Night: Mostly fair; Low High 20s

Monday: Partly cloudy; High Low 50s

TEMPERATURES

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Bangkok	90	74	Haha	61	54
Chitose	34	9	Saigon	93	77
Guam	82	76	Seoul	45	30
Hanaka	47	32	Tripel	59	52
Munika	88	74	Tokyo	50	37
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Albany	54	15	Melbourne	80	50
Albuquerque	59	39	Memphis	72	41
Amarillo	68	40	Miami	70	65
Atlanta	67	35	Milwaukee	52	28
Birmingham	78	36	Moscow	32	25
Bismarck	40	33	N. Orleans	77	47
Boise	51	28	N.Y.C.	57	31
Boston	46	25	N. Platte	60	40
Chicago	52	39	Oklahoma City	73	52
Cincinnati	64	34	Omaha	60	43
Cleveland	56	28	Paris	46	36
Denver	57	30	Phila.	55	25
Des Moines	51	41	Phoenix	43	50
Detroit	58	25	Pittsburgh	57	27
El Paso	44	29	Puerto Rico	77	55
Fairbanks	30	06	Rapid City	52	40
Fort Worth	45	40	Richmond	44	34
Hong Kong	79	59	St. Louis	75	35
Houston	82	60	St. Paul	43	37
Indianapolis	72	55	Salt Lake	49	35
Jakarta	64	28	S. Antonio	47	56
Kobe	89	78	San Diego	43	54
Kansas City	74	46	San Fran.	57	50
Las Vegas	43	27	Seattle	50	34
London	52	38	San Francisco	77	42
L.A.	45	52	Sydney	73	59
Louisville	67	30	Tucson	67	48
			Wash.	60	27

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