

## Confers on Oregon Race

# Rocky 'Ready and Willing'



A guard, his gun silhouetted in center, looks over empty prison yard and burning buildings at Oregon State Penitentiary after riot

Saturday night. An estimated \$5 million damage was caused by rioting prisoners. (UPI Radiophoto)

NEW YORK (UPI)—

Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller met with influential Republican "moderates" Sunday on whether to start fighting now for the presidential nomination. He said he sensed swelling support and was "ready and willing to serve the people if they want me."

Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon, the front running and only announced major candidate for GOP nomination, said he expected Rockefeller to decide "one way or the other" Sunday on running in the crucial Oregon primary.

Nixon, who lives 10 floors below Rockefeller in a Fifth Avenue apartment building, was not invited to the Rockefeller strategy session and left his home shortly after it began to wind up campaigning for votes in Tuesday's New Hampshire primary.

Rep. William E. Miller of New York, the vice presidential candidate on the 1964 Goldwater ticket—which Rockefeller refused to support—was among the 32 Republicans at the meeting.

Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller of Arkansas said "I am the most consistent supporter of my brother and I would like to see him announce his candidacy today." But he added that he exerted no influence over his older brother.

Gov. Tom McCall of Oregon said he was attending "just to hash over" Rockefeller's possible candidacy. He described Rockefeller and Nixon as "the two giants of the Republican party" and predicted "about a dead heat" if both entered his state's primary.

## Say Westy Asks for 206,000

NEW YORK (AP) — Gen. William C. Westmoreland has asked for 206,000 more American troops for Vietnam and this has touched off a hot internal debate in high levels of the Johnson Administration, the New York Times reported Sunday from Washington.

The Times said a number of sub-cabinet civilian officials in the Defense Department, supported by some senior officials in the State Department, argued against Westmoreland's plea for a 40 per cent increase in (Continued on Back Page, Col. 3)

# 700 Oregon Convicts Riot; Prison Damage Is \$5 Million

SALEM, Ore. (UPI) — About 700 rioting prisoners at the Oregon State Penitentiary ended a destructive, 16-hour rebellion Sunday after the aging warden resigned and officials agreed to some of the convicts' demands for reform.

Four guards held hostage through the night were released unharmed. Five other guards were beaten so badly they had to be hospitalized, and a number of prisoners who refused to take part in the riot also were severely beaten.

The riot caused an estimated \$5 million damage to the grey, half-mile-square prison. Most of the damage was caused by convict-set fires. Flames destroyed the prison library, a hobby and furniture shop, a new dining area, and a separate complex of buildings housing vocational training shops.

"It's pure devastation," said

Ron Schmidt, Gov. Tom McCall's press secretary. "The men destroyed everything that was of any benefit to them."

Salem Fire Chief Glenn Shedeck made the damage estimate after firemen finally

managed to get inside the blackened, water-soaked prison Sunday.

The outbreak ended at 8 a.m. when prison officials and leaders of the rebel prisoners (Continued on Back Page, Col. 4)

## But Has Deep Problem

# Sub Looks Fine, on the Surface

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. (AP)—There was only one thing wrong with the test dive Saturday of Dan Scott Taylor's 18-foot homemade submarine.

It wouldn't submerge. "She wouldn't go under," said Taylor, 27, of his sleek, two-ton submarine, the Viperfish, which was to have dived to the murky bottom of Lake Lanier in a test run.

"It needs about 400 more pounds of lead—I'll just have to repack it until I get the correct trim," he said.

He spent four years building the fiberglass sub in his back yard and hopes to use the Viperfish for ocean floor inspection, photography and research.

After Taylor crawled through the hatch of the bright yellow

sub and rode off a trailer into the water, the sub listed at a 30-degree angle.

He straightened it out and then floated briefly around the harbor.

Undaunted, Taylor plans another try soon with his \$12,000 craft. "I'm not disappointed. This came out better than I thought. It's really unusual to take a sub down the first time."

## Proof Uncovered

FORT MITCHELL, Ky. (AP) — Police investigated a car abandoned off Interstate 75, thinking it was leaking gasoline. It wasn't gasoline — it was moonshine. In the car's trunk the cops found 197 jugs, one of which was cracked and leaking.

# Westy Sees Fierce Fight For Northern Provinces

By JIM HOUSTON

S&S Staff Correspondent

PHU BAI, Vietnam — Gen. William C. Westmoreland said Sunday "very heavy fighting" lies ahead for the allies in South Vietnam's two northernmost provinces.

The commander of U.S. Forces in Vietnam said Hanoi considers this area part of North Vietnam and is trying to control it militarily and politically.

Westmoreland was attending a ceremony at Phu Bai where he placed Lt. Gen. William Rosson in command of military forces in the newly-created provisional corps area.

Westmoreland said a massive Communist buildup in the two northern provinces of Quang Tri and Thua Thien has caused the allies to reinforce and redeploy their troops there.

He said that the North Vietnamese interest in the Marine base at Khe Sanh underlines its importance.

Westmoreland cited the unprecedented air power available for the defense of Khe Sanh and said it would not be an American Dien Bien Phu.

Rosson's new command, officials in Saigon said, replaces the shortlived Military Assistance Command Vietnam For-

ward. General Creighton Abrams, commander of MACV/F, has returned to Saigon to resume his post as deputy to Westmoreland.

Major units forming the provisional corps are the 3rd Marine Div. and the 1st Air Cav. Div. Marine Lt. Gen. Robert E. Cushman will remain the senior commander of allied forces along the DMZ and I Corps.

## Anti-Red Front Set

SAIGON (UPI)—Two thousand representatives of South Vietnamese political, religious and labor groups met in Saigon Sunday to formally inaugurate a new anti-Communist front.

The convention approved the nominations of 49 members to an executive committee.

The new "People's Front for National Salvation" has government support, but it includes a number of opposition political and religious leaders.

The front was conceived in reaction to the Communists' Tet offensive. Its organizers underline the need for unity among the anti-Communist political groups in the face of the Communist threat.



Line of Battle

U.S. Navy attack planes line the deck of the aircraft carrier Bon Homme Richard in the Gulf of Tonkin as pilots await orders to take off. The Navy fliers have been supporting the embattled Marines at Khe Sanh. (AP Radiophoto)

# New Red Highways Link Cambodia, Viet

By PERRY YOUNG

DAK TO, Vietnam (UPI) — The Communists are building a network of high-speed roads capable of hauling heavy supplies from Cambodia into South Vietnam, it was learned Saturday.

The roads, which appear from the air to be well engineered and heavily traveled, have been built in the last month, according to U.S. military officials.

The roads are jokingly called "The Parker Turnpike" in Dak To because Air Force Maj. William R. Parker, 39, of Scottsdale, Ariz., discovered the first one on Feb. 10th.

Parker agreed to let me ride with him on a routine forward air control mission to see for myself.

We were hardly off the end of the runway at Dak To when Parker pointed to my right and told me to follow Highway 512, a wide dirt road that runs from Kontum to Dak To and then east toward the Cambodian border. We followed this road about 10 miles due west.

A road branched off Highway 512 here and Parker told me, "Over to the right there, that

burned out hill is where an old French fort used to be."

The hill was a landmark for the point where the new Communist road connected with the road that branched off 512.

We followed this road southwest to the Cambodian border. Here and there bomb craters had made clearings so the new road and vehicle tracks could be seen. Trees blocked the view in some places but in others the road builders themselves had made such a wide clearing that the road could easily be seen from the air.

Parker interrupted our observations of Communist engineering by saying "I'll bank left so we stay in Vietnam."

Just minutes after the plane banked left from the border, Parker yelled, "I swear there's a vehicle right out in the middle of the road."

B52s had bombed a ridgeline and I could see about a half mile stretch of the road. We circled around, then swooped over the road to get a better look.

There were two small vehicles, well camouflaged with the grey and green vegetation of the jungle dry season, and a still larger pile of branches and twigs in the middle of the road further down. It was a large hulk, possibly a tank.

Parker called for air strikes on the vehicles. He dove the plane toward the road, firing four smoke rockets at the camouflaged vehicles.

About an hour later, when another forward air controller plane led bombers in for the strike, three artillery positions were uncovered nearby.

The second FAC also reported three trucks were hit just south of this spot, one of them equipped with a crane. Four elephants were also on the road and were bombed as suspected pack animals for the NVA.

# Casualties in Vietnam

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

### KILLED IN ACTION

- Army**
- PFC Dan L. Neely, Birmingham, Ala.
  - PFC Bennie R. Moncus, Fort Payne, Ala.
  - PFC Ernest P. Holmes Jr., Childersburg, Ala.
  - PFC Willie Giles Jr., Montgomery, Ala.
  - SFC Fernando M. Quintero, Globe, Ariz.
  - PFC Roy W. Duncan, Texarkana, Ark.
  - SGT Warren G. Harding Jr., Anaheim, Calif.
  - SGT Gerald Cervantes, San Jose, Calif.
  - SGT Thomas L. Herr, Modesto, Calif.
  - SP4 John H. White Jr., Anaheim, Calif.
  - SP4 Alvin R. Brown, Tulare, Calif.
  - SP4 Michael E. Martin, Santa Ana, Calif.
  - CPL William J. Jacobs, Lancaster, Calif.
  - CPL Phillip W. Lucas, Westminster, Calif.
  - CPL Robert I. Crane, Fall River Mills, Calif.
  - SFC James E. Thomas, Lafayette, Ga.
  - PVT Donnell Bell, Venice, Ill.
  - PFC Bennie Kiazek, East Gary, Ind.
  - 2LT John S. Simmons, Calverton, Kan.
  - 2LT Eugene M. Moppert, Metairie, La.
  - SFC Edgar C. Spence, Baton Rouge, La.
  - SP4 Winfield W. Reid, Pochatook, La.
  - CPL Vernon J. Miller Jr., Baltimore, Md.
  - MSG Jimmie L. Todd, Waynesville, Mo.
  - SGT Edward E. McClellan, St. Joseph, Mo.
  - SP5 Kenneth R. Stephenson, Marceline, Mo.
  - SP4 Robert V. Nowak, Ogallala, Neb.
  - PFC Michael S. Kravchak, Roselle, N.J.
  - PFC James Sculler, Summit, N.J.
  - SP6 Juanito Perez, Albuquerque, N.M.
  - PFC Frank Pasquella, Endicott, N.Y.
  - PFC Arthur W. Herod, Gorham, N.Y.
  - PFC Robert J. McGee, Hudson, N.C.
  - SP4 George W. DeFurnell, Elyria, Ohio.
  - SP4 James V. Thornton, Philadelphia, Pa.
  - PFC Adolphus Ellis, Alliquippa, Pa.
  - PFC Earl I. Allhouse, Myerstown, Pa.
  - PFC Clifford G. Stockton, Chester, Pa.
  - SP4 Robert W. Louzon, Woonsocket, R.I.
  - CPT Harold M. Renwick Jr., Winstboro, S.C.
  - SSG Robert E. Wesley, Garland, Tex.
  - PFC Jimmy M. Trollinger, Port Lavaca, Tex.
- Marine Corps**
- CPL William O. Turner, Phenix City, Ala.
  - LCPL Rodney D. Lloyd, Birmingham, Ala.
  - LCPL Larry J. Tyler, Los Angeles, Calif.
  - LCPL Ricky F. Adams, Baldwin Park, Calif.
  - PFC Douglas A. Lentz, Green Cove Springs, Fla.
  - PFC Nathan Holmes, Columbus, Ga.
  - PFC Arthur L. Brunt, Valdosta, Ga.
  - PFC Richard J. Burnett, Atlanta, Ga.
  - CPL Ronald L. Derapsey, Evansville, Ind.
  - LCPL John A. Thofland, South Minnetonka, Minn.
  - CAPT Robert L. Sevell, Clark, N.J.
  - LCPL Malflaw M. Dwyer Jr., Lynhurst, N.J.
  - CPL Bertram A. Doso, Albany, N.Y.
  - LCPL Franc Kreg, Williamson, N.Y.
  - PFC George F. Robillo, New York City.
  - PFC Carlos L. Gonzales, New York City.
  - LCPL William R. Klawitter, Bend, Ore.
  - PFC Horacio Carranza, San Antonio, Tex.
  - LCPL Guy N. Bernard, Port Orchard, Wash.
  - PFC Charles F. Deuel, Palmyra, Wis.
- Air Force**
- SGT Edward W. Milan, Carteret, N.J.
  - SSGT James C. Swann, Tooele, Utah.
- DIED OF WOUNDS**
- Navy**
- RMSN Kenneth L. Cook, Paradise, Tex.
  - PFC Michael W. Holzman, Sepulveda, Calif.
- MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE**
- Army**
- PFC Donald W. Dixon, Alabama City, Ala.
  - CPT Kenneth M. Shannon, Santa Clara, Calif.
  - SGT Klaus D. Egolf, Westminster, Calif.
  - PFC Michael D. Sheahan, Tulunga, Calif.
  - PFC Brian W. Bates, Lakewood, Calif.
  - CPT Joseph B. Phillipson Jr., Portland, Conn.
  - PFC Harold S. Higginbotham, Miami, Fla.

- PFC Darrell R. Umholtz, Falls Church, Va.
  - PFC Dennis J. Kromroy, Osceola, Wis.
  - PFC Anthony J. Breuer, La Crosse, Wis.
  - PFC Ismael Menendez-Ocasio, Vega Baja, P.R.
- Navy**
- HN Alexander Glajc, Milwaukee, Wis.
  - HN Steven P. Swafek, Peshigo, Wis.

- PFC Jimmie L. Harvin, Jacksonville, Fla.
  - SFC Walter C. Shellito, Martinez, Ga.
  - PFC William C. Quebodeaux Jr., Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.
  - 1LT Jeffrey Gurvitz, Skokie, Ill.
  - SSG Sheldon E. Bloyer, Portage, Ind.
  - CPL Charles H. Graham, Nevada, Iowa.
  - SGT Charles E. Williams, Junction City, Kan.
  - PFC Harry I. Fuqua Jr., Leavenworth, Kan.
  - SSG George M. Kilnley, Louisville, Ky.
  - SP4 Jay C. Dyer, Dearborn Heights, Mich.
  - PFC Douglas J. Burdick, Detroit, Mich.
  - PFC Gerald A. Huczek, Roseville, Mich.
  - PFC Marvin H. Jones Jr., Mt. Clemens, Mich.
  - PFC Dennis P. Clancy, Royal Oak, Mich.
  - PFC James A. Koch, Wadena, Minn.
  - SP4 Charles C. Grisham, Juka, Miss.
  - SGT James F. Coleman, Festus, Mo.
  - PFC David K. Bomeroy, Lutesville, Mo.
  - WO Jeffrey R. Byrne, Piscataway, N.J.
  - SFC Edward J. Kaminski, Rahway, N.J.
  - MAJ Michael J. McGinnis, Lockport, N.Y.
  - 1LT Robert S. Cragin Jr., Schenectady, N.Y.
  - SP4 Richard M. Hammond, Buffalo, N.Y.
  - SP4 Thomas E. Whitaker, New York City.
  - SP4 David G. Lupton, Rochester, N.Y.
  - SP4 Frank Sardino, East Islip, N.Y.
  - PFC Gustavo Roger Jr., New York City.
  - PFC Gerald T. Gallagher, West Hempstead, N.Y.
  - SP5 Julius N. Szahlander, Braintree, Ohio.
  - PFC Jerry D. Leak, Pleasant Plain, Ohio.
  - PFC Melvin E. Chaloupk, Salem, Ore.
  - CPL Kenneth E. Hornbaker, Greencastle, Pa.
  - SP4 Ruffin J. Satterwhite, Pittsburgh, Pa.
  - SP4 Robert J. Chambers, Philadelphia, Pa.
  - PFC Archie Anderson, Eastover, S.C.
  - SGT Bonnie L. Coleman, Ridgely, Tenn.
  - SP4 James C. Thomson, Sweetwater, Tenn.
  - PFC John L. Stewart, Seattle, Wash.
  - PFC Darrell L. Cabell, Foster, W. Va.
- Navy**
- B/A2 Leslie E. Murray, Winton, Calif.
  - SN Larry E. Sinks, Chatsworth, Ill.
- MISSING IN ACTION**
- Army**
- 2LT Victor Dicavallucci, SGT Frank T. Alday, SP5 Ronnie D. Schultz, SP4 Cornelius W. Strassner, SP4 Earl Erwin Jr., CPL Robert W. Hunt, PFC Frederick L. Martin.
- RETURN TO MILITARY CONTROL**
- Army**
- PFC Richard E. Jenkins.
- DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION**
- Army**
- SSG Harold C. Whitaker, Lowell, Ariz.
  - PFC Earl T. Jones, Los Angeles, Calif.
  - PFC Jerrald P. Smith, White Bear Lake, Minn.
  - CPT Joseph C. Doyle, Pittsburgh, Pa.
  - CPT Steven J. Pankin, Morristown, Tenn.
  - Marine Corps**
  - PFC James C. McPherson, Torrance, Calif.
  - CPL James F. Baucum, Lapeer, Mich.
  - LCPL James A. Corey, Kimberly, Wis.
- CORRECTION**
- LCPL Larry R. McKinney, USMC, Change status from killed in action to died not as a result of hostile action.

# Catfish Run For Copters

BIEN HOA, Vietnam (IO) — The whole assignment was a bit fishy.

WO Harold R. Nelson of Bethayres, Pa., and WO Eugene G. Spivey of Abilene, Tex., both of the 118th Assault Helicopter Co., found themselves airlifting 300 catfish in 55-gallon drums to a Special Forces camp about 60 miles northeast of Saigon.

It turned out that the Special Forces troops were stocking a ready food supply for the people who work in their camp.

Col. Richard Johnson, commander of the 4th Inf. Div. base at Dak To, tells a story about a Special Forces camp at Dak Seang to the northwest.

The Americans and South Vietnamese were shelling a North Vietnamese position on a nearby hill when a strange voice broke into their radio frequency.

The voice said: "Listen boys, you are not hurting us with that artillery. You do not stop, we

are going to come over there and kill you."

The Americans could laugh about this message because they were the ones who finally routed the North Vietnamese from the hilltop position.

There was another time recently when a North Vietnamese radio operator interrupted Johnson's communications. This time the Army was planning a major helicopter assault on a

full regiment of North Vietnamese well entrenched on a mountainside just west of the base.

Johnson said his radiomen kept getting interruptions. "It was just a series of letters in the phonetic alphabet," he said.

Then the radioman started writing the letters down. This was the message from the overconfident North Vietnamese:

"We wish you a pleasant voyage."

# 'Hello GIs! This is the Enemy Calling'

DAK TO, Vietnam (UPI) — From the battle reports, it may seem the only way North Vietnamese and American troops communicate is through exchanges of fire.

There are occasions, however, when the communication is as real as a good belly laugh and as close as the field radio set.

# Officials Crack Down on Mail Contraband

LONG BINH, Vietnam (IO)—Plan on mailing home a carbine, bayonet, pistol, ammunition magazines, ammunition, or bandoliers? Don't; detection equipment is now in use at Army postal units throughout the Republic of Vietnam as well as at the Military Airmail Facility in San Francisco, and customs officials are cracking down on violators.

Customs inspectors at San Francisco in one day discovered 38 packages mailed from Vietnam which contained contraband ranging from a live fragmentation grenade to the arsenal listed above, which was mailed from one APO.

To further aid inspectors on the West

Coast, detection equipment will be used throughout the country here and suspicious packages will be opened to determine if contraband is enclosed.

Customs inspectors have become skilled in picking out packages which may contain contraband simply due to the shape, size or weight. One bulky parcel they picked up weighed hardly anything. A check disclosed the Army sender had mailed home seven camouflage poncho liners.

Military police criminal investigators who work on such cases express amaze-

ment at the chances these relatively few servicemen take in trying to get contraband past postal and customs inspections.

Those that are caught face not only court martial action, but can also be prosecuted for violation of federal postal and customs laws and for illegal possession of government property.

Another point made by criminal investigators and postal authorities alike was the danger of explosion of grenades and other explosives mailed in parcels—particularly those carried to the States aboard aircraft.

"Can you imagine," mused one MP,

"what would happen if that fragmentation grenade discovered recently had cooked off—or had the pin jarred loose—aboard a jet flying at 30,000 feet with 160 GIs going home?"

In addition to installing detection equipment, Army post offices will display posters and signs warning customers of the prohibition against mailing contraband, the penalties for violations, and the means used by the APO to discover violators.

The signs and the customs declarations completed by the sender will make it difficult for those apprehended to plead ignorance.

## Medevac Crewmen Rescued

BINH THUY, Vietnam (OI)—An Air Force HH43 Huskie rescue helicopter crew rescued four Army crew members and a wounded soldier who went down in an Army medical evacuation helicopter.

The medevac helicopter had just minutes before picked up a wounded soldier when enemy automatic weapons positions opened up from both sides. The helicopter crew is assigned to the U.S. Army's 82nd Medical Evacuation Det. at Soc Trang.

The Binh Thuy Huskie had been scrambled on a mission north of Vinh Long airfield, 20 miles northeast of Binh Thuy.

"We were on the downwind leg," explained Capt. Laurence W. Conover, 33, San Francisco, the rescue aircraft commander, "when suddenly over the radio came 'May Day, May Day!' The distress signal continued to give the exact location of the falling Army chopper. The Army pilots had mentioned burning hamlets and I could see the fire-lit area off to my left and we were on our way.

"In minutes we were in the area and at the same time as Navy Seawolf gunship choppers," continued Conover. "The Seawolfs dropped in low to pinpoint the chopper's location using high powered strobe lighting and sure enough there it was right in a rice paddy and easily accessible. The Navy gunships pulled up and circled us laying down suppression fire as we hovered in close to the downed craft."

The actual pickup was completed and the wounded soldier was in an ambulance headed for the 62nd Combat Support Group dispensary five minutes later.

The other participating crew members were Capt. Leslie E. Johnson, 37, Bruceton, Tenn., rescue pilot; Technical Sergeant Kenneth H. Hogan, 39, Roanoke, Va., flight engineer; and Airman First Class Larry D. Nicholson, 21, Bixley, Calif., para-rescueman.

## A Heartwarming Scene for GIs

DONG PHU, Vietnam (IO) — The men of B Co., 4th Bn., 39th Inf., experienced a heartwarming scene as they returned from a recon. in force mission. Citizens of this small village southwest of Saigon welcomed them with gifts of dry clothing and hot food.

In return for laundering the 9th Inf. Div. soldiers' uniforms, the villagers have been given food and materials to better themselves and the hamlet.

"It's a real incentive," says Capt. James O. Lawson, Company B commander, "when you see the villagers so willing to cooperate with the troops."



At the handles of a Civil War-style plow, 101st Airborne Div. S.Sgt. Ted E. Johnson opens a furrow to bury telephone lines. He is a member of the division's 3rd Brigade. (USA)

## Laying Cable a Snap Now

# Relic Cuts Ground and Time

PHUOC VINH, Vietnam (IO) — A paratrooper's promise, the generosity of a Kentucky tobacco farmer and a Civil War plow teamed up to turn a half-day's labor into a 20-minute chore for signalmen of the 101st Airborne Div.'s 3rd Brigade here.

The value of a plow came to S.Sgt. Ted E. Johnson, Bowling Green, Fla., during a previous Vietnam tour with the Screaming Eagles of the 1st Brigade. At that time Johnson was constructing lines near Dak To.

"Communication lines had to be 18-feet above ground or six inches below the surface," Johnson recalled. "I had Montagnards cutting poles for me, but as the VC increased their sniping fire, the length of the poles decreased."

Johnson decided the solution was to bury the lines, however it took six men half-a-day to dig a quarter mile of trench. It was then he hit upon the idea of a plow.

"I bought a plow from a Montagnard for 400 piasters," he continued. "The plow was designed for marshy rice paddies and broke under the stress of turning hard ground. I vowed then and there I would bring an American plow with me if I ever came back to Vietnam."

Johnson returned to the U.S. and was assigned to the 3rd Brigade at Ft. Campbell. When the unit was alerted for movement to Vietnam, Johnson remembered his promise and called upon Mr. R. E. Pace,

tobacco farmer near the Army post.

"I explained why I wanted a plow," said Johnson. "Mr. Pace gave me an old plow that turned the tobacco fields a hundred years ago."

The brigade signal platoon scoured the share, added a touch of paint and deployed to Vietnam with their ancient plow and modern communications equipment.

With Johnson at the plow handles and a vehicle in the harness, the signalmen can lay a quarter mile of wire in minutes.

"It has sure saved us a lot of 'elbow-grease,'" Johnson said.

A half dozen privates nearby nodded in agreement.

# Bunker Hails S. Viet Recovery Program

SAIGON (UPI) — Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker said the South Vietnamese government has "moved quickly and vigorously" in its recovery program to counter the recent Viet Cong offensive.

"I don't think one could claim in any sense of the word that this (offensive) has been a victory for the Viet Cong," Bunker said in a press conference with Vietnamese newsmen.

"The people not only reacted with great indignation and resentment to these attacks, but also rallied to the support of the government as the govern-

ment itself moved quickly and vigorously into the whole recovery program," he said.

The government, Bunker said, has moved "vigorously and actively" in caring for refugees, setting up public health programs, clearing sites for the construction of homes for war victims, restoring public facilities and opening lines of communication.

The ambassador said Vietnamese and allied forces have begun to move back into the countryside and "take the offensive."

Bunker said the Viet Cong had expected to be able to hold some cities during their offensive and also hoped to incite Vietnamese Army units to defect.

He said the Communists had failed to achieve these aims while at the same time suffering "extremely heavy losses."

Asked if he thought the war was at a stalemate, Bunker said "I don't think there's a stalemate in Vietnam. I don't expect it will end up as a stalemate."

"We have made steady progress here. The Viet Cong-North

## VC Escape Strategy Backfires

PHU BAI, Vietnam (ISO) — Two Viet Cong attempting to get rid of their weapons, pose as innocent civilians and escape, were caught red-handed by Pfc. L.D. Lewis, 20, of Cincinnati, Ohio, a rifleman with "A" Co., 1st Bn., 1st Marine Regt., during Operation Hue City.

"We were sweeping through the streets of Hue," he explained, "when we received automatic weapons fire from a large building."

As fellow Marines provided covering fire, Lewis made his way to the building.

"I threw in a fragmentation grenade," he said.

Following the explosion there was no enemy fire and Lewis cautiously entered the building.

"There was a VC laying by the window," he continued, "and a North Vietnamese Army soldier nearby. Both were dead."

Lewis ran out the back door of the building, searching for any of the enemy who might have escaped.

A Viet Cong was handing two weapons to another VC in an attempt to hide them. When the VC saw Lewis they turned to run but Lewis killed them both.

"I walked back through the building to call up the rest of my squad," Lewis said, "and was hit by riot gas. The VC had apparently dropped it on their way out, hoping that it would cause enough delay to escape."

## LBJ Cites Viet Unit

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson has awarded the Presidential Unit Citation with an Oak Leaf Cluster to the 42nd Ranger Bn. of the South Vietnamese Army's 21st Inf. Div. for extraordinary heroism on May 17, 1966, in a battle against elite Viet Cong troops near Vinh Chau.

Vietnamese offensive has been a setback to that progress. It has delayed it. . . . But it doesn't change my view that we will come out here in the way in which my government and the Vietnamese government wants the problem solved.

"That does not mean to say it will be easy. We are facing a tough, resourceful, determined enemy willing to make sacrifices and we must be willing to make sacrifices, too."

# Red Gunners Blast Ammo, Fuel Storage Sites

SAIGON (UPI) — North Vietnamese forces launched a series of rocket mortar and artillery attacks on U.S. Marine bases in northern provinces Sunday night and early Monday.

They blew up a huge ammunition and supply dump serving U.S. forces along the Demilitarized Zone and a gasoline storage area at the Da Nang Marine headquarters.

Communist gunners hiding on jungle covered mountains along South Vietnam's northwestern corner, rained heavy barrages on Khe Sanh. The big Marine base at Dong Ha, staging area for all operations along the frontier, also came under heavy attack.

UPI correspondent Ray M. Wilkinson reported that 200 to 300 mortar and artillery shells hit the base late Sunday night.

Hardest hit was Cua Viet, allied supply base at the mouth of a river leading to Dong Ha. It is a transshipment point for virtually all supplies for troops along the DMZ.

One mortar round landed in the middle of an ammunition pile, touching off a thunderous explosion that virtually flattened the place, Wilkinson reported.

Ammunition continued to explode 10 hours after the first blast destroying several rubber bladders used to store bulk fuel.

"I was tossed through the air like a cartwheel and landed on my feet," said Ed Jarrosak of Lyndonville, Vt., a forklift operator who was running from the blast. "As soon as my feet touched the ground I was off and running again."

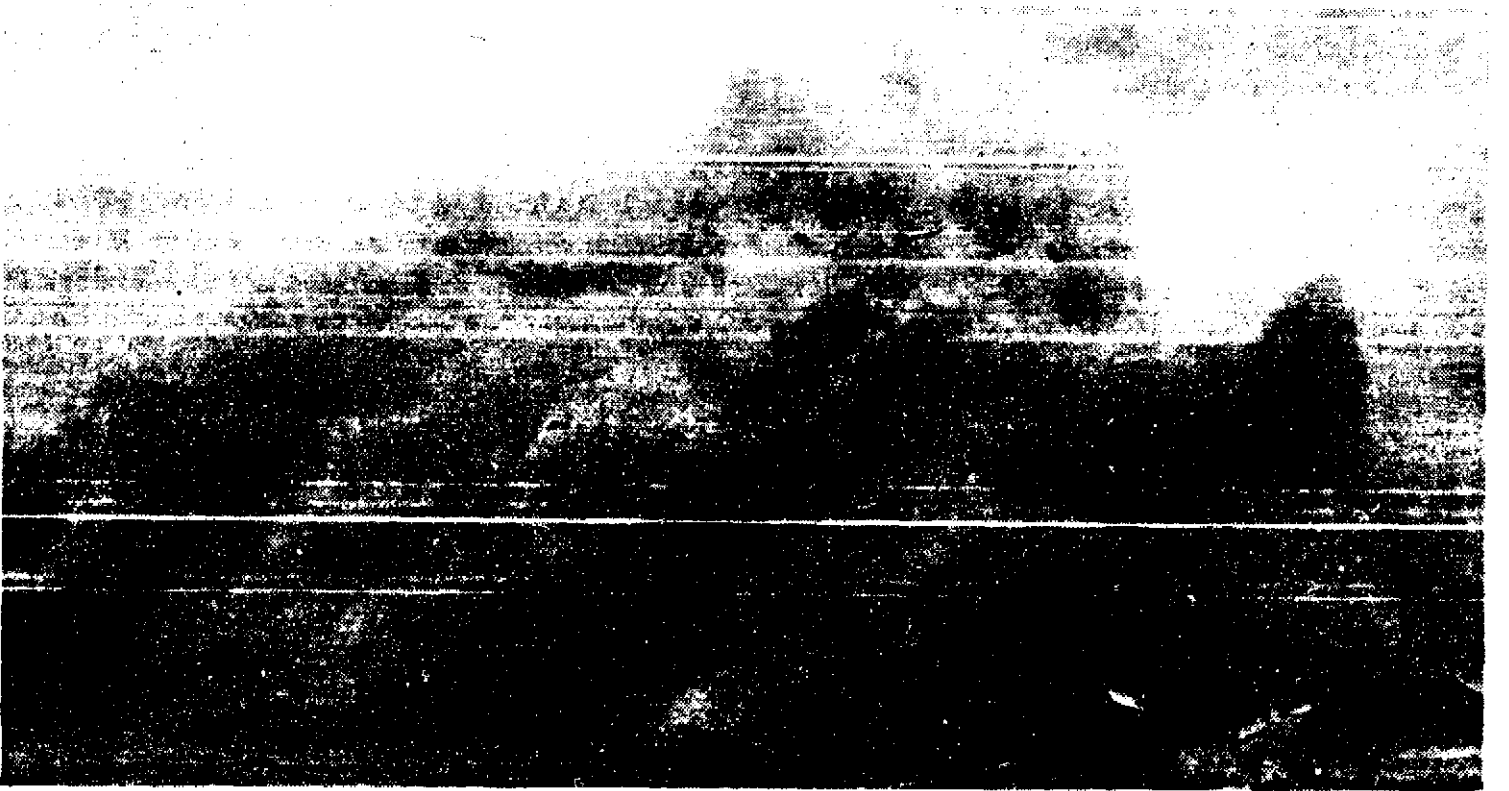
At Da Nang, the Communists touched off a huge fire on China Beach where petroleum from tankers is pumped through an underwater pipeline.

UPI correspondent Robert C. Miller reported the burning fuel sent flames hundreds of feet into the air.

There were no reports on casualties at either place.



An Air Force C130 makes a low-level cargo pallet drop into the Khe Sanh base. Cargo with chutes attached is dropped from the rear of the plane. Debris fills the air (below) as one of the pallets goes astray and hits a bunker. (S&S Photos By Spec. 4 John Olson)



## MIGs Buzz West Berlin

BERLIN (AP) — Two Soviet-made MIG jet fighters buzzed low over West Berlin Saturday, a U.S. military spokesman confirmed Sunday.

He said the incident took place shortly after noon and that the two planes came within one mile of the mid-city Tempelhof Airport and within three miles of Tegel Airfield in the French sector.

It could not be determined whether the planes were Russian or East German. A tripartite allied protest was lodged with the Soviets.

## Weather

USAF Weather Central  
TOKYO AREA

Monday Night: Light rain: Low 36

Tuesday: Cloudy: High 52

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Chicago	28	16	Saigon
Honolulu	52	34	Seoul
Manila	87	74	Taipei
Naha	83	57	Tokyo
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Albany	46	27	L.A.
Atlanta	71	42	Melbourne
Boston	54	42	Osaka
Chicago	52	46	Miami
Cincinnati	70	55	Moscow
Cleveland	52	46	N. Orleans
Denver	38	28	NYC
Detroit	48	39	Paris
Fort Worth	77	60	Phoenix
Hong Kong	62	56	Singapore
Honolulu	79	76	St. Louis
Houston	76	64	Salt Lake
Jakarta	87	66	Son Fran.
Kansas City	53	42	Sydney
K. Lumpur	94	78	Wash.
London	52	37	

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## Star Signals A Mystery

CAMBRIDGE, England (UPI) — Somewhere out in space an unknown kind of star is sending out radio signals that have astronomers glued to their receivers.

The first of the new stars was discovered Aug. 6, 1967. It seemed at first that its very regular pulsations could only be explained by intelligent beings deliberately signaling, so astronomers nicknamed it LGM—for Little Green Men.

"Our first thought was another intelligence trying to contact us," said Sir Martin Ryle, director of the Mullard Radio Astronomy Observatory at Cambridge.

Further study seems to indicate that the signals are not coming from intelligent beings but "we cannot completely rule that out," Sir Martin added cautiously.

Four other stars of the same type have been discovered since August. Cambridge astronomers said the new species probably will be named Pulsar, for pulsating star.

Whatever they are, Sir Martin thinks them "the funniest stars I have ever come across."

## Dispute on Buildup

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his forces to "regain the initiative" from the Communists.

Those opposing the increase contend it would provoke a matching increase by North Vietnam, "thereby raising the level of violence without giving the allies the upper hand."

(High administration officials Sunday discounted any idea that the escalation of troops this year would be more than 30,000 to 40,000, UPI reported.)

(They said the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, in reporting Feb. 28 on his Vietnam survey, outlined strategy Westmoreland would like to undertake and some officers felt this might require as many as 206,000 additional troops by this time next year.)

(UPI also reported that White House Press Secretary George Christian Saturday night confirmed the figure of 206,000 was among those that have been mentioned in speculation since Wheeler made his report to Johnson.)

(But Christian said there had been "no specific requests"

from Westmoreland involving that number.)

Westmoreland now has a force of 510,000. The Times said senior Pentagon civilians had offered a written counter-proposal to the president calling for a shift in American strategy to a concept of close-in defense of populated areas with more limited offensive thrusts than at present.

"Most of the military hierarchy is reported to oppose this approach," the Times added, while Westmoreland was trying to persuade the president to approve bolder strategy.

## Accident Hits Home

FAIRMONT, Minn. (AP)—Officer Arthur Meyenberg was cruising the area in a patrol car and was the first on the scene when two carloads of teenagers collided Saturday night.

He called for an ambulance and helped load the two bodies and the six injured youngsters.

Later, when Meyenberg returned to the police station, another policeman asked him, "How's your kid?"

"That's the first I knew that my kid was one of those in the accident," Meyenberg said.

His daughter, Julie, 15, was reported in serious condition.

## 700 Convicts Riot

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reached agreement on a dozen prisoner grievances. The riot broke out late Saturday afternoon when convicts stormed into the prison dining room, furniture factory and paint shop, setting the buildings ablaze and temporarily trapping 55 prison employees. Then they seized four guards as hostages.

The resignation of Warden Clarence Gladden, 75, was one of the prisoners' chief demands. George Randall, director of the state Corrections Division, also made a number of other concessions.

He promised there would be no punishment for those taking part in the riot and agreed to establish a permanent convict grievance committee.