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McCarthy Strong in N.H. Primary

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Fulbright Fails To Win Promise On Viet Buildup

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. J. W. Fulbright failed Tuesday to win a clear administration promise to consult his Foreign Relations Committee before deciding whether to send more U.S. troops to Vietnam.

"If more troops are needed," Secretary of State Dean Rusk told the committee, "we will—as we have done in the past—consult with appropriate members of Congress."

Rockefeller Sets Deadline

PITTSBURGH (AP) — New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller said Tuesday night he would decide by March 22 whether to become an active, declared candidate for the Republican presidential nomination.

He observed to newsmen that March 22 was the deadline for deciding whether to withdraw his name from the primary ballot in Oregon.

If he should do so, he said, it would be difficult to become a declared candidate later.

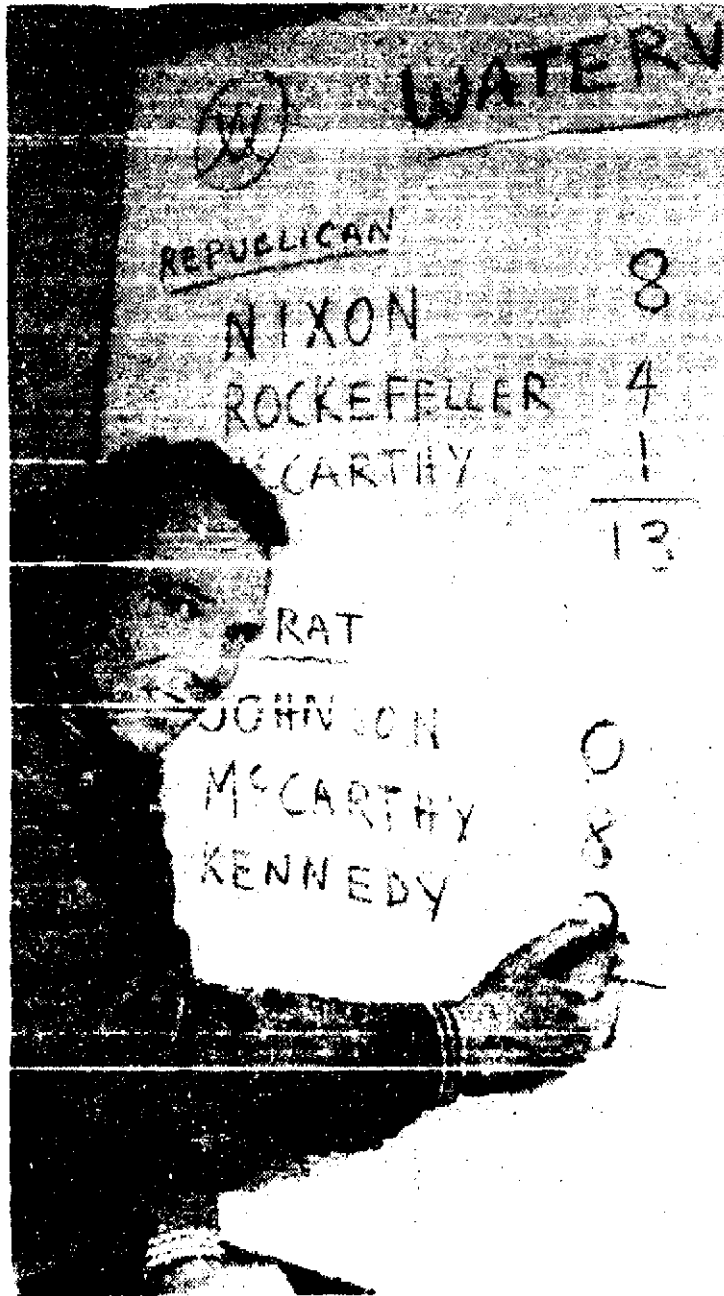
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With that, the two-day nationally televised and broadcast Rusk-Fulbright confrontation ended. Although the Arkansas Democrat told a newsmen he was not satisfied with Rusk's answer on consulting Congress, he appeared publicly to accept Rusk's promise to appear in closed session with the committee to expand on his limited public explanation of the administration's Vietnam policy.

The testimony—totaling about 10½ hours over two days—produced no announced changes of minds or policy on either side. Most of the 18 committee members took advantage of the national television exposure to make public statements of their stands on the war.

Rusk repeatedly told the committee he couldn't get too specific.

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Selectman Tom Corcoran tallies ballots cast at midnight in the little White Mountain ski village of Waterville Valley as voting began in New Hampshire's presidential primary. (AP Radiophoto)

3 GIs Die in Sinking Of Army Vehicle

FT. HOOD, Tex. (UPI)—An armored personnel carrier with five soldiers in it sank to the bottom of Lake Larned Monday instead of churning across as it was supposed to. Three of the soldiers drowned.

The victims were Spec. 4 Richard Jones, 26, whose wife Rosa, lives in Killeen, Tex., near Ft. Hood; John F. Kortum, 20, whose father, Vaughn F.

Kortum, lives at Portland, Ore., and Sgt. Calvin Washington Jr., 25, whose wife, Brenda, lives at Fort Worth.

The two men who escaped were Sgt. Anthony Salamone and Spec. 4 Ronald Alford.

The Army pulled the personnel carrier, a steel, boxlike body on tracks, out of the lake Tuesday and examined it to see what caused it to sink.

The vehicle, which belonged to the 46th Infantry of the 1st Armor Division, was fording Lake Larned near Ft. Hood in a routine maneuver when it sank.

One body was recovered immediately after the carrier went down. Scuba divers later found the other two.

Salamone and Alford were treated at Darnell Hospital at Ft. Hood for exposure. They were reported in good condition.

An Army spokesman said such personnel carriers are supposed to float, but for some undetermined reason, this one did not.

The Army was investigating.

CONCORD, N.H. (UPI)—President Johnson jumped ahead of peace candidate Eugene J. McCarthy Tuesday in New Hampshire's earlybird primary, but the Minnesota Senator was making a strong showing in the first major test of popular sentiment on the Vietnam war.

Richard M. Nixon swamped Nelson A. Rockefeller on the Republican ticket.

McCarthy, who hoped to capture 30 per cent of the vote as a protest against Johnson's Vietnam policies, was running stronger than expected with 41 per cent of the early returns in the Democratic primary. The President led McCarthy by a 5 to 4 margin.

Nixon, reestablishing his image as a winner after defeats in the 1960 presidential election and

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Voting Heavy In Miss.

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—White candidate Charles Griffin smashed the first serious Negro congressional challenge since Reconstruction days Tuesday night to win a special election for a U.S. House seat.

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Voters in southwest Mississippi made a strong showing despite a cold drizzle Tuesday in their balloting to determine whether Negro civil rights leader Charles Evers or his white conservative opponent Charles Griffin would be their new congressman.

Heavy turnouts were reported in most of the 12 counties for the special election to name a successor to John Bell Williams, who resigned after 21 years to become governor in January.

Griffin, 41-year-old aide to Williams for 18 years, was a heavy favorite to turn back the most serious Negro congressional challenge since the Reconstruction era.

Evers, 45-year-old state field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, led in the first round of voting two weeks ago.

N.Y. Mishap Hurts 35

NEW YORK (AP)—About 35 persons were injured Tuesday night when one Penn-Central Railroad commuter train struck another in Grand Central Terminal, police reported. Police said the train inbound from Croton-Harmon struck the rear of a train bound for Mount Vernon.

Hit \$4.5 Million in Silver

Miners Dig Selves Out of Hole

The Los Angeles Times

TOMBSTONE, Ariz. — Eight days from foreclosure, a father and son with faith in their silver claim hit pay dirt to the tune of \$4.5 million.

Ernest B. Escapule, 71, and his son, Ernie, 45, had debts totaling \$34,000. The son's electricity and phone service were disconnected for lack of pay-

ment. The clan was living on beans and tortillas.

"But we never lost faith," said Ernie. "We knew riches were down that hole."

They were right. They hit an 8-foot-wide vein of high-quality silver, and their fortunes changed as swiftly as did those of the gunmen, gamblers, and get-rich-quick prospectors of

this town's wildest days of old.

The Escapules now have a lease option on their Santa Ana claim—purchased by a Houston oil firm—for \$4.5 million.

"We won a photo finish," said Ernie Escapule as he stood beneath the steel-gallus frame over his diggings on the claim.

How far down the 8-foot vein

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Hospital Corpsman Theodore Rutkowski of Pittsburgh lies on the ground just outside of the Khe Sanh outer defenses and uses his stethoscope to listen for North Vietnamese digging tunnels beneath the base. (S&S Radiophoto by Spec. 4 John Olson)

Jets Hit Hanoi Radio Site

SAIGON (AP) — U.S. warplanes knifed through overcast skies to fly 76 missions against targets in North Vietnam Monday, including one against the Hanoi radio receiving station only 10 miles south-east of the capital.

One U.S. plane, an Air Force F4 Phantom, was downed during the raids, a military spokesman said, and the two-man crew was listed as missing in action.

The radio communications receiving station was pummeled by quarter-ton bombs dropped by Navy A6 Intruder pilots who relied on their sophisticated radar equipment to slip through the 2,000-foot ceiling.

Enemy Strangely Silent On Eve of 'Dien Bien Phu'

SAIGON (AP) — An ominous lull was reported on Vietnamese warfronts Tuesday, the eve of the 14th anniversary of the beginning of the siege of Dien Bien Phu.

The U.S. and South Vietnamese commands said they had no reports of major fighting across the country. There was speculation, however, that the Communists might trigger some action or incident to coincide with the beginning of the Dien

Bien Phu anniversary. Fall of the French fortress climaxed a chain of defeats that led to France's withdrawal from Vietnam.

U.S. Marines at Khe Sanh—which has been likened to Dien Bien Phu—came under heavy shelling again Tuesday, but there were no details of ground action, military officers said.

Air raids against North Vietnamese forces surrounding the embattled Marine outpost were

carried out late Monday and Tuesday.

The only significant ground action Monday reported by the U.S. command pitted troops of the Americal Div. against a mixed force of North Vietnamese regulars and Viet Cong guerrillas along the coast 80 miles south of the Demilitarized Zone. The Americans, supported by jet fighter-bombers, suffered two killed and 29 wounded, while killing 78 enemy soldiers, a U.S. spokesman said.

Vietnam Casualties

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

KILLED IN ACTION

Army

- SSG Charles F. Lee, Montgomery, Ala.
- PFC Homer L. Ake Jr., Scottsboro, Ala.
- PFC Willard F. Young, Oxford, Ala.
- 2LT Richard J. Petric, Sacramento, Calif.
- SP4 Vere L. Williams Jr., Commerce City, Colo.
- SP4 Virgil L. Williams, Snyder, Colo.
- SP4 Roy H. Woods, Cedarflow, Ga.
- CPL Henry Norfleet Jr., Chicago, Ill.
- PFC Lawrence Johnson, North Chicago, Ill.
- PFC Roy D. Poge, East St. Louis, Ill.
- SGT James R. Davidson, Anderson, Ind.
- PFC Terry L. Weaver, Morion, Ind.
- SP4 Lawrence J. Klages, Sibley, Iowa.
- CPL Danny G. Swazick, Kansas City, Kan.
- SP4 Robert G. Burns, Lake Charles, La.
- PFC Danny M. Stoneking, Baltimore, Md.
- CPL Nell S. Thompson, Warren, Mich.
- SP4 Larry Adams, Ann Arbor, Mich.
- SP4 Ronald J. Rhodes, Bixby, Miss.
- PFC Larry H. Walden, Columbus, Miss.
- SP4 Carrel J. Tiltworth, Reed's Spring, Mo.
- PFC Raymond L. Gallagher, Baseman, Mont.
- SP5 Richard Johnson, Glassboro, N.J.
- CPL Joseph Mayes, Neptune, N.J.
- PFC Harold Holmes, Jersey City, N.J.
- SP4 Terry E. Allen, Canastota, N.Y.
- SP4 Richard C. Brown, Stony Point, N.Y.
- SP4 Bruce Elliot Jr., Manhasset, N.Y.
- PFC Nicholas H. Fritz, Brentwood, N.Y.
- PFC David P. Goldsmith, New York City.
- PFC Ronald L. Salvanio, New York City.
- CPT Frank D. Pina, Fayetteville, N.C.
- SP4 Charles E. Bonds, Winston-Salem, N.C.
- SGT Norman J. Erbland, Fosteria, Ohio.
- PFC Charles E. Meloff, Lebanon, Ohio.
- PFC Erwin B. Sims, Uniontown, Ohio.
- PVT Frank L. Brown, Youngstown, Ohio.
- SP5 Ronald A. Stone, Lincoln City, Ore.
- SP4 Thomas F. Smith Jr., Wilkes Barre, Pa.
- SSG Ronald D. Ducker, Spartanburg, S.C.
- SP4 Cal D. Johnson, White Deer, Tex.
- SP4 John M. Thompson, Grand Prairie, Tex.
- PFC Stanley E. Graves Jr., Dallas, Tex.
- PFC Jose A. Reyes, Cotton Center, Tex.
- SGT Walter C. Velvet Jr., Waverly, Va.
- SP4 Israel L. Ingram, Woolwine, Va.
- HN Donald A. Labonia, Holyoke, Mass.
- SGT Michael R. Travis, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.
- LCPL Roger K. Yamanaka, Mesa, Calif.
- PFC David Z. Baladas, Oxnard, Calif.
- PFC Roger L. Reed, Los Angeles, Calif.
- LCPL Dennis H. Autz, Detroit, Mich.
- PFC Donald B. Saunders, Belleville, N.J.
- PFC Danny Ledford, Belmont, N.C.
- SSGT Stephen J. Bobkovich, Akron, Ohio.
- PFC Thomas E. Jennings, Lancaster, Pa.
- PFC Ralph H. Johnson, Charleston, S.C.
- CPL John W. Vansant, Knoxville, Tenn.
- PFC Richard D. Miller, Memphis, Tenn.
- LCPL Alan D. Carson, Richardson, Tex.
- LCPL Roger A. Thompson, Palestine, Tex.
- PFC Michael L. Charles, Bristol, Va.
- LCPL Leonard J. Zelaski Jr., Moundsville, W. Va.

MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE

Army

- SP4 Earl Erwin Jr., Mobile, Ala.
- PFC William R. Trusky Jr., Long Beach, Calif.
- 2LT William P. Raubach, Lakewood, Colo.
- CPL Manuella L. Herrera, Manassas, Colo.
- SP4 James D. Chambers, Huntington, Conn.
- CPL Paul R. Urban Jr., Sarasota, Fla.
- SGT Robert L. Watts, Jacksonville, Ill.
- SP4 Aquilla A. Phillips, Chicago, Ill.
- PFC Raymond O. Kennedy Jr., Indianapolis, Ind.
- PFC Gregory C. Weisner, Columbus, Ind.
- SP4 Melvin U. Wanageshik, Traverse City, Mich.
- PFC Richard J. Groat, Port Huron, Mich.
- PFC Craig G. Knobloch, East Lansing, Mich.
- SSG John K. Weber, St. Paul, Minn.
- SP4 Paul W. Robinson, Tupelo, Miss.
- SP4 Michael A. Alley, Bridgeton, Mo.
- PFC Paul J. Miller, Poplar Bluff, Mo.
- PFC Jack C. Plohn, Fremont, Neb.
- PFC Thomas A. Marchut, Sayreville, N.J.
- SP4 Richard E. Beckwith, Hamburg, N.Y.
- PFC Robert L. Powers, Staten Island, N.Y.
- SP4 James L. Wise Jr., Big Run, Pa.
- PFC Gary R. Cates, Bradford, Tenn.
- PFC Gerald N. Hunter, Austin, Tex.
- PFC Jerry W. Jenkins, Irving, Tex.
- NAVY
- AE2 Richard M. Mancini, Alameda, Calif.
- ATN3 Gale R. Siow, Alameda, Calif.
- ADJ2 Donald N. Thoresen, Alameda, Calif.
- PFC Kenneth H. Widen, Alameda, Calif.
- LTJG Philip P. Stevens, Twin Lake, Mich.
- AO2 Michael L. Roberts, Purvis, Mo.
- CDR Delbert A. Olson, Hillsboro, N.D.
- LTJG Arthur C. Buck, Sandusky, Ohio.
- MISSING IN ACTION
- NAVY
- ILT Robert W. Luecke
- SSG Thomas A. Johnson
- SSG Ronald J. Stille
- SGT Edward L. Kalka
- SP4 Howard H. Ashford
- SP4 Gerald G. Rosenbaum
- SP4 Danny S. Young
- PFC Norman A. Fasseff
- PFC Francis L. Jeanette
- PFC Timothy J. Kapoun
- PFC Ismael Lebruno-Lopez
- PFC Dana H. Roegner
- NAVY
- BM3 Gary A. Larsen
- EN3 Randall L. Young
- SN David A. Carril
- MARINE CORPS
- CAPT Charles J. Ramsay
- SGT Harold W. Stinson
- CPL Kenneth W. Claire
- CPL Glenn W. Freeman
- LCPL Ronald P. Atkins
- LCPL Frederick A. Billingham Jr.
- LCPL Charles G. Geller
- LCPL Phillips Hayes III
- AIR FORCE
- LTJG Frederick J. Hampton
- 1stLT Ellis E. Heigerson Jr.
- 1stLT John T. Welshan
- SGT Jeffrey F. Conlin
- SGT Dallas H. Moore
- MISSING TO CAPTURED OR INTERNED
- MARINE CORPS
- CPL Dennis W. Hammond
- CPL Joseph S. Zawlocki Jr.
- DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION
- NAVY
- PFC Marvin H. Terry, Anaheim, Calif.
- SP4 Richard Romero, Pueblo, Colo.
- SP4 George T. Swyrner, Ashburn, Ga.
- CPL David N. Hill, Alton, Ill.
- SP4 Wayne E. Lewis Jr., Indiana, Pa.
- SGT Tiney W. Winter, San Antonio, Tex.
- SSG Leonard O. Clauder, South Tacoma, Wash.
- MARINE CORPS
- PFC Angel R. Vasquez, New York City
- AIR FORCE
- SSGT James E. Rose, Okemah, Okla.
- MISSING TO DEAD—NON HOSTILE
- NAVY
- PFC Grady Scott, Washington, D.C.
- SP4 Michael G. Moharemeff, Detroit, Mich.
- NAVY
- BTJN George W. Graves III, Nashville, Tenn.

CORRECTION

WO Stephen J. Cohen, USA, Change Status from missing to dead—non hostile to missing to dead—hostile.

2 GIs Die, 10 Injured In Blast

BANGKOK (AP) — An ammunition dump exploded four miles south of the big air base at Korat Monday night, killing two American airmen and wounding 10 others, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said Tuesday.

The spokesman said a bunker containing 750-pound bombs exploded at 9:30 Monday night.

One of the injured Americans was in a serious condition at the Korat base hospital.

Three Thai guards were also wounded in the explosion which was heard several miles away.

The ammunition dump serves the F105 fighter bombers of the 388th Tactical Fighter Wing based at Korat, 125 miles northeast of Bangkok.

The embassy spokesman said the cause of the explosion was unknown.

Error Corrected

WASHINGTON (UPI)—United Press International erroneously reported March 5 that proposed American economic assistance to Thailand would total \$126 million.

The total assistance, as announced by William P. Bundy, assistant secretary of state for far eastern and Pacific affairs, is \$62.8 million.

Reds Out to Take Strategic Laos City

VIENTIANE, Laos (UPI) — Communist forces mounted a three-pronged drive against the important Mekong River city of Thakhek, 150 miles east-southeast of here, and advanced against other positions in north and south Laos Tuesday, a defense spokesman said.

The government's most important stronghold in Sam Neua Province, Tha Ty, about 250 miles northeast of Vientiane and less than 20 miles from the North Vietnamese border was under heavy pressure, the spokesman said.

At Laos Ngam, about 250 miles southeast of Vientiane in the long-threatened Saravane area, the Communists opened up heavy shelling of the headquarters of Group Mobile 802 with a brand new weapon, 120 mm artillery, as well as 82 mm mortars.

The shelling began at dusk Tuesday night and continued until about 7 a.m. Wednesday with rounds hitting every few minutes. After a two-hour lapse it was resumed about 9 a.m., and was still going on when the last report was received from the southern command at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

But the assault against Thakhek was far and away the most

serious of the entire campaign, which opened last December.

The campaign against Thakhek opened Saturday when a Communist force of unknown size took three strongpoints between 12 and 18 miles south of Thakhek.

By Monday night it was apparent that one battalion of Communists was approaching the city from the east, another from the southeast and a two-company force from the south.

The guerrillas were believed to have already reached Highway 13, which parallels the Mekong River and connects Thakhek with Savannakhet. Whether they also held the riverbank proper was not known.

To the east, the Communists seized Bane Tham, about six miles from the city.

To the southeast, the Communists advanced at least another five kilometers from positions they held Sunday night and overran a government outpost at Tha Noi (small mountain), about six miles from the town.

Directly to the south, two companies of Communist troops that marched into the area from the Red-held town of Mahaxay, about 20 miles east of the river Tuesday, attacked the outskirts of Thakhek-Tay, a suburb about four miles from the town.

Fortunes Of War

LONG THANH, Vietnam (IO) — A 9th Inf. Div. soldier will have an unusual fish story to tell friends when he goes home.

Pfc. Wayne Campbell, 22, of Lake County, Mont., an information specialist assigned to the 2nd Bn., 39th Inf., was taking a fishing break with some buddies when suddenly his line became snagged.

A Phuoc Tan villager volunteered to help Campbell. As he waded into the water, the villager shouted a warning. Reaching down, he produced a dripping 90mm recoilless rifle round.

Placing the round on shore, the villager returned to complete his original task.

The villager plunged both hands into the water this time. With a broad grin, he showed another recoilless round in one hand and a lobster in the other.

After Campbell snapped a picture, the villager finally freed the soldier's line. It had been caught on a clothes iron.

U.S. Couple Helps Viets To Rebuild

NHA TRANG, Vietnam (IO) — With the help of a Grand Rapids, Mich., couple, a total of \$130 was donated to help Vietnamese families who lost their homes during the Tet offensive in this central coastal city.

Mr. and Mrs. John Quist of Grand Rapids donated the bulk of the money through their son, Spec. 4 Terry Quist, 22, a switchboard operator with the 459th Signal Battalion here.

"My parents normally give 10 per cent of their earnings to their church in Grand Rapids," explained the signalman. "So about a month ago they sent me a check to use in whatever way I saw fit so that it would benefit the people over here."

Quist consulted Spec. 4 Don Hoover of Kalamazoo, Mich., the chaplain's assistant, and they discussed for some time just exactly how to use the money.

Then came the Viet Cong attack, and how to use the money was no longer a problem.

"There are five families whose fathers belonged to a Vietnamese Army signal battalion," Hoover said, "and all the fathers were killed by the VC. In addition, there are other Vietnamese military dependents whose homes were burned out. The money will go to help them."

Both Hoover and Quist donated some of their own money to bring the total to \$130.

In addition to the money, the battalion donated food to needy families whose homes were destroyed in the Nha Trang fighting and hopes soon to be able to give building materials so that new homes can be built.

Six-Time Winner

GI Ignores Bullets to Save Pals

QUANG TRI, Vietnam (IO) — A 101st Airborne Div. paratrooper challenged Communist gunners six times as he rescued wounded buddies from a rice paddy 11 miles southeast of here.

Pfc. Albania T. Small, of New York City, a member of B Co., 1st Bn. (Airborne), 502nd Inf., was with the point squad of the 1st platoon when they made contact.

"The enemy opened up with mortars, rockets and machine guns," Small said. "I waited to see where the firing came from and hit the dirt."

The dirt was rice paddy mud.

Several men in front of Small were wounded and he could hear their calls for help.

Small began crawling on his stomach toward the first wounded man.

"There was nothing for cover," he remembered. "Nothing but rice."

Enemy bullets splashed the mud around the 140-pound paratrooper as he dragged the first wounded soldier to the safety of a hedgerow.

"I didn't think I could make it out there without getting hit, but I had to go," Small said. "Those guys out there were my friends."

The mud-spattered trooper shed his pack and moved out on his stomach again.

"I knew the enemy could see me moving, but they never hit me," Small continued. "I stopped worrying about their guns and tried to think about the guys."

The thin paratrooper gave pep talks to the wounded as he dragged them. Some held on to him as he crawled the 50-yards to the hedgerow.

"We couldn't stand up or kneel or they would have gotten us for sure," Small said.

After the sixth man was dragged to safety, Small and another Trooper opened fire on an enemy machine gun.

"I don't know if we got him," said Small, "but the firing slacked off."

Second Platoon leader, Lt. Phillip C. Benn, Short Hills, N.J., said, Small showed utter disregard for his own safety.

"It was an extraordinary feat, not only of courage, but of strength and endurance," the officer said.



T. Sgt. Jose V. Espinoza helps a young Thai try on a new shirt while others wait their turn. The clothing was donated for the villagers by Denver, Colo., residents. (USAF)

NCO Starts Ball Rolling

Denver Aids Thai Villagers

KORAT ROYAL THAI AFB, Thailand (OI) — What is it that Denver, Colo., and Wat Dong Wa, Thailand have in common?

Until recently — nothing. The former, of course is a big bustling American city and the latter is a small, quiet village.

Recently, however, the residents of the village in Korat Province have become very aware of Denver's existence thanks to an Air Force NCO stationed here; his wife; and Denver residents who are members of the "Friends of the Children of Vietnam."

T. Sgt. Jose V. Espinoza,

553rd Electronics Maintenance Sq., wrote to his wife, and asked her to gather clothing for the children of the St. Mary's Mission Orphanage in Korat. In less than a month, Mrs. Espinoza, along with friends and neighbors, had collected nine cartons of clothing, toys, children's books and other items. They were mailed at their own expense to Espinoza and given to St. Mary's.

"But once the ball started rolling, a regular avalanche of generosity kept up and my wife, Lessie, advertised in the Denver Post for help in getting the collection of needed items boxed

and mailed to me," said Sergeant Espinoza.

The "Friends of the Children of Vietnam" responded and together they shipped 24 more boxes of clothing, toys and children's books, as well as soap and other necessities.

When the 24 boxes arrived for Espinoza he contacted the Base Hospital to find out if the items could be used in the Hospital's Civic Action program.

Sixteen of the 24 boxes were given to the village of Wat Dong Wa for the more needy families of the town. The toys and soap were to be sold by the village Chief Mr. Pichai Prasongsub to villagers and the proceeds donated to repair of the village school.

Children's illustrated books were given to the school to use in teaching English.

Now that Espinoza's barracks room has been cleared of the boxes he is enjoying a little more room to move around in — but, the latest letter from Mrs. Espinoza brought the news that she and friends are packing more boxes, which will soon be heading toward Korat.

AF School Changes Entry Rules

SP-5 Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Air Force has approved a new and more liberal set of eligibility requirements to select officers for the Institute of Technology professional education programs with industry and colleges.

The changes will allow more officers to attend advanced training, particularly those in the senior grades, a Pentagon spokesman explained.

The criteria will no longer use specific years of service as a limitation. Instead varying periods of eligibility based on the length of training requested will be used. Instruction runs from 12 to 30 months.

Service eligibility will now depend on the applicant's ability to finish the program and the three-for-one service commitment before mandatory retirement.

Total active federal military service will continue to be used for reserve officers and promotion list service will be used to compute the service eligibility for regular officers.

Now an officer may enter if, in the judgment of the Institute commandant, he can complete the program and the incurred active duty commitment within the following limits:

—30 years promotion list service for regulars.

—20 years active service for reserves.

The new program also provides that an officer above the grade of major will be selected only if he will later be assigned to a specific position calling for Institute training.

Gives Thanks For Helmet

QUANG TRI, Vietnam (IO) — Pfc. Jose A. Pena, Yuba City, Calif., now says his prayers with his steel helmet on.

The infantryman was on a sweep through a rice paddy southeast of here when he was cracked sharply on the back of the head.

"It didn't knock me out," recalled Pena, "but I was stunned for a couple of minutes and my ears were ringing."

His squad leader, Sgt. Washington Johnson of Guayaquil, Ecuador, checked the helmet and found an AK47 slug lodged between the steel and the fiberglass liner.

Marine Rolls On—Just in Time

HUE, Vietnam (ISO) — Ten feet and split seconds made a life or death difference for a Marine in Hue.

"Our patrol was moving cautiously down a street," Lance Cpl. David Vasquez, 21, of Pacoima, Calif., said, "when an enemy ambush opened up on us with automatic weapons, small arms and mortar fire. Snipers

were also firing at us from the rear."

Vasquez, of "C" Co., 1st Recon. Bn., was knocked unconscious by an enemy mortar shell that exploded 10 feet away.

He awoke minutes later, dazed by the explosion. On a rooftop above him a Viet Cong sniper was zeroing in on Marines from the patrol.

Vasquez said he started to move when the sniper saw him.

He rolled inside the doorway, and split seconds later bullets splattered the sidewalk where the Marine had lain.

Inside the building, Vasquez sprayed the ceiling with his M16.

The VC tumbled off the rooftop.

260 Buried Alive As Quake Engulfs Village in Congo

KINSHASA, The Congo (AP)—Tons of rain-sodden earth, shaken loose by a tremor, thundered onto a village near Bukavu and buried alive its 260 inhabitants.

The latest dispatch said it happened last Thursday. The location, said to be Kazipa in the official communique, was given as the old village of Luhonga in the Mumosho section of Kabare Territory, 10 miles south of Bukavu.

Primaries—

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1962 California gubernatorial contest, was far ahead of Rockefeller in the Republican primary.

There were really two elections being held in New Hampshire. Registered Democrats vote only in the Democratic primary for the man they wish to see chosen as the Democratic presidential nominee, and Republicans vote their presidential preference in their own party.

Independent voters do not vote in the primary.

The actual nominees of the two parties will be selected by party conventions to be held in August.

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey was leading Sen. Robert F. Kennedy by better than a two-to-one margin in the balloting for vice president.

On the Democratic preferential ballot, including write-ins, returns from 31 (7 per cent) of the State's 302 precincts gave:

Johnson 2,449 votes (52 per cent of the votes counted), McCarthy 1,911 (41 per cent), Robert F. Kennedy 26 (less than one per cent), third party candidate George Wallace 16 (less than one per cent), and others 312 (7 per cent).

On the Republican ballot, including write-ins, returns from 25 precincts (8 per cent) gave:

Nixon 4,182 votes (84 per cent of the votes counted), Rockefeller 351 or (7 per cent), George Romney 84 (2 per cent), Harold Stassen 29 (one per cent), Ronald Reagan 12 (less than one per cent), Wallace four and Charles Percy three votes.

In addition to voting on their presidential preferences, voters elected delegates to the two national conventions.

The region's remoteness delayed news of the disaster until Tuesday.

An Agence Congolaise de Presse (ACP) report from Bukavu said a layer of earth 16 feet high and several miles long covered the village area and parts of adjacent plantations.

First reports said only seven of the village's men, women and children survived the landslide. Visible cracks in the mountain threatened further landslides, the ACP said.

Villagers from neighboring areas heard ear-splitting claps of noise as the hill gave way, according to the report.

After two days of ceaseless rain, a tremor split the mound in two, the largest part crashing down. A remaining piece, sheered lengthwise, stands 1,640 feet high.

Teachers End Strike In N.Y.

NEW YORK (UPI)—Thousands of school teachers ended strikes and returned to classrooms Tuesday in Pittsburgh and in Florida areas. However, some strikers held out in Florida.

But 1,000 teachers in Youngstown, Ohio, threatened mass resignations unless their demands to upgrade school programs are met.

And bargainers at Oakland, Calif., scheduled another meeting Monday night to try to head off a Wednesday strike vote by 1,900 members of the Oakland Education Association.



An Understanding Mom

Mrs. John F. Kennedy looks at a slingshot she bought for her son, John Jr., while vacationing in Mexico. Her host, hotelman Fernando Barbachano (left), accompanies her on a visit to the village of Palenque. (AP Radiophoto)

Willie's Court Hearing Is a Trial for the Judge

CHICAGO (UPI)—The hearing was hard on Circuit Judge Bernard Decker.

William "Willie Potatoes" Daddano, reputed crime syndicate bigwig, stood before Decker's bench Monday without his lawyer or his hearing aid.

"How does the defendant plead?" Decker asked.

Daddano stood mute. Decker raised his voice and repeated the question.

Daddano didn't answer. "He's a little hard of hearing. Your Honor," a spectator explained.

"Will the defendant Daddano

please step forward," Decker shouted.

Daddano stayed where he was. "Step forward!" roared the judge, motioning with his hands.

Daddano walked up and leaned on the court reporter's desk.

"Can you be here next Friday?" Decker yelled.

"Yeah, sure," Daddano said.

Decker, continuing Daddano's hearing on a charge of conspiracy to conceal evidence of bank robbery, muttered: "This man has certainly gotten hard of hearing since the last time he was in court."

Despair Not, We'll Win—LBJ

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson advised Americans Tuesday not to become victims of despair over Vietnam and called for national support of war policies against "mounting challenge."

Johnson spoke in the East Room of the White House as he presented the Medal of Honor to two Marine Corps heroes of Vietnam.

His remarks, however, seemed aimed at Capitol Hill, where the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was questioning Secretary of State Dean Rusk on Vietnam policy.

Said the President, "I think if we are steady and patient and if we don't become willing victims of our despair; if we don't abandon what we know is right under mounting challenge, we shall never fail."

The nation's highest military awards, for heroism in 1966 fighting in Vietnam, went to Maj. Robert J. Modrzejewski, 33, Milwaukee, Wis., and 2nd Lt. John J. McGinty III, 28, Louisville, Ky.

Warsaw Calm After Rioting

LONDON (AP)—Warsaw Radio appealed to parents to keep their children off the streets Tuesday. At midnight local time they reported the Polish capital was calm after a quiet day.

London monitors heard the radio broadcast the appeal at 5 p.m. local time asking parents to keep children at home.

The bulletin, put out by the civic militia, added "all necessary steps" were being taken to ensure safety.

On Monday police clashed violently with thousands demonstrating against the regime. Washington sources said the battles continued Tuesday, but monitors here heard only one report of violence.

A policeman was pelted with stones in Obazna Street and was slightly injured, the report said.

Silver Miners Dig Selves Out of a Hole

(Continued From Page 1) goes no one knows. Tests show it could easily plunge 3,000 feet and deeper, Escapule said.

And the value of the silver in the hole is averaging \$2,000 to \$3,000 a ton.

The Escapules have been in Tombstone since the first silver strike here electrified the world in 1877.

They are the only descendants of the original founding prospectors in this town—the scene of the showdown between Wyatt Earp, his brothers and Doc Holliday against the Clantons and McLowreys at the O.K. Corral.

Since Feb. 2 when the Austral Oil Co. of Houston signed its lease option agreement with the Escapules, prospectors have poured into Tombstone from all over the nation and Canada.

24 Pacific Stars & Stripes Thursday, March 14, 1968

The town itself, now a national historic monument, remains a sleepy hamlet of 1,200 people. But the hills and nearby Dragon Mountains are alive with prospectors.

More than 1,500 claims have been staked the past month.

"They're grabbing every inch of land," Gerry W. Irvin of Arizona's Department of Mineral Resources said.

The reason for the stampede is that the government recently abandoned a fixed price of \$1.29 an ounce for silver and the price of the ore nearly doubled overnight. The Escapules expect it to reach \$3 to \$5 an ounce by the end of the year.

"My father struck it rich. He pulled nearly \$5 million worth of silver out of the state of Maine mine from 1890 to 1900," Ernest Escapule explained. Johnny Escapule died in 1926.

Much of the fortune of the clan

was later lost in Wyoming's Tea Pot Dome oil fields.

But Johnny Escapule's son and grandson never gave up the silver mine.

"The family has been sitting on these claims ever since silver went sour here at the turn of the century," the old man said.

"Others quit but we stayed, even when the price of silver dropped to 27 cents an ounce. We knew some day it had to come along again."

Through the years, the Escapule family ran cattle to keep going, but never lost interest in their claims. Two years ago the father and son began digging at the Santa Ana.

"We invested everything we had, mortgaged our homes and went to work," said the younger Escapule.

"Dad is uncanny. He can smell silver in the ground. We have claims all over the coun-

tryside. We've had the Santa Ana for nearly 40 years, but never worked it. When we started digging on the Santa Ana we struck silver at 28 feet."

They bought equipment, powder, fuses, steel. They erected a hoist house, a steel frame, a mill. They used pick, shovel, and drill and blasted deeper and deeper.

The nation's copper strike almost ruined everything, since they relied on the copper smelters to process their ore.

The older Escapule and his wife of 47 years, Mildred, moved to a one-room miner's cabin at the claim. Ernie, his wife, Bernice, and their five children moved into an old trailer. Everyone in the family pitched in and worked.

"We tried to find money, tried to find partners when our money ran out," said Ernie. "Everybody said we were nuts."

"Now I'm a big hero."

Weather

TOKYO AREA

Wednesday night: Mostly fair; Low Mid-30s
Thursday: Fair, windy; High Mid-50s

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