

U.K. CLOSES BANKS

Senate Removes Gold Cover

WASHINGTON (AP) —The Senate sent to President Johnson Thursday night the bill removing the 25 per cent gold cover requirement for U.S. currency.

The vote was 39 to 37. Once the measure is signed into law, the entire U.S. gold stock—now about \$11.4 billion will be freed to meet the nation's pledge to convert dollar holdings to gold at the rate of \$35 an ounce.

In another action to stem the European gold buying fever, the Federal Reserve Board Thursday clamped a tighter reign on credit by raising the

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LONDON (AP)—Britain will proclaim a bank holiday Friday and the stock exchange will close following a request from the United States to shut the gold market pending an international meeting in Washington Saturday, the British Treasury announced.

Prime Minister Wilson, Chancellor of the Exchequer Roy Jenkins and Economics Affairs Secretary Peter Shore met with Queen Elizabeth at Buckingham Palace early Friday in an urgent meeting of the Privy Council.

The queen approved a proclamation announcing the bank holiday, the Treasury said.

It was understood in London that U.S. authorities asked the British to close their gold market—easily the biggest in the world—to prevent disorderly conditions.

British banks will only supply domestic customers with normal cash requirements in sterling.

The proclamation followed a day of chaos for the world monetary system as gold buying in Western Europe hit a record high.

The pound slipped to a historic low in London. The dollar weakened everywhere except in Paris.

Bankers, dealers and economists said that only determined, positive action by the U.S. Treasury can stave off a world collapse of confidence in monetary values.

The panic buying was greatest in Paris, where sales nearly trebled Wednesday's record of

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AP Radiophoto

GLOOM SETTLES ON FLOOR OF LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE AFTER THE POUND SLIDES TO ITS LOWEST LEVEL EVER.

Fate Fills A Gas Tank

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Fate intervened when Mrs. Victor Sprangler ran out of gas Wednesday.

As her car sputtered and she pulled to the side of the street, she heard her license number called out over the radio. She had been declared a winner in a traffic tag contest by a radio station WDXB newsman following her.

Her prize—10 gallons of gasoline.

The newsman went to get the gas for her.

RFK Still Mulling Over Bid—And LBJ Men Are Worried

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's disclosure he might run for President after all sent a shudder through Administration Democratic ranks Thursday and left Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy's backers spoiling for a fight against him in the primaries.

Kennedy, back from conferences with political advisers at his home base in New York, said "it may be as long as a week"

before he announces his final decision.

He acknowledged in an interview, however, that he was studying the Oregon and California primary situations. He has until March 22—eight days away --to decide on Oregon, where McCarthy and either

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President Johnson himself or a proxy will be on the ballot.

A report by the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner from Sacramento said Kennedy would announce Monday he will oppose Johnson for the nomination.

The newspaper added that Assembly Speaker Jesse M. Unruh, a powerful party voice in California, would lead a

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Czech Aid Commits Suicide

PRAGUE (AP) — Czechoslovak Deputy Defense Minister Vladimir Janko committed suicide Thursday, the news agency C.T.K. reported.

C.T.K. at first said Janko "died tragically" but later added reliable sources reported he committed suicide.

It added the Ministry of Defense so far issued no details on the report of Janko's death.

The deputy minister, a general of the armored troops, killed himself Thursday afternoon less than 24 hours after the Czechoslovak government had heard detailed reports on the case of Gen. Jan Sejna, who fled to the West shortly before the disclosure of an alleged black marketing and conspiracy scandal.

Sejna was reported to have been one of the key figures in an abortive military coup.

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Needed: Gray Moptops

ATLANTA (UPI) — Independent television producer James Owens said Wednesday that a promotion group hopes to establish a rock 'n' roll hall of fame here. The biggest problem, he said, was finding any rock 'n' roll entertainers old enough to retire.

Convoy Ambushed 9 Miles From Saigon

SAIGON (AP) — Communist troops, striking in predawn darkness, ambushed a 30-vehicle convoy only nine miles northeast of Saigon Thursday.

The shock attack on the military-civilian convoy was sprung on Vietnam's only super highway, Route 1A leading from Saigon's new port to the big military base at Long Binh 12 miles away.

The action on the outskirts of the capital came only 17 hours after Communist forces closed an ambush on a U.S. Army, 130-truck convoy in the central highlands.

The U.S. Command said the Long Binh-bound convoy was raked by rifle and automatic weapons fire and one American soldier was killed and three were wounded. Damage to the vehicles was reported as light. The Command said one enemy soldier was killed and his rifle captured.

The ambush in itself was not a major act, but it re-emphasized the threat posed by roving bands of guerrillas still operating in Saigon's suburbs since their invasion of the capital during the Lunar New Year offensive Jan. 30.

The ambush in the central highland—involving the largest Allied convoy hit by the Communists so far in the war—was much more severe.

The U.S. Command said the enemy troops, firing bazooka-type rockets, rifles and machine guns, inflicted moderate damage. That means as many as a third of the 130 supply-hauling trucks might have been damaged or destroyed.

The Communists, concealed in trenches and fighting holes, triggered the ambush as the convoy was winding its way along Route 14 nine miles north of the Allies' military base at Pleiku. Tanks and armored personnel carriers of the Vietnamese 3rd Armored Cavalry sped past the burning trucks to flank the ambushers, and helicopter gunships and jet fighter-bombers joined the battle.

The U.S. Command said casualties were 48 enemy killed, 12 U.S. soldiers killed and eight wounded, and four Vietnamese cavalymen killed and four wounded.

U.S. Navy A4 Skyhawks, slipping through a heavy overcast, made repeated raids Wednesday on priority targets around Haiphong, North Vietnam's major port and second-largest city.

One flight hit a railroad-highway bridge only one mile from the center of the city, a second bombed the Kien An bridge bypass two miles to the southwest while others hit the Kien An airfield six miles southwest of Haiphong.

Navy pilots also swung into action over Hanoi, striking the capital's port facilities with half-ton bombs on radar-guided runs.



Khe Sanh Oil Dump Goes Up in Flames

Smoke boils up from a burning petroleum dump at Khe Sanh after it was hit during a North Vietnamese mortar attack. In foreground, the Texas state flag flies from a radio antenna at the communications center of the besieged outpost. (AP Radiophoto)

4% of Hue Casualties In Clashes

SAIGON (AP) — More than four per cent of the population of the northern city of Hue were killed or wounded during the four weeks of fighting there, South Vietnamese government figures showed Thursday.

The figures, part of an unpublished study by the Social Welfare and Refugee Ministry, showed 3,776 civilians lost their lives and 1,000 others were treated for wounds at hospitals. The population before the fighting began in Hue Jan. 31 was 145,000.

Aid for War Victims

SAIGON (AP) — The Chinese community in South Vietnam has donated \$381,300 to South Vietnam's relief fund to aid refugees of the Communist Tet offensive.

Reds Kill 509 GIs In Week's Fighting

SAIGON (AP)—Five hundred nine Americans were killed in action in the Vietnam war last week, the U.S. Command reported Thursday, the third time in the past four weeks that the death toll has exceeded 500.

There also were 2,766 Americans wounded during the week, the command said.

A week earlier, 542 Americans had been killed and 2,191 wounded.

In the week ending Feb. 17, the number of Americans killed reached the highest mark of the war—543. There were 470 killed in the seven-day period that ended Feb. 24, according to official reports.

South Vietnamese military headquarters listed 418 government troops killed, 1,199 wounded and 98 missing or captured last week. This was a sharp rise over the 139 reported killed, 779 wounded and 92 missing a week earlier.

The U.S. Command, in its

weekly summary, reported that allied forces killed 4,335 enemy last week. The South Vietnamese command listed enemy losses last week at 5,327 killed and 488 captured. It is not unusual for discrepancies to occur in the totals reported by the two commands.

Casualty figures for other allied forces again were not available for last week, the U.S. Command said.

Spokesmen said the new totals pushed to 19,760 the number of Americans killed in the Vietnam conflict between Jan. 1, 1961 and March 9, 1968.

The number of wounded in that period was put at 120,101. The command said 56,437 of the total wounded did not require hospitalization. It also said 1,087 Americans now are listed as missing, captured or interned in the seven-year period.

The weekly summary also said that enemy casualties inflicted by allied forces since the start of 1961 are 310,557 killed in action.

Saigon Arming Catholics

SAIGON (AP) — Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky called on the Vietnamese people Thursday to liberate North Vietnam from Communism and reunify the country.

In a firebrand speech to Roman Catholic villagers 15 miles north of Saigon, Ky said the government would give weapons to anyone who could hold one if they were anti-Communists.

Ky's speech, punctuated frequently by shouts from the crowd of "down with the Communists," and "long live Vice President Ky," came after the Vice President presented arms for self-defense to several Roman Catholic parishes in Toien Hoa province.

Ky's speech came one day after the government announced that a March to the North Army, a volunteer guerrilla outfit, was being formed to liberate North Vietnam.

Since the Communist Tet offensive, the government has been arming various villages and neighborhoods as self-defense forces.

(In Washington, the State Department said the United States remains opposed to an invasion of North Vietnam such as Ky is reported considering.)

(From diplomatic sources it was learned that the consideration for a guerrilla force to march north was not a government proposal. Rather it was more of a psychological move to unify and channel civilian support particularly among anti-Communist Catholics who had suffered in the recent Tet offensive.)

2nd Saigon Wave Attack Expected

WASHINGTON (AP) — South Vietnamese Ambassador Bui Diem said Thursday he has received information that Communist Viet Cong and North Vietnam forces are planning a second wave attack on the heart of Saigon Friday night.

He said in an interview that main targets for the attack would be Saigon port facilities, supplies and equipment centers.

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The extent to which the guerrilla units would be able to muster their forces for a second round of assaults after the Tet offensive was not known, he said. But the North Vietnamese 5th, 9th and 7th Divs. and additional Viet Cong battalions are within striking range of the capital city.

The ambassador said the Communist objective is aimed at breaking the will of the South Vietnam, American and allied defenders.

The first stage of the Communist winter-spring offensive was launched Jan. 30 at the time of the Tet holiday. The present second stage consists of harassment and political, psychological and military pressure, Diem said, and the third stage will involve an over-all attack again against the cities.

"North Vietnam is thinking in terms of total war," he said. "They will use every possible military, diplomatic, political and psychological weapon in an effort to break our will."

Laotian Reds Probing Thakhek

THAKHEK, Laos (UPI) — Heavy but brief fighting between attacking Communist forces and government defenders broke out Thursday east and southeast of this Mekong River town 150 miles southeast of Vientiane.

Laotian officials said they believed the skirmishes in these areas were nothing more than probes and the main attack will come in a few days.

ROKs Set Kills At 3,759

SAIGON (AP) — South Korean forces in Vietnam, commanded by Lt. Gen. Myung Shin Chae, have killed 3,759 Viet Cong since the start of the enemy's Lunar New Year offensive Jan. 30, a Korean spokesman said.

The Koreans have captured 448 individual weapons and 68 crew-served ones, they added.

In a summary of activity since the Tet offensive, they also said an enemy document was seized which said:

"I could not carry out the regimental commander's order to attack the Korean forces," reported Maj. Xuan Son, commander of the Viet Cong 30th Local Guerrilla Bn. in coastal Phyl Yen Province.

"My battalion is extremely understrength," he wrote, "and my men's morale is at rock bottom due to repeated defeats inflicted by the Korean forces."

"I now have only 61 combat soldiers in my battalion out of an original total of 328. Other men in my battalion are invalids and noncombatants."

Elements of the Korean White Horse Div. captured the letter by Son near the province capital of Tuy Hoa on Feb. 13, the spokesmen said. It was addressed to Lt. Col. Lam, commander of the North Vietnamese 9th Regt.

No Korean bases were attacked during the Viet Cong offensive, the summary went on, but Korean troops were called upon to help repel attacks on several cities, and they launched operations to counter the enemy offensive.

When 300 North Vietnamese infiltrated the northern province capital of Hoi An on Jan. 30, Marines of the 2nd "Blue Dragon" brigade drove them out by 9 a.m. on the 31st.

Soldiers of the "Tiger" Div. helped repel 40 Viet Cong who had seized the radio station in the port city of Qui Nhon.

The 9th "White Horse" Div. hoped drive the enemy from the city of Ninh Hoa.

Headquarters troops in Saigon and Nha Trang fought infiltrators in both cities. The Korean Embassy was a center of action in the capital.

Most successful among the pursuit operations were the Marines' "Operation Bizarre Dragon" which killed 612 enemy and the Tiger Div.'s "Operation Vulture" which killed 394.

In "Operation Regis Secret Inspector," the White Horse Div. killed 365, and the Tiger Div. killed 297.

Pilots Dodge Heavy Flak

U.S. Bombing Risky at Red Ferry

By JACK FOISIE
The Los Angeles Times

DA NANG, Vietnam — Huu Hung is a name which rarely makes the headlines. But to U.S. pilots here, the strategic North Vietnamese ferry crossing with its fierce concentration of antiaircraft guns is a place to be long remembered.

"It's a prime target," said Maj. John C. Trobaugh, 41, of Boise, Idaho. "It's one of those missions when you put your affairs in order before heading for the flight line. You don't leave half-written letters behind."

Five fellow pilots nodded in agreement. Col. Frederick (Boots) Blesse, 45, of Tucson, Ariz., who has flown more than 100 missions, including some over the hotspots around Hanoi, said North Vietnam's ferry crossings have the most concentrated ack-ack he has ever faced.

The ferry crossings belong to that select group of targets in the history of aerial bombing which must be attacked repeatedly at great risk.

In World War II, Italian bridges in deep valleys resisted the best efforts of American B-26 light bombers, which had to weave up through the valleys to reach them and then aim at just the width of the bridge.

In the Korean war, the "Bridges at Toko-Ri" were a fictional invention of author James Michener, but the problems in knocking them out were a composite of the difficulties told him by pilots in actual combat.

In Vietnam, the river crossings are attacked over and over, not because the bridges still stand. They were blasted early in the air war which began three years ago last month.

But the North Vietnamese have replaced the ruined spans with ferries, usually barges lashed together, for hauling vehicles and supplies across the water at night.

A map shows the strategic importance of Huu Hung. Located five miles south of Dong Hoi, about 40 miles north of the Demilitarized Zone, Huu Hung sits astride Highway 1A, a main

north-south highway along the Gulf of Tonkin coast in North Vietnam's southern panhandle.

Huu Hung is one of the links in the chain of supply for North Vietnamese troops fighting U.S. troops farther south.

Pilots of the Air Force 366th Tactical Fighter Wing's 390th Squadron go after the ferries while they are crossing at night. During the day, they attack the individual barges, dispersed and camouflaged along the banks, and the truck parks and supply dumps along the shore.

Because such crossing points are defended by hundreds of antiaircraft guns, some of them radar-guided, the attacks usually are carried out by four of the F4 Phantom Jets.

The lead pair zooms in against the antiaircraft positions to suppress their fire. The second pair then roars in to drop bombs on the ferry.

"The nature of the weapon and the accuracy demanded means we're forced to go in low and that puts us into the range of automatic fire," Trobaugh said.

"These daytime missions are the hairiest—they see us coming," he added dryly. "We try to get in and out of the target area in seconds."

The F4s are two-man planes. The front "Jock" flies the supersonic jet and fires the weapons. The man in the back seat, known as "Gib"—"Guy in Behind"—navigates the plane and operates its radar and electronic equipment designed to confuse the enemy. The "Gib" also can fly the Phantom if the pilot is hit.

On a recent strike at Huu Hung, the lead Phantom was piloted by Maj. Ed M. Lewis, 36, of Tampa, Fla. His "Gib" was Lt. Charles M. Nelson, 25, of Dallas. The plane took four large-caliber hits in the right wing, but got back safely to Da Nang. Metalsmiths worked a week to get it ready for action again.

The second plane, also flying flak suppression, was piloted by the squadron commander, Lt. Col. Wayne T. Elder, 43, of Jacksonville, Fla. His Phantom was unscathed.

The third plane, which dropped the anti-ferry weapon, took one hit. Trobaugh, the pilot, and Lt. Rocky D. Smith, 24, of Syracuse, N.Y., got their damaged plane safely back to Da Nang.

The fourth plane was hit in the nose and caught fire.

"I jettisoned everything and climbed, successfully smothering the fire," said the pilot, Maj. Dick Phillips, 38, of Redlands, Calif. "But my hydraulics systems were shot out and we couldn't land. We punched out (parachuted) over Da Nang bay."

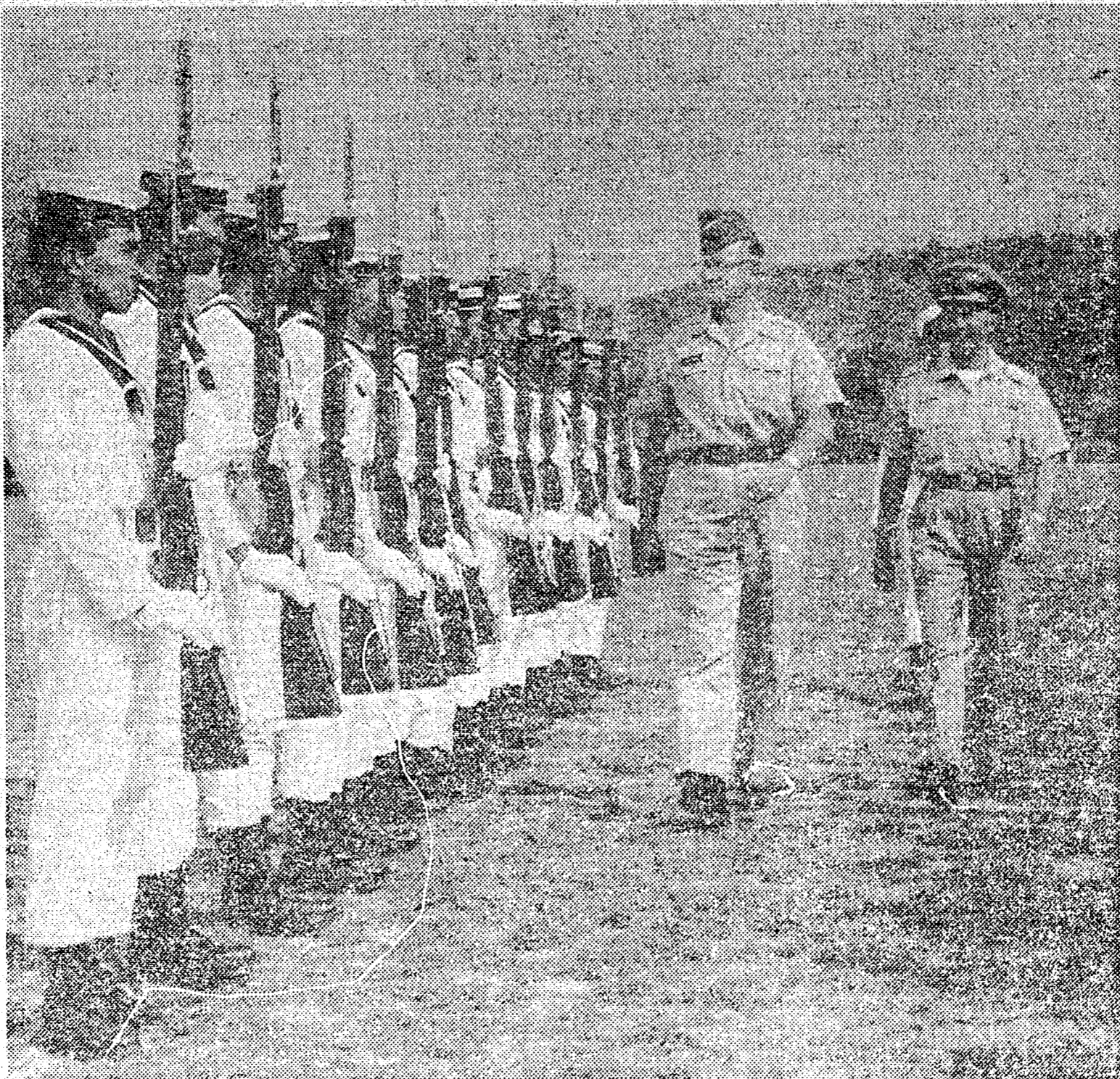
Rescue helicopters plucked Phillips and his "Gib," 1st Lt. Boyce R. Core, 26, of Sautter, Ark., out of the water.

The pilots of the 390th also attack truck convoys and rail freight cars. These attacks usually are made at night. The Phantoms drop flares unless they can spot traffic movement by the light of the moon or dim vehicle headlights.

Enemy convoys also are well protected.

"We have to be wary of flak traps," Lewis said. "A single boxcar, a broken-down truck. They look suspicious. You sense they are decoys. You resist the temptation to dive on them. A new Jock might go after it and find himself in a hail of lead. It's a tough way to learn."

"Remember that F150 (a jet Forward Air Control plane to assist in target selection)?" Smith asked. "When a gun opened up on him, he called us in. And instead of one gun, there must have been 30 or 40 that opened up on us."



McCown Inspects Royal Thai Marines

Maj. Gen. Hal D. McCown, commander, U.S. Military Assistance Command, Thailand/Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group, Thailand, and Rear Adm. Sobhon Suyarnsestakorn, commandant of

the Royal Thai Marine Corps, inspect the Royal Thai Marine Honor Guard. McCown recently visited Thai and U.S. Marine advisers near Sattahip on the Gulf of Siam. (USA)

Marriage Offers for Dad of 6 in Viet

PHU CAT, Vietnam (AP) — More than 10,000 miles from his six motherless children, Air Force Sgt. John L. Wolfe is still getting letters offering to care for his temporarily fatherless brood. There are even some offers of marriage.

Not wanting to give up his Air Force career, Wolfe turned down a hardship discharge and arrived in Vietnam at the end of February.

He left three of his children with relatives and the two oldest boys in a children's home until

his return. A boy born a week before his wife died of a brain hemorrhage in March 1966 has been adopted by Wolfe's brother.

"I think the children will be all right," Wolfe said at the air base here, where he is supervisor of sentry dog handlers. "This gives me great peace of mind."

Shortly after his wife died, the Air Force offered Wolfe a hardship discharge. But the 36-year-old sergeant already had 13 years in the service and decided

to stick it out for at least seven more, until he could retire on a pension.

Orders to Vietnam came while Wolfe was stationed at the air base in Columbus, Miss. When the news of his plight hit the papers, he was flooded with offers to care for his children. He said he had hundreds of calls from 31 states.

"I didn't realize there were so many good-hearted people in the world," the sergeant said. But he declined all the offers.

Wolfe said he has received 15 letters from women who want to mother his children since he arrived at Phu Cat.

"You can't get much better than that," Wolfe said, pointing to the picture of a widow from Dothan, Ala.

But Wolfe says he has no plans to accept any of the offers of matrimony.

"Maybe if all the ladies read this they will stop writing me and calling my mother," he said.

VFW to Aid Viet Refugees

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) announced the organization has opened a large-scale fund drive to help South Vietnamese left homeless following recent Communist offensives.

Commander Joseph A. Scerra, said the national VFW organization will start the fund campaign with a donation of \$25,000 and plans to call for contributions from all 1.4 million members.

London Banks Close to Halt Panic

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 18 tons to an unheard of 45 tons.

Sales in London, by far the biggest bullion market in the world, were estimated at more than 200 tons. Zurich's were estimated at more than 100 tons, even though major banks suspended sales two hours early. Similar scenes were repeated

in metal markets in silver, platinum, palladium and even copper.

According to the best estimates available, the international gold pool has had to supply a minimum of 450 tons of gold so far this week.

In London, Paris and Zurich, dealers took action of their own accord to calm nerves and

make buyers stop and think.

In London, they raised the price to the highest level since the formation in 1960 of the seven-nation gold pool: \$95.26. They also refused to accept small orders for a gold piece or a handful of old Napoleons. In Paris, dealers raised the price to the prohibitive level of \$35.90.

But still the sales continued. Many in Britain, Switzerland and elsewhere privately criticized the U.S. Congress for delays in removing the dollar's gold cover to make available for the battle against speculators about \$10 billion worth of gold.

A catastrophic effect on world trade and industrial expansion was feared as private savings, which normally provide the capital for industry, were shifted into sterile gold.

The effect on the foreign exchange markets was catastrophic for the pound. In London, it plunged to its lowest value in recorded history at \$2.3875, forcing the Bank of England to step into the market to support it. The rate then rose to \$2.39.

The pound slumped on all continental markets. The dollar was also weak except in Paris where it closed at the year's high of 4.9340 francs.

Gold Cover Lifted

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 discount rate to 5 per cent.

The present rate is 4.5 per cent and the new rate is the highest since just before the 1929 stock market crash.

The Senate bill, sought urgently by the administration, completely wipes out this cover requirement which has existed since the Federal Reserve Act was passed 55 years ago.

At present there is only about \$1 billion of free gold since the reserve requirement ties up approximately \$10.4 billion of the supply.

Under present law, each \$1 in federal reserve notes—the only paper money now made—must be backed by 25 cents in gold.

Administration forces in the

Senate had been pleading for three days for quick passage of the cover bill.

They said it must be rushed to the President to show that Congress backs the determination of the administration to maintain the convertibility of dollars at a gold price of \$35 an ounce.

The bill's sponsors insisted that it would be an answer to speculation which has been raging in European markets throughout the debate.

Opponents of the measure scoffed at this, insisting that the only result would be to make it possible for the gold drain to continue at a more rapid pace. The Federal Reserve Board, in announcing its action just after 6 p.m., said the increase is designed "to strengthen the international position of the dollar and to curb inflationary pressures in the domestic economy."

It serves to back up with deeds the commitment by the U.S. government to maintain the price of gold at \$35 an ounce in the face of a virtual stampede of buyers in Europe.

The discount rate is the interest that commercial banks are charged when they borrow money from the Federal Reserve system.

Other interest rates are pegged upward from the discount rate.

Earlier Thursday, Treasury Secretary Henry H. Fowler said it is imperative for Congress to vote higher taxes within 30 days to stabilize the dollar overseas.

Later, Chairman Wilbur D. Mills, of the House Ways and Means Committee, said his group has begun drafting a bill to curb spending by Americans traveling abroad. He said it will also include other key parts of the Johnson Administration's travel restriction program which is part of the government's efforts to stem the international dollar drain.

The increase in the discount rate is effective Friday.

More to Die In Rhodesia

SALISBURY, Rhodesia (AP)—Five more Africans were sentenced to death in the Rhodesian high court Thursday after being found guilty of entering Rhodesia with "weapons of war," an offense which carries a mandatory death penalty.

Four of the accused admitted being sent to Tanzania for military training. One also said he had received additional training in Communist China. All said they would have killed women and children in Rhodesia.

Clifford Asks Not to Testify

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Defense Secretary Clark M. Clifford has asked to be excused from testifying next Monday before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which strenuously questioned Secretary of State Dean Rusk on the Vietnam war this week.

Clifford, according to officials, told the committee he had not had time to study up on military aid in his first two weeks at the Pentagon and asked that other officials represent the Defense Department.

The testimony will probably be given by Deputy Defense Secretary Paul H. Nitze, along with Paul C. Warnke, assistant secretary for international security affairs, and Vice Adm. Luther C. Heinz, Defense Department director of military assistance.

RFK Worries LBJ Backers

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 Kennedy campaign in the state's June 4 primary. Unruh told newsmen he had "no flat information" on Kennedy's plans and refused to comment on his own.

While Kennedy said "we're still looking at the situation," his office reported that 3,700



Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, D-N.Y., walks alone toward the Capitol from his office. (UPI Radiophoto)

Weather

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 Friday: Partly Cloudy; Low Mid 30s
 Saturday: Clearing; High 40

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Boise	50	35
Boston	33	28
Chicago	37	22
Cincinnati	30	17
Cleveland	22	17
Denver	63	27
Des Moines	41	16
Detroit	22	11
El Paso	30	14
Fort Worth	34	19
Hankou	72	63
Honolulu	78	70
Houston	67	57
Indianapolis	30	19
Jacksonville	59	48
Jakarta	95	77
Kansas City	50	20
K. Lumpur	91	71
Los Angeles	71	58
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L.A.	71	52
Louisville	35	20
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Czech Aid Kills Self

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 aimed at thwarting the removal last January of President Antonin Novotny from his dual position as party chief.

Last month, the Army's chief political officer had reported "disturbing phenomena" in the Defense Ministry. Later he also confirmed that an armored division had been mobilized by the plotters in what looked like a bid to scare Novotny's foes out of their plans to oust him.

Both Janko and his superior, Defense Minister Bohumir Lomsky, had been indirectly implicated in aiding Sejna's flight.

Threatened with ouster, Lomsky went before the new "reform" regime's cabinet Wednesday to explain his conduct. He had earlier denied that he "or any other military commander" participated in an abortive strongarm attempt to keep old guard Novotny from losing his

post as party chief last January.

There was increasing pressure Thursday on Novotny to resign from his largely ceremonial post and the influence of his backers shrank further with the resignation of Michal Chudik, a leading conservative member of the party hierarchy from the Slovak State Council or regional parliament.

Meanwhile, the cabinet expressed dissatisfaction with the reports submitted at Wednesday's session by Defense Minister Bohumir Lomsky and Interior Minister Jan Kudrna.

The investigation into the Sejna affair is continuing by the special commission headed by Oldrich Cernik, the nation's top economic planner who is the chief candidate for becoming premier in a new government next month.

letters and telegrams had been received by noon Thursday, of which 95 per cent urged him to enter the race.

McCarthy, who declared his peace candidacy on the same anti-Vietnam position that Kennedy espoused, stressed he was not dropping out by announcing he was entering primaries in Indiana May 7 and South Dakota June 4.

March 28 is the filing deadline in Indiana. McCarthy's move was expected to draw a proxy candidate for the President, possibly Gov. Roger D. Branigan.

The White House said it knew of no great pressure for Johnson to change his hands-off attitude toward active participation in the primaries in view of Kennedy's remarks or of McCarthy's capture of 42 per cent of the Democratic vote in the New Hampshire primary.

There was evident concern among Johnson supporters over the situation in Wisconsin. Even though Johnson's name—not that of a write-in—is on the ballot against McCarthy, top Wisconsin Democrats are divided over them.

Les Aspin, Johnson's campaign chief in Wisconsin, says the President could be the underdog and that it appeared that as the primaries draw to a close, Johnson would be expected to take a look at the results

and other factors to make up his mind definitely then whether to seek re-election.

Publicly, leading Democrats sought to diminish the importance of McCarthy's strong rally in New Hampshire, which Kennedy said was evidence of a Democratic split over the war that led him to reassess his own position.

Democratic National Chairman John M. Bailey attributed the results to McCarthy's "person-to-person campaign" while the President "stayed at his desk in Washington being the President to all the people."

As did Bailey, Mayor Richard J. Daley of Chicago rallied behind Johnson and said he would support him if he were a candidate. "No one knows if he is a candidate, but I would hope he is," Daley said.

The mayor, kingpin of the Illinois Democratic organization, received a phone call late Wednesday from Kennedy, who explained his position. A spokesman said Daley "listened" but offered no comment.

Mine Kills Israeli

JERUSALEM (UPI)—One Israeli was killed when a truck and trailer hit a mine planted in a dirt road about one mile south of Bet-Josef in the Beisan Valley, officials said Thursday.