

# Indicators (GOP) Point To Rocky Joining Race

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller strongly indicated to 17 Republican senators Tuesday he has decided to run for the GOP presidential nomination, sources reported.

"He didn't say so in so many words," one source said, asking not to be identified. He added, "All of the indicators were positive, none negative."

Another source said, "All that is left now are the nuts and bolts."

Rockefeller said after an hour-long breakfast meeting at the Capitol most of the senators had urged him to run.

"They felt from the point of view of the party and the country this was desirable," the New York governor said.

But he added he still has not decided whether to make the race. An aide said an announcement would be made in Albany Wednesday on the time and place of

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## Toughest Peacetime Budget

# TAXES SOAR IN BRITAIN

## Gold Down Again

PARIS (UPI) — The price of gold dropped anew Tuesday on European markets and the American dollar and British pound recovered more strength in the wake of last week's severe monetary crisis.

In London, where the Labor Government introduced a severe austerity budget, the

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson has signed a bill removing the gold cover from paper currency, thus freeing \$10.7 billion of the precious metal to defend the dollar abroad.

pound soared to its best level on the foreign exchange market since Feb. 26, just before the gold rush began.

The closing rate was \$2.40 per pound.

On the Paris market gold was down to \$39.04 an ounce amid a war of nerves by speculators still trying to cash in on quick profits. The price was almost a dollar an ounce less than Monday's closing figure of \$40.01 and sharply down from last Friday's record high of \$44.36 an ounce.

Trading in gold, pegged at \$35 an ounce on the official market, increased in Paris as the "unofficial" price of the precious metal sought its own level on the newly created free market. Tuesday's volume shot up to \$31.64 million worth of gold compared with a normal

## May Draft Quota Set at 44,000

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon called Tuesday for a draft of 44,000 men in May. It was the third straight month in which the draft call exceeded 40,000.

The April call was for 48,000 men, one of the highest of the Vietnam war.



Dana Lynn Kelfer, 4, is reunited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin G. Kelfer in San Antonio, Tex. She was abducted by an armed man who demanded \$30,000 ransom. (AP Radiophoto)

## FBI Rescues Kidnaped Girl, 4; Suspect Nailed at Pay-Off Spot

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP)—FBI agents rescued dark-eyed, 4-year-old Dana Lynn Kelfer late Monday night after a man abducted and held her for 10 hours.

A charge of kidnaping was filed Tuesday against Hubert Eugene Lively, 37, a television repair service owner.

Lively led officers to the unharmed girl, her face known throughout the San Antonio area because of her appearance on television commercials.

The FBI said an agent found the youngster bound and gagged in an isolated barn 30 miles north of San Antonio. She apparently spent hours alone in the dark.

FBI agents arrested Lively because he drove past the pay-off spot on a rural road five times.

A ransom note demanding \$30,000 was left in the Kelfer home when the kidnaper took the youngster from a housemaid at gunpoint.

LONDON (UPI)—The government Tuesday handed Britons more than 920 million pounds (\$2.2 billion) in tax hikes in a harsh budget which it warned would slash their living standards for at least the next two years.

It probably was the toughest budget ever imposed on the country in peacetime.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Roy Jenkins made no changes in income taxes, but told a grim, hushed House of Commons other sacrifices are unavoidable in order to bring this economically ailing country back to prosperity.

His measures meant an overall tax hike of nearly 10 per cent.

Conservative opposition leader Edward Heath at once lambasted it as "a hard, cold budget without one glimmer of warmth."

"It is more than two-and-a-half times the maximum any chancellor of the exchequer ever has imposed in one budget," Heath declared.

The boosts were almost entirely in indirect taxes designed to slash consumption. Contrary to advance predictions, there was no hike in direct income taxes.

The government slapped higher taxes on whisky, gin, wine, cigarettes, tobacco, gasoline, oil, betting, bingo halls and football pools. But it did not touch beer—traditional drink of working class Britons.

It also hiked the annual li-

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## Rich to Pay 136% Tax On Income

LONDON (UPI)—Chancellor of the Exchequer Roy Jenkins Tuesday promised Britons two years of sweat and toil with much of its rewards swept up in higher taxes.

He even slapped on a special millionaires tax of 136 per cent.

To soften the tax blow for the average family, Jenkins struck at an estimated 95,000 rich men with a new once-and-for-all capital levy.

The "special charge" will mean sterling millionaires will pay a tax rate on income from investment in a single year of 136 per cent.

It will work this way: on income from investments which tops 50,000 pounds (\$120,000) in a year, a rich man will pay a tax of 27/3 (\$3.37) on every one pound (\$2.40) received.

This income bracket puts its owner in the pound millionaire class because total wealth is calculated at about 30 times annual income from investment, government sources said.

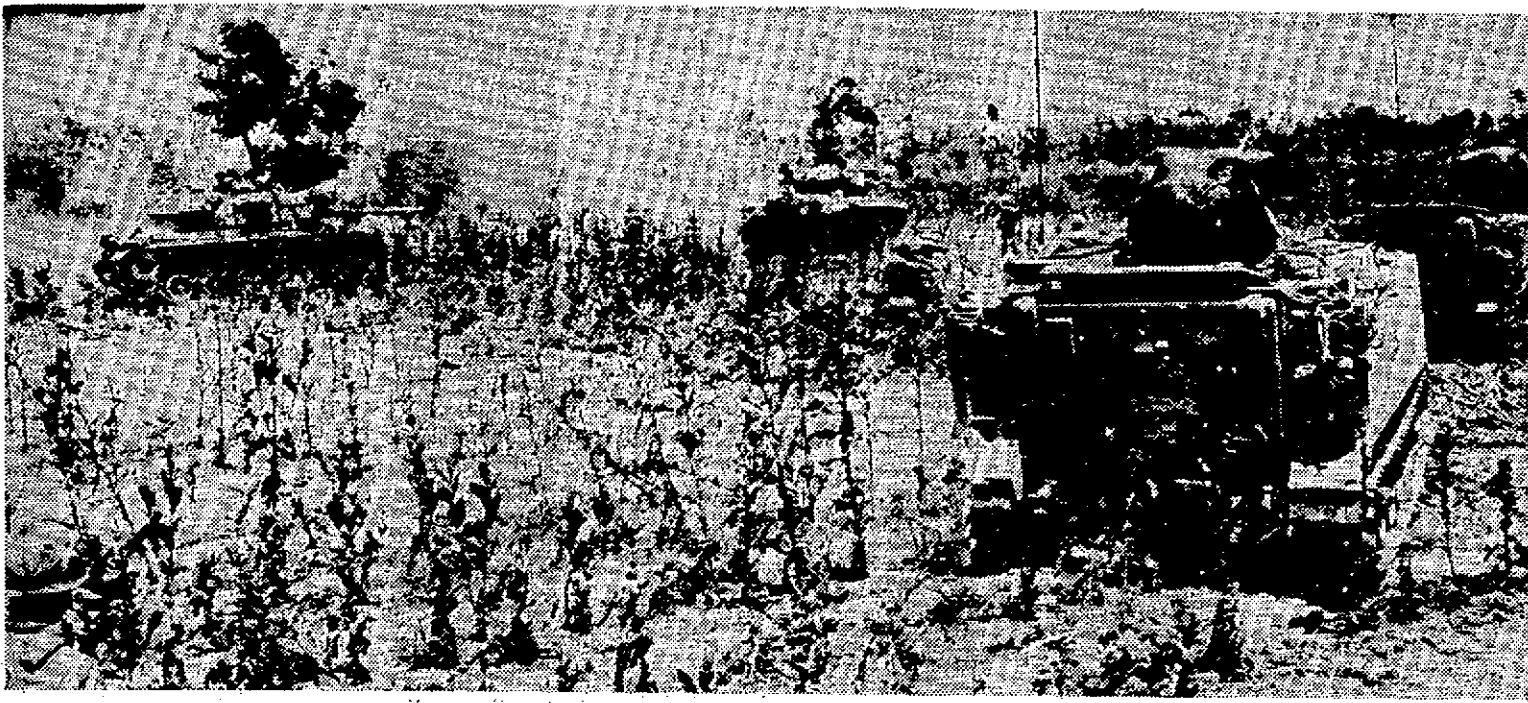
The levy, which goes on top of normal income tax and super tax or surtax, will start on investment incomes of 3,000 pounds (\$7,200) per year.

The last such capital levy was imposed 20 years ago by an earlier Labor chancellor and

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## Loopy Season

CHICAGO (UPI)—The city fathers reported a harbinger of spring Monday: A middle-aged woman wading in the Civic Center fountain in the downtown Loop area.



A 25TH INF. DIV. MECHANIZED UNIT RUMBLES THROUGH ENEMY FIRE DURING ACTION NEAR SAIGON. USA Photo by Spec. 4 Jake Southwick

# 75 R.P. Troops Go Home

SAIGON (UPI) — The departure of 75 Filipino troops Wednesday could be the start of the complete withdrawal of the Philippine Civic Action Group (PHILCAG) from the Vietnam war.

Gen. Gaudencio Tobias, commander of the troops, said this was the first time any of his men have been rotated home without arrangements for replacements.

"If there is no action back home, this could be the start of our movement from Vietnam," he said.

For the past several days an appropriation bill needed to finance the 2,000 Philippine Civic Action workers has been stalled in the Philippine Senate. Without these funds, it is generally agreed the Filipinos will be forced to withdraw from the country.

General Tobias insisted the Senate's failure to approve funds is "a remote possibility" and that "there is no cause for alarm."

"Our contribution will continue," he said. "There will always be PHILCAG here."

(In Manila, a government spokesman said the gradual phasing out of the current PHILCAG group does not mean a withdrawal of Philippine efforts in Vietnam, AP reported. He said it is only the normal rotation of men who have completed their tours and that replacements would soon be under way.)

Tobias said the 75 men—three officers and 72 enlisted men—are leaving his command as individuals rather than as a unit.

A U.S. Government spokesman said the U.S. had nothing to add to the statements arriving here from the Philippines.

## 2 Hueys Shot Down

SAIGON (S&S)—Two U.S. Army UH1 Huey helicopters were shot down in the delta—one Monday afternoon and one Tuesday morning—the U.S. Command reported. Three crewmen were wounded.

# Allied Forces Kill 123 As Ground War Slackens

SAIGON (AP) — Allied forces killed 123 enemy soldiers in three firefights Monday as the ground war receded into another lull with the both sides maneuvering for the next round.

No major action was initiated by the enemy, even though Tuesday had been proclaimed a holiday in North Vietnam to observe "Hate America" day, according to the U.S. Command.

In the biggest ground action, a company of U.S. Marines charged into the teeth of a rocket barrage to overwhelm North Vietnamese regulars in trenches and bunkers seven miles below the Demilitarized Zone.

The Leathernecks—150 strong—killed 67 enemy soldiers and captured three in a furious assault just four miles north of the Marines' sprawling division command post and supply base at Dong Ha. American casualties were 12 killed and 24 wounded.

Repeated battles have been fought in the area the past two weeks, and the Marines were sweeping through again in search of enemy rocket launchers when they tangled with the entrenched North Vietnamese, a U.S. military spokesman said.

The rockets were there, and the Communists blasted the advancing Marines with 40 rounds of the big, Russian-designed 140 mm rockets. U.S. artillery, helicopter gunships and jet fighter-bombers slashed at the Communist positions, and when the Marines charged, the Communists fled, the spokesman said.

Two other significant ground actions were reported Monday

by the Allied headquarters. Troopers of the U.S. 11th Light Inf. Brigade killed 11 guerrillas along the coast 310 miles northeast of Saigon while suffering no casualties. Vietnamese infantrymen reported killing 45 Communist soldiers in a battle 35 miles southwest of Saigon. The government troops suffered light casualties.

In Operation Quyet Thang—the biggest Allied offensive of the Vietnam War—a cache of enemy shells was found Tues-

day well within striking distance of Saigon.

Government troops discovered the cache hidden in brush beside the Saigon river only five miles north of the capital's Tan Son Nhut AB. The shells included 80 122 mm rockets—the type used repeatedly by Communist gunners to hit Tan Son Nhut, 1,200 mortar rounds, 138 warheads for bazooka-type rockets, 30 recoilless rifle shells and 13 cases containing half a ton of TNT.

## Stilwell Due Back In Vietnam

WASHINGTON — The Army announced Monday the forthcoming transfers of three general officers to Vietnam, including Maj. Gen. Richard G. Stilwell, who spent more than four years in Vietnam and Thailand during the U.S. military buildup in Southeast Asia. Stilwell will arrive in Vietnam in mid-April.

The two-star general first went to Vietnam in April, 1963, as operations officer for MACV. The following year he became chief of staff and in August, 1965, he joined the military advisory group in Thailand. He returned to the U.S. last July to command the 1st Armored Div. at Fort Hood, Tex.

Maj. Gen. John K. Boles Jr., now with the Defense Communications Agency here, will replace him at the 1st Armored Div.

Others going to Vietnam are Brig. Gen. Charles Cantrell, artillery and special weapons staff officer, and Brig. Gen. Darrie H. Richards, a logistics staff officer, both of USAREUR and 7th Army Headquarters in Germany. They are going in May.

# Report 2 Captured Missionaries Alive

NEW YORK (AP) — Two American missionaries, one of them a nurse, who were captured by the Viet Cong more than a month ago, are alive and well behind enemy lines, according to word received Tuesday.

The Rev. Dr. Nathan Bailey, president of the Christian Missionary Alliance, said a message from mission officials in Saigon advised that a prisoner released by the Viet Cong reported on the welfare of the two captives.

They are "alive, in good health and eating well," the report said.

The two, Betty Olsen, 33, a nurse from Nyack, N.Y., and Henry Blood, from Portland, Ore., were captured Feb. 2 when Viet Cong troops overran Ban Me Thuot, killing six mis-

sionaries there.

Officials said Miss Olsen and Blood, a Wycliffe Bible Translators missionary trained in first aid, presumably are being used to treat Viet Cong wounded.

The report on their condition said that two Radaay tribal Christian leaders captured at the same time also were alive and well.

# 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
- CWO Francis L. Griffin, Birmingham, Ala.
  - PFC Hubert H. Gordon Jr., Little Rock, Ark.
  - LTC William C. De Lapp III, Pacific Palisades, Calif.
  - PFC Donald W. Van Fleet, Meadow Vista, Calif.
  - SP5 Richard C. Brown, Uncasville, Conn.
  - SP4 Donald S. Gillman, Milton, Fla.
  - PFC Richard C. Westberg, Marshalltown, Iowa.
  - SSG Joe F. Evans, Oak Grove, Ky.
  - SP4 Tony S. Oliver, Baltimore, Md.
  - PFC William A. Andrews, Benedict, Md.
  - PFC John E. Severson, Hutchinson, Minn.
  - PFC Henry B. Williams Jr., Jackson, Miss.
  - CPL John W. Murphy III, Florissant, Mo.
  - PFC James Rivera, New York City.
  - PFC Jeremiah Roman, New York City.
  - MSG Joseph J. Duffer, Durham, N.C.
  - SGT Floyd T. Spencer, Highpoint, N.C.
  - PFC Sonnie Stephens, White Oak, N.C.
  - SP4 Gary L. Jallch, Akron, Ohio.
  - SP4 Daniel L. Kinnard, Newark, Ohio.
  - SP4 John E. Hood, Ryan, Okla.
  - SP4 Scott C. Rogers, Portland, Ore.
  - 1LT Raymond A. Dubbs, Nesbitt, Pa.
  - SP4 William J. Bowers, Koppel, Pa.
  - PFC Stanley A. Stys, Johnstown, Pa.
  - 2LT Delmar W. Probst, Clarksville, Tenn.
  - SSG Robert E. Cochran, Rosser, Tex.
  - SGT James M. Warr, Von Ormy, Tex.
  - PFC Mike Espinosa, Amarillo, Tex.

- PFC Thomas A. Ferguson, West Columbia, Tex.
- SGT Wayne M. Kidwell, Herndon, Va.
- CPL Stephen M. Worley, South Charleston, W. Va.
- SP4 Joseph D. Seibert, Green Bay, Wis.
- SSGT Jack E. Garbey, Pontiac, Mich.
- LCPL Robert D. Davis, Swanton, Ohio.
- LCPL Richard Gallagher, Philadelphia, Pa.
- PFC Richard S. Ginder, Yakima, Wash.
- SN Jerry L. Wingham, Oxon Hill, Md.
- SGT Glenn Sullivan, Oakland, Calif.
- SGT Warren G. Tedrick Jr., Pomona, Calif.
- SP5 Little J. Jackson, West Covina, Calif.
- SGT Andy Garalca, Concord, Calif.
- CPT Charles B. Jilcott Jr., Colorado Springs, Colo.
- CPT James P. Regan, Miami Beach, Fla.
- PFC Anthony Patrizi, Chicago, Ill.
- SP4 Robert W. Ellis, Syracuse, Ind.
- PFC Norman A. Fessett, Baltimore, Md.
- PFC Donald R. Tilus, Highland, Md.
- SP4 John A. Kozach, Springfield, Mass.
- SGT Edward L. Kolka, Grasse Pointe, Mich.
- PFC Charles H. Batozynski, Detroit, Mich.
- SP4 Dennis H. Thompson, Kansas City, Mo.
- WO Guy L. Elsenhart, Portsmouth, N.H.
- PFC Melvin B. Fann, Morganville, N.J.
- SSG Abraham L. Colon-Perez, New York City.
- CPL Andy P. Crawford, Hinsdale, N.Y.
- SP4 David J. Lorraine, Grafton, N.D.
- 1LT Wesley L. Woodford, Tallmadge, Ohio.
- 1LT Robert W. Luecke, Parma, Ohio.
- SGT Albert E. Collins, Durant, Okla.

- SP4 Ramiro Alvarado Jr., San Antonio, Tex.
- 2LT Richard D. Bahr, Norfolk, Va.
- SP4 Richard C. Spencer, Bremerton, Wash.
- PFC Michael D. Frost, Mercer Island, Wash.
- SSG Thomas A. Johnson, Douglas, W. Va.
- SGT David M. Schuh, Elcho, Wis.
- HN Louis J. Toner, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- MISSING IN ACTION**  
Air Force
- LTCOL Guy F. Collins.
- MAJOR Joseph H. Byrne.
- MAJOR Donald E. Westbrook.
- DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION**  
Army
- PFC Harold F. Heymach, Newark, N.J.
- SGT Anthony E. Reed, New Windsor, N.Y.
- SP4 Margarito Martinez, Batesville, Tex.
- BUH3 Frank G. Goetz, Ambler, Pa.
- LCPL George F. Edwards, Putnam, Conn.
- MISSING TO DEAD—NON HOSTILE**  
Army
- WO Donald E. Kenton, North Dover, Del.
- CDR Glenn E. Kollmann, Virginia Beach, Va.
- LT John G. Griffith, Virginia Beach, Va.
- CORRECTIONS**  
SSG David H. Lewis, USA, Change Status from missing to dead—non hostile to missing to dead—hostile.
- SGT Harold R. Reeves, USA, Change Status from missing to dead—hostile to missing to dead—non hostile.
- SP4 Robert W. Tankley, USA, Change Status from missing to dead—hostile to missing to dead—non hostile.
- LCPL Henry E. Gates, USMC, Change Status from killed in action to died not as a result of hostile action.

# Weather Curbs Jets; F100 Downed in North

SAIGON—Poor weather over North Vietnam Monday continued to hamper U.S. air strikes, limiting U.S. pilots to only 71 missions.

An Air Force F100 Supersabre was shot down by Communist ground gunners 30 miles southwest of Dong Hoi. One crew member was rescued, but the other is listed as missing.

The jet brought the total of

U.S. warplanes lost over the North to 812.

Only two key targets were hit during the day—both by Navy all-weather A6 Intruders.

The A6s blasted the Kien An airfield six miles southwest of Haiphong and the Hon Gai thermal power plant 27 miles northeast of North Vietnam's second largest city. No damage reports were given.

Most of the day's strikes were against Communist supply lines along the coast.



A Vietnamese woman sifts the chaff from newly-harvested rice—the first crop of a new strain being tried out in the war-torn nation.



Walt Bascom, a rice expert working for Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development Support, inspects a Vietnamese farmer's crop of IR-8 rice. (S&S Photos)

## New Rice Yielding Profits, Hope for Vietnam Farmers

By SPEC. 5 RUSS ANDERSON  
S&S Staff Correspondent

VO DAT, Vietnam — Every Filipino farmer knows the words to the song:

"Planting rice is no fun. Work from morn till the set of sun."

Nor is the back-breaking work any fun in Vietnam. But at least it's becoming more profitable. Especially to the small farmer. The rice-rich delta is becoming richer thanks to some Filipinos, some Americans and a lot of hard-working Vietnam-

ese rice farmers who were willing to take a chance with something new.

The "something new" is a Philippine experiment in rice, a cross of rice grains that proved successful and was labeled IR-8.

The farmers of Vo Dat valley are harvesting their first crop and seem pleased with the product. It is the first major crop of IR-8 grown in Vietnam and plans are in the making to spread the new rice over the country.

IR-8 came to Vo Dat valley painfully. It started with a flood that ruined a crop of local rice. Then ignorance, religion and apathy were battled before the first IR-8 seed could be sunk in the mud.

The new IR-8 hybrid was planned and produced for Asian consumption. Rice from other regions of the world lacks a consistency and a flavor to which Asians are accustomed.

In the Vo Dat valley, like the rest of Vietnam, the people have been eating their local "paddy" rice since they were born.

When their crop failed from floods last September, the first thought of the farmers was relief from the government. They could have gotten it but there were some Americans around who had other ideas.

One of these was Walt Bascom, a California rice expert now working for CORDS — Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development Support.

Bascom, an advisor to the local government agriculture officials, is a strong believer in IR-8. He's been working for months in the Vo Dat valley and told of some of the problems in getting the new crop sown.

"It started with apathy," he said. "They lost their crop and a lot of hard work. When we told them we had a new rice that could be planted in September, they wanted nothing to do with it. They wanted government relief."

Bascom explained the major reason for bringing IR-8 to Vietnam. First of all, he said, it produces more rice per hectare. And it has a shorter and thicker stalk that can take more punishment.

Most important, he added, two crops can be grown each year instead of the usual one.

When the Vo Dat valley farmers learned this, they agreed to try it—to plant another crop.

But then a local Buddhist and a Catholic priest got in the way, according to Bascom. It was immoral, they said, to change their people's customs. The two were flown to Bien Hoa to look at a token crop of IR-8 and changed their minds.

Nothing was given to the farmers. The IR-8 seed was loaned to them and would have to be returned. The farmers agreed.

Bascom said the biggest problem then was water. September is not a wet month around Vo Dat. Irrigation ditches were dug and water pumps were put to work. In a few weeks, the crop was in.

Today the rice is drying in hundreds of farmer's front yards. They'll put it in bags, pay back the seed they owe and then turn it in for profit.

The profit for this crop will come in the form of their more familiar "paddy" rice — five bags of it for four bags of IR-8.

Then the IR-8 will be distributed to other areas throughout the country. And Vo Dat will keep enough for its next crop.

This season's IR-8 crop in Vo Dat valley covered over 300 hectares. As the rice came in from the fields, officials were on hand for statistics.

The first yield showed 2.6 tons per hectare. Not as much as future crops, Bascom says, but more than the standard of .69 to 1.9 that the old "paddy" rice gave the farmers.

Vo Dat's present IR-8 crop will eventually go to Saigon. Officials will package the seed along with fertilizer, insecticide and instructions and make the packets available to other districts, towns and hamlets.

In the years to come, Bascom feels that a little bit of Vo Dat will be spread over Vietnam. But right now he's concerned with next month's planting of IR-8.

## 6 Volunteer Doctors Arrive To Join War on Viet Disease

By BOB CUTTS  
S&S Correspondent

SAIGON—Six more American doctors have arrived in Vietnam to volunteer two months of unpaid medical work in understaffed Vietnamese province medical centers.

The physicians raise to 416 the number of U.S. doctors who have come to Vietnam to donate their services in the 30-month-old Volunteer Physicians for Vietnam program, coordinated through the U.S. Mission here.

The arrival of the six underscored a year of great "expansion" and progress made in the medical fields through the combined work of the United States and South Vietnamese governments, according to U.S. spokesmen—progress that saw 470,000 Vietnamese citizens treated in good hospitals, dreaded Asian killers like plague, cholera and malaria slowed almost to a crawl, and hundreds of war victims rehabilitated and started on the path of new, productive lives in a country where every individual's manpower counts.

The six doctors, Arthur Brown of Oklahoma, James Crain of Missouri, Kristofer Hagen of Minnesota, Seymour Krevsky of Michigan, Tom Mitchel of Mississippi and Arthur Serino of Massachusetts, (four are general practitioners, one is a

surgeon and the last a pediatrician) will head out to different provinces immediately, where the backbone of the medical effort is.

According to U.S. figures, in a country where average life expectancy is only 35, all but 250 Vietnamese doctors are needed in the military effort—250 doctors are needed in the military effort—250 doctors to serve a nation of over 16 million. America has sent medical help here since 1951, but the men and women sent were only advisers and teachers until after 1965.

In the top-level Honolulu Conference of 1966, a decision was made to expand America's medical help to Vietnam, and teams of doctors, nurses and specialists in all fields began pouring in.

Now, the Provincial Health Assistance Program has 803 people in 44 teams serving 42 provinces—216 doctors, 173 nurses, 348 technicians and 66 assistants. These people are drawn from America and other Free

World Allies—Thailand, the Philippines, Korea, West Germany and others.

And these figures do not count many medical men who are here under other volunteer programs, and the independent free-time work of U.S. military doctors and technicians.

In 1967, the year of greatest expansion to date, nine new province hospitals were started, and all should be finished before this summer. Another project, sponsored by the Vietnamese government, saw 73 of a planned 326 maternity-dispensary buildings go up near the New Life hamlets.

As well as more nurses and assistants, the University of Saigon Faculty of Medicine, taught largely by American physicians, graduated 184 new Vietnamese doctors in the past year, and has 1,185 more students enrolled.

Cholera and Plague were the first to fall under the axes of the new "medical might" being imported in Vietnam—of 5,718 plague cases reported in 1967, just 275 died. In 7,677 cases of reported cholera, there were only 70 fatalities. And most of the deaths probably resulted from the victim's not being immediately near medical help.

More than a quarter of a million homes were sprayed against malarial mosquitos.

### Aust Joins 366th

DA NANG, Vietnam (OI) — Col. Abner M. Aust, Jr., 46, Macon, Miss., has replaced Col. Clifford H. Meier, 47, Sarasota, Fla., as vice commander of the 366th Tactical Fighter Wing at Da Nang Air Base.

