

# I'm Not a Candidate, Rocky Says

NEW YORK (AP) — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller withdrew Thursday from contention for the Republican nomination for president, thus virtually assuring it for Richard M. Nixon.

"I have decided today to reiterate unequivocally that I am not a candidate campaigning, directly or indirectly, for the presidency of the United States," Rockefeller said in a prepared statement at a news conference.

He left the door open, however, for a draft. He said:

"I have said that I stood ready to answer to any true and meaningful call from the Republican party to serve it and the nation. I still so stand. I would be derelict or uncandid were I to say otherwise.

"I expect no such call. And I shall do nothing in the future, by word or deed, to encourage such a call."

He said he has taken his name off the ballot for the Oregon presidential primary, May 28, filing with the Oregon secretary (Continued on Back Page, Col. 2)

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# 15,000 ISRAELIS ATTACK JORDAN

JERUSALEM (UPI)—Some 15,000 Israeli troops spearheaded by tanks and jet fighters smashed across the cease-fire line into Jordan Thursday in a punitive expedition against Arab terrorist bases. A spokesman said the Israeli forces had "hit all targets" by late afternoon and were returning to their home bases.

An Israeli spokesman said 150 Arab El-Fatah saboteurs were killed and their installations destroyed during the assault across the Jordan River in the heaviest fighting since last June's Arab-Israeli war.

"All targets of this morning's operation have been attained," the spokesman said Thursday night. "A number of our forces have already crossed the cease-fire line back into Israeli-held territory and the rest are in the process of returning home."

He said 15 Israelis were killed and 70 wounded in the action launched at dawn Thursday. Jordan claimed the Israelis suffered "heavy casualties."

(In Amman, a military spokesman said Jordanian tanks and artillery were "engaging the remnants of the retreating enemy." Jordanian officials claimed 25 Israeli tanks were destroyed, three Israeli jets shot down and about 200 Israeli (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)



GOV. ROCKEFELLER WAVES GOODBY TO THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE AT A NEW YORK CITY NEWS CONFERENCE

AP Radiophoto

## 5 American Thrusts Kill 799 Reds

SAIGON (AP)—The U.S. Command announced Thursday that American paratroopers and infantrymen have launched five new offensive thrusts against Viet Cong forces up and down the country and have killed 799 Communist troops in the operations.

The aim of the massive sweeps, involving elements of five U.S. brigades of perhaps more than 10,000 American troops, is twofold:

—To regain the initiative held by the Viet Cong ever since Jan. 31 when they launched their biggest offensive of the war against 35 South Vietnamese cities.

The operations were launched at different intervals over the last two months, the latest one only six days ago, but for security reasons the U.S. Command withheld announcement. Cumulative U.S. losses for the

five operations were put at 94 dead and 397 wounded.

The five new thrusts were centered:

- (1) Along the coastal Beng Son Plain, 300 miles northeast of Saigon, long threatened by the 22nd North Vietnamese Regt.
- (2) Seventeen miles north-northeast of the coastal provincial capital of Phan Thiet or about 100 miles east of Saigon. Viet Cong forces overran the city during their Tet offensive.
- (3) Around An Khe, a big U.S.

military base in the Central Highlands about 260 miles north-northeast of Saigon.

(4) On the edge of War Zone C near the headquarters of the U.S. 1st Inf. and the 101st Airborne Divs. 29 miles north-northeast of Saigon.

(5) Near the Bien Hoa-Lang Binh Military Complex housing the headquarters of the U.S. Army in Vietnam and the U.S. Second Field Forces 15 miles northeast of Saigon.

### Taxpayer's Wit In Great Form

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Joseph M. Hofmann, administrative supervisor of the Bureau of Internal Revenue here, found this note on an income-tax form:

It read: "I understand President Johnson has declared war on poverty. Please advise as to where I go to surrender."

# Thieu Ups Draft, Plans Panel for Govt. Reforms

SAIGON (UPI)—South Vietnam President Nguyen Van Thieu announced Thursday that another 135,000 Vietnamese youths will be drafted this year.

Thieu also said a "Committee for Administrative Reforms" will be established to "study, make decisions, and implement all reforms relative to the entire governmental machinery from the central government to local administrations."

## LBJ Cites Courage Of Viets

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson said Thursday the dedication of South Vietnamese civilians to the war effort was a "largely unreported" story of heroism and quiet courage.

He predicted that this South Vietnamese attitude, coupled with help from the allies of that beleaguered country, would lead to "peace with honor."

Johnson's remarks were directed to the first graduating class of the Foreign Service Institute's Vietnamese Training Center, consisting of 15 career employees of the State Department, the Agency for International Development (AID) and the United States Information Agency (USIA) who have completed a 42-week training program for pacification work in Vietnam.

Meeting the graduates in the White House rose garden, Johnson said "Let no one misread our purpose—peace is our goal."

The President said Wednesday night that a "quick peace, an easy peace" in Vietnam is not necessarily a just and honorable peace. Johnson said "Frequently you can lose more lives with a phony peace than a just one."

In an unprecedented gesture at a state dinner at the White House honoring Gen. Alfredo Stroessner, president of Paraguay, Johnson followed a toast to Stroessner with a special toast in honor of a posthumous Medal of Honor winner whose parents were special guests at the dinner.

The toast was in honor of 2nd Lt. Robert Hibbs of Cedar Falls, Iowa, who was awarded the nation's highest award for valor on Jan. 26, 1967, for heroism in Vietnam.

The new draft call, Thieu said, "must be carried out urgently." It will require the drafting of 18- and 19-year-olds and the recall of veterans under 33 with less than five years' military service.

The new law affecting 18-year-olds will go into effect May 1.

The announcements are believed designed to pacify critics in the U.S. who have charged that America is fighting too much of the war for the South Vietnamese, and who have attacked the Saigon government as corrupt.

The 135,000-man increase would put the total strength of South Vietnam's military and paramilitary forces at 909,000 men.

Thieu also disclosed three new plans to improve the efficiency of the government. He listed these as:

"—To invite a number of experienced and respected personalities, who have had records of struggle for the national cause and who have political and technical capabilities, to participate in national affairs as advisers.

"—To establish, under my personal direction, a National Planning Council to study, prepare, and supervise the implementation of national plans in all areas, in the present wartime situation as well as later.

"—To establish, under my personal direction a Committee for Administrative Reforms, to study, make decisions and implement all reforms relating to the entire government machinery."

## Thais Accept 'Free Asia Voice'

BANGKOK (AP) — Thailand has paid one baht (five U.S. cents) for a \$6 million, 1,000 kilowatt radio station built by the United States.

The station, to be known as "The Voice of Free Asia," was handed over to the Thai Government by U.S. Ambassador Leonard Unger.

# Hanoi Stiffens Laws Against Revolts

TOKYO (AP)—North Vietnam reported Thursday it has promulgated a new decree to deal with espionage, treason and other counter-revolutionary crimes that might be committed against the Communist nation.

Hanoi did not say if the decree, which covers 15 crimes, was promulgated because of trouble within North Vietnam.

But the official party daily, Nhan Dan, explained: "In the light of practical experiences, the decree has codified and perfected the previous regulations concerning the repression of

counterrevolution in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam with the aim of meeting the immediate revolutionary task."

The Vietnam News Agency (VNA) said persons found guilty of the crimes could be executed or sentenced to a minimum prison term of two years.

VNA, monitored in Tokyo, said Hanoi's press Thursday publicized an order from President Ho Chi Minh promulgating the decree.

The 15 crimes listed in the decree:

- "Treason to the fatherland."
- "Plotting to overthrow the people's democratic power."
- "Espionage."



**Looking for Trouble**  
A squad from the 2nd Bn., 173rd Airborne Brigade, walks carefully along a trail near An Khe, in pursuit of a band of Viet Cong guerrillas. (USA)

# U.S. Losses Drop; Red Strength Slips

SAIGON (AP) — General William C. Westmoreland's headquarters Thursday reported a sizable decrease in American casualties and also a drop in Communist military strength in South Vietnam of between 16,000 and 26,000 men.

The manpower drop, U.S. headquarters said, resulted from heavy enemy losses during the Communist Tet offensive in February.

Headquarters said Communist strength was between 207,000 and 222,000, down from the last previous estimate of 223,000 to 248,000.

"This revised estimate," headquarters said, "reflects the effects of recent major unit infiltration into South Vietnam as well as losses sustained by the enemy during the Tet period."

"While this estimate is current as of mid-February, 1968, it must be considered as a preliminary assessment because of the lack of complete figures in some cases and the use of much data which are not yet firm."

Headquarters announced that 336 American troops were killed and 1,916 wounded in the week ending last Saturday. More than 500 U.S. soldiers were killed in three of the four preceding weeks.

South Vietnamese headquarters also reported a decrease in casualties among government forces last week. Spokesmen said 276 South Vietnamese soldiers were killed and 962 wounded. These figures compared with the previous week's 418 killed and 1,199 wounded.

The U.S. Command said 3,070 Viet Cong and North Vietnamese troops were killed last week, compared with a revised total for the previous week of 5,168.

## Reds Claim Progress

TOKYO (AP) — North Vietnam's light industry continued to develop in 1967 despite U.S. air raids, Hanoi's official Vietnam News Agency (VNA) reported.

# Per Diem Increase Sought

WASHINGTON — Servicemen traveling on official business in the U.S. are losing an average of more than \$3 a day under existing per diem allowances, according to information furnished to Congress by Air Force Brig. Gen. William W. Berg, deputy assistant defense secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

For this reason the Defense Department is asking Congress to raise the rates from \$16 to \$20 a day.

Berg detailed official travel costs based on a survey of the hotel-restaurant business and the experiences of more than 12,000 servicemen and government civilians in support of a bill to raise per diem. These are the daily averages found by the Pentagon:

—Costs of meals, breakfasts, lunches and dinners, came to \$6.79.

—Rates for 195 hotels in 65 cities were \$10.99.

Granting a 10 per cent allowance, or \$1.78 a day, to cover miscellaneous expenses such as tips, Berg said the actual cost for daily subsistence is \$19.56, or \$3.56 more than the government now authorizes.

Data furnished by a hotel accounting firm specializing in business analysis for hotel organizations gave further support to the Pentagon's request for a per diem raise.

A comparison of average room rates of client hotels by cities showed considerable variation, even among the major cities, Berg explained. The nationwide average for 113 cities was \$10.14, but data gathered on a statewide basis in five states came to \$10.90. Those rates, with reasonable allowances for meals and miscellaneous expenses, would result in a total daily subsistence expense only slightly under \$20.

The change, which has already won the approval of a House Armed Services subcommittee, would only affect travel in 48 states and the District of Columbia. Overseas rates and those for Hawaii and Alaska vary by Command.

The last change in per diem was in 1962.

## Reds Pound S. Laos City

VIENTIANE, Laos (UPI) — Communist forces opened up a continuous mortar and rocket barrage against the southern provincial capital of Attapeu Wednesday night and it continued through Thursday, a defense spokesman said.

The spokesman, Col. Thongphan Knocksy, liaison officer between the Defense Ministry and the Prime Minister's Office, said the Communists used 82mm mortars and 140mm rockets.

It was only the second time in the Laotian war that the big rockets had been used. About 20 of the Russian-made weapons were fired at Lao Ngam, about 50 miles north of Attapeu, three weeks ago.

Thongphan said the barrage was mainly aimed at the Attapeu military barracks and the airfield.

There were no reports on damage and casualties, however, he said.

# From a Hail of Bullets to a Hail of Rice

By HAL DRAKE  
S&S Staff Writer

TOKYO — "Get me to the church on time!" Spec. 4 Woody Adams might have shouted as a helicopter hovered over his tank, lifting him out of a fire fight outside Saigon and launching him on a journey that took him across the Pacific twice before he narrowly kept a wedding date in Tokyo.

Adams, 27, of Los Angeles, had almost forgotten about it. On leave in Tokyo last December, he promised 21-year-old Jane Griffin he'd be back March 14 to get married at the U.S. Embassy the next day and then follow it up with a Christian service at her parents' home that Saturday.

Adams mentioned it to his unit chaplain, Capt. Edwin A. Roloson, when he got back to Vietnam and filed for permission to marry.

Then came the Viet Cong Tet offensive. Adams' outfit, C Troop, 3rd Sq., 4th Cav., 25th Inf. Div., mowed down

waves of attackers who rushed the airstrip at Tan Son Nhut. In the weeks of steady, vicious fighting that followed, both Adams' memory and his promise became a little blurred.

But Roloson remembered. At 5 a.m. on March 13, as Adams drove his tank against entrenched Communists and heard small arms fire pinging off the armor plating, a helicopter came in. A radio message told Adams he was relieved on the spot. He was going to Tokyo to get married.

Passing the controls to another pair of hands, Adams clambered out of the tank and up a metal ladder dropped by the chopper. There was a burst of enemy fire. Part of the ladder was severed and swung around to hit Adams in the left eye. But he made it into the chopper, where orders for a seven-day ordinary leave and clean clothes were waiting.

The chopper touched down at Tan Son Nhut. Adams washed up and changed from jungle-stained fatigues into a set

of loose-fitting class As.

At the Air Traffic Control Operations counter in the military terminal, however, he was given a discouraging but legitimate "sorry about that." He was low priority and could travel only space available—and there would be nothing he could board before March 17.

Far from stymied, Adams went to the commercial side of the huge terminal and checked outgoing airliners. There were no flights direct to Tokyo, but a commercial airline plane was going to Anchorage, Alaska.

"I figured what the heck," said Adams, "at least it got me out of Vietnam and on the way. I could play it by ear from there."

He was airborne by 9 a.m. and in Alaska "about noon"—which day he is not even certain of because of the International Dateline and confusing time changes.

It took Adams 30 minutes to board another airliner—a military charter that

took him as far as Clark AB, in the Philippines. A friendly stewardess told him how to keep going from there, and in a few minutes Adams was on an Air Force plane bound for Yokota AB, outside metropolitan Tokyo.

He arrived in the afternoon of March 14 and took a taxi from the base into Tokyo. By 7:30 p.m. that night, he was knocking on the door of his fiancée's mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Griffin. Griffin, a Department of Army civilian, is assistant machinist in the *Pacific Stars and Stripes* composing room. The bride and groom met about three years ago in Los Angeles.

The wedding was held on schedule. Adams says he was in too much of a hurry to keep track of dates, times or much of anything else. He had enough of a time explaining a reddened and swollen left eye to his bride.

Adams was on his way back to Vietnam on Wednesday, one week to the day from when he left.

## College For Brave Viet Girl

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (UPI)—The Grand Traverse Area Council of Churches is raising money to allow a 19-year-old South Vietnamese girl to attend Northern Michigan College (NMC) here.

The girl, Phuon Tran Thi, has risked her life acting as an interpreter for U.S. and Korean troops in combat areas around Qui Nhon.

Miss Thi is already enrolled to attend NMC for four years, and has an offer of free room and board for two years with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wyson.

But the church group is seeking another \$1,600 to finance the girl's transportation and a 10-week English course at Michigan State University, a pre-requisite for attending NMC.

The project began when Capt. Richard De Fer, formerly of Traverse City, now of the U.S. Forward Air Controllers (FAC) at Qui Nhon, wrote to his aunt, Mrs. Walt Kwasky, who contacted the church group.

Capt. De Fer said, "We encountered Miss Thi since we always had a need for an interpreter for both prisoners and civil affairs."

"In many cases Miss Thi, at the risk of her own life and without hesitation, always went when asked. Through her efforts many American lives were saved."

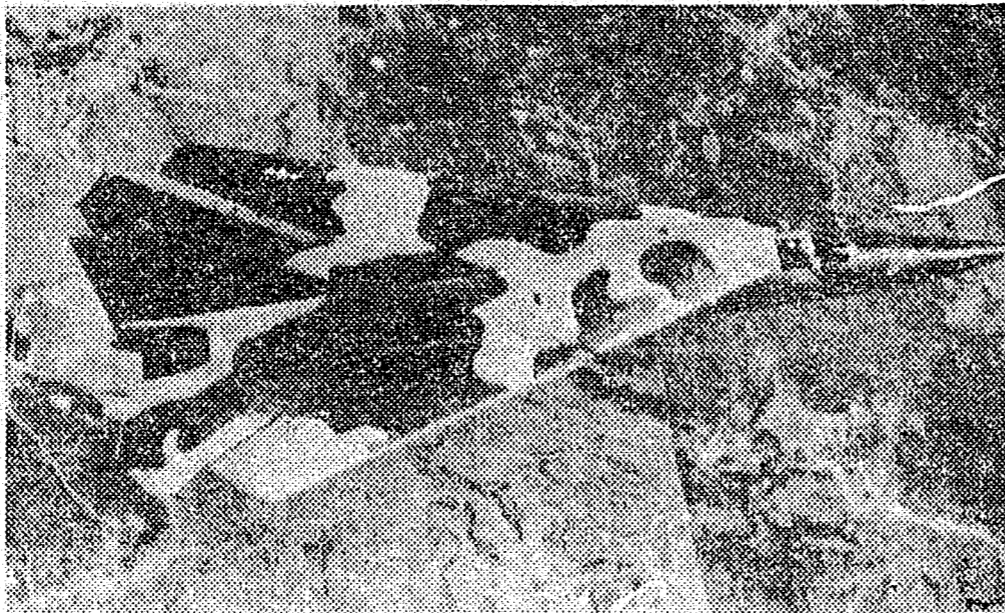
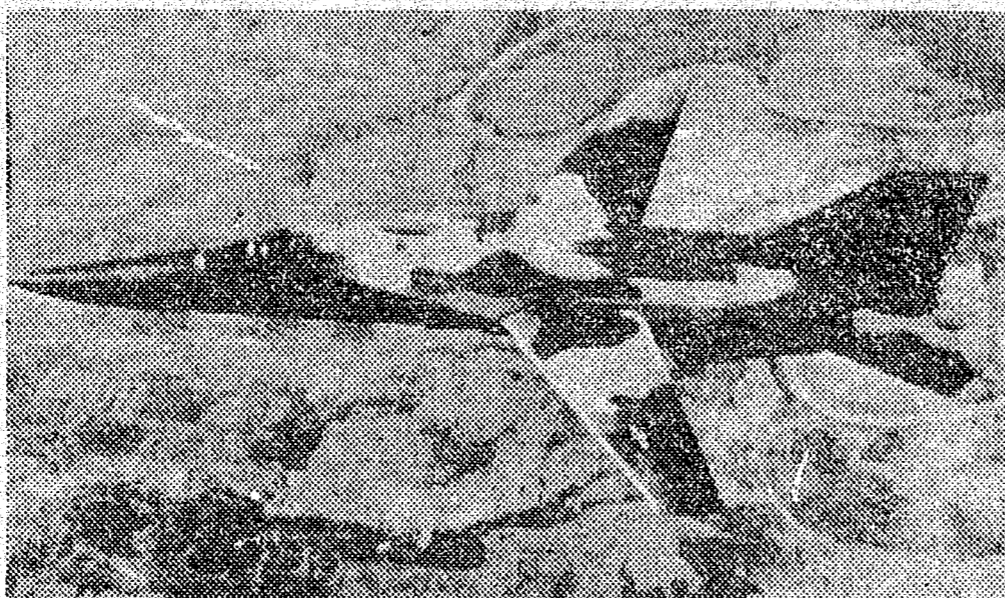
He said the FAC detachment and Korean "Tiger" Division decided the college education would repay Miss Thi for her courage.

## Concurrent Travel Ruling

WASHINGTON (S&S) — Concurrent dependent travel to parts of Thailand has been expanded, according to an Army message to major commands.

Category 2 concurrent dependent travel of men assigned to units in the Bangkok/Don Muang area is now authorized if sponsors are with one of the following organizations: US-MACTHAI/JUSMAGTHAI; DEPCHJUSMAGTHAI, SEATO's Medical Research Laboratory and Military Planning Office, ARPA, U.S. Army Support, Thailand/Bangkok and ARLO/OICC.

Prior approval of the commander, U.S. Military Assistance Command, Thailand, is required, the message added.



The F111 bomber is shown in two views, with wings extended (top) and fold-back. Six of the planes have arrived in Thailand to begin shakedown combat trials. (AP Radiophotos)

## F111 Demonstrated In Thailand Preview

BANGKOK (AP) — The U.S. Air Force put its latest front-line fighter-bomber, the controversial F111, through its paces here in the plane's combat preview.

The two-seat, 1,500-m.p.h. plus aircraft broke the sound barrier in an ear-shattering demonstration of its low-flying ability.

Flying faster than the speed of sound, the camouflaged, twin-engine jet swooped to within 200 feet of the airstrip at Tahkli Air Base in northern Thailand where the first six F111s arrived last Sunday for duty in the Vietnam war.

Flown by Lt. Col. Dean Salmier, 45, of Portsea, Idaho, and Lt. Cmdr. Spade Cooley, 33, of Hampton, W.Va., the F111 showed its short take off and landing ability, then demonstrated its movable wing technique which allows the aircraft to fly fast or slow at different heights.

The fighter-bomber's role in the Vietnam air war is classified and Air Force officers refused to comment on it.

However it is believed the aircraft will test, under combat

conditions, its ultra-sophisticated avionics, or electronics system which allows the plane to bomb targets at night or in bad weather with as much precision as could be obtained in daytime by a pilot who could see the targets.

Col. Ivan H. Dethman, commander of the 428th Tactical Fighter Sq. to which the F111s belong, said one of the new combat aircraft could be worth 16 of the present fighter bombers because of its newly developed electronic systems.

The plane could drop more bombs more accurately over the target than any plane in existence, he said.

Most of the operational details of the F111 are classified.

But Air Force officers said it could carry five times the bomb load of a World War II bomber and twice that of anything flying at the moment with the exception of a B52.

Its all-up weight on takeoff is about 100,000 pounds.

The F111, which cost about \$5.3 million each is twice as expensive as current fighter bombers in use such as the F105,

## GIs Aid Orphans Fleeing From VC

CAM RANH BAY, Vietnam (IO) — U.S. Army Support Command units at Cam Ranh Bay provided refuge for a group of 35 Vietnamese and Montagnard orphans and eight Catholic nuns who fled from their devastated mission at Ban Me Thuot in the central highlands of Vietnam, 150 miles north of Saigon.

Ban Me Thuot was the scene of heavy fighting in which six U.S. missionaries were slain, two wounded and one kidnaped by the Viet Cong.

Arriving at Cam Ranh Bay, led by Sister Superior Henriette, they were taken to the Catholic My Ca Monastery here for shelter. A plea went out to aid the orphans who ranged from 3 to 22 years of age.

Soldiers of the 516th and 518th AG Personnel Service Center Companies answered the call to aid the refugees. They provided food, tents and cots for the group, as well as personal attention to the children.

Members of South Korea's 3rd Regt., White Horse Div., also helped by clearing the land and erecting tents at the Mission.

The refugees came from the St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Mission which had an enrollment of over 1,000 students. Among these students were 58 orphans who lived at the mission.

Twenty-three of these orphans and two nuns were evacuated to Nha Trang, while the other 35 children and eight nuns came to Cam Ranh Bay.

Efforts are being made by the two personnel service center (PSC) sergeants major,

Joseph J. Garrett of Ayers, Mass., 518th PSC, and John R. Bruce of Riveredge, N.J., to bring the children from Nha Trang to the My Ca Mission here so that all the children might be together.



Maj. Gen. Ware

Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware has taken command of the 1st Inf. Div. in ceremonies at Di An, Vietnam. He assumed command from Maj. Gen. John Hay who led the division for 13 months. (USA)

## Premier Orders Probe Of Corruption in Hue

SAIGON (AP) — Premier Nguyen Van Loc of South Vietnam has ordered an investigation of reported corruption in the battered northern city of Hue, especially the diversion of supplies meant for the city's 70,000 homeless.

The official Vietnam Press said Loc told a crowd in Hue that "critical rumors have been recently heard at home and abroad relating to relief works in the former Imperial City of Hue." Loc apparently was referring to news reports.

Loc said if the reports of diversion were true, the government would take "severe measures against those who take advantage of the present situation to indulge in dishonest activities." Vietnam Press said.

Government sources said Loc had directed two members of the government inspectorate to investigate the reports.

# River Smashes Dam, Perils Mass. Town

TAUNTON, Mass. (AP) — The flood-swollen Mill River broke through a 70-year-old wooden dam Wednesday and the torrent threatened another dam downstream which protects the downtown section of Taunton.

Hundreds of residents were evacuated from their homes several hours before the Whittenton Mill dam gave way.

There were no reports of injuries or serious property damage as a 20-foot centersection and two smaller parts of the dam

collapsed under the immense pressure of the normally placid river.

Frank A. Morris of the Army Engineers said the situation in Taunton "is still touch and go."

The Taunton peril was the latest in the wake of a two-day torrential rain in southern New England earlier this week. Several other small rivers flooded lowlands causing damage estimated at some \$50 million.

In the Boston area, the Charles River was overflowing

into lowland interior sections, causing damage to homes along the banks.

Persons evacuated from a four-mile area near the Mill River late Wednesday were not allowed to return to their homes.

"If the people aren't there, there won't be any need to rescue them," Morris said.

Morris said that if the Whittenton dam gave way "all in one lump there would be a real shot of water into the center of

town," about two miles south of the dam.

The Mill River runs through the center of Taunton, a city of about 40,000 some 30 miles south of Boston.

Volunteers, city and Civil Defense workers labored all night under the direction of the Army Engineers, sandbagging Morey's Bridge Dam about one mile upstream from Whittenton Mill Dam.

Sandbags also were stacked around Sabbatia Lake, which

flows into Mill River.

Mayor Benjamin A. Friedman said the situation was "stabilized for the present and daylight is in our favor, but I still wouldn't say we were out of danger."

Public and private schools in the city and some manufacturing firms were closed.

Army Engineers said there were some 25,000 tons of water pressure behind the Whittenton dam, which was shored up with 12 to 20-foot long timbers.

## 15,000 Israel Troops Raid Jordan

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troops killed or wounded.

(Jordan's King Hussein called for an emergency Arab summit meeting and bitterly condemned other Arab nations for failure to come to his aid. "While the enemy acts as one," he said in cable to Arab heads of state, "he is aware that we are satisfied to talk of Arab unity without seriously working to build up in unison and strength.")

At the United Nations, Jordan demanded that the Security Council impose sanctions against Israel for the attack. Jordan had summoned the urgent session.

But Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah related to the council a long list of Arab terrorist attacks, and declared:

"We had no other choice but to act in self-defense to avert this danger."

(In Washington, The Associated Press reported, the U.S. State Department called Israel's military actions "damaging to hopes" for a Middle East settlement.)

(An Associated Press dispatch from London said Britain deplored the renewed hostilities and urged Israel to withdraw.)

While the Israeli-Jordanian fighting raged, another brief flareup occurred to the west along the Suez Canal. An Israeli military communique said Egyptians opened fire from the west bank of the canal near Ber-Suwar and Israeli forces "returned the fire." It said the artillery duel lasted 20 minutes.

Israeli Premier Levi Eshkol told parliament (Knesset) that Israel had "no alternative but to carry out the attack" into Jordan. He said the reprisal attack was begun Thursday morning after the government received information that "there were plans to launch a new wave of terror in Israel, which would have severely worsened the security situation."

Eshkol said one Israeli aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and fell inside Israeli territory. The pilot was saved, he said. A spokesman said at least 15 Jordanian tanks were hit and two were captured, and that six Israeli Army vehicles were damaged.

The main objective of the Israeli attack, launched with planes, helicopter-borne troops, tanks and armored cars, was Al Karamah, a village that has mushroomed into a large refugee camp not far from the Jordan River in the Dead Sea plain.

Premier Eshkol said the Israelis destroyed all El Fatah bases in the Al Karamah area and in another action south of the Dead Sea, captured the police stations at Dahal, Sissi and Saefi.

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Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah (left) and Jordanian Ambassador Muhammad H. El-Farra address emergency session of the United Nations Security Council in New York. (AP Radiophoto)

## I Am Not a Candidate: Rocky

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of state an affidavit that he is not a candidate.

At the same time, the governor said, he has sent telegrams to the numerous draft Rockefeller organizations that have formed across the country asking them to halt their efforts on his behalf.

The announcement caused a major political surprise, not least in Oregon, where leaders

## Quake Jolts San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An earthquake jolted San Francisco Thursday at about 1:50 p.m. There were no immediate reports of damage. The quake was felt in downtown San Francisco and as far away as 60 miles to the south, Oakland and Hayward in the East Bay area also felt it.

The University of California seismograph recorded the shock, but an intensity reading was not available immediately.

A resident of the Russian Hill district said the tremor was "distinct" and that a hanging lamp swayed widely.

In the West Portal district, an observer said "the whole building just shook."

of the draft Rockefeller committee obviously had no advance word.

Nixon said he was "very much surprised."

"I believe I will win the nomination," said the former vice president. "I am not home yet . . . I believe I am the strongest man and the best qualified candidate."

Gov. Tom McCall of Oregon, an ardent Rockefeller booster, said in Salem he was "shocked and dismayed."

Rockefeller appeared utterly calm as he made his announcement to a press conference of between 400 and 500 newsmen, which was televised. Answering questions, he joked and smiled frequently.

In his prepared statement, he set forth four reasons for his decision not to run:

1. He said a considerable majority of GOP leaders want Nixon as the party's candidate for president.

2. He wants to avoid anything that might split the party at a

## Jet Skids off Runway

GANDER, N.B. (AP) — An Air Canada DC8 jet with 50 persons aboard was reported to have skidded off a runway at the international airport here Thursday. No injuries were reported.

time when, he said, the nation is badly divided.

3. He does not believe "personal combat between two presidential aspirants" would enlighten the nation on the great foreign and domestic issues confronting it.

4. He intends to concentrate on his legislative program for New York and said this "could only be impaired by active campaigning for higher office."

He said this is what he intends to do:

"I shall, in the months ahead, make known — in quiet party councils and in occasional public forums—my own positions on major national and international issues. This must include, of course, the ordeal of Vietnam and the quest for peace."

## Russ Jets Buzz West Berlin

BERLIN (UPI) — Soviet jets flew low over West Berlin Wednesday in flights that prompted a western protest against the violation of air safety rules.

Four MIGs swept over the American sector at 7:20 a.m., although the Soviets had not filed flight plans with the four-power air safety center. The flights were being protested as a danger to western air traffic.

## Late Snow Blankets Mid-U.S.

By United Press International

A near blizzard howled through the Rockies and southern Plains into the Midwest Wednesday, banishing newly arrived Spring and closing schools and highways.

Thunderstorms spread heavy rain from central Texas to northern Arkansas and southern Oklahoma, causing floods. Flooding continued in Massachusetts.

Heavy snow warnings were up in Missouri and central Illinois. Hazardous driving warnings were posted for eight states from New Mexico to Indiana.

Eight inches of snow fell at Lubbock, Tex., the heaviest 24-hour snowfall there in more than seven years. Oklahoma City collected 6 inches of snow, the second major snowfall in less than 10 days.

A foot of snow piled up in New Mexico's Manzano and Sandia mountains. Winds up to 30 miles an hour whipped the snow into drifts across the New Mexico and Texas plains.

At least 22 Texas school districts canceled classes and dozens more sent children home early. A power failure which shut off furnaces forced three Albuquerque, N.M., schools to close.

Midland, Tex., had 1.37 inches of rain. Fort Worth, Tex., had 1.89 inches. Little Rock, Ark., had 2.46 inches.

## Cave-in Kills 7 in India

BOMBAY (UPI) — At least seven workers were buried when an earthen dam on the Kundalika River, 250 miles west of Bombay, gave way while being repaired.

## Weather

USAF Weather Center

### TOKYO AREA

Friday Night: Cloudy; Low: Low 50s  
Saturday: Hozy to clearing; High: Low 60s

### TEMPERATURES

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Bangkok	91	77	Salgot	93	73
Chitose	36	34	Seoul	55	34
Itozuka	64	54	Taipei	77	63
Manila	91	75	Tokyo	61	55
Naha	72	64			
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Albany	59	33	Melbourne	90	66
Albuquerque	36	32	Memphis	65	59
Amarillo	34	30	Miami	75	69
Atlanta	82	48	Milwaukee	45	33
Birmingham	86	40	Moscow	39	27
Bismarck	26	10	N. Orleans	78	66
Boise	57	27	NYC	61	47
Boston	60	42	N. Platte	40	25
Chicago	44	37	Oklahoma City	39	32
Cincinnati	65	53	Omaha	38	23
Cleveland	57	51	Paris	46	41
Denver	51	41	Philly.	64	46
Des Moines	32	23	Phoenix	66	36
Detroit	58	44	Pittsburgh	65	47
Duluth	22	17	Portland, O.	46	33
Fairbanks	17	15	Rapid City	30	24
Fargo	24	18	Reno	57	14
Fort Worth	57	41	Richmond	90	40
Hong Kong	76	67	Singapore	90	76
Honolulu	77	67	St. Louis	39	35
Houston	76	64	St. Paul	28	25
Indianapolis	51	43	Salt Lake	48	26
Jackville	84	48	S. Antonio	76	55
Jakarta	95	78	San Diego	73	47
Kansas City	38	30	San Fran.	69	53
K. Lumpur	91	72	Seattle	69	39
Las Vegas	67	46	Shreveport	78	67
London	48	41	Sydney	80	70
L.A.	77	50	Tucson	60	38
Louisville	61	51	Wash.	74	44