

# Burglar Left Evidence That Said a Mouthful

LONDON (AP)—Scotland Yard won a case Monday on teeth prints. They got Raymond Rust, 29, three years on burglary charges.

Rust pleaded guilty after the evidence came in, not only to one burglary charge but three others as well, which accounted for the severity of the sentence.

The prosecution produced police evidence which went like this:

A man burgled a house on the out-

skirts of London. He spotted a rather good cheese on a table and simply couldn't resist, so bit squarely into it.

Police took a look at the bite. Then the forensics laboratory took over. It was clear that the cheese biter was a man who lost a front tooth somewhere along the line and had other notable dental characteristics.

Those things the police keep forever—  
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## Guard Backs Ousted Robles

# Violence Erupts in Panama

## Air Crash Bodies Found

ROSSLARE HARBOR, Ireland (UPI) — The British frigate Hardy steamed into harbor Monday night with the first six bodies picked up from the crash of an Aer Lingus Viscount with 61 persons aboard Sunday.

There was confirmation that 12 bodies had been taken aboard ships.

The Hardy, its ensign at half staff, docked at the Fishguard Mail boat berth and the recovered bodies were taken ashore to a warehouse converted into a temporary morgue.

They were placed there for identification by kin. An inquest was to open Tuesday into the cause of the crash.

The search for bodies and wreckage was abandoned for the night. British Navy ships picked up the bodies during a huge air and sea search over the 60-mile channel between Ireland and Wales.

They were found among floating wreckage 25 hours after the Aer Lingus pilot, Capt. Barney O'Beirne, 35, reported in a last, garbled radio message "1,000 feet—descending, spinning rapidly."

The Hardy messaged Monday it was "in the middle of bodies and wreckage" eight miles off the Irish coast, more than 50 miles west of the place where search authorities had believed  
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Standing tall among Vietnamese Rangers at a decoration ceremony is Ta Thai Manh, 13, who received a medal from the commander of the Rangers for his actions against the Viet Cong during the Tet offensive. Captured by the VC in his native village near Saigon, he escaped to lead Rangers back to the village, where they captured seven guerrillas. At the ceremony, he was made an honorary Ranger, entitled to wear their red beret, camouflaged uniform and badge.  
(AP Radiophoto)

PANAMA CITY (UPI)—National Guardsmen backing impeached President Marco A. Robles raided the headquarters of the opposition National Union Monday, seizing arms and arresting 181 persons.

Panama's long brewing political crisis flared into open violence after the opposition-dominated National Assembly voted Robles out

of office Sunday and installed First Vice President Max Delvalle as president.

Robles refused to budge and the National Guard—the country's political muscle—backed the president's position that only the Supreme Court, now in recess, could remove him from office.

(While Robles worked from the Presidential Palace in the old section of Panama, Delvalle set up quarters in his home in the city's eastern suburbs, AP reported.)

(Members of the new regime met with Delvalle Monday to map strategy. Delvalle told newsmen he and his cabinet would move to the Legislative Palace, where the assembly meets, Tuesday.)

(It was learned, however, the National Guard already has informed Delvalle he is not authorized to be in the Legislative Palace. Deputies will be allowed in the Assembly Building, a guard source said, but not to hold regular sessions.)

When Robles' chief opponent, Arnulfo Arias, opposition presidential candidate, called for "civil resistance" throughout the country to oust the president, the guard swung into action.

Three platoons of guardsmen raided Arias' headquarters behind a cloud of tear gas to arrest his followers. Guard Maj. Ramiro Silvera said arms found in the building included eight pistols, three rifles, a shotgun  
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## Record Cold Hits Florida

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Temperatures fell to record lows all over Florida Monday on the heels of blustery north winds that brought snow to northwest Florida and freezing temperatures to most of the state.

Pensacola had snow early Saturday.

The mercury slipped to 28 degrees shortly after 6 a.m. at Tallahassee, breaking the old record of 32 degrees set on this date in 1966. It also was the lowest temperature ever recorded so late in the season in the capital.

Jacksonville had a low of 36, breaking the old record of 38 set in 1966. Tampa also reported 36 degrees soon after midnight, a record low for so late in the season for the second day in a row. The previous low for this date in Tampa was 41 on March 25, 1915.

At Miami International Airport, the low was 32 degrees, breaking the record of 33 set on this date in 1947.

## BULLETIN

SEOUL (S&S) — Four armed men, believed to be North Korean infiltrators, were sighted at 1 a.m. Tuesday near a village about five miles south of Seoul, the Korean CIA said Tuesday.

The four men threatened villagers in Sihung and ordered them not to reveal their presence, a CIA spokesman said. A joint patrol team dispatched to the area did not immediately locate the four. The search is continuing.

## Red Tanks Hit 1st Cav. Unit Near A Shau

SAIGON (UPI) — Communist tanks, making their deepest penetration of the war into South Vietnam, Monday ambushed a company of U.S. soldiers patrolling the northern quarter of the country.

Fighting back with everything they had and retreating under fusillade of Communist snip-

er fire, the Americans suffered "moderate" casualties in the four-hour battle, spokesmen said.

The company from the U.S. 1st Air Cav. Div. was pushing toward the Communist A Shau Valley stronghold when the tanks, hidden among trees and thick underbrush, opened up.

UPI photographer Charles Eggleston, himself caught in the trap, said the tanks fired with an eerie "whoomp, whoomp" sound—unlike anything he has heard in five years in Vietnam.

U.S. intelligence reported "signs" of Communist armor in the A Shau Valley, 10 miles to

the west of the ambush site, only last week. It was reported two weeks ago that the Communists have an all-weather road leading east out of the valley across South Vietnam to a point southwest of Hue.

It was not immediately known what kind the tanks were, or  
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# Doctor Removes Live Grenade From GI's Leg

DA NANG, Vietnam (AP) — "My hands were steady, but my knees were sure shaky," the doctor said.

Maj. Kenneth A. Cass, 39, Waterbury, Conn., was referring to a particularly dangerous operation—for himself as well as the patient: the removal of a live grenade from a young soldier's leg.

Pfc. Warren D. Hillman, 19, Buckholts, Tex., was moving in file as his patrol returned to their 198th Light Infantry Brigade company base camp near Chu Lai.

Hillman was just pulling himself out of a stream when another soldier, entering the water from the other side, tripped and fell. The soldier's M79 grenade launcher discharged as he fell.

The shiny, gold-colored grenade, bullet shaped and about the size of a golf ball, struck Hillman's right calf. The grenade did not explode, but it was buried from sight in the chunky soldier's muscle.

Hillman was sped by helicopter to Cass' 2nd Surgical Field Hospital at Chu Lai. Cass was alerted by radio.

Hillman was X-rayed and taken to the operating room. Cass decided to expose as few people as possible to the danger. On hand only were a weapons expert, Capt. Fred J. Puckett, 43, Benton, Ark., and an anesthesiologist, Capt. Stanley Keating, Hartford, Conn.

Ten flak jackets were packed around Hillman on the operating table.

"There was a good chance he would have lived and we would have been killed if that thing went off," Cass said.

Cass told Hillman: "Don't

sweat it. It's a routine operation."

"He seemed relieved," Cass said wryly. "That only left us who were worried."

A broad incision was made, the grenade could then be seen. A retractor, a sort of pliers in reverse, was used to spread the calf muscles slightly more.

"Then it was loose," Cass said. "I lifted it out with my right thumb and index finger and gave it to Puckett."

Puckett took the grenade outside to a safe area and exploded it.

It took 35 minutes from the time Hillman arrived at the Americal Division hospital until Puckett blew the grenade.

The reason the grenade did not go off was that it must travel about 30 yards before it arms itself. In Hillman's case, that distance had not been covered.

The operation took place Sunday. No bones were broken, Cass said, and Hillman was to be evacuated to the United States, where he has an excellent chance of complete recovery.

## Copters Smash 160 VC Sampan

SAIGON (AP) — American helicopter gunships wiped out a flotilla of more than 160 Viet Cong sampans resupplying enemy troops in the Mekong Delta near the Cambodian border, the U.S. Command reported Monday.

U.S. officials said the volume of arms, munitions and food smuggling, presumably coming from Cambodia along many rivers and canals, has increased considerably in recent days.

In the last three days, U.S. gunships and fighter-bombers have smashed 245 sampans laden with arms and food in the canals and rivers of the Mekong Delta.



A village elder draws a crude map in the dust in front of his home in a village 15 miles northwest of Saigon. He was answering questions, via interpreter, of a U.S. 25th Inf. Div. intelligence officer (left) on the whereabouts of a Viet Cong group. (AP Radiophoto)

The U.S. officials said the large numbers of enemy sampans wiped out recently were part of a new allied effort to stop the traffic.

"We are getting out with more people and finding more things," a spokesman for the U.S. Military Command said.

Numerous secondary explosions have been noted during attacks on the sampans, indicating they are carrying munitions and fuel for the most part.

In the latest catch, headquarters said 114 of the enemy sampans were destroyed and another 50 damaged as Army helicopter gunships blasted them with machineguns and rockets.

The gunship pilots spotted the flotilla Sunday in an enemy base camp while supporting South Vietnamese civilian irregulars and their American Special Forces advisers fighting the Viet Cong 116 miles west-southwest of Saigon.

Headquarters said 20 Viet Cong troops were killed and 43 huts destroyed in the enemy's base camp.

Elsewhere, North Vietnamese gunners shot down two U.S. Marine helicopters near Khe Sanh, but eased up in their shelling of the combat base. One of the Marine helicopters, a gunship, was downed by North Vietnamese fire while attacking an enemy platoon in bunker com-

plex two miles northwest of the fortress.

The helicopter crashed and burned. The four crewmen, all of whom suffered burns, were rescued and returned to the medical aid station at Khe Sanh.

A Marine patrol first took on the dug-in enemy troops, then called for gunship and artillery support. Thirty-one North Vietnamese troops and five Marines were killed.

A larger troop and cargo carrying helicopter was shot down five miles southwest of Camp Carroll, the artillery base to the east that supports Khe Sanh.

North Vietnamese gunners zeroed in on the big CH46 as it was making an approach to the landing zone. It was able to land, but sustained moderate damage. There were no injuries reported.

Enemy artillerymen poured 100 rounds into Khe Sanh Sunday, a sharp drop from the more than 600 fired into the base on each of the two previous days.

Meanwhile, American infantrymen, pushing the Vietnam war's biggest drive around Saigon, late Monday found 22 more enemy bodies in an area that had been marked by sharp fight-

ing 24 hours earlier, the U.S. Command reported.

It raised to 87 the number of enemy killed in two separate actions about 35 miles northwest of the capital.

Headquarters spokesmen said elements of the U.S. 25th Inf. Div. earlier had reported killing 65 enemy in fighting that began Sunday as part of multi-division operation Quiet Thang. Also found on the battleground, the spokesmen said, were 10 individual weapons and three flame throwers.

U.S. losses in the clash were 11 killed and 33 wounded.

## Reds Slay 6 In Thailand

BANGKOK (UPI) — Prime Minister Thanom Kittikachorn reported Monday that six government officials and friendly villagers were killed and eight others wounded by Communist terrorists during the week ended Sunday.

The Reds suffered three dead. Nine were captured or surrendered. Almost all the activity occurred in Sakol Nakorn and Nakorn Phanom provinces about 350 miles northeast of Bangkok.

It was the second week in a row that armed communist activity in the area had increased. The government lost four dead and six wounded in the entire country in the week ended March 17.

## Casualties

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

- KILLED IN ACTION**
- Army**
- PFC Jimmy R. Young, Oil Trough, Ark.
  - SP4 Steven L. Messerli, Norwalk, Calif.
  - PFC Howard B. Smith, New Canaan, Conn.
  - PFC Paul A. Conner, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
  - SP4 Richard J. Grooms, Atlanta, Ga.
  - SP4 William E. Dornell, Ligonier, Ind.
  - SP4 Martin Biondo, Kirkwood, Mo.
  - 1LT Frank C. Deusebla, New York City.
  - SFC Weldon B. Merrill, Brevard, N.C.
  - CPT Larry D. Sahn, Charlotte, N.C.
  - CPT Gary W. Perkins, Lawton, Okla.
  - SGT Steven A. Middleton, Saint Stephen, S.C.
  - SP5 Tommie L. Symank, Clifton, Tex.
  - SP4 Edward L. Mills, Fort Worth, Tex.
  - PFC Thomas A. Ferguson, West Columbia, Tex.
  - SP4 Douglas L. Zeller, Seattle, Wash.
  - PFC Felix Leon Jr., Rio Piedras, P.R.
- Navy**
- HN Lohrie J. Crismon, Pocomantas, Ark.
  - LT David H. Wyrick, Laguna, Calif.
  - SN James W. Williams, Kiowa, Okla.
- Marine Corps**
- CPL Lowell T. Combs, San Antonio, Tex.
  - CPL Edward A. Swabke Jr., Houston, Tex.
  - PFC Gary L. Willman, Dallas, Tex.
- Air Force**
- 1LT Francis M. Driscoll, Attleboro, Mass.
- MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE**
- Army**
- SGT Gilles D. Adams, Alta Loma, Calif.
  - SGT Thomas L. Smith, Durham, Calif.
  - PFC Francis L. Jeanfel, Fremont, Calif.
  - PFC Ernest H. Young III, Los Angeles, Calif.
  - SP4 Patrick A. Lucero, Pueblo, Colo.
  - SP4 Charles L. Bonner, Jacksonville, Fla.
  - SSG Robert L. Bodine, Chicago, Ill.
  - CPL Thomas W. Scott, Canton, Ill.
  - PFC David L. Hampton, Godfrey, Ill.
  - PFC Donald E. Weltz, Chicago, Ill.
  - SP4 Franklin C. Armento, Irvington, N.J.
  - SP4 Wilbert R. Barbee, Kenly, N.C.
  - SP4 Roger E. Duncan, Tulsa, Okla.
  - PFC Michael R. Finerty, Midwest City, Okla.
  - PFC Ricardo Campos, San Antonio, Tex.
- Navy**
- HM2 Larry J. Goss, Marlon, Ind.
  - FN Eugene Nelson, Lugoff, S.C.
- MISSING IN ACTION**
- Army**
- 1LT John G. Dunn
- Air Force**
- MAJ Fred N. Thompson
- DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION**
- Army**
- 2LT David R. Young Jr., Fairbanks, Alaska.
  - SP4 Thomas W. Duke, Charleston, S.C.
- Navy**
- BU1 Robert G. Fisher, La Puente, Calif.
- MISSING TO DEAD—NON HOSTILE**
- Army**
- SGT Francisco Franco, Orasi, Calif.
- MISSING NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION**
- Army**
- SP5 Donald E. Martin
- CORRECTIONS**
- CPT Steven J. Popkin, USA, Change status from died not as a result of hostile action to killed in action.
  - SGT Harold R. Reeves, USA, Change status from missing to dead—non hostile to missing to dead—hostile.

## Vientiane Ripped by Rare Tornado

VIENTIANE, Laos (UPI) — A powerful tornado ripped through Vientiane about 7 p.m. Sunday night and destroyed part of the Laotian capital.

There were no casualty figures available 20 hours after the storm struck — but the toll of dead and injured was expected to be heavy.

The twister — an extremely rare occurrence in this part of the world — struck without warning.

Witnesses said they saw a black funnel dip down from a thundercloud in the northwest

and cut directly across Wattay Airfield and then move on to the east directly through heavily populated sectors of the city.

The storm, apparently caused by a cold wave that moved down from China and collided with a warm humid air mass along the Mekong River plain, knocked down houses, uprooted trees and tore down miles of power lines all over Vientiane.

Dozens of residences and commercial buildings were destroyed and hundreds of others were damaged. The city's power plant and water works were both out of commission.

Spokesmen at the Vientiane airport said a total of 31 aircraft were destroyed or heavily

damaged. The planes were not moored to the ground and many were tossed about the airfield like paper models.

The toll included 17 planes belonging to American contract airlines.

In addition three commercial airliners were damaged as well as five C46 twin-engine transports, two spotter planes, two helicopters and three fighter-bombers from the Laotian Air Force.

Power was restored in about one third of the city Monday morning but it was erratic. An emergency generator was put into operation, but even this was not expected to provide enough

power for the remainder of the city.

The water works was not destroyed, but the lack of power prevented it from operating.

Military tanker trucks were distributing water in the residential section, and crews of soldiers were sent out with axes and power saws to clear major traffic arteries blocked by falling trees.

Government offices and the business center of the city about two miles east of the airport were not as badly hit as the residential area. Worst damage came in a slum section filled with flimsy, wooden Laotian homes on stilts.

# SEATO Exercise Praised

S&S Thailand Bureau

KORAT, Thailand—Air Chief Marshal Dawee Chulasap, deputy minister of defense for Thailand, closed SEATO Exercise Ramasoon here with praise for the men who took part.

Dawee, Thailand's adviser to the organization, commended the men of the SEATO nations for their success in testing Thai communications systems and those temporarily brought in.

The Thai leader also stressed the "equally important aspect of learning how to overcome the small difficulties which naturally arise when a number of nations combine their individual skills and methods to achieve a common goal."

Dawee also commented on criticism of SEATO and the speculation on the organization's future.

"Whatever happens in the future," he said, "there is one thing we all know. That is that as professional soldiers we go on doing our job, preparing our defense plans and working together to resist aggression."

Brig. Gen. Edwin F. Black, exercise director, said he was pleased with the results of Ramasoon and said that SEATO "has again demonstrated that it is a viable alliance fully capable of effective military action against aggression."

# Red Does A Poor Imitation

PHU BAI, Vietnam — "It's getting almost as bad here as it is in the States," said Lance Cpl. Larry D. Billingslea, 20. "You can hardly tell the girls from the boys."

Billingslea, a scout-sniper, was referring to an incident when a North Vietnamese soldier lost his life attempting to fool a Marine platoon by masquerading as a woman.

Infantrymen of I Co., 3rd Bn., 5th Marines were on patrol when the point element of their sweep walked into a column of nearly 40 enemy.

The leathernecks opened fire and drove the Reds back to a treeline. The Marines set up a night defense and continued to pound the enemy position.

When the Marines searched the area the next morning, they discovered clothing, bandages, and a bullet-riddled bush hat.

"I spotted movement about 200 meters from our position," Billingslea said. "I thought it was a woman until I yelled 'Halt!' The enemy yelled something back and started running. He gave himself away when he yelled . . . the voice was too deep to be a woman's."

Billingslea opened fire and killed the NVA soldier with the first shot.

## Officer Honored

SAIGON (OI)—Capt. James F. Layton, 25, Tampa, Fla., has been selected as a Pacific Air Force (PACAF) supply officer-of-the-year. Layton, a materiel control officer assigned to the 619th Tactical Control Sq. at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, is responsible for supply operations at seven radar sites throughout Vietnam.

# Fight by Night, Work by Day

# Seabee Project Plagued by VC

HOI AN, Vietnam (PAO) — "You ought to have seen this place when we first arrived here," said Utilitiesman 2.C. Ross E. Likens from Burlington, N.J., the assistant petty officer in charge of U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Bn. 53's Hoi An detachment. "The place was just filthy. The hospital staff had been trying hard, but

the proper facilities just weren't available."

It was to make these facilities available that 17 of MCB-53's Seabees were sent to Hoi An from the battalion's base camp at Camp Adenir, Da Nang East.

Under the direction of Utilitiesman 1.C. Samuel S. Williams, from Baltimore, the detachment was convoyed to the small vil-

lage of Hoi An, about 30 miles south of Da Nang. They undertook a job that had already been started by MCB-7, the battalion MCB-53 relieved at Camp Adenir. It consisted of installing a sanitation system (water and sewers) for 12 buildings, and running outside electrical lines and interior wiring for 13 old French buildings. This construc-

tion spanned a number of trades and required four separate Seabee ratings; builders, construction electricians, utilitiesmen, and equipment operators.

The Seabees had to do more than just build on this job. The camp and its surrounding area were attacked by the Viet Cong during their Tet offensive. The senior American adviser, an Army colonel, asked for volunteers to go on a patrol. Seabee Utilitiesman 3.C. Stanley W. Kendall, from Hialeah, Fla., was one of the first to volunteer.

The patrol traded small arms fire with a much larger Viet Cong force and killed 20 of the enemy while sustaining three men wounded, including Kendall.

This patrol was credited with halting the VC advance at a critical point in their offensive and being a possible turning point in the battle at Hoi An.

After the initial attack failed, VC activity in the area remained high. So the Seabees of 53 were forced to work a full 10-hour day and then man defensive positions at night.

Five of the Seabees; Williams, Likens, Kendall, along with Utilitiesman 3.C. Anthony M. Feola, from New York City, and Construction Mechanic 3.C. Robert B. Kyle, from Bartlett, Ill., volunteered for the camp's "reaction squad", whose mission was to engage the enemy at any point of penetration. The remaining men in the detachment were assigned duties in towers and bunkers; manning machine guns and command-detonated claymore mines.

During the following week, the Seabee 53 detachment kept up their normal workday routine, sometimes under sniper fire and once, only minutes after an early morning mortar attack. Though under this harassment constantly, their work progressed steadily toward completion.

The 17-man detachment was under sporadic attack for 13 days with no letup in sight. Williams and his Seabees have improved the hospital's sanitation in spite of this enemy action.



Dinh Viet Chi, 8, sees the face of the man who got him special eyeglasses for a near-blind condition. Navy Doctor (Lt.) Sean Fitzgerald took

Dinh to the hospital ship Sanctuary to have glasses made to correct the boy's condition. (USMC)

# 4 Honored by Viets For Aiding Children

DA NANG, Vietnam (ISO) — Three U.S. servicemen and a Hanoi refugee have been honored by the Vietnamese government for their work in caring for sick Vietnamese children.

Medical Service Medals, awarded by the Republic's Ministry of Health, were presented to the four.

Honored for their work with Hoa Khanh Children's hospital near Da Nang were Brig. Gen. H.C. Olson, Kailua Oahu, Hawaii, Navy Lt. Sean F. Fitzgerald, River Forest, Ill., MGy-Sgt. Harold Lanter, Jacksonville, N.C., and Nguyen Thi Khang, the hospital's head nurse.

The hospital, the only one of its kind in I Corps, was conceived and built by U.S. Marines and Navymen, whose work and contributions continue to support the activity.

"We look at this project as helping our neighbors, and all of the children here are our neighbors. The opportunity to help them is the opportunity to know these people," said Olson, who commands Force Logistic Command, which administers the hospital, located at Camp Books.

Fitzgerald, a Navy doctor assigned to FLC, is the hospital's senior doctor.

Nguyen Thi Khang, the head nurse, has adopted two of the former patients. She also trains Vietnamese nurse's aids at the hospital.

Lanter, a civil affairs specialist, has helped the hospital since coming to Vietnam nearly two years ago.

Corpsmen are assigned to the hospital around the clock and

doctors make regular daily rounds.

The hospital was expanded from its original 11-bed clinic facility to its present 70-bed size.

A \$25,000 fund drive to build a new 125-bed children's hospital is under way. The facility will increase the medical staff's capabilities to aid the children of Vietnam. Plans for the structure include a spacious general ward, modern operating and emergency rooms, a much needed isolation ward, X-ray facilities and an intensive care section. In addition a luxury will be added in the form of a play room equipped with blocks, toy trucks and dolls.

"Our goal is to provide the best medical attention possible for youngsters and families seeing our assistance," Olson explained.

# Army Seeks Recruiters For Duty in Midwest

DES MOINES, Iowa (IO) — The Army Recruiting Main Station here is seeking volunteers for recruiting duty in the Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota areas.

There are openings in Iowa at Burlington, Cedar Rapids, Dubuque, Waterloo, Mason City, Sioux City, Fort Dodge Council Bluffs, Spencer and West Des Moines. Vacancies also exist at Lincoln, Grand Island, North

## Cute VC Captured

QUANG TRI, Vietnam (IO) — A young Vietnamese girl who said she was working as a nurse for the Viet Cong near here was recently detained by the reconnaissance platoon of the 101st Airborne Div.'s 1st Bn. (Abn), 501st Inf.

She was left behind when the 2nd Brigade paratroopers struck the Viet Cong base camp with violent automatic weapons fire.

The girl said she came from a Viet Cong base camp near the Laotian border and volunteered to come into South Vietnam with the unit before the Communist Tet offensive.

## VC Mine Kills 10

SAIGON (AP) — The Viet Cong set off a land mine under a small bus traveling along a back road in the Mekong Delta, killing 10 passengers and wounding three.

# Marines Give Caps to Kids

DA NANG, Vietnam (ISO) — An ocean of smiling faces greeted Marines distributing 500 baseball caps to the Vietnamese children of An Ngai Tay and Hoa Ninh, near Da Nang.

The caps, made in Hong Kong and purchased with money contributed by the Marines of 7th Engineer Bn., bore the inscription "A Free South" over a small Vietnamese flag.

"We thought we'd do something for the kids," said Gunnery Sgt. R.E. Maddox, 38, of Burnt, Tex., NCOIC of the battalion's civil affairs office.

The caps were originally intended as Vietnamese New Year gifts but were delivered too late. It is a Vietnamese custom to give articles of new clothing for New Year gifts.

"We designed the cap ourselves," Maddox explained, "and then had it cleared through Psychological Operations."

"We are so pleased with the reactions of the children," Maddox concluded, "that after we give out the 300 caps we have left we'll start collecting money to buy more."

# LBJ Blasts Foes As Union Men Cheer Speech

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson, to the accompaniment of whooping applause and cries of "Give 'em hell," made a strong bid Monday to organized labor to help protect accomplishments of his Administration.

Ticking off social and economic progress of the country, particularly since 1964, Johnson said, "these are the mighty foundations that we have put in place—and we are not going to stand by and let them be torn down in a partisan election year."

## Find Negro Sheriff Dead

CHARLES CITY, Va. (AP) — Virginia's first Negro sheriff, James N. Bradby of Charles City County, was found dead in his car in a wooded area of the county Monday.

Dr. F. W. Woodward, an assistant state medical examiner, said death appeared to be suicide by carbon monoxide poisoning. A green garden hose was taped to the exhaust pipe of the car and led through a window vent which was also sealed with tape.

The body, found off Virginia 618 about 1 p.m., was sent to the office of the chief state medical examiner in Richmond for toxicology tests and autopsy.

State police said Bradby, 38, who ran as an independent and defeated the veteran Democratic sheriff last November, was found in civilian clothes slumped in the front seat of his car.

The ignition key was turned on but the engine was not running and the hood of the car was cool when the car was discovered by a neighborhood boy.

County supervisors who were holding their regular monthly meeting, when informed of the sheriff's death, expressed shock and regret.

Commonwealth's Attorney J. Madison Macon Jr. said the sheriff, who had been in office since only Jan. 1, apparently was not having any difficulties with his job.

## Mary Fails To Appear

MANILA (UPI) — Some 4,000 pilgrims waited in vain Monday for the Virgin Mary to appear on a near-barren island some 85 miles southwest of here to heal the sick and cure the maimed.

Several children on Cabra Island said the Virgin Mary appeared before them recently and promised to return Monday to help the faithful.

Among the pilgrims to the island were several government officials and the mother of President Ferdinand E. Marcos.

The pilgrims, who had been warned to watch out for pickpockets, have been reciting the rosary since Sunday.

A boat carrying pilgrims capsized Sunday and a 70-year-old woman drowned. The schoolchildren who said they had seen the Virgin Mary prayed for hours for the woman's recovery.

24 Pacific Stars & Stripes  
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He went on to ask labor support specifically for putting across such pending legislation as a workers' safety bill, truth-in-lending legislation and the education opportunity proposal.

Johnson spoke at the opening of the 13th annual legislative conference of the AFL-CIO Building and Construction Trades Department—source of his strongest support in the labor movement.

The delegates interrupted him frequently with applause, whistling and cheers.

The longest applause came when he turned to the war in Vietnam and said, "We have been tested before as a nation," recalling both world wars, the Berlin airlift, and Korea. "We were tested every time, and were not found wanting—and we will not be found wanting now." Johnson said the United States can maintain its stand in Vietnam while, at the same time, meeting the needs of a growing population at home.

He thanked labor for its help in domestic progress, particularly since the period since 1964 which he said was "unequaled at any time in the history of America." This touched off a wave of "give 'em hell" shouts from the audience.

He said the future of the country depends on working men "who roll up their sleeves to do the job."

"We are going to build a better America in a climate of law and order and we are going to build it even as we meet our commitments in a world where freedom is under attack," Johnson said in the text of his speech.

"For the America we are building would be a threatened nation if we let freedom die in Vietnam. We will do what must be done—both at home and where our brave men stand in battle."

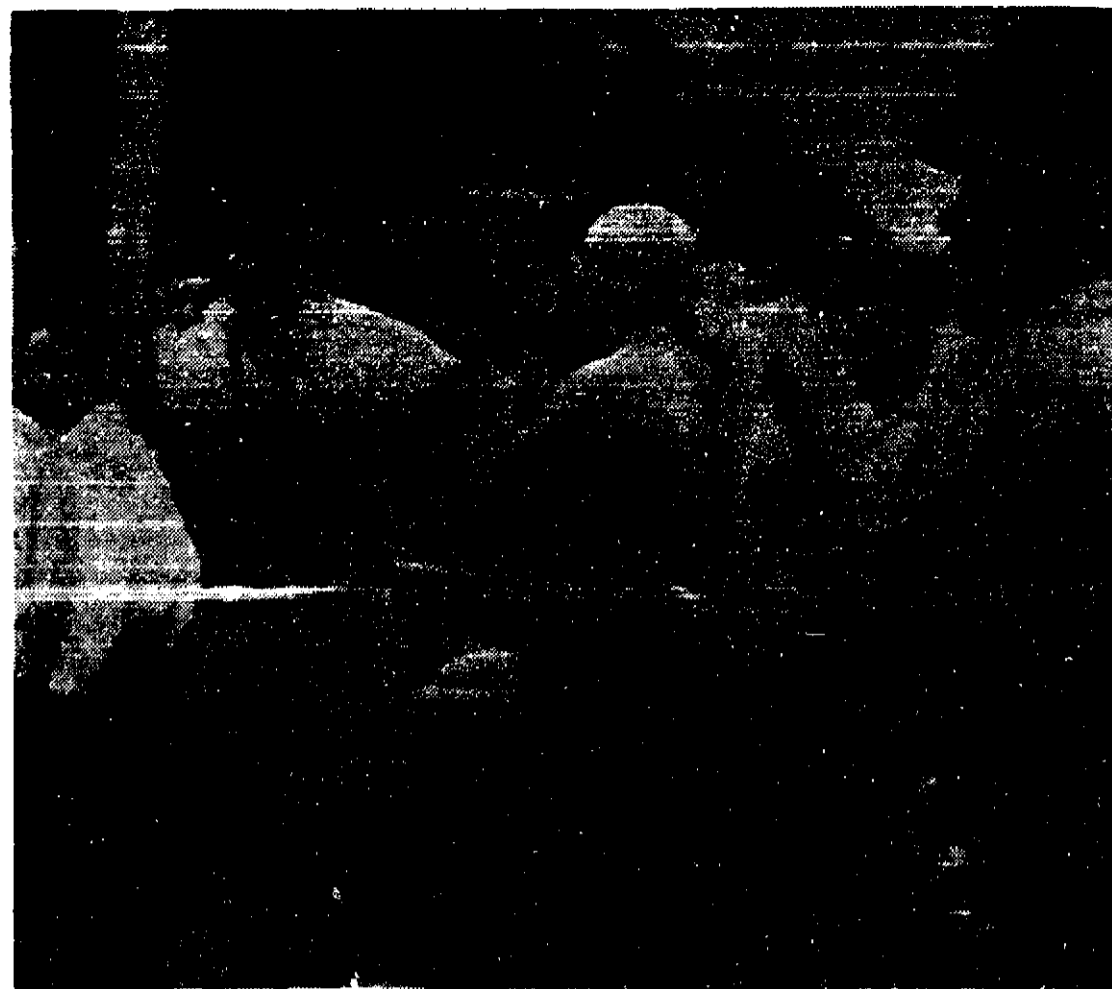
Johnson said the craft workers were the "builders of America," and added:

"Our fight—yours and mine—is to make life better in this country not just for some, not just for most, but for all. I see the great milestones of our progress as only a start."

## Red Tanks Ambush 1st Cav. Patrol

(Continued From Page 1) how many there were. Eggleston reported. When the cavalrymen called for artillery on the Communist position, the armored vehicles withdrew, he said.

Eggleston said the Americans were on a search and destroy operation when they first spotted the Communists on the far side of a deep and heavily wooded ravine. The Americans pulled back up the hill to avoid



Civilian scuffles as Panamanian National party headquarters in Panama after impeachment. Guardsmen clear the streets around the opposition most of the country's president. (AP Radiophoto)

## Violence in Panama Air Victims

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and 1,000 rounds of ammunition.

Guard Commander Brig. Gen. Bolivar Vallarino told newsmen the opposition provoked the raid by stoning his men and firing several shots as they tried to remove street barricades. The opposition denied there were arms in its headquarters when the raid was carried out and called Vallarino's statement "an official frame-up."

Opposition spokesmen termed the guard action "nothing less than a military coup d'etat."

Milberto Arias, nephew of the opposition presidential candidate, said it was "evidence of a military takeover . . . They have taken over the country."

A guardsman was reported to have been shot dead in an incident prior to the raid, but there were no details.

## Cheese

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the files — were checked and yielded things about curious teeth in men who break the law from time to time. One check led to another and finally led to Raymond Rust and his dental facts of life.

The police went to Rust's house and claim they found stolen goods. They asked Rust to bite into a piece of cheese, just for luck.

Prosecutor Montague Sherburne told the court Monday: "He refused to bite into it." Thereupon, Rust wound up pleading guilty. Case solved. Total value of the burglaries involved \$235.20.

being trapped in the canyon.

They were moving forward through more favorable terrain when the lead elements were hit.

Minutes later there was a lull, Eggleston said, and then he heard the screamed warning: "Tank! Tank! They've got tanks."

Eggleston said he looked across the ravine and saw brush and small trees being

The assembly, voting 20-0 with Robles' supporters not present,

found him guilty Sunday of using his office to favor pro-government candidate David Samudio in presidential elections scheduled May 12.

The assembly then swore in Delvalle as president in the place of Robles. The action left Panama with two presidents and two complete cabinets. Robles' cabinet remained loyal to him and did not resign. Delvalle appointed a cabinet of his own.

The National Guard, however, refused to recognize the assembly's action as legal and Arias, twice previously a president and twice previously deposed, called for "civil resistance" by the people in an angry nationwide television broadcast.

Arias did not spell out what "civil resistance" meant.

## 1st F111 Mission Flown Over North

SAIGON (AP) — America's newest warplane, the Swing-Wing F111-A, has flown its first combat mission against North Vietnam, a military spokesman announced Tuesday.

The mission Monday consisted of night time bombing strikes against bivouac and storage areas in the southern end of North Vietnam.

Because of darkness and overcast skies, the strikes were made wholly under radar controls. Pilots said their bombs were on target but could not get an assessment of damage.

The machine fired one round and then moved back quickly. Supporting American fire filled the ravine, and was answered by the North Vietnamese who had the trail zeroed in, Eggleston reported.

The Americans then pulled back.

## Air Victims

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the four-engine Viscount had plunged into the sea.

The location added one more mystery to the loss of one of the world's most dependable passenger aircraft, owned by a line with a long-standing safety record.

Experts were examining the wreckage at the nearby Irish port of Rosslare for a clue to the airliner's fate.

The debris included "dozens of pieces" of fiber glass and small pieces of cabin trim from the passenger compartment of the aircraft, an Aer Lingus official said.

Divers were on their way to the area to seek the main wreckage in the shallow offshore waters.

The first bodies recovered were not wearing lifebelts, indicating there was little or no warning of the disaster.

## N.Z. Meeting for Rusk

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Secretary of State Dean Rusk will head the U.S. delegation to the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) meeting in Wellington, New Zealand, April 2-3.

## Weather

Asian Weather Central  
TOKYO AREA

Tuesday Night: Cloudy, rain; Low High 30s

Wednesday: Cloudy; High Low 50

TEMPERATURES

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Bangkok	92	79	Saigon	90	77
Chitose	41	39	Seoul	57	36
Hazuko	52	45	Taipei	43	34
Manila	93	70	Tokyo	48	44
Naha	68	64			
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Albany	32	27	Melbourne	68	58
Albuquerque	69	37	Memphis	45	20
Anchorage	72	38	Miami	65	47
Anchorage	35	25	Milwaukee	57	29
Atlanta	54	25	Moscow	48	32
Birmingham	55	23	N. Orleans	56	32
Bismarck	54	26	NYC	52	28
Boise	59	38	N. Platte	74	24
Boston	38	33	Okla. City	67	32
Chicago	58	36	Omaha	68	24
Cincinnati	45	26	Paris	68	43
Cleveland	35	27	Phila.	48	33
Denver	64	30	Phoenix	81	48
Des Moines	48	23	Pittsburgh	39	23
Delroit	41	24	Port., O.	58	40
Duluth	42	24	Rapid City	68	32
Fairbanks	31	11	Reno	65	26
Forto	65	30	Richmond	60	33
Fort Worth	69	40	Singapore	85	73
Hong Kong	65	59	St. Louis	61	28
Honolulu	80	45	St. Paul	66	25
Houston	65	45	Salt Lake	60	36
Jackville	62	35	S. Antonio	72	42
Jakarta	95	77	San Diego	76	51
Kansas City	66	30	San Fran.	63	47
K. Lumpur	85	72	S. Marie	34	—
Las Vegas	78	42	Seattle	—	—
Little Rock	60	28	Shreveport	—	—
London	55	39	Sydney	—	—
L.A.	82	50	Tucson	—	—
Louisville	44	25	Wash.	—	—