

# Britain Prods Russ for Viet Talks

**LONDON (UPI) —** The British Government announced Monday it had begun urgent consultations with the Kremlin on a possible joint Vietnam peace initiative following President Johnson's decision to limit bombing of North Vietnam.

British Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart told Parliament that direct consultations with the Kremlin—presumably over the hotline—began early Monday and further discussions would follow immediately through diplomatic channels.

But a 45-minute meeting Monday evening between Stewart and Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Smirnovsky brought little encouragement for progress.

The Soviet envoy told newsmen after the meeting he considered Johnson's offer to halt the bombing of North Vietnam "incomplete" and "not unconditional."

"My reaction," he said in halting English, "is that of course the statement by Mr. Johnson in regard to Vietnam is in the first place incomplete as far as stopping the bombing goes; secondly it is not unconditional."

Britain and Russia are the co-chairmen of the Geneva Conference. (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)

## U.S. Curbs Air Strikes Over North

**SAIGON (AP) —** U.S. warplanes flew strike missions over North Vietnam's panhandle Monday, but stopped raids on other parts of the country in line with President Johnson's "first step to de-escalate" the Vietnam War.

Reconnaissance and photographic flights over other areas of North Vietnam went on as they have during other bombing pauses, sources said.

There were no details on Monday's strike missions, but the sources said most of them were centered in the Dong Hoi area, about 50 miles north of the Demilitarized Zone. Targets were said to have been weapons positions, convoys and storage areas ranging south from Dong Hoi to the DMZ.

U.S. Command spokesmen in Saigon said the halt in the bombing of targets farther north was in effect by the time President Johnson announced the curtailment at 10 a.m. Saigon time. (Continued on Back Page, Col. 4)

## Ringo Baffled, Too

**LONDON (UPI)—**Ringo Starr has confessed that some of the Beatles' songs don't make much sense to him. "Do you remember when everyone began analyzing Beatle songs?" he asked in an interview. "I don't think I ever understood what some of them were supposed to be about."

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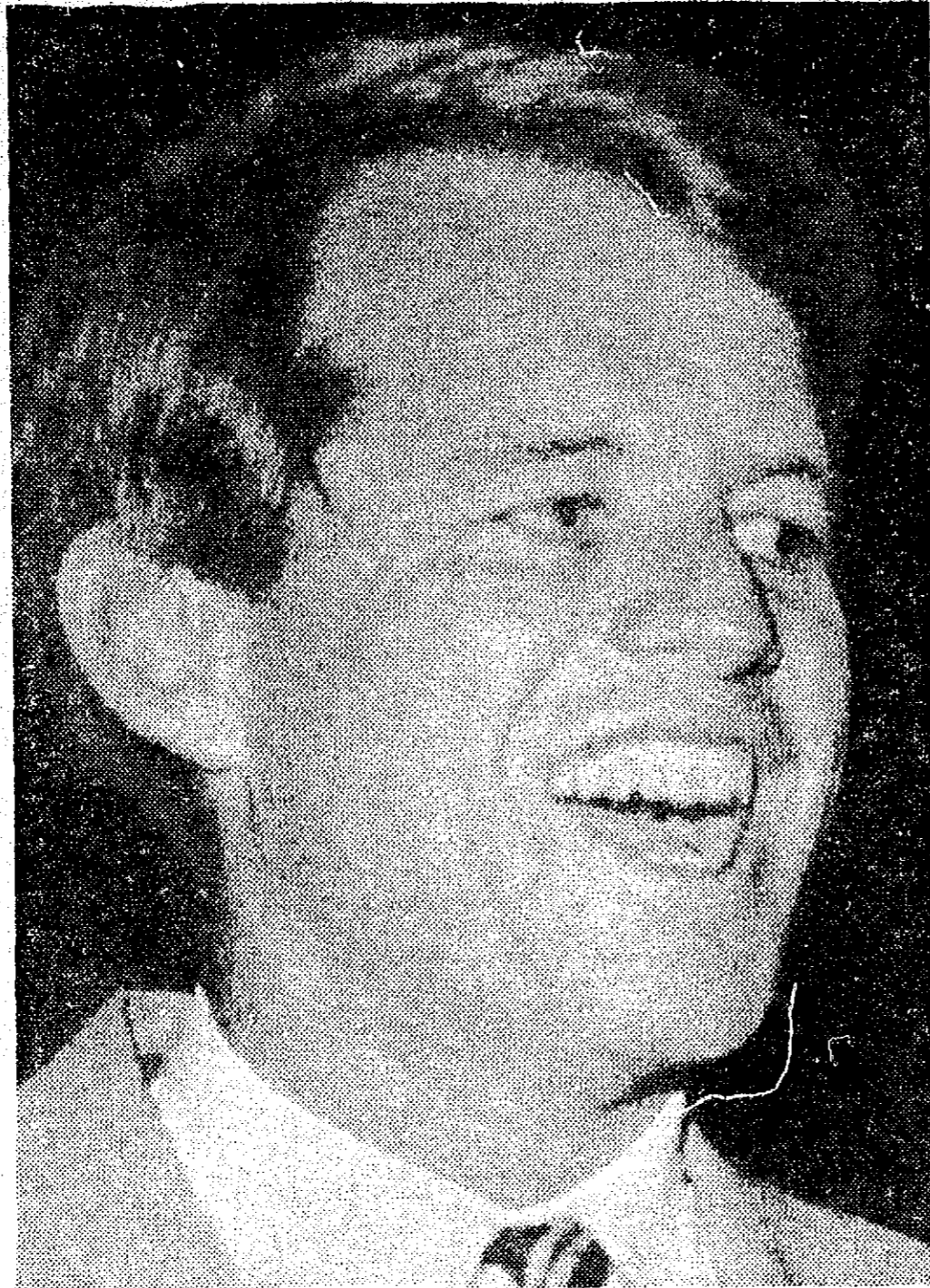
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# LBJ TO CONFER WITH KENNEDY



Sen. Robert F. Kennedy had this big, big smile for newsmen in New York City after hearing President Johnson's announcement that he would not seek another term. (AP Radiophoto)

**WASHINGTON (AP) —** President Johnson said Monday that he will "surely" honor Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's request for a face-to-face meeting, in a quick response to the New York Democrat's request.

Johnson made his statement in response to questions put to him by reporters as he flew back to the capital after a speech in Chicago. He said the meeting with the senator would be at a time "convenient to him."

Kennedy, taking his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination into Pennsylvania, said he would "make some arrangements" to meet with President Johnson.

"I don't know what Johnson's schedule is going to be, because his schedule is more important than mine," the New York Democrat said.

Earlier, Kennedy said he had asked Johnson for an early meeting to discuss "how we might work together in the interest of national unity."

Speaking in Chicago earlier, the President followed up his Sunday night peace proposal by announcing he has invited President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam to confer with him soon "to strengthen and improve our plans" for restoring peace and stability in Southeast Asia.

Johnson addressed the National Association of Broadcasters in his first speech since his (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)

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## Bobby Wants to Talk Over Ways of Uniting the Nation

**NEW YORK (AP) —** Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, D-N.Y., said Monday that, despite President Johnson's withdrawal from the presidential race, he does not think the Democratic party now is united behind him.

"No, I wouldn't describe it in those terms," Kennedy said in response to a question at a news conference.

"Do you think the Democratic party is in a better position to capture the presidency than

yesterday?" he was asked.

"...I think the Democrats can win in November," Kennedy replied. "I think that within the Democratic party we have the discussion of these grave issues that are facing the country and we don't have that within the Republican party. And I think that's a very healthy influence on the country."

As for himself, Kennedy told a news conference in his first official comment on Johnson's

withdrawal: "I will continue my campaign for the presidency of the United States."

Kennedy said that Sunday night he had dispatched a telegram to Johnson which read in part: "Your decision regarding the presidency subordinates self to country and is truly magnanimous."

"I respectfully and earnestly request an opportunity to visit with you as soon as possible to (Continued on Back Page, Col. 2)

# Pilots Don't Like Limiting of Raids

DA NANG, Vietnam (AP) — U.S. Air Force pilots expressed surprise and disapproval Monday of President Johnson's decision to halt the bombing of most of North Vietnam.

"If he means what I think he means, I'm violently ill," said a lieutenant colonel who has flown 50 missions over the north. "Instead of restricting the strikes, we should be hitting the targets that are off limits now."

Johnson ordered a halt to

bombing raids over most of North Vietnam, but said U.S. warplanes will continue to strike in the southern panhandle just north of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ).

Most of the sorties flown by Air Force and Marine pilots out of Da Nang and Chu Lai, 50 miles to the south, have been in the panhandle area. Air Force planes from Thailand and carrier-based Navy planes mount most of the missions farther north, including those

around Hanoi and Haiphong.

The lieutenant colonel said that although he did not agree with any bombing limitations, "This won't make a great deal of difference. We're not hitting the targets we should be anyway. But if they put all our planes along the DMZ corridor, we'll be so stacked up we'll turn the sky black. There just isn't enough room there for all of the planes we can muster."

An Air Force major said the President "may be trying to

coax the Communists to the bargaining table, but this is the wrong way. We've got to keep the pressure on them. As long as there is no reciprocal move by North Vietnam, this is foolish.

"Every time we stopped the bombing before, they (the North Vietnamese) have had a field day getting supplies down to their men in the South," he added. "And it's the grunts (infantrymen) who pay for it with their blood."

# 2 U.S. Women Released

SAIGON (UPI) — The Communists released two American women Monday, 52 days after their capture during the battle for Hue.

A U.S. mission spokesman said Dr. Marjorie Nelson, 29, of Kokomo, Ind., and Miss Sandra Johnson, 25, of Clio, Mich., had been freed near Hue and "are now in American hands."

He would not disclose where the two women were, but said they were undergoing physical examinations and appeared to be in good health.

Hanoi's Vietnam News Agency reported on Sunday that the two would be released before Monday but did not say how or where.

Their release follows by three days the repatriation of three North Vietnamese seamen captured by the U.S. Navy off North Vietnam in July of 1966, a move the United States hoped would prompt further releases of American pilots by Hanoi.

Three U.S. aviators were released by Hanoi earlier this year, the first ever freed from prison camps in the north. Some 200 U.S. pilots are believed interned in North Vietnam.

# Troops' Reactions Are Varied

SAIGON (AP) — President Johnson's proposals to de-escalate the Vietnam war Monday brought widely varied reactions from the fighting soldiers. The response varied from welcome relief to confused anger.

The speech was carried live and direct by U.S. Armed Forces Radio and was listened to closely by soldiers from the teeming Mekong Delta to the mountain highlands.

The GI response was frequently one of initial disbelief.

"You've got to be kidding," said a sergeant who didn't listen but was informed by a friend.

Officers and men alike were reluctant to have their views on the speech directly attributed. Privately, however, they spoke freely.

An infantry platoon sergeant and veteran of much fighting in Vietnam responded angrily.

"I think we're making a big mistake," he said. "I don't think it will help to end the war. I know damn well if we stop the bombing the Communists will take advantage of it."

An officer in an infantry battalion, however, said:

"I personally think this will help to end the war. But if the Communists take advantage of it (the bombing pause) it will take more soldiers than we have here now."

The GI attention naturally focused on those parts of the speech concerning a bombing pause and de-escalation. The President's broader statements concerning the South Vietnamese participation in the war received little initial attention.

Before the speech, some units were making pools on what the President might propose. There were not many winners.

On hearing the President's proposal for a bombing pause, one soldier in the delta turned from his transistor radio and said, "They'll bury all of us."

"This is handing the country to the Communists on a platter," said another.

"You guys are crazy," said a third man. "This means we'll go home sooner. That's what I want."



Listening to President Johnson's speech at their bunker on Tan Son Nhut Air Base are (from left) M. Sgt. Ewel Deal, Airman I.C. John Archer and S.Sgt. Louis Doucette. (AP Radiophoto)

# 'No Comment' Except by LBJ

SAIGON (AP) — U.S. Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker and Gen. William C. Westmoreland declined comment Monday on President Johnson's address in which he said he would not seek reelection and announced a de-escalation of the Vietnam war.

"No one ever comments on the President's remarks except the President," Bunker told a news man. "You understand that."

Bunker was questioned at the conclusion of the weekly U.S. Mission Council meeting at the embassy.

Westmoreland was questioned about a statement by White House press secretary George Christian that Johnson had discussed with Westmoreland the possibility of stepping out of the political arena when the general was in Washington in November.

"I really have no comment on that," Westmoreland replied.

# Full Mobilization Set by Saigon: Thieu

SAIGON (AP) — In a statement coinciding with President Johnson's call for an expanded South Vietnamese Army, President Nguyen Van Thieu said Monday his country will call a general mobilization.

In a State-of-the-Union message sent to the Legislature, Thieu said:

"The struggle against Communist aggression in South Vietnam is now in a decisive phase. The time has arrived for us to mobilize all our forces to win. We should not hesitate."

Thieu said he realized the difficulties involved in a general mobilization but said, "I have to make a choice and take decisions which are necessary to save the nation."

(UPI reported Thieu canceled a scheduled television address to his nation Monday night and held a half-hour session with U.S. Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker.

(U.S. spokesmen said the ambassador met with Thieu at about 5 p.m. The two discussed the ramifications of President Johnson's decision to retire from politics.)

The Thieu government already has said it will increase the size of its regular army and militia by a total of 135,000 men by the end of the year.

In Monday's message, Thieu said the increase would be achieved by July "and I have made plans to further increase that figure, if necessary, during the second half of this year."

In a speech Sunday, Thieu said general mobilization would be necessary if the Viet Cong continued their attacks. He told a newsman that general mobilization would require the conscription of men between the ages of 17 and 45, and women as well. Only men between the ages of 18 and 33 are currently eligible for the draft.

The message was prepared before Thieu was aware fully of the context of Johnson's speech, although he knew that Johnson would order a halt in the bombing of North Vietnam and ask for more sacrifices by the South Vietnamese.

The outline of Johnson's speech — but not his decision to withdraw from presidential contention in the next election — was conveyed to the South Vietnamese President over the weekend by Bunker.

Thieu's speech — read to the opening session of the Senate Monday morning — made no mention of American policies.

# Casualties

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

- KILLED IN ACTION**
- Army**
- Pfc. Rudolph Sanchez, Phoenix, Ariz.
  - Pfc. Theodore V. McInnis, Oakland, Calif.
  - 2Lt. James R. Adams, Wilmington, Del.
  - SP4 Walter H. Anslow, Jacksonville, Fla.
  - SP4 John C. Wells, Dearborn, Mich.
  - 1Lt. James E. Moore, Weeping Water, Neb.
  - Pfc. Albert F. Heusel Jr., New York City
  - Pfc. James C. Ackerman Jr., Mansfield, Ohio.
  - SSgt. Danny S. Thompson, Laurens, S.C.
  - Pfc. Elgie G. Hanna, Church Hill, Tenn.
  - Pfc. Raymond R. Jordan, Nashville, Tenn.
  - Sfc. Eastevan Torres, Houston, Tex.
  - Pfc. Gary L. Barnum, Rockport, Tex.
  - Pfc. Frankie L. Farrow, Danville, Va.
  - Sgt. Terry R. White, Van, W.Va.
  - Cpl. James E. Kesselhon, Sun Prairie, Wis.
- Navy**
- BMI Arthur O. Prendergast, La Puente, Calif.
  - BMI George F. Proffer, Imperial Beach, Calif.
  - GMG3 Ronald R. Lake, Sioux City, Iowa.
- Marine Corps**
- Sgt. George W. Storz, Woodacre, Calif.
  - Pfc. Carlos R. Davis, Tuslin, Calif.
  - Pfc. James L. Buchy, Orlando, Fla.
  - Cpl. Michael D. Rolfe, Rising Sun, Md.
  - LCpl. Alfred W. Speyer, Danvers, Mass.
  - Pfc. Ralph R. Berg, Paxton, Mass.
  - Pfc. Vernon R. Stead, Flint, Mich.
  - Pfc. Allen P. Sheehan, Muttontown, N.Y.
  - LCpl. James E. Sprowl, Monroeville, Ohio.
  - Pfc. Robert B. Cannon, Bellbrook, Ohio.
  - Pfc. Thomas G. Defosse, Ripley, Ohio.
  - Pfc. James C. Whisman, Medford, Ore.
  - Pfc. Louis H. Huff II, McKeesport, Pa.
  - Pfc. Danny E. Tucker, Waverly, W.Va.
  - Pfc. Mark R. Dziedzic, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Air Force**
- Capt. Richard W. Hopper, Tempe, Ariz.
  - Capt. Eugene P. Mc Kinney, Jefferson City, Mo.
  - Major, Donald L. Mc Hugo, Spokane, Wash.
- DIED OF WOUNDS**
- Marine Corps**
- Cpl. David A. Chisholm, Swampscott, Mass.
  - Pfc. Michael H. Ketch, Dayton, Ohio.
  - Cpl. Michael E. Linderman, Auburn, Wash.
  - Cpl. John M. Miholovich, Milwaukee, Wis.
- MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE**
- Army**
- SP4 Phillip J. Coyford Jr., Brewer, Maine.
  - Pfc. Vernie H. Powers, Baltimore, Md.
  - Pfc. David F. Cosby, Richmond, Va.
- Navy**
- CDR Glenn E. Ankrum, Norfolk, Va.
- MISSING IN ACTION**
- Army**
- SSgt. Ronald C. Fransen.
  - Pfc. Anarew R. Smith Jr.
- Air Force**
- 1Lt. Albert A. Engelhardt.
- DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION**
- Army**
- Pfc. Joseph C. Baza, Sunnyvale, Calif.
  - Pfc. Lewis M. Hayward, Baltimore, Md.
- Air Force**
- Sgt. Gerald R. Legar, Fitchburg, Mass.

# Reds Attack in North Thailand

BANGKOK (UPI) — Government forces lost four dead and eleven wounded in another week of guerrilla activity in North Thailand, Prime Minister Thanom Kittikachorn announced Monday.

Two Communists were killed, five surrendered and 27 were captured, Thanom said.

The guerrillas ambushed government forces three times, twice in Nan and Chiangrai Provinces, 600 miles north of Bangkok, and once in Mukdahan District about 350 miles northeast. Two government troopers were killed and five wounded in these engagements.

In addition, the guerrillas launched five nuisance raids against government outposts, wounding one Thai soldier.

Government patrols caught up with the terrorists on nine occasions during the week, but only two battles were significant, Thanom said. On March 25 at 7 a.m. two soldiers were killed and five wounded in a firefight in Terng District of Chiangrai Province. On March 28 two terrorists were killed and many wounded during a firefight in Na Khe District of Nakorn Phanom Provinces.

## Leave Program Expanded

S&S Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The special 30-day leave and transportation program for servicemen who extend their tours in Vietnam for another six months has been expanded to include the whole of Southeast Asia, according to an Army cable to major commands.

The program is open to men regularly assigned in Southeast Asia, who agree to extend their tours by an additional six months.

This means thousands of servicemen stationed in Thailand are now eligible for special leave, an Army official said.

While the cable did not specify countries in Southeast Asia, the official said provisions would also include those based in Okinawa and Taiwan who come under the provisions of the Defense Department's recent directive expanding the leave policy.

There is also some speculation here that eventually the 30-day leave program may take in some servicemen on short-tour duty in Korea.

## 'Dondi' Is a Dandy In Disguise

By SPEC. 5  
BRUCE MCILHANEY  
S&S Staff Correspondent

DAK TO, Vietnam — His "Tiger" fatigues, accented English, and cheerful smile, despite a terror-haunted past, give Bu, a young Montagnard interpreter here the appearance of a Vietnam war "Dondi".

Just 16, and appearing even younger, he looks like the mascot of the 1st Brigade, 4th Inf. Div., Civil Affairs section — but he is an asset.

"The Montagnards sing a song about our civic action team in which Bu is praised," said Major Michael Umhofer, Civil Affairs officer. "The NVA around here have sworn to eliminate the team and the people think we are invincible because they haven't."

The team's success in the area is largely brought about by multi-dialect speaking Bu. His missionary school English spiked with GI jargon make his translations amusing.

Bu has been kidnaped twice by the enemy. He won't speak about his escapes, fearing to endanger people who helped him.

"He turns over all of his earnings to his parents," said Umhofer. "He's quite a courageous boy. We have to stop now and then to remind ourselves he is a boy."

## VC Rice in Lieutenant's Pot

# Helmet Recovered With Bonus

TAY NINH, Vietnam (IO) — Second Lt. Michael C. Long recently found his helmet in an enemy base camp near Tay Ninh, 16 days after the same helmet was shot off his head during a firefight with a mixed company of North Vietnamese regulars and Viet Cong guerrillas.

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## Exchange Lands Flier on Carrier

# Anchors Aweigh for Air Force Pilot

By BILL COLLINS

S&S Staff Writer

YANKEE STATION, in the Tonkin Gulf — You might say Capt. John C. Price is out of his element.

You might, but you'd be wrong — even if he is a lone Air Force pilot at sea with more than 4,500 Navy men.

"It's real different out here," he said, "but it's been fine duty."

Price has made the jump from an Air Force runway in South Vietnam to the farm-size deck of the carrier Kitty Hawk seem easy.

Hardly a year ago he was flying an F100 Supersabre out of Bien Hoa. Since last July he's been sailing with and flying from the flagship of Carrier Task Force 77 as an F4B Phantom pilot with the Navy's 213th Fighter Sq.

His residence aboard the 80,000-ton carrier is part of an exchange program worked out between the Air Force and Navy. If there was any intraservice rivalry or "show-meism" when Price came aboard, it has long since passed into a situation of friendship and mutual respect.

"It's really something the way they handle the aircraft here," Price said while he and a handful of other pilots waited in the briefing room for pre-flight instructions.

"They have to handle more than 90 planes, and their crews and armament, all on two decks. It's the same operation as the Air Force has, but here it's done on a couple of acres, not a couple square miles of airfield. They have to know where every plane is all the time — and where they're going to put it. It's a matter of timing by the seconds when they bring in a flight, or send one off."

Price is 31. He comes from Seattle and joined the Air Force in 1958 after graduating from Washington State University. In his nine years of flying he's been stationed in Germany (Hahn Air Base) near where his



The Kitty Hawk's "Air Force One," Capt. John C. Price, prepares his F4B Phantom for launch on a mission with the Navy's 213th Fighter Sq. Price is aboard the carrier as an exchange officer, the only Air Force man on the 4,500-man ship. (USN)

father-in-law, Dr. Herman G. Jaeger, was superintendent of the American school system at Ramstein. His wife Bonnie and three children (Brad, 7; Rana, 5, and Amy, 3) are living in San Diego, not too far from Miramar, Calif., home of his adopted Navy squadron.

"There's nothing in the Air Force that quite matches the tempo of working on a carrier," he said. "It's simply a matter of launching and landing on about 700 feet of moving steel deck instead of having solid land to play with."

Price was a "quick study" in the carrier flying game. He came to the 7th Fleet after a few months of carrier flight

training in U.S. coastal waters.

His final qualification test is something he remembers well.

"I launched from Miramar and went out to meet the (carrier) Ranger. I was a little nervous.

"Well, the first recovery (flight deck landing) was no problem after all, but then they wheeled me right around to launch position and off I went on the catapult.

"I came in again. They sent me out again. And again. And again. I'd made eight launches and nine landings, and qualified, before I ever set foot on a carrier."

He's also made it pretty well with his squadron mates.

"Oh, you mean Air Force One," his radar man, Lt. Roger Woodbury of Hebron, Ill., grinned when asked about Price. "That's what we call him. He's a pro. One of the good ones."

Price has now had more than 40 missions from the Kitty Hawk, and if he's looking forward to going back to Air Force flying, it's at least partially because now he'll be something of a man of distinction.

"These guys keep asking me when I'm going to ship over to the Navy," he said.

"I just tell them there are lots of tail-hook fliers in the Navy, but back in the Air Force I'll be something different."

# Pacification: A Race for Rural Areas

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Newly disclosed information indicates that the Viet Cong, as well as the allies, deserted rural areas of South Vietnam during the Communist Tet offensive.

The struggle for rural pacification in the South thus has become a question of which side can get back and fill the vacuum quicker.

This is one of the major conclusions of studies which U.S. military and civilian authorities in Saigon have sent to Washington on just what the effects of the Tet offensive have been on the vital pacification

program.

Some additional conclusions of these reports from the field:

—Fear and apathy among the rural population remains a problem.

—Among the rural people there has been some loss of confidence in the South Vietnamese government's ability to protect them.

—South Vietnamese rural security forces have been moving slowly back out into the countryside. Many units have remained in city areas, fearing a new round of Communist attacks against cities. Now, the

emphasis should be on moving them quickly out into the rural areas, U.S. officials feel.

—The physical assets of the pacification program—the Vietnamese militia forces and rural development teams—are still intact.

When the Communists began their mass attacks on South Vietnamese cities during the Tet (Lunar New Year) holidays at the end of January, the South Vietnamese army and militia forces assigned to rural security, along with the development teams and U.S. pacification advisers, pulled out of the countryside in wholesale numbers and headed for the cities.

This led to widespread fears among U.S. strategists that the Viet Cong was left to roam the countryside and take over villages and hamlets in large numbers. Some of this has, in fact, happened.

But one thing which has been learned as allied forces re-entered the vacuum areas is that while they were gone, the VC in many cases also had gone to the cities to take part in the Tet attacks.

Now they have been moving back into the countryside. But they have not been entirely free

to concentrate on their own brand of "pacification." A lot of their time has been taken up gathering rice and recruiting to replace heavy losses.

As one Washington official put it: "No one denies we were set back by Tet. But the enemy suffered some setbacks, too. Now the question is who can recover faster and get on with his job."

According to the latest available figures 464 rural development teams out of 535 are back working in hamlets. This is an increase from 323, which was the figure given March 19.

## Smoking Is Bad For His Health

MEXICO CITY (UPI)—Sergio Chavez, 17, told police he asked a passerby for a cigarette.

"God gave men noses to breathe with and not use as chimneys," the passerby said, then pulled out a pistol and shot Chavez three times. Chavez was reported in serious condition.

# LBJ Agrees to Meet With RFK

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thunderbolt announcement that he was stepping out of contention for another presidential term.

The President coupled a strong plea for great responsibility on the part of presidents, seekers after the presidency, and broadcasters. And he repeated a prayer that his message of peace Sunday night will be accepted in good faith by

**SAIGON (AP)** — President Nguyen Van Thieu has accepted President Johnson's invitation to visit the United States, a government spokesman said Tuesday. The spokesman said the date of the visit has not been fixed.

Hanoi with another that every American "will take to heart my plea that we guard against divisiveness."

Again Johnson bore down on unity rather than division. He told his audience that "a time of division is a time of danger and in these times now we must never forget that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

## Britain—

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ence which settled the Indo-China war in 1954. The President called on Russia and Britain to help toward a peace settlement in his speech Sunday night.

One immediate plan here was to enlist also the cooperation of U.N. Secretary General U Thant for a complete cease-fire by all parties for a brief period to facilitate negotiations, Stewart indicated.

"It may be that new doors are opening now," the British minister told a tense House of Commons.

The first reaction from Moscow was cool, if not negative. A statement of the official Soviet Tass news agency said Johnson's move did not go far enough and charged him with "maneuvering".

North Vietnamese officials in Paris merely said Hanoi was "carefully studying" Johnson's latest peace move.

Italian Foreign Minister Amintore Fanfani met the U.S. and Soviet envoys in Rome Monday in a separate Vietnam peacemaking attempt, following the President's statement.

But the key was seen to lie in Hanoi. Its Paris diplomatic official hinted the reaction may come by Tuesday.

British diplomats said the government of Prime Minister Harold Wilson was urging Russia to pressure Hanoi into accepting Johnson's offer for immediate negotiations.

In the event of a favorable response, the terms for peace talks would be negotiated through international diplomatic channels or directly between American and Vietnamese representatives.

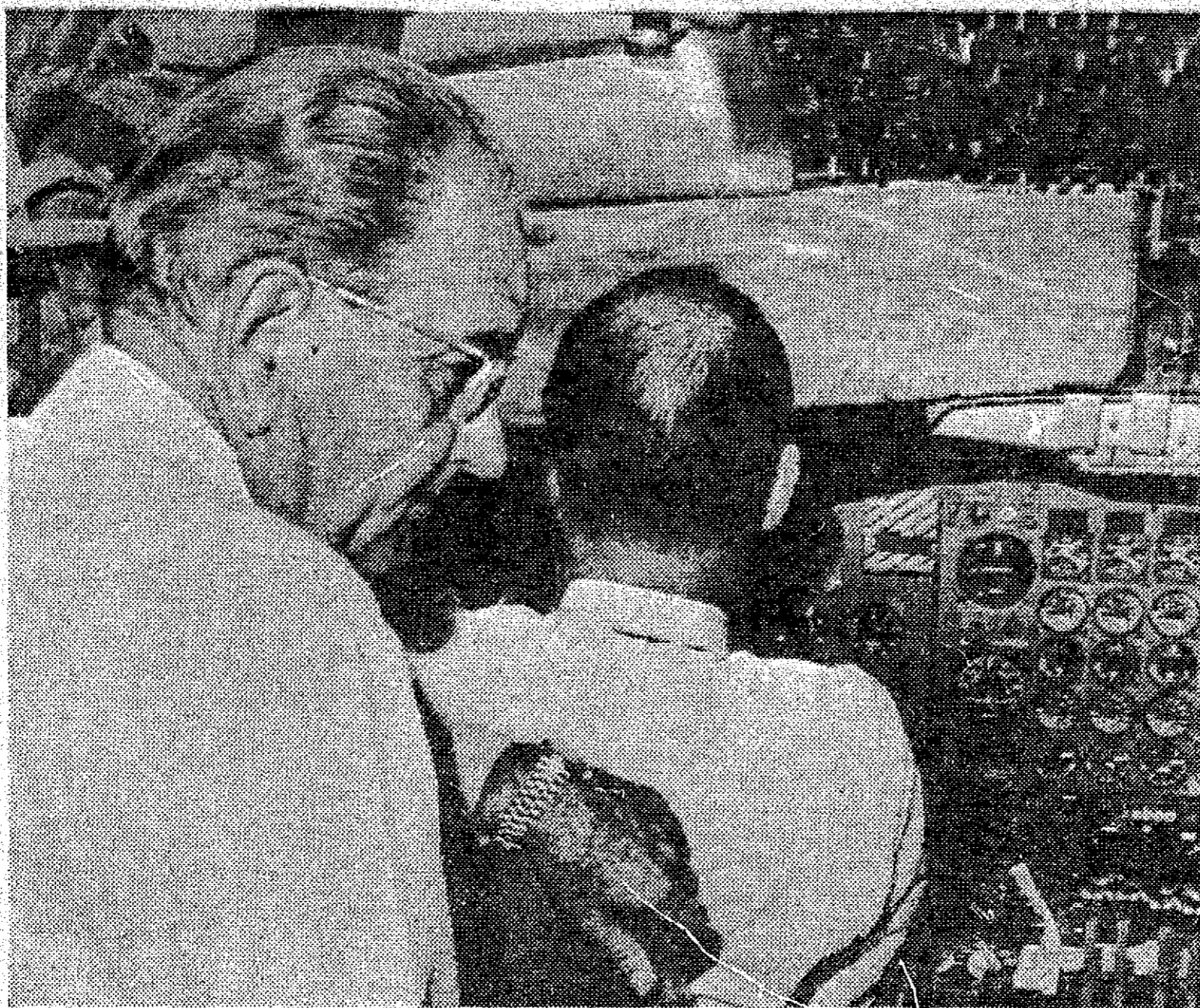
## Ape Named For Mayor

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)** — The Columbus Zoo's baby gorilla has been named Emmy—for Mayor M. E. Sensenbrenner.

Emmy is the daughter of Colo, the first gorilla born in captivity.

The winning name in a contest for school children was submitted by 10-year-old Denise Given.

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President Johnson watches operations in the cockpit of Air Force One as the jet carries him to Chicago for a speech. The pilot is Col. James Cross. (AP Radiophoto)

# RFK Wants to Discuss Unity

(Continued From Page 1) discuss how we might work together in the interest of national unity during the coming months."

Kennedy was asked how he thought Johnson's withdrawal might affect Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, now regard-

ed as a possible candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Kennedy replied: "He's had a very distinguished record and I just don't know what his plans might be. Certainly the answer to that must come from him."

The 42-year-old senator from

New York declared: "I'm going to the American people as I have and present my views and ideas of what we need to do in our country."

In his telegram to Johnson, Kennedy said: "I fervently hope that your new efforts for peace in Vietnam will succeed."



## Labels LBJ a Dropout

"This seems to be the year of the dropout—first Romney, then Rockefeller, now Johnson," says Richard M. Nixon, commenting in New York City on the President's announcement that he was not a candidate for reelection. Story on Page 3. (AP Radiophoto)

# Robb Lands on Okinawa

**CAMP BUTLER, Okinawa (S&S)** — Marine Capt. Charles S. Robb, son-in-law of President Johnson, is at the Camp Hansen Transient Facility where he is being processed for Vietnam duty, according to a Marine spokesman.

Robb has been designated officer-in-charge of a 165-man replacement detail which is being processed with him. Specific assignment and departure details will not be announced, the spokesman said.

Robb arrived on Okinawa early Monday after a 15-hour flight from Norton AFB, Calif.

The spokesman said Robb was unavailable for comment on the President's decision not to seek re-election and that he did not wish to talk with newsmen.

## He Wasn't Fooling

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette had to switch front page cartoons as a result of President Johnson's decision not to seek re-election.

In the first edition Sunday night — before Johnson's announcement — the Post-Gazette ran a page one cartoon showing President Johnson on the telephone, holding a calendar in one hand showing it was April Fool's Day.

The caption read: "Bobby? . . . I've decided not to run!"

"Bobby," of course, meant Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

# U.S. Curbs Air Strikes

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Monday. There still was no disclosure of how far north the bombing belt now extends.

Although the bombing line was not disclosed, some sources here hinted that it might extend as far north as the North Vietnamese city of Vinh, 130 miles north of the DMZ.

U.S. and South Vietnamese officials here, military and civilian alike, made no immediate public comment on the Johnson speech.

Meanwhile Saigon's Tan Son Nhut AB was hit by enemy rocket fire early Tuesday and South Vietnam's biggest oil tank farm, just south of the capital, was shelled for the second consecutive day, the U.S. Command reported.

The attack on the sprawling air base, on the city's western edge, apparently was a minor one. Spokesmen said it occurred between 3:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. and that there were "more than

two" rockets fired into the base. The attack on the oil tank farm at Nha Be, six miles south of Saigon, was heavier.

A spokesman said "there was some damage there," but he added he had no other details immediately.

Both the Shell and Esso oil companies have installations at Nha Be and there also is a military complex there.

Nha Be was hit by about 90 mortar rounds on Monday, but damage and casualties were termed light.

## Weather

Asian Weather Central

**TOKYO AREA**

Tuesday Night: Fair; Low: 42

Wednesday: Fair; High 65

**TEMPERATURES**

April 1

	H	L		H	L
Bangkok	97	76	Naha	73	64
Chitose	43	36	Saigon	90	70
Guam	85	76	Seoul	57	39
Hozuke	64	48	Taipei	77	63
Manila	95	75	Tokyo	61	48
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Albany	77	31	Memphis	66	62
Albuquerque	68	42	Miami	76	71
Amarillo	60	43	Milwaukee	56	50
Atlanta	77	56	Moscow	41	24
Birmingham	79	63	N. Orleans	76	52
Bismarck	44	23	NYC	62	53
Boise	68	30	N. Platte	56	27
Boston	64	44	Okla. City	62	50
Chicago	61	44	Omaha	51	35
Cincinnati	67	56	Paris	66	56
Cleveland	73	46	Philla.	73	43
Des Moines	52	39	Phoenix	81	53
Detroit	70	43	Pittsburgh	76	43
Duluth	37	29	Port., O.	60	38
Fargo	40	21	Rapid City	52	18
Fort Worth	79	61	Reno	72	26
Hong Kong	66	60	Richmond	83	46
Honolulu	83	70	Singapore	90	77
Houston	76	64	St. Louis	65	53
Jackville	83	61	St. Paul	44	33
Jakarta	95	75	Salt Lake	71	31
Kansas City	57	46	S. Antonio	76	60
K. Lumpur	93	75	San Diego	66	58
Las Vegas	82	52	San Fran.	38	30
Little Rock	72	50	Seattle	56	42
London	57	42	Shreveport	79	60
L.A.	66	58	Sydney	80	63
Louisville	64	57	Tucson	78	53
Melbourne	77	59	Wash.	77	51

## Paunchy Old Men Win at Volleyball

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI)**—The State Highway Patrol's general headquarters ranking officers defeated a state house news team in four straight volleyball games.

The games were set up after newsmen called the officers "paunchy, old men of general headquarters" when the officers were sent into the state house last week to quell a disturbance in the senate chambers.