

24,500 Reservists Called Up

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Defense Secretary Clark M. Clifford announced Thursday immediate call-up of about 24,500 Army, Navy and Air Force reservists. Some 10,000 of them will be sent to South Vietnam.

Clifford made the announcement at his first formal news conference since becoming Pentagon chief on March 1.

He said the Army is calling about 20,000 men in 76 National Guard and Army Reserve units. The Navy is calling up approximately 1,000 men in two reserve units. These men will be available for rotation between Southeast Asia and the United States.

The Air Force is calling about 3,500 men in 10 Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units. About a third of these will be sent to Southeast Asia under current plans.

Clifford said the length of service for all of these men will not exceed 24 months. He said notifications were already being sent to all units involved. Each man will have a minimum of 30 days' notice before reporting.

The additional men being sent (Continued on Back Page, Col. 2)

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U.S. OPPOSES WARSAW SITE

WASHINGTON (AP)—Despite an official Hanoi proposal that peace talk preliminaries be held in Warsaw, a White House spokesman said Thursday the U.S. Government is pressing for "an appropriate site in neutral territory."

Presidential press secretary George Christian told reporters that the selection of a neutral site "should be achieved promptly through mutual agreement" with no effort on either side to make the site selection a propaganda matter.

This apparently represented a rejection, for the present at least, of a Hanoi proposal, first disclosed through the Russian news agency Tass.

Christian said the Tass report was "later confirmed by a message received through our embassy at Vientiane, Laos."

"The United States Government has proposed a number of neutral countries as possible sites for contacts, and we have (Continued on Back Page, Col. 2)



President Johnson signs the civil rights bill in the White House. Watching, from left, are Sen. Clifford Case, N.J.; Sen. Hugh Scott, Pa.; Rep. William McCulloch, Ohio; Sen. Edward Brooke, Mass.; Sen. Jacob Javits, N.Y.; House Speaker John McCormack, Mass.; Rep. Emanuel Celler, N.Y.; Sen. Walter Mondale, Minn.; and Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. (AP Radiophoto)

Johnson Signs Rights Bill Into Law

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Johnson signed into law the civil rights and open housing bill Thursday in a White House ceremony exactly one week after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. touched off looting and rioting in slums across the land.

"Now with this bill, the voice of justice speaks again," Johnson told scores of civil rights leaders, government officials, and members of Congress who crowded the East Room for the ceremony.

The bill, on which the House completed Congressional action Wednesday, makes it a federal crime to interfere with anyone trying to exercise his civil rights.

When fully effective in 1970 it

will outlaw discrimination in the sale and rental of 80 per cent of the nation's housing units.

The applause that greeted the President and Mrs. Johnson as they entered the East Room was loud, enthusiastic and sustained—far different from the

polite handclapping normally heard on ceremonial occasions.

There was another outburst of applause when Johnson declared the whole nation to have been outraged by the violence visited on civil rights advocates and particularly by the slaying

of the Negro apostle of nonviolence who, he recalled, was present in the White House two years ago when Johnson signed his message to Congress calling for a federal open housing law. "We are also outraged,"

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Steiger, Katharine Hepburn Win Oscars

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—Rod Steiger, the gruff Southern sheriff of "In the Heat of the Night," and Katharine Hepburn, the sentimental mother of "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," were named best actor and actress of 1967 at the 40th

Academy Awards on Wednesday night.

The award for best picture of the year went to "In the Heat of the Night," a realistic murder tale in a Southern town.

Supporting Oscars went to George Kennedy, the chain gang convict of "Cool Hand

Luke" and to Estelle Parsons, the reluctant member of a bank robbing gang in "Bonnie and Clyde."

(Kennedy—then Capt. George Kennedy—was station manager for the Far East Network-Tokyo from 1955-56, leaving to go to AFRS in Frankfurt, Germany.

He Hates to Putt

AUGUSTA, Ga. (UPI)—Claude Harmon, 51, of Palm Springs, Calif., defied 7,864,765-to-1 odds Wednesday when he sank back-to-back holes-in-one during a special par three contest preceding the Masters Golf Tournament. His aces were 80 and 100 yards. Details, Page 17.

(His first film break was in "Flight of the Phoenix," with Jimmy Stewart.)

Former night club comedian Mike Nichols was selected best director for his tale of a collegian's disillusionment with the adult world, "The Graduate." (Continued on Back Page, Col. 3)

U.S. Viet Toll Dips To 279

SAIGON (AP) — The number of American troops killed in combat in the Vietnam war last week dropped to the lowest toll in the past 2½ months, the U.S. Command announced Thursday.

Headquarters reported 279 U.S. troops were killed in combat during the seven-day period ending last Saturday at midnight. It was the lowest toll since the week ending Feb. 3 when 416 Americans were killed at the start of the Viet Cong Lunar New Year offensive.

Gen. William C. Westmoreland's headquarters said the drop reflected a lull in fighting that has been developing over the past month.

The lull reached its peak this week with the quietest period this year, despite the biggest allied campaign of the war in 11 provinces around Saigon and a massive allied thrust near Khe Sanh along the northern frontier.

The current lull in the fighting this week won't be reflected until the casualty figures for the seven-day period ending Saturday are released next Thursday.

Despite an absence of major, sustained battles, South Vietnamese headquarters reported that it lost 407 men killed and 1,479 wounded last week, an increase over the 393 killed and 1,160 wounded the previous week.

Military spokesmen said the government troops have been very active, particularly in the Mekong Delta below Saigon.

The South Vietnamese Command said 4,012 enemy troops were killed in action last week and 550 were captured. The U.S. Command reported the number of enemy killed as 2,251 but noted that figure was "subject to adjustment."

The number of enemy killed is reported separately each week by the two commands and the totals often differ. Normally, however, there is not as great a discrepancy as that reported for last week.



Rush to 'Fire Fight' With a Burning Amtrak

Sailors and Marines rush to extinguish a fire that broke out in an Amtrak between the Navy and Marine Corps compounds at Cua

Viet. The armored personnel carrier is used to carry troops along waterways and land them in combat areas. (USN)

Reds Slip Back Into Lang Vei, Block U.S. Unit From Entering

LANG VEI, Vietnam (AP)—Troopers of the U.S. 1st Air Cav. Div. were stopped three times Thursday from moving back into the Lang Vei Special Forces camp near the Laotian border.

A battalion of cavalrymen had quickly moved through the camp late Wednesday, and then withdrew to an old abandoned Special Forces camp, 700 yards

to the east and only two miles east of Laos, for the night.

Shortly before noon Thursday, a company led by Capt. Douglas Verdier moved toward Lang Vei, but ran into heavy automatic weapons fire from North Vietnamese soldiers in the bunkers of the camp they had overrun Feb. 7.

Apparently an enemy company with some 80 men had

moved back into the camp Wednesday night after the U.S. troops had pulled out.

Thursday, when the cavalrymen ran into the resistance, they pulled back as artillery and air strikes hit the enemy positions. The camp had been blasted in two months of bombardment when it was held by the North Vietnamese during the siege of Khe Sanh, four miles to the east.

At least five times in Thursday's fight, lone North Vietnamese soldiers would break from the bunkers in a slow motion run to a ridge line and disappear over the crest toward Laos. The American troopers fired mortars, machine guns and rifles, but the fleeing Reds appeared to make it to safety.

Verdier's company tried three times between the artillery barrages to get into the camp, but they were driven back and spent Thursday night again in the old abandoned camp.

There, they were hit by 14 rounds of enemy artillery and two men were wounded. Three had been wounded and one killed in the fight to seize the camp from the North Vietnamese during the day.

Verdier said the enemy soldiers were probably in a holding action at the camp to cover the withdrawal of larger elements of the North Vietnamese 325th Div.

The North Vietnamese 304th Div, the second division that took part in the Khe Sanh siege, is generally believed to have pulled back when the giant Operation Pegasus was launched 10 days ago by the 1st Cav., U.S. Marines and Vietnamese troops.

Mine Kills 13 Civilians

SAIGON (AP)—Thirteen South Vietnamese civilians were killed and two were injured seriously Tuesday when a small bus in which they were riding hit a mine 21 miles northwest of Saigon, South Vietnamese military headquarters reported.

Crash Kills 13 Marines

DA NANG, Vietnam (AP)—Thirteen U.S. Marines died Thursday when two helicopters collided northwest of Dong Ha at an altitude of 2,000 feet.

Six of those killed had been wounded in battle and were being flown from Khe Sanh to the aid station at the Dong Ha Marine base for treatment.

A Marine spokesman said one helicopter with a crew of four and the wounded aboard was descending through the clouds when it collided with another that was a gun ship escort for the medical evacuation mission.

156 VC Surrender

SAIGON (UPI)—At least 156 Viet Cong voluntarily turned themselves in to the government in the first seven days after President Johnson announced the partial bombing halt, U.S. spokesmen said Thursday.

Vietnam Casualties

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

KILLED IN ACTION

- Army**
 Cpl. Edgar L. Simmons, Pine Bluff, Ark.
 Sp5 Michael K. Hara, Covina, Calif.
 Sp4 Kenneth L. Neal, San Jose, Calif.
 Sp4 Danny J. Richardson, Covington, Ga.
 Sp4 Cecil R. Millsbaugh, Burley, Ida.
 Cpl. George A. Fischer, Lombard, Ill.
 Plt. Larry W. Barrell, Redkey, Ind.
 Cpl. Edward A. Boardman, Pasadena, Md.
 Plt. James B. Brack, Dearborn, Mich.
 Sp4 Robert G. Quick, Terry, Miss.
 Plt. John J. Pall, Bergenfield, N.J.
 Lt. Karl F. Perry, Baldwinsville, N.Y.
 Lt. Richard L. Giambone, Brooklyn Heights, N.Y.
 Plt. Albert W. Cudworth, Plattsburgh, N.Y.
 Plt. Richard D. Nicolini, Elmont, N.Y.
 Plt. David L. Skumurski, Schenectady, N.Y.
 Plt. Ralph C. McCowan, Trenton, N.D.
 Plt. John R. Kemper, Carroll, Ohio.
 Cpl. John W. Fox, Conshohocken, Pa.
 Plt. Paul Wright, Willow Grove, Pa.
 Lt. John T. Wilkinson, Manchester, Tenn.
 SSG Felipe D. Camarillo, El Paso, Tex.
 Sp4 Lorn D. Compton, Squire, W.Va.
- Navy**
 BUL3 John F. Peek, Pontiac, Mich.
- Marine Corps**
 Sgl. Frank E. Headley IV, Mammoth Lakes, Calif.
 Lt. Gregory P. Kent, Lawrence, Mass.

- Pfc. Thomas P. Prulett Jr., Coloma, Mich.
 Cpl. Luzon Beasley, Clarksdale, Miss.
 Cpl. Kenneth R. Yantis, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Lt. Norman E. Lane Jr., Memphis, Tenn.

DIED OF WOUNDS

- Pfc. Gregg R. Fourmoutin, Pinetop, Ariz.

MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE

- Army**
 Sgl. Robert Luna, Mountain View, Calif.
 Pfc. Barry M. Hillsgrave, Dover, N.H.
 Sgl. Gilberto Hernandez-Carrion, New York City.
 Lt. William C. Dimagard, Euclid, Ohio.
 Sp4 William P. Murphy, Seattle, Wash.

MISSING IN ACTION

- Army**
 Sp4 Quinten E. Mulleavy.

DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

- Army**
 Sp4 James H. Morgan, Washington, D.C.

- Col. Gerald A. Schiro, Chicago, Ill.
 Sp4 Ronnie Mills, Flat Lick, Ky.
 Pfc. Willie J. Smith, Greenville, Miss.
 Sgl. Jon M. Murphy, Thompson Falls, Mont.

- Capt. Stanley J. Cygon, Morris Plains, N.J.
 Capt. Raymond O. Kincannon, Fayetteville, N.C.
 SSG Lawrence E. Philyaw, Mt. Olive, N.C.

Marine Corps

- Pfc. James K. Flournoy, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Lt. Col. Frankie E. Ailgood, Pensacola, Fla.

CORRECTION

- TSgt. Sylvester McCullough, USAF, Change status from missing to dead—hostile to missing to dead—non hostile.

Most Unburied

800 N. Viet Bodies Found At Khe Sanh

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. government sources say American military patrols probing out from the once-besieged Khe Sanh base have found more than 800 North Vietnamese bodies, most of them unburied.

The sources cited this as an indicator of how badly the Communist troops who once surrounded the outpost suffered from U.S. artillery and air bombing.

They said the 829 bodies found since April 1 represent a preliminary count and that they expect a much higher total after U.S. forces comb the mountainous area.

Many bodies were in mass graves but most were unburied.

This was interpreted by the government sources as a sign the Communists suffered a command breakdown and possibly morale problems toward the end of the more than two-month siege, which was lifted last week.

Military officials disputed the view, expressed in some diplomatic quarters, that the North Vietnamese voluntarily lifted the siege to emphasize Hanoi's willingness to talk peace.

"He was hurt," said one senior military officer of the enemy. The officer contended the Communists were forced by heavy U.S. firepower to give up the siege.

SAIGON (AP) — The North Vietnamese siege of U.S. Marines at Khe Sanh combat base, broken last week, resulted in only 93 American troops killed, the U.S. Command reported Thursday. In addition, the command said, 400 wounded troops were evacuated.

U.S. Planes Hit Lower N. Viet

SAIGON—U.S. warplanes flew 116 missions over North Vietnam Wednesday in a confined area of the southern panhandle from the DMZ to 168 miles north.

The raids marked the fifth straight day that U.S. jets restricted their strikes to below the 19th Parallel, 60 miles south of the northernmost boundary set by President Johnson 10 days before.



Blaze Sweeps Viet Village

Vietnamese firemen (above) are joined by U.S. troops (below) as they battle a fire which swept the village of Ap Tan Trang on the outskirts of

Saigon. More than 15 acres of homes were destroyed and hundreds of people left homeless.

(S&S Photos)



Secure Son Tra Dries Up Base Of VC Support

SON TRA, Vietnam (IO) — Many things help make a community. Son Tra has most of them, and the rest are coming.

Nestled along the base of protecting hills, Son Tra's tiny thatched houses line meandering streets which lead from fishing boats on the palm-ringed beach to rice fields terraced along hillsides beyond the village.

The town has an elected government, a free and viable economy and an effective medical and sanitation program. But most important in war-torn Vietnam, Son Tra has military security.

Soon to come, said Maj. Neill J. Willoughby, adviser to the Binh Son District Chief, is a permanent school to replace the tent now in use.

Son Tra is a new town, created around a tiny hamlet and populated by 5,000 people from a farming and fishing area

within four kilometers of the community.

"Captain Tuang, Binh Son District chief, talked the villagers into moving from VC control to the new village," stated Lt. Col. William D. Guim, deputy senior adviser for Quang Ngai Province. "He was very careful to retain neighborhood integrity during the relocation."

"Elected civilian government apparatus from each hamlet came to Son Tra intact — smoothing out the transition and enabling villagers to begin establishing a new life for themselves," he continued.

"A preliminary census found about 4,000 people living in the relocation area. After the word got out, we found another thousand had come in to be relocated too."

Marine Lt. Col. William R. Grubaugh of the provincial advisers' staff said, "Son Tra is an almost perfect situation. Centrally located for the farmers, it has a clear beach for the fishermen and is a secure enclave with very good natural defense positions."

A Marine Civic Action Program team with its platoon of Popular Force troops is already in place. Government Revolutionary Development Cadre will be on the scene in early 1968. A Vietnamese Military-Civilian Cadre Group will also join the civic action units here.

The coastal area near Son Tra has long been a base for Viet Cong operations. Local farmers and fishermen provided — often unwillingly — food to fill enemy stomachs and a place for Charlie to rest between battles.

This support dried up with the relocation of people to Son Tra.

"It proves people will buy relocation if security can be provided," Guim said. "Anyone is free to leave Son Tra and move back, but no one has done it."

Mercy Day Big Success

UBON RTAFB, Thailand (OI) — A carnival atmosphere prevailed in Ubon last week when Mercy Day was conducted to raise funds for the Ubon city hospital.

Highlighted by the appearance of Miss Thailand 1967 and Miss Universe 1966, the all-day festivities were sponsored jointly by the city of Ubon, the U.S. Air Force Junior Officers Council and the Royal Australian Air Force detachment.

The Mercy Day planning committee set a goal of \$30,000 for the day, which was more than doubled at the day's end, with a net profit of \$61,729.

The activities got under way with a sky-diving exhibition over the city by officers from the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing Wolf Pack and the Thai Border Police Patrol.

The Thai champion soccer team from Bangkok pitted its skill against a combined U.S. Air Force, RAAF and local Thai team in a late afternoon contest, which ended in a 6-6 tie.

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Aero-Scouts Get Hot Indoctrination

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CHU LAI, Vietnam — "My platoon was split into three groups with at least two platoons of charlies after us," said S. Sgt. Richard Fapka, describing the situation facing his newly formed aero-scout platoon of the Americal Div.'s 123rd Aviation Bn.

The platoon, which works with a spotter helicopter and two gunships at its call, was searching a VC haven in Quang Ngai province called the "Rock Pile." Two Viet Cong were spotted and one shot.

Bunkers scattered throughout the bolder-strewn hill yielded a large pile of Communist uniforms and documents. Then Fapka called for a demolitions team to destroy the bunkers.

"The demo team blew one escape route but could not get up a narrow crevice leading to a cave on the top of the hill where I thought the two VC were hiding," he said.

One of the scouts armed with only a pistol started up the crevice.

"He was just an arm's distance from the top when they started sniping at him and the two squads I left at the bottom of the hill came under machine-

gun fire," said Fapka, of Detroit.

The demolition team and Fapka's scouts took cover behind a pagoda on the side of the hill. A machine gun began firing from just above them, the rounds landing close.

"I think the unwounded VC ran and brought back the rest of this force. The fire came closer and I decided we'd try to break through the thicket below us and rejoin the other squads to come back up for the man on top."

Running through the thicket with enemy fire all around, six scouts became entangled and were forced to go back to the pagoda.

At the bottom of the hill Fapka's men beat off a group of pursuing enemy, killing one.

"I spotted 20 to 30 charlies going straight for our LZ but with just four men I couldn't take them on. Then our gunships arrived and the VC fire slacked off."

After linking with the remaining two squads, the seven men on the hill were found to be alive and safe.

"It's our job to go in and investigate trouble spots, but those charlies were too strong for us to handle," said Fapka. "For the first contact it was a tough one to break in on, but we didn't loose a man."

NCO Saves 3 Injured Korean Marines

DA NANG, Vietnam (ISO) — Dodging sniper rounds and mortar shrapnel, Cpl. Albert W. Wilson scrambled into the open to help three injured men who had fallen 40 feet from a helicopter.

Wilson, 21, of Sacramento, Calif., is a crewchief with the 3rd Amphibian Tractor Bn., and is assigned to the 2nd Republic of Korea (ROK) Brigade near Ho An.

The 1st Marine Div. Leatherneck was assisting the 2nd Co., 1st Bn. of the 2nd ROK Marines with perimeter security at their outpost.

Wilson was moving toward a landing zone to help unload a CH46 supply helicopter when the enemy began to mortar the LZ. Immediately the chopper pilot gunned his engines to get out of range.

"There were Korean Marines

inside the helicopter when it took off," Wilson said. "The ramp was still down in the back, and three fell out as the chopper gained altitude."

Mortar shells were still falling when the Korean Marines lit. One man broke his back, one suffered a broken arm and the other sustained minor injuries.

Wilson raced from his posi-

tion to give medical aid. He pulled two of the Koreans to safety and went back to provide cover for the man with the broken back.

Meanwhile, helicopter gunships strafed the enemy.

When the enemy was finally driven off, a medevac chopper was brought in and the injured Koreans were taken to the hospital.

VC Steer Clear of Big Drive

SAIGON (AP) — Allied troops combed the 11 provinces around Saigon Thursday in the war's biggest manhunt against the Viet Cong.

So far, the 100,000 allied soldiers thrown into the new campaign failed to flush out any sizable enemy force from among the 18,000 to 20,000 Viet Cong estimated in the operation area.

Only small-scale, scattered patrol skirmishes and helicopter attacks were reported by the U.S. and South Vietnamese commands.

In the latest of these, a South Vietnamese infantry platoon supported by copter gunships and air strikes reported killing 13 Viet Cong Wednesday near Xuan Loc, 40 miles east of Saigon.

In the only other action Wednesday, U.S. Army copter gunships, supporting 25th Div. infantrymen, were credited with killing 15 Viet Cong near An Loc, 65 miles north of Saigon.

The lack of action since the coordinated sweep started Monday showed the Viet Cong unwilling to tangle with the allied forces, at least for the moment.

The only other significant action reported by the U.S. military command was the sighting Wednesday of two North Vietnamese tanks eight miles southwest of the once-besieged U.S. base at Khe Sanh in the northwestern corner of the country.

The tanks were attacked by rocket-firing U.S. helicopters and tactical bombers. Ground patrols later reported one tank destroyed and 15 North Vietnamese killed.

FBI Silent In King Case

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The FBI maintained silence Thursday in the face of queries, rumors and reports about the gun and the bullet which killed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. here a week ago.

It refused comment on whether:

—Ballistics tests matched the bullet with a rifle found near the scene.

—Firearms dealers in Birmingham, Alabama, had been questioned about sales of Remington rifles.

Both reports have been published, but the FBI says they did not originate with its agents.

Rights Bill

(Continued From Page 1) Johnson said, "at the looting and burning that befoils our democracy.

"We must put a stop to both." This brought another burst of applause, and Johnson had to wait before continuing:

"The only road to progress for a free people is the road of law."

He coupled praise for the swift action of Congress with an urgent call for action on many other pieces of legislation aimed at improving the housing, incomes, job opportunities, work training and education of Negro dwellers in the nation's slums.



Rod Steiger, Estelle Parsons, George Kennedy and George Cukor, who accepted for actress Katharine Hepburn, display the Oscars they won Wednesday night in Santa Monica, Calif. Steiger

and Miss Hepburn, who is in Europe, won the best acting awards; Miss Parsons and Kennedy the best supporting acting awards. (AP Radiophoto)

Reserves—

(Continued From Page 1) to Vietnam, Clifford said, will bring the total of American troops serving there to 549,500.

Clifford said he did not believe that the new call-up would adversely affect current peace feelers or give Hanoi the impression that the United States was escalating the war.

Clifford said it is President Johnson's "intention at this time" not to increase U. S. forces in Vietnam beyond 549,500. That was the new level announced recently.

Clifford also made clear to reporters that if the United States should halt all bombing of North Vietnam in the course of peace maneuvers it would expect the North Vietnamese not to "take advantage" of the situation.

He said the United States is now embarked on what he portrayed as a new policy to gradually turn over the "major effort" in the war to South Vietnamese troops. He stressed however that this could not happen overnight.

A Street for King

HAARLEM, The Netherlands (UPI)—Haarlem officials have decided to name one of their streets after the late Dr. Martin Luther King.

Oscars Presented

(Continued From Page 1) Writing awards went to Stirling Silliphant for his adaptation of "In the Heat of the Night" and to William Rose for his original "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner."

"In the Heat of the Night" scored five Oscars, far from a record. Seldom in recent years



KATHARINE HEPBURN

have the awards been so evenly divided.

"Talk to the Animals," which Briton Leslie Bricusse wrote for Rex Harrison to sing Henry Higgins-style in "Doctor Dolittle," was selected best song.

The renaissance of Czechoslovakian filming was recognized by the selection of "Closely Watched Trains" as best foreign language film.

The awards demonstrated the Academy voters' concern with the Negro's struggle for rights. That concern was sounded by Steiger who recited the usual thanks after winning his award and then added his special gratitude to co-star Sidney Poitier for giving him understanding of racial prejudice.

"Thank you, and we shall overcome!" said Steiger.

The big surprise was Miss Hepburn, who happened to be the only living nominee who wasn't at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium for the telecast. The veteran actress is in France making "Madwoman of Chaillot." Her Oscar represents the widest gap among double winners; she won her first Oscar for "Morning Glory" in 1932-33.

U.S. Opposes Warsaw Site

(Continued From Page 1) not yet had any response to this proposal," Christian said, reading carefully from a prepared script.

"On serious matters of this kind, it is important to conduct talks in a neutral atmosphere fair to both sides.

"The selection of an appropriate site in neutral territory with adequate communication facilities should be achieved promptly through mutual agreement, and those acting in good faith will not seek to make this a matter of propaganda."

When asked to who the statement should be attributed, Christian said, to himself. Pressed again on this point, he insisted "it is my personal statement."

Beyond that, the press secretary refused to elaborate in any way upon the statement in spite of reporters' insistence that he indicate whether it represented a flat turndown of the new North

Vietnamese proposal and that he provide some definition of what a "neutral" country would be.

He did state that the neutral sites suggested by the U.S. had all been proposed before the North Vietnamese proposal

LUXEMBOURG (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General U Thant said on arrival here Thursday for an official visit that the start of actual negotiations between Washington and Hanoi was imminent. "They could start within a matter of two or three days," he said at a news conference.

came, and that no additional sites had been suggested since.

Administration sources noted that Poland has publicly sided with Hanoi on the war and has been among Soviet-bloc countries supplying material to it.

Informed sources said further that in the Washington-Hanoi private exchanges over the past

week, North Vietnam had said it preferred to hold the talks somewhere in Asia and that one of the sites it had suggested — Rangoon — was also on the U.S. list of possibilities. Hanoi had named Phnom Penh as its first choice, but the U.S. has no embassy there.

Thus, according to these sources, North Vietnam appeared to have deliberately and publicly called for talks in Poland instead of agreeing on Rangoon, which had appeared mutually acceptable.

The United States also is willing to meet at several places in Western Europe. Sites listed included Geneva — the first U.S. proposal — Vienna, Bern and Bonn.

In the U.S. view, a location to be suitable for such talks should have not only an impartial atmosphere but also 1) resident diplomatic missions of both countries and 2) secure communications back to Washington.

Body Sent To S.F. In Trunk

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A man's body was found Wednesday in a green steamer trunk that arrived from Newark, N.J. for "will call" delivery at a Railway Express Agency office.

A platform worker, Dirk Vandenkaker, 24, suspicious because of the odor from the trunk, ripped off surgical tape sealing the lid, saw a man's arm and summoned police.

Homicide inspector Gus Coreiris said police here were in touch with Newark police on possible leads.

The body was wrapped in a bedsheet. Police withheld the name of the person to whom the trunk was consigned.

The body was turned over to the coroner's office where an examination was under way to determine the possible cause of death.

A New Tooth at 63

MODENA, Italy (UPI)—When Giuseppina Frigeri, 63, tried on her new denture it just wouldn't fit. The dentist checked and found why. She's growing a new tooth.

Weather

Asian Weather Central

TOKYO AREA

Friday Night: Cloudy, rain; Low: 47
Saturday: Cloudy; High: 53

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Manila	93 77	Taipei	65 55
Naha	81 61	Tokyo	57 49
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Albany	64 40	Melbourne	86 53
Albuquerque	71 38	Memphis	74 50
Anarillo	72 26	Miami	79 73
Atlanta	59 54	Milwaukee	58 32
Birmingham	68 56	Moscow	50 39
Bismarck	73 31	N. Orleans	68 65
Boise	80 42	NYC	64 49
Boston	63 44	N. Platte	75 26
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Cincinnati	67 45	Omaha	72 38
Cleveland	60 39	Portland	61 35
Denver	71 30	Phila.	66 49
Des Moines	67 32	Phoenix	89 57
Detroit	61 42	Pittsburgh	62 32
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Jackville	89 70	Salt Lake	— 34
Jakarta	93 75	S. Antonio	75 58
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