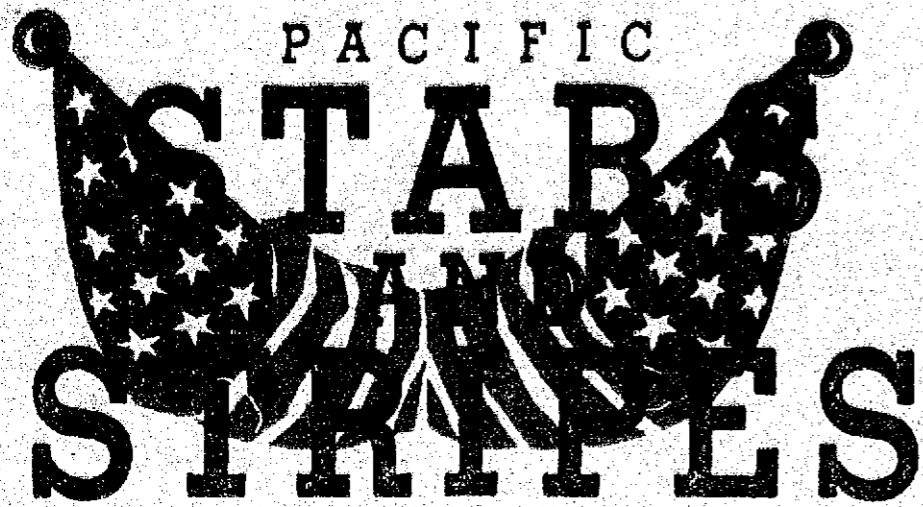


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Landlord's Story

Chicago Package, Letter Sent to Galt

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI)—Eric Starvo Galt, object of the FBI's most intensive manhunt, received a letter from Chicago a few weeks before the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., his landlord said Monday. In a

copyrighted interview in the Birmingham News, rooming house manager Peter Nicholas Cherpes, said the sketch of the man wanted in King's slaying "looked exactly like" Galt.

"He was above the average roomer in dress, talk and appearance," Cherpes said. "He always wore sporty clothes and a tie. He was always pleasant and I never knew of him drinking."

Cherpes said Galt "didn't say much about his family affairs, only that he was divorced. He only talked about the weather, never about politics or racial troubles."

He said Galt stayed at his rooming house at 2608 Highland Ave. from Aug. 26 to Oct. 7 last year.

He said that during September, Galt received a prepaid package in the mail from Chicago. He said it weighed 20 to 25 pounds, was about two feet long and one foot wide. The next day, Cherpes said, Galt told him it was the wrong merchandise and he planned to send it back.

"About half an hour later I (Continued on Back Page, Col. 2)

Russ Link Unmanned Satellites

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union, apparently preparing to put men into space again, reported a successful linkup Monday of two unmanned space-ships. They were separated after 3 hours and 50 minutes.

Informed sources said a launching involving men is expected soon.

Monday's linkup, duplicating a feat first performed by the Soviet Union Oct. 30, was made by Cosmos 212 and Cosmos 213. The linkup lasted 20 minutes (Continued on Back Page, Col. 2)

Payroll Theft May Earn Medal

DONG TAM, Vietnam (AP)—Snatching an army payroll is hardly the way for a sergeant to win a medal—unless the payroll belongs to the enemy.

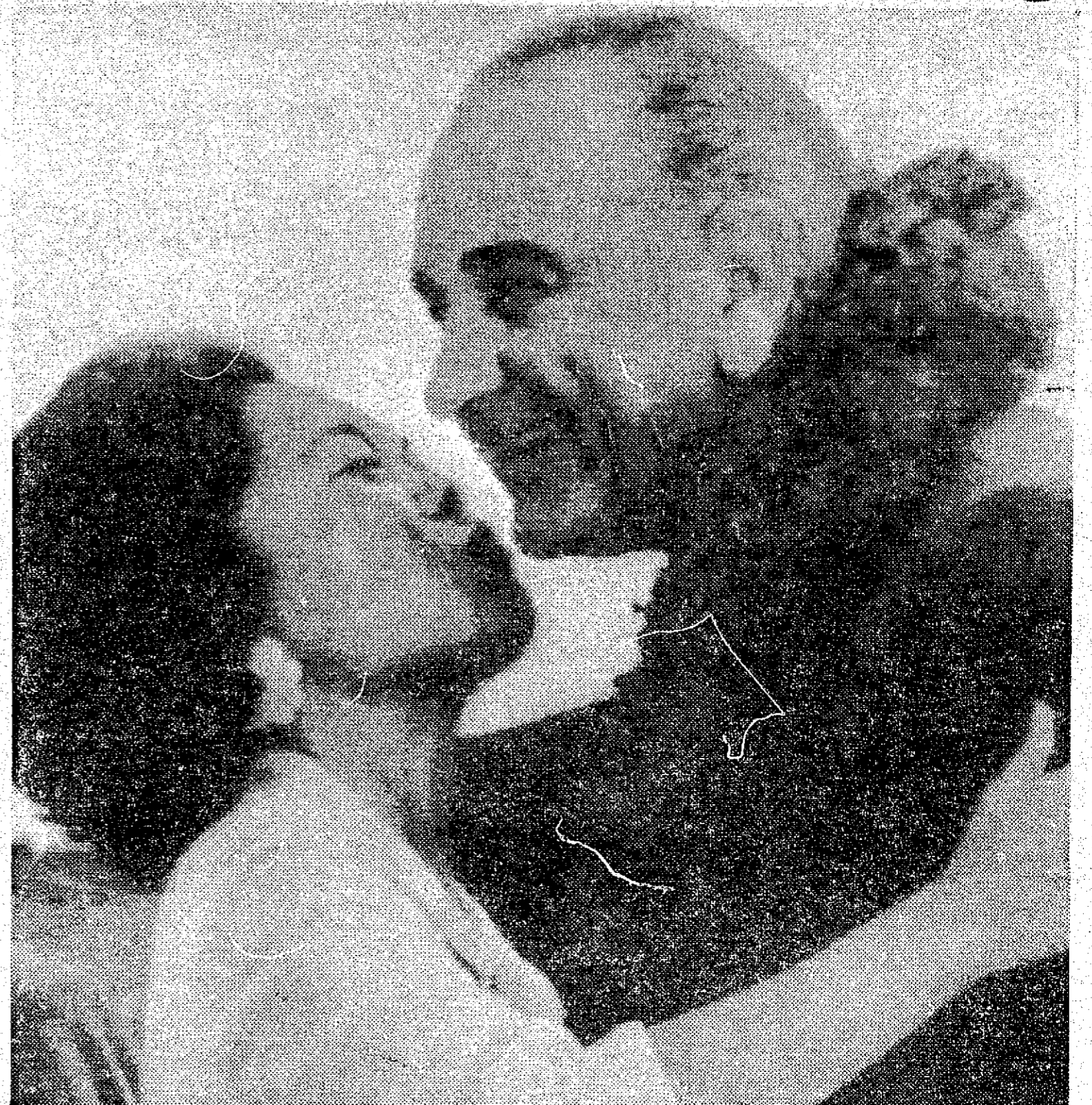
Platoon Sgt. Lawrence Nine wasn't thinking about anything of the sort when he cut down a Viet Cong with a burst from his M16.

It was near the end of a hard day's slogging beneath a sweltering Mekong Delta sun. The 33-year-old marksman from Columbia, S.C., was content with bagging one of the elusive Viet Cong and capturing his companion. That was his "little war" in the delta, the hard, day-to-day struggle to find and

kill shadowy guerrillas slipping in and out of villages, bamboo stands and marshes.

"I went up to make sure he was dead and pick up his weapon," Nine said. "Then all this money fell out and I yelled 'we got a paymaster.' We bundled it back up and got out."

When Nine brought the money back to battalion headquarters the staff in the squad tent erupted like college boys after winning the big game. There were shouts and corny jokes and everybody gathered around the battered olive-drab field table where the money was dumped—neat bundles of notes adding up to 358,000 piasters,



President Johnson gets a kiss from Rep. Patsy Mink as he arrives in Hawaii Monday for talks with South Korean President Chung Hee Park. (AP Radiophoto)

IRS Taxed At Gunpoint

CHICAGO (UPI) — Three masked bandits held a tax collection of their own Monday and got away with nearly \$30,000 in cash and checks from an Internal Revenue Service branch office.

A spokesman for the IRS said the three bandits, all wearing rubber masks and two brandishing pistols, entered the office at 11 a.m. Inside were about 30 last-minute taxpayers getting assistance with their tax returns, and 30 IRS employees.

One gunman scooped \$19,620 in cash and \$9,540 in checks into a bag as a teller, facing a drawn pistol, fainted.

worth more than \$3,000.

That was the beginning of another kind of war in the delta—the continuing battle of wits with the Viet Cong.

Lt. Col. William T. Leggett, Rocky Mount, N.C., commander of the 2nd Bn., 39th Inf. of the 9th Inf. Div., happily jumped the radio network to brigade with the good news. The money would be heading back along with the prisoner and a stack of documents as soon as a helicopter arrived.

By nightfall the prisoner was being questioned and the brigade commander, Col. Henry Emerson of Milford, Pa., was (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)

HONOLULU (AP)—President Johnson called on North Vietnam Monday to promptly make a "serious and considerate reply" to U.S. proposals for a neutral meeting site for peace envoys.

"As of now, we have had no response or comment from Hanoi—other than radio signals

—about any one of the locations we have suggested," Johnson reported.

"For us, this is not a propaganda exercise," Johnson declared in prepared remarks upon his call at Iolani Palace, the Hawaii government seat, during an Asia strategy conference here.

"What is needed now is an equally serious and considerate reply," matching the seriousness of the U.S. offers, the President said. And in stressing his urgency about the need for quick agreement on beginning peace talks preliminaries, he added:

"It is now two long weeks since I restricted our bombing and urged North Vietnam to come to the conference table.

"We are eager to get on with the task of peace making. Precious time is being lost.

"Asians and Americans alike are ready to let diplomacy go to work now, without further delay."

Johnson interrupted an Easter vacation at his Texas ranch to fly here for at least two days of conferences on Vietnam and Korea.

South Korean President Chung Hee Park, a Vietnam ally, was to meet with Johnson Wednesday after a Tuesday round of Vietnam consultations between the (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)

Sea Rescue— By Horseback

FERNANDINA BEACH, Fla. (UPI)—A rider three times Sunday urged his horse far out into the turbulent Atlantic Ocean. Twice he pulled fishermen to safety. A third man drowned.

Police at this small northeast Florida resort community said Charles Alvin Kelley, 20, and William H. Lee, 19, both of Alma, Ga., and William C. Collins, 19, of Mershon, Ga., were seen in the surf late in the afternoon when caught in an undertow and pulled into the ocean.

Thomas J. Carter of Fernandina Beach, riding his horse nearby, saw them.

He galloped into the churning surf, urging the horse 150 yards into the ocean.

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Gen. Johnson to Asia

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Gen. Harold K. Johnson, Army chief of staff, is leaving Monday for a "routine" visit to South Vietnam and Thailand, the Pentagon announced.

Marines Kill 106, Lose 6 in Battle For Hill Near DMZ

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON—U.S. Marines reported killing 106 North Vietnamese soldiers Sunday on the northern peak of Hill 881 six miles below the DMZ in South Vietnam's embattled northwestern corner.

The battle marked the second time in less than a year that Leathernecks have had to charge up the steep jungle-covered slopes and into a hail of enemy fire to secure the strategic peak overlooking Khe Sanh.

The bloody battles of Hills 861 and 881, north and south, took the lives of 764 Communists and 16 Americans during the last week of April and first week of May last year. But on Sunday the Marines were able to secure the hill in one day at a cost of six dead and 12 seriously wounded.

In Sunday's battle, U.S. jet dive-bombers slammed bomb after bomb into the peak and nearby heavy artillery blasted the hill for hours before the Leathernecks from the 5th Marines began their assault.

The Marines reported they were on top of the hill and had their position secured at 2:30 p.m. However sporadic fighting continued for some hours after.

In other fighting near Khe Sanh Sunday, two companies from the U.S. Army's 2nd Brigade, 1st Air Cav. Div., suffered eight men killed and six wounded when a Communist force attacked their night defensive positions six miles southwest of Khe Sanh.

The attack began about 2:30 a.m. when the Reds opened up on the cavalrymen's positions with heavy small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenade fire.

The "Skytroopers," supported by nearby heavy artillery fire, drove the Communists off at about 3 a.m.

Enemy casualties were unknown.

In other ground fighting, 10 Vietnamese infantrymen were reported killed and 30 wounded early Monday when a Communist battalion attacked their position following a heavy mortar barrage. U.S. aircraft helped drive off the Reds. Nine enemy bodies were found.

Jets Blast North 143 Times

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON — U.S. pilots, confined to only about 20 per cent of North Vietnam, flew the second highest number of missions in one day this year Sunday.

They logged 143 missions, one less than the 144 flown on Jan. 6 when strikes were not limited to the area of North Vietnam below the 20th Parallel.

Attacks concentrated on enemy supply lines below the 19th Parallel.

The most northern target was a railroad and highway bridge 24 miles northwest of Vinh and 169 miles north of the DMZ.

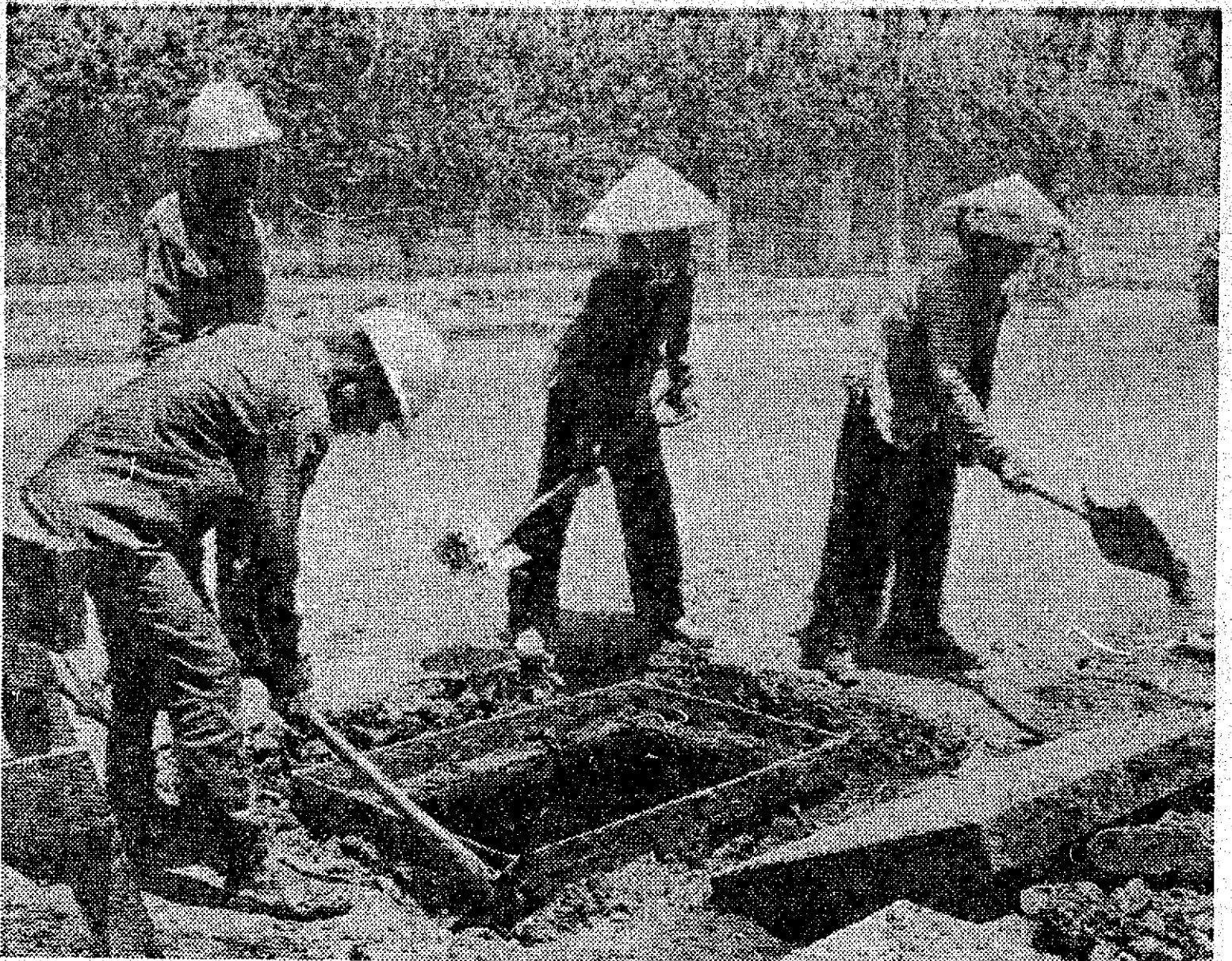
Navy pilots reported hitting one bridge, three radar sites and several concentrations of enemy trucks and barges.

Air Force pilots reported destroying or damaging 12 trucks, cutting a ferry approach and setting three fires during 51 missions north of the DMZ.

Marine pilots worked over enemy supply lines, storage areas and weapons positions from the DMZ to Dong Hoi.

3-Year Anniversary

LONG BINH, Vietnam (IO)—The 1st Logistical Command, responsible for supplying all U.S. and Free World Forces in South Vietnam, celebrated its third anniversary in Vietnam April 1.



Something Old, Something New

Vietnamese women, wearing their customary straw hats over hard safety helmets, work side-by-side with men on a Saigon street. Many women have been hired by a construction firm to work at clearing and improving main streets in the battle-scarred capital. (UPI Radiophoto)

Plan Honor For Dead GIs

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — The flags at the Oregon Capitol will fly at half staff one day each month for Oregon servicemen killed in Vietnam.

"Lowering our flags in front of the Capitol one day a month is a small thing to do, but it may serve to remind Oregonians of the great sacrifices our boys are making in Southeast Asia," said Secretary of State Clay Meyers.

B-Girls Told To Join Army

SAIGON (UPI) — The minister of labor on Monday told Saigon's bar girls to join the army.

Five girls, two in miniskirts and three with flowing hair and ao dais (the traditional Vietnamese costume) visited the ministry with musicians, bar owners and liquor servers to appeal for the reopening of Saigon's 200 bars, dance halls and night clubs.

The establishments were closed under President Nguyen Van Thieu's austerity ruling after the Viet Cong Tet offensive. Labor minister Pho Ba Long told the delegation:

"If you are really good singers and dancers, really dedicated entertainers, there is a good job for you in the psychological warfare department of the army."

"If you are not excellent singers or dancers then there are three or four labor centers in Saigon where you can look for work as secretaries and typists and we will do everything we can to help you."

The women, including a 17-year-old dancer and three singers, had said their families were suffering.

No Cure for Sleep

AVIGNON, France (UPI) — Police rushed Dutch tourist Hans van Den Boyvenz to a local hospital after passersby, alarmed at finding him unconscious on a park bench, were unable to wake him. Hans — and the doctors — were just a bit embarrassed when, hours later, he finally awoke. "I'm a deep sleeper," he explained.

Mobile Defense To Protect Khe Sanh

SAIGON (UPI) — U.S. troops are being pulled out of the once-threatened Marine base at Khe Sanh to assume a more "mobile" defense of the area, top military sources said Monday.

Khe Sanh, the scene of a prolonged siege by North Vietnamese forces for more than two months, is being reduced to a supply base for operations in the surrounding hills, the sources said.

In the siege of Khe Sanh and the subsequent operation to relieve it, 257 Americans were killed and 2,066 were wounded.

The sources said that to avoid a repetition of having Khe Sanh once again become a fortress under siege, the base, much smaller in size, will be defended by a mobile force ranging around the heavily jungled hills and valleys.

A U.S. spokesman denied reports that the defense of Khe Sanh would be turned over to South Vietnamese forces. However, top military leaders, including Gen. William C. Westmoreland, have said in recent months that more and more outposts along the Demilitarized Zone would be manned by government forces.

UPI correspondent Perry Young reported that except for the headquarters staff, the men of the 26th Marine Regt. were maneuvering in the hills northwest of the base. This regiment was headquartered at Khe Sanh throughout the siege.

The communist threat to Khe Sanh was far from over, however. It was learned Monday that a reconnaissance helicopter during the weekend spotted evidence of at least nine North Vietnamese tanks in the area.

Vietnam Casualties

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

KILLED IN ACTION

- Army**
- 1Lt. Paul L. Sawyer Jr., New Brackton, Ala.
 - SP4 Efrén Carmona, Casa Grande, Ariz.
 - Sic. Otto W. See, Barstow, Calif.
 - Sgt. Robert R. Thompson, Hanford, Calif.
 - Sgt. Bruce Tartarich, Van Nuys, Calif.
 - SP4 David A. Rosenberger, Orange, Calif.
 - Pfc. Leonard D. Erickson, San Jose, Calif.
 - SP4 Ronald M. Beeck, Miles, Iowa.
 - SP4 Clifford Bias, Lexington, Ky.
 - SP4 Daniel F. Reid, Las Vegas, Nev.
 - Pfc. John R. Plerini, Reno, Nev.
 - Pfc. Michael L. Farmer, Atlantic City, N.J.
 - Sgt. Lawrence E. Osborne, Peekskill, N.Y.
 - Sgt. Lee A. Bowden, Lumberton, N.C.
 - Col. Robert L. Tate, Gastonia, N.C.
 - Pfc. Lee A. Watson, Smithfield, N.C.
 - Cpl. Elmer R. Lindsey Jr., Columbus, Ohio.
 - Cpl. Robert L. Vandermaelen, Canton, Ohio.
 - SGM William R. McGee, Lawton, Okla.
 - Pfc. Harold E. Bonick, Newville, Pa.
 - SSG Kenneth A. Hardin, Texarkana, Tex.
 - SP5 James R. Chinn, Mineral Wells, Tex.
 - SP5 James W. Cooper, Houston, Tex.
 - Pfc. Faustino A. Trevino, Corpus Christi, Tex.
 - Cpl. Douglas L. Harrison, Roanoke, Va.
 - 2Lt. John J. Brady, Tacoma, Wash.
 - SP5 Wayne R. Lefebvre, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Navy**
- HM3 Harry J. Kordasiewicz, Kenmore, N.Y.

Marine Corps

- Pfc. Jimmie L. Jones, Cordova, Ala.
- Capt. Paul J. Montague, Santa Ana, Calif.
- 2Lt. Herbert T. Cross, Oakdale, La.
- Pfc. Richard E. Williams, Richfield, Minn.
- LCpl. Erwin A. Poff, Pierce, Neb.
- 2Lt. Charles H. Neel Jr., New York City.
- Col. John J. Enzina, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
- Cpl. David A. Aldrich, Gibsonburg, Ohio.
- Pfc. Paul L. Hutchinson, Philadelphia, Pa.

DIED OF WOUNDS

- Army**
- Pfc. Melvin Carrillo, Roswell, N.M.
- MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE**
- Army**
- Sgt. Philip L. Konigsfeld, Tucson, Ariz.
 - SP4 Leslie J. Lantos, Foreston, Minn.
 - Sic. Robert L. Taylor, Fayetteville, N.C.
 - Pfc. James R. Sanford Jr., Xenia, Ohio.
 - SSG David A. Parker, San Antonio, Tex.
 - SP4 Robert E. Cole, Dallas, Tex.

MISSING IN ACTION

- Army**
- SP4 Clifford L. Faull.
- DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION**
- Army**
- Sgt. Willie G. Wilson, Talladega, Ala.
 - SSG Darwin B. Ridenhour, Yucalpa, Calif.
 - SSG Emery N. Poirrow, Ashland, Me.
 - Pfc. Gene F. Collier, Baltimore, Md.

CORRECTIONS

- LCpl. Larry R. McKinney, USMC, Change status from died not as a result of hostile action to killed in action.
- Cpl. Kenneth R. Williams Jr., USMC, Change status from died not as a result of hostile action to killed in action.
- LCpl. Howard A. Strausbaugh, USMC, Change status from died not as a result of hostile action to killed in action.

Army Taking Close Look At Lightweight Helmets

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army is considering production of lighter but tougher helmets, the soldier's shade, shield, footstool and pillow.

Researchers believe titanium, a lightweight but expensive alloy used in some advanced aircraft, could provide the infantryman with better head protection than the helmets now made of manganese steel.

Sources say titanium helmets have stood up well in ballistics tests at Edgewood Arsenal, Md. Scientists there also are looking at several other materials which might be used to fashion combat bonnets.

Sources say studies have shown titanium helmets can be made as much as one pound lighter than the standard 3¼-pound helmet with plastic liner while giving the same amount of protection.

For an additional few ounces, titanium helmets offer substantially greater protection against head wounds, the most serious category of combat injuries.

The titanium helmet is still in the development stage but word about it has spread among some men in, or headed for, Vietnam.

Some soldiers, as well as parents of men in the war zone, have asked the Army whether they could buy titanium helmets out of their own pockets.

The Defense Department acknowledges that one unnamed battalion based in the United States requested it be allowed to test titanium helmets but was turned down because only a limited number of them have been made.

The Pentagon estimated that, compared with the \$4.35 price tag on the conventional steel helmet, titanium headgear would cost \$53 each. This estimate is based on a theoretical production run of 100,000 helmets, the Pentagon said.

Troubled Province Rises Up Against the Reds

QUANG TRI, Vietnam (UPI) — The balance of power among the Vietnamese civilian population in this critical northernmost province has swung dramatically toward the allied side since the Tet offensive, according to top American advisers here.

And for the first time, large numbers of Vietnamese civilians are actively opposing the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong.

This new sense of civilian urgency is most obvious here in Quang Tri—a sleepy provincial capital of 12,000—20 miles south of the Demilitarized Zone.

Several disorganized vigilante groups spawned at the height of the fighting have been molded into an impressive Quang Tri city home guard, encompassing more than 25 per cent of the population.

From a meager 236 members, the guard can now boast 3,338 active mem-

bers, men, women and children. All have roles to play. The men are armed in many cases. The women and children form an effective intelligence network throughout the markets, schools and streets.

"When a woman spots a stranger in the market she will report it. When a child sees a new face he will tell a policeman," says Robert Brewer, the province senior adviser, and it's proving to be effective.

"In effect, this is our anti-Viet Cong front," he said. "The guard includes Buddhists, Catholics, politicians and businessmen. By Vietnamese standards this is an amazing spirit of cooperativeness."

Though the Quang Tri home guard is the most vivid example of this new awareness, Brewer says other such incidents abound.

In the tiny hamlet of Lap Thach near the Marine base at Dong Ha, villagers

recently routed some 15 Viet Cong who tried to enter their area. The villagers first alerted their own Popular Force (PF) troops and then marched with the troops against the Viet Cong. In a couple of skirmishes, the PF's and villagers killed 10 Viet Cong.

"The entire operation lasted over four hours and showed excellent cooperation between the local population and military forces in the area," said Marine Lt. Col. Edward Hickman, the province psychological warfare officer.

In an even more spectacular incident several weeks ago, a PF unit north of Quang Tri routed a main force Viet Cong unit and killed more than 30 Communists. Brewer said a prisoner admitted his unit had suffered heavy casualties in that engagement.

Though the purely military aspect of the picture is encouraging, Brewer is

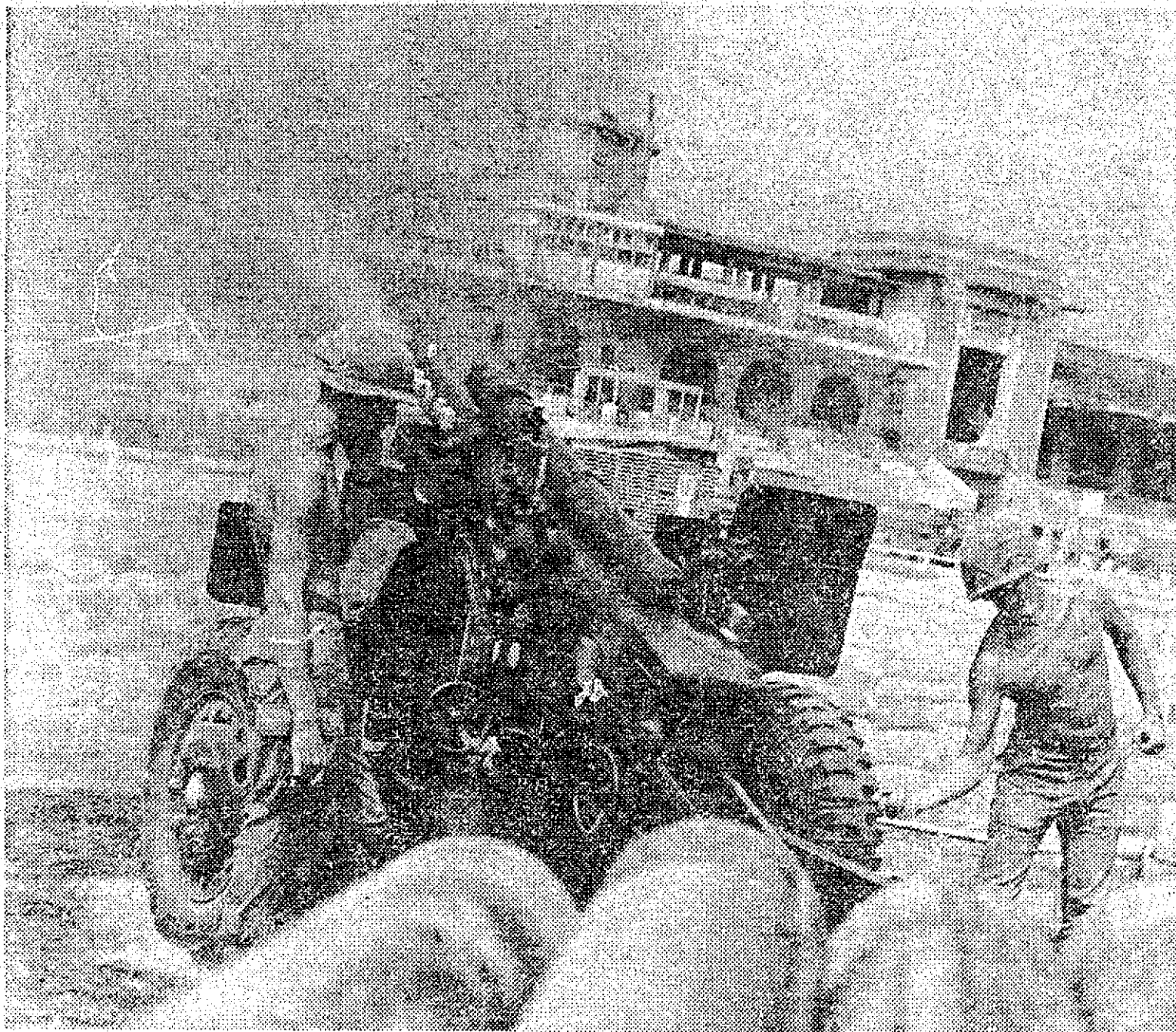
even more pleased with progress and cooperation in other spheres.

He can point out that Quang Tri leads every other province in Vietnam in the number of self-help projects not receiving one cent of aid from any allied source. Or that there are a higher percentage of cooperative organized farmers who have irrigated 1,600 hectares of land which had never before felt the plow.

A high Vietnamese official visited the city jail recently and complimented the jailers on having the best rehabilitation program for prisoners in the nation.

"Statistics do not tell the whole story," Brewer admitted. "They can be twisted to represent almost any point of view."

"Possibly even more important, I have a feeling for this place. We're on the winning track here. I can sense it in the people, in the officials. We have a winning combination."



Shells Race to Red Positions

A 105mm howitzer of C. Btry., 2nd Bn., 13th Arty., blasts away at Communist positions from a fire support base at the Phu Tho racetrack near

Saigon. The U.S. artillerymen were supporting troops taking part in Operation Quyet Thang around Saigon. (USA)

Basic Task: Keep Shoes on Recruits

CHI LANG, Vietnam (IO)—A basic recruit's feet hurt no matter where he takes his training.

But the biggest problem at the Chi Lang National Training Center, in Chau Doc Province, a part of the IV Corps in the Mekong Delta, is getting the recruits to wear their shoes at all.

"Most of these boys are from farms in the Mekong Delta," center officials say, "and you don't wear boots while tending the rice paddies."

But the recruits do learn to wear boots and undergo training about like that offered in the U.S.

Advisory Team 61, composed of 12 members of the U.S. Army, and headed by Lt. Col. William Phillips, senior adviser, works closely with Col. Thuy, center commander, who is a graduate of the U.S. Command and General Staff College.

"We don't just think," Phillips said, "we know the center is turning out some of the best-trained men in the world."

There are six courses offered at the center in addition to the basic combat training course.

The recruits fire the M1 rifle. Courses in self-defense are conducted by a Republic of Korea Army lieutenant and sergeant, who live with their American counterparts.

Movies and USO-type shows are shown two or three times a week.

Cam Ranh Orphans Get Help

CAM RANH BAY, Vietnam (OI) — The Protestant Men of the Chapel (PMOC) at Cam Ranh Bay AB are starting an orphanage for the 400 orphans living in Cam Ranh City.

Some time ago the group was looking for a project which would benefit the people of the city near the base, the home of the 12th Tactical Fighter Wing. Col. Nguyen Einh Bang, mayor of Cam Ranh City, indicated that one of the greatest needs was a home for the many orphans.

The mayor gave the PMOC an excellent tract of land for construction of the orphanage. Because of the scope of the project, it was decided to organize a formal board of directors.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Sam E. Brian, 53, Brownfield, Tex., 12th TFW chaplain, contacted the Rev. Sam James, a Southern Baptist missionary in Saigon, who agreed to accept the position of chairman of the board of directors.

3 One-Stars Get New Stations

WASHINGTON (S&S) — New assignments for three brigadier generals, George H. McBridge, William T. Gleason, and William A. Knowlton, all in Vietnam, have been announced by the Army.

McBridge, CG of the Army's support command at Qui Nhon, is going to the Aviation Material command at St. Louis, Mo., in late June. Gleason, ADC of the 25th Inf. Div., is being reassigned to the Army Materiel command here in early August. Knowlton, ADC of the 9th Inf. Div., is going to the recruiting command at Hampton, Va., in mid-September.

Engineers Fight Dust to Build Thai Road

By SPEC. 5 MIKE BOYD

S&S Staff Correspondent

KORAT, Thailand — Dust. If there were a way to bottle it, this area would have an export item second to none in Thailand except rice.

Camp Essayons, headquarters for the U.S. Army's 538th Engineer Bn. (Construction), 44th Eng. Group, is in the thick of the dust and, working with the Royal Thai Army's (RTA) 23rd Eng. Bn., is fighting the weather and mountainous terrain to build an all-weather highway connecting Korat with the Sattahip Deep Water Port Complex on the Gulf of Siam.

Commanded by Maj. Edward F. Clarke, Philadelphia, the 538th reports to the 44th Eng. Group's headquarters at Camp Friendship in Korat. The 44th is part of the U.S. Army Support, Thailand, numbering over 5,000 men involved in signal communications, engineering and transportation.

The 538th and the 23rd are working on the Korat-Kabin Buri Road, known as Route 304. The section to which they've

been assigned goes through the roughest terrain of the entire stretch. Civilian contract firms are also working to complete 304, their section primarily in the flat, rice paddy countryside.

Starting in the fall of 1965, the Thai and U.S. Army units moved in and started to clear out the jungle, their ultimate mission being to complete a road 89 miles long and 22 feet wide.

Route 304 is necessary for the movement of military cargo from the Sattahip port on the Gulf to the troubled northeast area and the air bases in-country. However, the road also handles heavy civilian traffic and will be a big economic boon to the area.

With its priority so high, the Thai and U.S. military engineers have been working night and day to beat time—to beat the weather. C Co. of the 538th works 12-hour shifts, seven days a week as do several other units. Double-shift operations are frequently maintained on the road itself and on all-important equipment maintenance.

Now it is dust. The workers go out there and toil for 12 hours in the hot sun, eating the red dust, the yellow dust, the brown dust and any other color that might go flying into their mouths. Low-flying clouds do not indicate rain or fog—it's a huge earth mover barreling down the bypass with some fill. The green countryside of luxurious, thick jungle is dusty, the men all have the same color hair, the same color skin. Dissections might indicate the same inside their lungs and stomachs.

Everything is done at rapid pace because the monsoons are coming and then the dust will be . . . "Instant Stop" or "Instant Slop, just add water," Soupy, syrupy mud bogs down the huge vehicles — 2½-ton trucks, earth movers, bulldozers. Wheels spin and/or sink.

Fill is a main item in the fight to build this highway. You have to knock down mountains with dynamite and bulldozers; then you move the former mountain-top down into the valley to make road grade more level. This job

is handled by the 538th and 16th Dump Truck Co. which is attached to them for this project.

It is not an all-military show—even in the mountainous section.

A road, of some sort, had been completed for some time all the way from Kabin Buri to Korat. Now the Army engineers are in the process of improving this road, widening, realigning and straightening out. Culverts and drainage structures must be put in and there are the numerous cut-and-fill jobs. All work must be done to meet specifications carefully laid out by the Officer-In-Charge-of-Construction whose headquarters are in Bangkok.

As with many other Thai/U.S. military efforts in this country, there is accompanying civic action to help the villagers and improve their way of life. The biggest is the new school recently started in Bankoke Sakaerat, a village near Camp Essayons, about 25 miles south of Korat.

When completed, the building will accommodate 400 students and cost about \$7,000.

LBJ Tells Hanoi: Quit Stalling

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U.S. chief executive and his Pacific commanders. The talks come against a background of an ambush in which North Koreans killed four United Nations Command troops near Panmunjom.

The United States, Johnson noted, has proposed four neutral sites in Asia for talks with Hanoi — Vientiane, Rangoon, Jakarta and New Delhi.

At the same time the United States has objected to Hanoi

proposals to meet at Warsaw and Phom Penh, the Cambodian capital.

Johnson said the United States wants "the earlier possible contacts" but preferred a neutral capital where both sides have diplomatic accreditation. Washington has no diplomatic relations with Cambodia while Warsaw is the capital of a Communist East European country — Poland — sending materials to Hanoi for her war.

Johnson stepped off his presi-

dential airliner at Honolulu International Airport to a full-dress military greeting ceremony and cheers from a gaily-bedecked throng of islanders. His flight from Texas took seven hours, 40 minutes.

In brief arrival remarks at the airport, Johnson pledged he will "do everything in my power" to end the war before he leaves office next January. But he asserted also that Allied forces have the ability to meet every battlefield challenge if this peace does not come.

The next move in a largely ceremonial first day for Johnson's visit was a motorcade some eight miles into the heart of Honolulu. The weather was warm and cloudy.

After a bit of speech-making at Iolani Palace in downtown Honolulu—the headquarters of Gov. John A. Burns—Johnson arranged to motor on another eight miles or so to the seaside estate owned by the wife of the late industrialist, Henry J. Kaiser.

Sutton Wins Appeal

NEW YORK (AP) — Willie "The Actor" Sutton, notorious bank robber and jailbreak artist of a decade ago, won a round in a battle for freedom Monday when a New York Supreme Court justice set aside a 30-year-to-life sentence he has been serving.

Justice Hyman Barshay directed that Sutton appear in court for resentencing May 27. At that time he could be given a term of from 2½ to five years on two violations of the weapons law, offenses for which he originally was sentenced in 1952.

Sutton, now 67, contended that he had been wrongfully sentenced as a fourth offender.

Sutton said the four-felony total included a Philadelphia robbery conviction at a trial where he was not represented by counsel. He should be resentenced as a third offender with the lower mandatory penalties, his attorney argued.

Sutton, known as "Willie The Actor" because of the many disguises he used during robberies, still is far from freedom, however.

Sutton faces prison terms amounting to about 50 years for robberies and jailbreaks in Pennsylvania.

Sutton was picked up in 1952 when Arnold Schuster, recognized him from a "wanted" circular and pointed him out to two policemen.

Schuster was shot to death 17 days later. His killer has never been apprehended.

Payroll—

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cooking up an evening's skulduggery.

"Get 'em where it hurts," chortled the lanky, ex-Airborne soldier.

The documents showed the money was the payroll of the 514th Viet Cong Main-Force Battalion, an outfit Emerson's men had been working on for weeks.

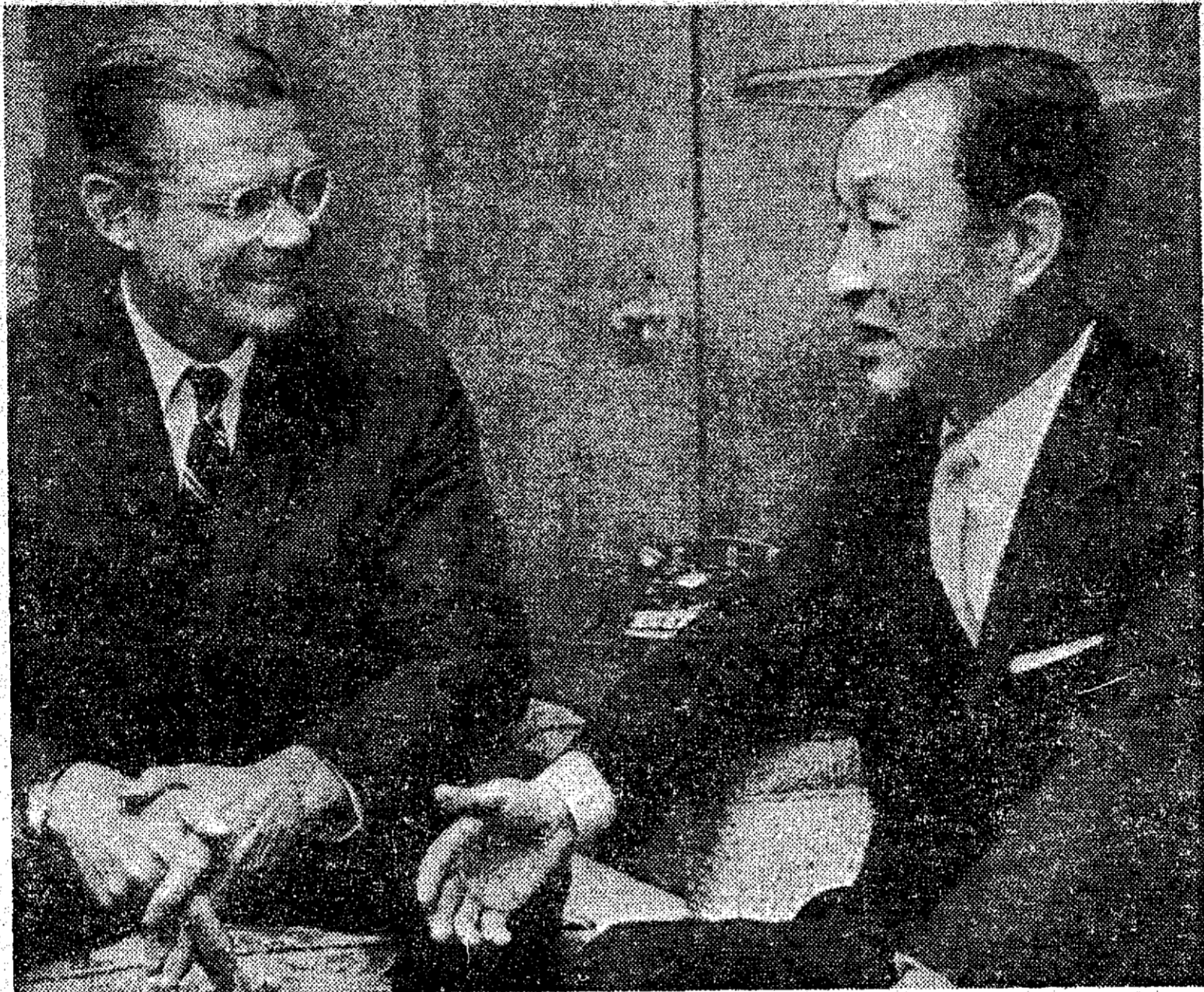
Before midnight, Emerson had a psychological warfare plane lazily circling above the Viet Cong's marshy hideouts.

"You're not going to get your pay this month," a Vietnamese voice boomed from the plane's powerful loud-speaker. "We killed your paymaster this afternoon."

Next day leaflets were prepared to spread the message and spread discontent.

"That's the kind of operation I like," beamed Emerson.

"Something hard. Something those guys can understand." Nine's commander put him in for a medal.



McNamara, ROK Deputy Premier Confer

Deputy Prime Minister Choong Hoon Park of South Korea meets World Bank President Robert S. McNamara in Washington. Park said the purpose of his visit was to seek more development

aid. Park also conferred with Secretary of State Dean Rusk, who pledged support to a "policy to continue the sustained and rapid growth" of South Korea. (UPI Radiophoto)

Horse—

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Carter grabbed Collins by the shirt and threw him over the saddle, then returned to the beach.

Once again, Carter pushed the bucking, swimming horse through the heavy surf to rescue and return to the beach with Lee.

The third time Carter went back into the ocean, he was unable to find Kelley.

Pakistan Tornado Leaves 200 Dead

DACCA, East Pakistan (AP) —The death toll from a tornado that struck the Faridpur district of East Pakistan has risen to 200, the government announced. Another 1,200 were reported injured.

Survivors spoke of boats flying through the air like seaplanes with people dropping from them.

Gov. Monem Khan of East Pakistan toured the devastated area to take charge of relief work and the organization of shelter for the thousands of homeless.

Conversation Shot

CHICAGO (UPI) — It must have been a real wrong number. Employees at O'Hare International Airport told police that a man conversing by telephone in a foreign language at the terminal suddenly drew a .32-caliber automatic pistol, fired two shots into the floor and fled, leaving the gun behind.

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Russ Link 2 Empty Satellites

(Continued From Page 1) longer than the previous one, but there were no announced significant differences between the two.

Cosmos 212 was launched Sunday and Cosmos 213 sent up after it Monday.

The Cosmos designation has been applied to a variety of Soviet spaceships, but the flight pattern of these two indicated they are of the new Soyuz type.

Cosmonaut Vladimir M. Komarov crashed last April 24 in the first manned Soyuz flight. Soviet space authorities said that the Soyuz type would be used

again after defects were corrected.

Komarov's death seemed to induce extreme caution in the Soviet space program. This could explain why a second remote-controlled linkup by unmanned spaceships was carried out before a new manned launch.

Reports at the time of Komarov's flight said a second manned spaceship was to be sent up shortly afterward for a linkup, with cosmonauts passing between the two.

The United States achieved

the first manned space linkup 2½ years ago. While that country was progressing in space the Soviet Union slowed down and lost its lead.

Tass Monday said unmanned linkups are "immeasurably more complicated scientific and technical tasks, in the opinion of specialists, than the docking of a manned ship with an artificial satellite."

The Russians have not carried out a successful manned space flight since Alexei A. Leonov took the first space walk March 18, 1966.

The space program here lately has shown renewed activities. Luna 14, an unmanned spaceship, was sent into orbit around the moon last Wednesday and indications have been given that the program calls for sending animals on trips to the moon to see if they survive, before sending men.

Moscow television showed Monday night the linkup and several operations. The television camera which took the pictures was on Cosmos 212.

The program commentator said the two spaceships came together over the Pacific Ocean. Cosmos 213 has the slower speed and seemed to wait until 212 pulled up and fastened on.

The earth, lighted by the sun, could be seen in the background.

Chicago Letter to Galt

(Continued From Page 1) saw him carrying the box to his car," Cherpes said.

In October, Cherpes said, Galt told him he was leaving for Mobile, Ala., to seek a job. Galt said he expected a letter from Chicago and asked Cherpes to hold it for him.

In February or March, Cherpes said, the letter came from Chicago. He said the envelope was thin and green, with a Chicago post mark.

"I was puzzled for a while where to mail it," Cherpes said. "I didn't have an address (for Galt). So I held the letter for a week, and returned it."

Cherpes said it appeared to him the letter contained a check.

When he received the letter, Cherpes said, he went to his file to look for Galt's registration card and found it. But when FBI agents came to him last week, Cherpes said, it was missing.

Cherpes earlier denied knowing Galt. He said this was because the FBI has asked him not to say anything about the man.

He said Galt was a natty dresser who always paid his \$27 a week room and board in cash, on time.

'Thanks a Lot For Dropping In'

CHAMONIX, France (UPI)—Mountain climbing guide Guido Franchino watched in horror as his client slipped and tumbled into a crevasse. He immediately lowered a rope to haul out the trapped man.

But the figure that clambered over the crevasse lip was that of another man — followed, moments later, by Guido's client.

"I'd been there for an hour when he fell in," the stranger explained.

Weather

Asian Weather Central
TOKYO AREA
Tuesday Night: Partly Cloudy; Low: 40
Wednesday: Partly Cloudy; High: 60

TEMPERATURES			
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Chitose	54	32	95 75
Guam	86	76	63 48
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Manila	91	73	54 48
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Albany	83	36	London 59 33
Albuquerque	73	39	L.A. 74 56
Amarillo	70	40	Louisville 70 57
Anchorage	39	31	Melbourne 70 59
Atlanta	65	55	Memphis 81 65
Birmingham	78	63	Miami 73 71
Bismarck	51	25	Milwaukee 63 45
Boise	68	36	Moscow 40 30
Boston	53	43	N. Orleans 81 68
Chicago	68	46	NYC 72 50
Cincinnati	68	54	N. Platte 63 27
Cleveland	74	52	Okl. City 64 47
Denver	68	22	Paris 63 41
Des Moines	45	37	Phoenix 88 52
Detroit	68	52	Pittsburgh 74 52
Duluth	36	31	Port., O. 49 44
Fairbanks	36	20	Rapid City 62 16
Fargo	46	30	Reno 74 23
Fort Worth	73	41	Richmond 85 45
Hong Kong	74	65	Singapore 88 75
Honolulu	85	68	St. Louis 71 50
Houston	85	71	St. Paul 41 34
Ind.olls	67	52	Salt Lake 65 27
Jackville	84	57	San Antonio 69 55
Jakarta	93	75	San Fran. 65 51
Janeou	44	33	S. S. Marie 51 37
Kansas City	61	44	Seattle 48 43
K. Lumpur	92	71	Shreveport 83 69
Las Vegas	60	47	Sydney 80 63
Little Rock	80	65	Wash. 86 51