

Mets Say 'Oops' With 24 'O's

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Park Talk Set

LBJ, CHIEFS WEIGH VIET

HONOLULU (AP) — President Johnson focused on Vietnam war strategy Tuesday in closed sessions slated with top commanders of the U.S. forces in the Pacific.

In advance of his Wednesday summit session with South Korean President Chung Hee Park, who is due in from Seoul late Tuesday night, Johnson lined up both the outgoing Pacific commander and his replacement for what the President termed a review of the Southeast Asian situation.

Adm. U.S. Grant Sharp, who presently runs the vast command from his Camp Smith headquarters near Honolulu, retires in July. His designated successor, Adm. John S. McCain, who has headed the U.S. Navy in Europe, flew in from Texas on Johnson's plane.

Also tapped for the session at the hilltop site were Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, peace envoy Cyrus Vance and Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force leaders of the forces under the Pacific chief.

Sharp's headquarters, among other things, directs the air strikes against North Vietnam which were curbed by Johnson
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4 Planes Lost Over N. Vietnam

SAIGON (AP) — Two U.S. Air Force F105 fighter-bombers were shot down over the southern panhandle of North Vietnam and two other Navy F4 Phantoms were lost when they collided in the air Monday, military sources said Tuesday.

One of the F105 pilots, Col. David W. Winn, 44, maneuvered his crippled Thunderchief 100 miles south over the South China Sea until he was forced to bail out at 18,000 feet. He was picked up by a helicopter within 12 minutes after he radioed a distress signal.

The pilot of the second F105 is listed as missing in action.
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London Bridge Sold

LONDON (AP) — London Bridge has been sold to an American buyer, a London City Corporation spokesman said Tuesday night. The buyer's name and the price will not be revealed until Thursday, the spokesman said.

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Memphis Strike Settled

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI)— Agreement was reached Tuesday ending the 10-week-old sanitation workers strike that brought Dr. Martin Luther King to this city, where he met death at the hands of a sniper.

The accord provides for a 15 cent an hour wage increase during the life of the 14-month contract, union recognition and a union dues checkoff system. It was the latter two issues that proved the main stumbling blocks to the agreement, hammered out with the aid of a personal representative of President Johnson.

Rev. Ralph Abernathy, who succeeded King as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) promised a statement later on the organization's plans for Memphis now that the strike has been settled. SCLC had committed itself to marches in continuing support of the strike.

Memphis City Council gave its approval to the agreement a few hours after negotiators for the city and the American Federation of State, County and
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Jubilant leaders of Memphis sanitation workers announce tentative agreement with the city to end their walkout. At left is Jerry Wurf, president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. At his elbow is T.O. Jones, local president.
(AP Radiophoto)

Form No.
36-23-36

BOSTON (AP) — The deadline for filing federal income tax returns has passed. And the flood of returns to the Boston Internal Revenue Service office included some unusual items.

One Boston woman enclosed 72,000 trading stamps to pay her \$72 tax bill. IRS officials told her to send along cash or a check.

Another woman tried to claim her two cocker spaniels as dependents. The IRS sent back her return and told her they aren't eligible.

But the tax men did not return a photo of a bikini-clad miss attached to a Form 1040 with the inscription: "You guys must be tired of looking at tax returns. Look at this."

Author Edna Ferber Dies at 80

NEW YORK (AP) — Edna Ferber, Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist, whose native America provided the background for most of her stories and plays, died Tuesday at her Park Avenue home. She was 80.

Her novel "So Big" won the Pulitzer prize in 1924. The story of a woman on a truck farm outside Chicago, it became a best seller and required reading in many American schools and colleges.

More than 40 years ago, a chance remark about a show boat led Miss Ferber to ask: "What's a show boat?"

The explanation intrigued her

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and she set out on a quest for background. She cruised the Mississippi aboard the James Adams Floating Palace theater. Out of this, in 1925, came another

best selling novel, "Show Boat."

Oscar Hammerstein II and Jerome Kern turned the novel into a musical of the same name, with its classic American folk song "Ol' Man River."

Most of Miss Ferber's plays were in collaboration with George S. Kaufman and included "Stage Door," "The Royal Family," and "Dinner at Eight."

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Saigon Area NVA Attack Indicates Delta Infiltration

SAIGON (AP) — A small patrol of American jungle fighters Tuesday was attacked by a freshly equipped North Vietnamese platoon a bare 23 miles from Saigon.

The attack reinforces intelligence reports that Hanoi is infiltrating regulars into the Mekong Delta in some force.

American officers report the North Vietnamese regulars engaged Tuesday wore standard green fatigue uniforms, steel helmets and new ammunition packs and carried the regular NVA AK47 assault rifle.

The NVA platoon attacked a small patrol of jungle reconnaissance specialists and pinned them down for more than an

hour before helicopters could pluck them from the lush jungle area 23 miles east of Saigon.

The Americans of the U.S. 9th Inf. Div. lost two dead and estimated killing a dozen enemy.

The clash strengthened the belief of American officers that NVA forces are coming into the delta and around Saigon in sizable numbers.

Until recently no regular NVA soldiers have been infiltrated into the delta, which was left as an area where the fight was largely between Viet Cong local forces and South Vietnamese regulars and militia.

Just before February's Tet offensive, however, intelligence reports began to trickle into allied hands that NVA regular sol-

diers were being seen further south than ever.

Most of the NVA regulars appeared to be integrated into guerrilla units. There were even the usual reports of friction between the northerners and the southerners in the Communist forces.

During the Tet attacks in the delta, one "pick-up" Communist battalion may have been used in the attack of Tan An, about 20 miles below Saigon. Although no prisoners were taken, the uniforms and equipment on the field indicated the NVA had been employed.

More recently there have been scattered clashes with uniformed NVA regulars and a handful of prisoners have admitted they were infiltrated from the North.



A 1st Air Cav. Div. trooper pulls a wounded Viet Cong from a bunker during a sweep seven miles south of Khe Sanh. (UPI)

Saigon Bid: Summit Before Peace Talks

SAIGON (AP)—South Vietnamese Foreign Minister Tran Van Do said Tuesday his government is proposing that the Vietnam a... hold a summit meeting before any peace negotiations are started.

Do said he had contacted the representatives of the other six nations in Saigon, but that none of the governments had yet replied.

Talkers Selected By Hanoi?

SAIGON (AP) — The announcement of two high-level appointments in the North Vietnamese government led to speculation in Saigon Tuesday that Hanoi has chosen representatives for possible peace talks.

The Vietnam News Agency (VNA) broadcast from Hanoi Tuesday the announcement that Xuan Thuy had been appointed a government minister and that Trang Quang Huy had been named chairman of the Cultural and Educational Board.

Analysts of North Vietnamese affairs here, judging by the title of the new jobs and the background of both men, speculated that Thuy might head Hanoi's negotiating team and that Huy might be its chief spokesman.

Thuy, 55, also known as Nguyen Xuan Thuy, is a former foreign minister of North Vietnam. He has wide diplomatic experience, including many trips abroad.

Huy, 46, was deputy director of the Central Committee's propaganda and education committee, also known as the propaganda indoctrination department, and was an alternate member of the Central Committee.

Not much is known about Huy other than his job titles and the fact that he was a member of a North Vietnamese delegation that visited France, Romania and the Soviet Union in September, 1965.

Reds Hit U.S. Boats In Delta

SAIGON (AP) — The Viet Cong launched their sharpest attack of the war against the U.S. Navy's Mobile River Force which patrols the Mekong Delta, military spokesmen said Tuesday.

In a brief attack Monday afternoon, Viet Cong troops hiding along the banks of a river 50 miles southwest of Saigon opened up with 75mm recoilless rifles on several ships of the task force.

Headquarters said three of the ships, including the flagship, the 328-foot barracks ship Benewah, were hit.

The Benewah and the USS Tom Green, a 384-foot tank landing ship used for logistical support, sustained minor damage. A 56-foot landing craft medium, a standard amphibious landing craft used to carry men or supplies, burned and sank.

There were no fatalities, but 14 U.S. sailors and four U.S. Army personnel were wounded.

"It's an old idea, to have a summit," Do said, noting that a summit meeting had been in preparation last fall, but had not taken place.

"We are asking the other countries what they think about a summit conference now that there are serious matters to discuss. But it's just a probe, nothing definite," Do said. The allies are the United States, South Korea, Thailand, the Philippines, Australia and New Zealand.

South Vietnamese President Nguyen An Thieu told the legislature last week he thought a summit meeting would be a good idea.

Casualties in Vietnam

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

- KILLED IN ACTION**
- Army**
- Cpt. John B. Hurtado, Sanger, Calif.
Pfc. Douglas D. McMahon, Sherman Oaks, Calif.
Pfc. Larry B. Jenkins, Starke, Fla.
Pfc. Willie E. Glover, Smyrna, Ga.
SP4 John R. Hendrix, Huntsville, Ill.
SSG Albert W. Warthan, Gosport, Ind.
Pfc. Ronald Davis, New Castle, Ind.
Pfc. James Miracle Jr., Pineville, Ky.
Sgt. Joseph R. Paulette, New Bedford, Mass.
SP4 Larry M. Wolpert, Saginaw, Mich.
Pfc. Robert J. Benson, Bay City, Mich.
SP4 Jack R. Reinke, St. Paul, Minn.
SP4 Jearl R. Patton, Lebanon, Mo.
SP5 Charles M. Dutton, Wellsville, N.Y.
Cpl. Raymond L. Dillon, Clay, N.Y.
PSG Jose Brenes-Escobar, Fayetteville, N.C.
Pfc. Gregory L. Littlejohn, Winston-Salem, N.C.
SP4 Raymond J. Johnson, Hamilton, Ohio.
SP4 Andrew J. Babyak Jr., Youngstown, Ohio.
Cpl. John Adkins, Bartlett, Ohio.
Sgt. Gary A. Rhodes, Aloha, Ore.
Pfc. Michael A. Snyder, Portland, Ore.
SSG Clifton Walker, Gallatin, Tenn.
Sgt. Jose S. Garza, Laredo, Tex.
SP4 Kinney D. Hobbs, San Antonio, Tex.
SSG Elmer W. Brown, Virginia Beach, Va.
SP4 Graham L. Mills, Portsmouth, Va.
Pfc. David J. Schultz, Kent, Wash.
Pfc. Michael P. McLaughlin, Seattle, Wash.
Pfc. Gerald S. Hansen, Enumclaw, Wash.
SP4 Jerry W. Dillow, Charles Town, W. Va.
Cpl. Michael L. Ransbottom, Huntington, W. Va.
SP4 Jesus A. Quidachay, Umatac, Guam.
SP4 Rafael Martinez-Santiago, Ponce, P.R.
- Marine Corps**
- LCpl. Ronald L. Frazier, Snowflake, Ariz.
LCpl. Kevin S. Mulgrew, Santa Rosa, Calif.
Pfc. Jeffrey R. Tharaldson, Sacramento, Calif.
Cpl. Donald R. Schroeder, Floyd's Knobs, Ind.
Cpl. Edward A. McGrath, New York City.
Pfc. Thomas F. Campbell, New York City.
Pfc. Phillip M. Kidd, Frewsburg, N.Y.
Pfc. Philip T. Lindsay, Philadelphia, Pa.
Cpl. James R. Redford, Ft. Worth, Tex.
Pfc. Ricky J. Marson, Pompa, Tex.
Cpl. Charles W. Garber Jr., Fort Defiance, Va.
- DIED OF WOUNDS**
- Army**
- SP4 Frederick R. Ohler, Garden City, N.Y.
- Marine Corps**
- Cpl. Juan N. Sedillo, McNary, Ariz.
Pvt. John F. Quattlebaum, Detroit, Mich.
- MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE**
- Army**
- Sgt. Ronald W. Burkhardt, San Mateo, Calif.
Pfc. Graf A. Keene, Polatka, Fla.
Maj. Adrian L. Del Camp, Leavenworth, Kan.
SP4 Ronald P. Schworer, Las Vegas, Nev.
Pfc. Charles L. Hatcher, Portland, Ore.
SP4 Frederick E. Love, Myersstown, Pa.
- Navy**
- LTJG Frank E. Hand III, Pensacola, Fla.
LTJG Brian J. Mathison, Des Plaines, Ill.
LTJG Stuart M. McLellan, Brunswick, Me.
AME2 Donald W. Burnside, Brunswick, Me.
AX3 Delmar L. Lawrence, Brunswick, Me.
AXC Donald E. Kutacz, Pompeii, Mich.
AE1 Donald F. Wood, Coloma, Mich.
- Marine Corps**
- AO2 William S. Cutting, Lebanon, N.H.
ADJ2 Edward O. Wynder, Bridgeton, N.J.
AT1 Kenneth L. Crist, Cincinnati, Ohio.
AX1 Alvin G. Yoxsimer, Findlay, Ohio.
LTJG Michael J. Purcell, Swyersville, Pa.
- MISSING IN ACTION**
- Army**
- Cpl. David A. Peters.
2Lt. Lee S. Adams.
WO Ronald G. Phears.
WO Joe M. Moran.
Sgt. John F. Plunkard.
SP4 Bobby J. Gravel.
SP4 Leo B. Gunning.
SP4 Robert R. Perrins.
SP4 Frank Herrera.
SP4 Mike R. Raspberry.
SP4 Luther T. Wilder.
Pfc. Donald B. Payseur.
Pfc. Steve M. Trivetpiece.
Pfc. Lenn C. Buehler.
Pfc. Joseph F. Gullung III.
Pfc. George H. Gilliam.
Pfc. Norman E. Small.
Pfc. Charlie B. Thomas.
- Marine Corps**
- Pfc. Anthony J. Pepper.
Pfc. Gilbert J. Adame.
- DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION**
- Army**
- Cpl. Kenneth J. Honek, East Grand Forks, Minn.
Pfc. Gary L. Burke, Richfield, Minn.
Sgt. Jerry F. Lentz, Hartington, Neb.
SP4 Kendall A. Stake, Albuquerque, N.M.
SP4 Stanford M. Gough, Portland, Ore.
Pfc. Dennis F. Hughes, Springfield, Va.
- Navy**
- BM1 Harold Tompkins, Lake Park, Fla.
Marine Corps
Pfc. Donald L. Perillo, Blue Island, Ill.
- CORRECTION**
- Cpl. Hans W. Brunner, USA, Change Status from died not as a result of hostile action to killed in action.

Khe Sanh Pounded By Red Guns in Laos

SAIGON (UPI) — The Khe Sanh combat base was hit with more than 300 artillery, mortar and rocket rounds in the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. Tuesday, a U.S. Marine spokesman reported.

The heavy pounding was continuing throughout the day Tuesday, according to Leathernecks at the base, with volleys pouring into the outpost and the surrounding hills every 15 minutes.

During the 77-day siege of Khe Sanh, North Vietnamese guns blasted the base with an average of about 200 rounds per day, mostly from the surrounding hills.

A Marine source said most of the incoming shells Monday and Tuesday were long-range artillery believed to have been fired from beyond the Laotian border only a few miles away.

The increase in the shelling of Khe Sanh came one day after it was disclosed that the number of American troops quartered at the base was being greatly reduced in favor of a more mobile defensive posture.

In a related development, the U.S. Military Command announced that the operational control of the Khe Sanh area had been passed back to the 3rd U.S. Marine Div. from the U.S. Army's 1st Air Cav. Div., which moved into the area earlier and helped lift the siege.

(Meanwhile, AP reported, new fighting broke out in the central highlands area near Dak To. North Vietnamese troops attacked a reinforced company of the U.S. Army's 4th Inf. Div., forcing them retreat to their patrol base. Nine Americans were killed and 48 wounded. North Vietnamese losses were put at nine killed.

(A U.S. military spokesman described the scene of the fresh fighting as "a potential hot area." It is in mountainous jungles 19 miles west of Kontum.)

ROKs Kill 33 Reds

SAIGON (AP) — Troops of South Korea's Tiger Div. reported killing 33 enemy Monday in two clashes around the Ma Ha Mountain about 280 miles northeast of Saigon. Korean casualties were described as light.

VC Stumbles Onto Death

DONG TAM, Vietnam (10) — Walking into an ambush is relatively common for Viet Cong terrorists operating here in the Mekong Delta. But stepping onto an ambush is another story.

One bumbling Viet Cong did just that when he tripped over Spec. 4 Jarald R. Schmaltz, 20, of Pompano Beach, Fla., as he lay motionless on the ground while on an ambush patrol with the 2nd Bn., 60th Inf., 9th Inf. Div.

Seven VC had entered the ambush site, including the one who stepped on Schmaltz. Another member of the ambush opened fire and fight was on.

While the platoon engaged the remainder of the guerrillas, Schmaltz took care of his intruder with hand-to-hand combat.

And He's Not Quitting

For Dan the War Is 20 Years Old

By BOB CUTTS
S&S Staff Correspondent

BAC LIEU, Vietnam — He's been fighting almost all his life, and, if this war never ends, he'll most likely be fighting all the rest of it. He doesn't know how to quit.

In 1948, Huynh Thanh Dan's father was a policeman in this near-seaside market city. The French were the foreigners in Province Capital House then, and the Viet Minh were the enemy. They dragged his father off a back street one night and tortured him with a knife for days before dumping his lifeless body in a gutter.

Life was hard for Huynh, his mother and three brothers after that. Huynh was all of 13 years

old when it happened, but he vowed he would join the Army when he was old enough. In 1954, that day came. Age 18, Huynh became Private Dan of the Army of South Vietnam.

Rifleman Dan was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 11th Light Inf. Div. and his company received orders for Dien Bien Phu. The next day those orders were cancelled — Dien Bien Phu had fallen.

The war was soon over, but not for Dan. In the next five years, Dan won promotions to Corporal 1st Class, and in ensuing battles with the new enemy, the Viet Cong, he won two Yellow Stars—the equivalent of our Bronze Star for valor. In 1959, Squad Leader Dan was

reassigned to a supply unit in Saigon and sent to the U.S. for quartermaster training.

In 1966, they got around to picking him for Officers' Candidate School, and Warrant Officer Dan emerged early in 1967 for reassignment to his old combat unit — now renamed the 21st Inf. Div., and headquartered in his old hometown — Bac Lieu.

It was an older, different Huynh Thanh Dan that jumped out of the helicopter into rain and muddy paddies on that summer day last year.

But still the same Dan who believed the Communists were wrong, and who was determined to fight it out to the end to prove it.

There was a weapons cache in there somewhere. Intelligence believed, and Dan and the rest of the Recon company had to find it.

There was more than that. A mighty fusillade of fire ripped into the soldiers 500 meters from the trees. When everyone had scrambled to cover behind paddy dikes, five men were already wounded. Dan counted two in his platoon. The company was pinned down by a volcano of rifle, machine-gun and grenade fire.

Dan asked for instructions on the company radio. His commander told him to sneak around the enemy's flank and attack from the rear — he had to divert their attention. At all costs.

It wouldn't be easy.

Crawling to the right, the 29 men, one by one, stood up and tried to run — through knee-deep mud. Two more went down in the hailstorm of steel. At last Dan had his platoon clear to the enemy's left. Crawling, inching forward like turtles in the mud, he got his men to within 50 feet of the preoccupied enemy gunners. They never saw him coming.

Maneuvering his machine gun, two BARs and grenade launchers forward, he waited for a moment of heavy fire — then dropped his arm. The platoon let go with everything.

Then, above the din, came a bugle squeal. The company was sounding charge. Dan stood up to lead his men in — and took a round through the left leg. He went down heavily. The bullet had pierced his calf, a clean wound that didn't touch the bone. Blood dribbled out in a widening, dirty red pool in the mud.

More than 30 VC had died in the charge that Dan's platoon led, and the cache was there — 120 automatics and rifles, with hundreds of rounds of ammo in a camouflaged bunker.

But the proudest moment for Dan was when, still hobbling at the head of his platoon, he was decorated with the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry at Division Headquarters.

It's been a long war for Dan, but he has no plans for quitting. "I'll go to retirement," he says quietly. That's age 55 in the Vietnamese Army. Twenty-two more years of fighting ahead for a tough little soldier who doesn't know how to quit.

A Duel in the Sky—Thai Kite Fighting

Story and Photos
By SPEC. 5 MIKE BOYD
S&S Staff Correspondent

BANGKOK — The skies grow dark even though the sun has not yet set. A nervous hush settles over the crowd. Eyes turn upward. Suddenly, there is aerial combat over the peaceful countryside of Thailand.

Whoosh! One warrior of the air dives to evade an attack. The people below scream and duck.

The scene is common in Thailand. Kite fighting is the talk of the day. In March and April, the warm, windy months, kites and their skillful handlers journey each late afternoon to open spaces and test their skills.

The center of kite fighting is Bangkok's Pramane Ground.

Best known as the site of the Sunday Market, this large field is near Wat Phra Keo (Temple of the Emerald Buddha) and the Grand Palace. Only two blocks away from the Chao Phya River, the grounds are popular for recreation — football, bicycle riding — and shopping.

March and April find the area crowded with thousands of kite fans and handlers. Some handlers are novices, others are seasoned professionals who

seem to control the graceful flight of their kites by coaxing the wind.

There are two main classes of fighting kites. First, there is the big "Chula". Pretty, diamond-shaped "Pakpao" is smaller than the five-pointed Chula and flaunts a starched tail.

Measuring five to seven feet across Chula's imperious size is awesome. It takes several men to launch the kite.

Pakpao and Chula symbolize the national sport of kite fighting although other kites, not designed for combat, are always seen in the skies. Serpents, owls, fish and faces decorate these kites. Even Batman adorns some kites.

All eyes turn away from the social, "fun" kites when Chula and Pakpao ride the winds.

Contests are controlled by the Thai Sports Assn. The tournament area is divided into two sections. Upwind, in the direction of the Grand Palace, is the area for Chula kite teams.

A Chula team consists of a captain, a handler or two — men who actually fly the kite — and young boys who run with the string, following the handlers. Orders are usually given on a whistle.

Chula's armament includes a number of "Champahs"—strips of bamboo formed into grappling hooks. They are spaced along the string at intervals specified in the rules.

Little Pakpao, about two to four feet in length, uses her flowing, starched tail as a snare together with a string loop. Pakpao's main weapons—offensively and defensively—are her speed and agility.

2 ICC Members To Visit Laos Area

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP) — Indian and Canadian members of the International Control Commission (ICC) in Laos left here for a visit to the embattled areas in southern Laos at the request of the Royal Government.

The Polish member of the three-nation commission refused to accompany the party. No reason was given.

The Indian and Canadian commissioners left aboard a Royal Lao Air Force C47 for Pakse. From there they are scheduled to visit Attopeu, remain overnight at Saravane, visit Laomang Saturday and return to Vientiane.



A young Thai gets his fighter airborne as he readies for a contest in Bangkok.



Age is no barrier to enjoying a good kite fight, as this elderly Thai proves while keeping a watchful eye on his airborne contestant.

GI Special Delivery Service

LONG BINH, Vietnam (10)—To the Marines holding a besieged fortress, and the Special Forces standing their lonely vigil on some isolated hilltop, or the soldiers on search and destroy missions in the delta, there is seldom a more cheerful sight than the billowing parachutes and the vital supplies they carry.

Often troops find themselves in areas of the country which are inaccessible by ship or truck; but they are not forgotten. Members of the U.S. Army's Saigon Support Command and the Air Force have teamed up in air drop operations designed to move critical supplies to remote troop centers.

The operation begins at the command's rigging unit at Bien Hoa, the 383rd Quartermaster Det.

"What we do," explains 1st Lt. Robert D. McEvoy, commander of the 383rd, "is prepare the items for air drop. We

receive the supplies and secure them to the pallets. Our riggers then mount each pallet with cargo chutes and line them up in the staging area according to the flight number."

When the 383rd gets the call for a specific flight number, they load the pallets on trucks and transport them to the air base. Members of the Army and Air Force load the cargo inside C130 transports. Following an Army and Air Force inspection of the cargo, the plane is readied for takeoff.

Laden with supplies ranging from food to ammunition, the Air Force cargo plane flies toward one of the drop zones (DZ).

The pilot and ground crew keep constant radio contact. When the plane nears the target, a smoke grenade is thrown by a member of an Air Force Control Team on the ground to let the pilot know where and when to drop in reference to the wind

direction. The tail end of the C130 opens. Once over the target the pilot maneuvers the plane into a sudden climb and the cargo slides out within seconds.

The Air Force crew returns to the air base for another load. However, members of the 383rd must follow up on the air drop.

"Sometimes we are called upon to provide a recovery team," said McEvoy. "That means we must get to the area of the drop, recover the parachutes and assist in the de-rigging."

If possible the recovery team will fly to the DZ and land in a small plane. If there are no landing strips, airborne-qualified members of the 383rd will jump after the cargo has landed to assist in recovery operations.

Suspect NKVD Killed Masaryk, Czech Reds Say

PRAGUE (AP)—The Soviet Union was openly implicated Tuesday in the mysterious 1948 death of Czechoslovak Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk amid mounting evidence that he had been assassinated by Stalin's secret police.

The Communist Party organ disclosed there was "very serious cause to suspect murder" committed by a

Bombing—

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Sources said the two Navy F4s from carriers based in the Tonkin Gulf collided southeast of Vinh, a North Vietnamese city about 145 miles north of the Demilitarized Zone.

All four crewmen parachuted into the water out of reach of enemy ground troops and were quickly rescued by Navy helicopters.

Sources said the collision was not due to enemy action and that the losses of the two F4s would not be carried as combat losses.

U.S. headquarters said both of the Air Force F105 Thunderchiefs were downed by enemy antiaircraft fire while on strike missions in the Dong Hoi area, about 40 miles north of the Demilitarized Zone.

They were the first announced U.S. warplanes lost in combat to enemy action over the North in two weeks.

Overcast skies spawned by lingering northwest monsoons limited U.S. pilots to 88 missions over North Vietnam Monday, compared to 143 missions the previous day.

For twelfth consecutive day, American bombers stayed below the 19th parallel and well south of President Johnson's 20th parallel boundary.

Over South Vietnam, Air Force B52 bombers mounted nine separate missions against enemy buildup, supply, service and recuperation area along the Cambodian border ranging from 55 to 59 miles north-northwest of Saigon and in the A Shau valley west of Hue.

Weather

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Wednesday Night: Cloudy; Low: 40s
Thursday: Fair; High: 65

TEMPERATURES

April 16			
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Bangkok	94	77	Naha
Chitose	57	43	Saigon
Coan	86	77	Seoul
Haiyuke	73	57	Taipei
Manila	91	75	Tokyo
	H	L	H
Albany	69	41	Melbourne
Albuquerque	77	42	Memphis
Amarillo	84	44	Miami
Atlanta	67	54	Milwaukee
Birmingham	70	48	Moscow
Bismarck	69	36	N. Orleans
Boise	55	48	NYC
Boston	45	43	N. Platte
Chicago	60	39	Okla. City
Cincinnati	58	38	Omaha
Cleveland	50	37	Paris
Denver	71	35	Phila.
Des Moines	69	31	Phoenix
Detroit	58	38	Pittsburgh
Duluth	63	28	Portland, O.
Fairbanks	36	14	Rapid City
Fargo	74	32	Reno
Fort Worth	75	42	Singapore
Hong Kong	77	66	St. Louis
Honolulu	82	71	St. Paul
Houston	80	61	Salt Lake
Jackville	87	66	S. Antonio
Jakarta	93	75	San Diego
Kansas City	76	42	San Fran.
K. Lumpur	50	73	Seattle
Las Vegas	83	54	Shreveport
London	61	47	Sydney
L.A.	66	56	Tucson
Louisville	58	48	Wash.

Moscow-trained security agent with the help of the Soviet NKVD. It urged Soviet authorities to "give us all legal assistance" in the current re-investigation of the Masaryk case. Masaryk died after falling from a window.

At the same time reliable informants reported that chief prosecutor Jiri Kotlar has received strong documentary evidence refuting the official suicide version and identifying Masaryk's assassin as Maj. Franz Schramm, a liaison officer between the NKVD and the Czechoslovak secret police who was killed by members of the anti-Communist underground.

The Rude Pravo article, obviously based on fresh information at the prosecutor's disposal, said it was of "supreme interest to know whether (then Soviet security chief Lavrenti) Beria's gorillas had a hand in the murder of Jan Masaryk."

Schramm was known to have been chief of an NKVD detachment in Prague at the time of Masaryk's death.

Survivors of trials against persons involved in the slaying of Schramm May 27, 1948, have expressed the conviction that Masaryk was pushed out the window on Stalin's orders because he refused to surrender his post as the only non-Communist member in the first government after the Communist takeover.

According to the sources, one of the potential key witnesses possessing detailed information about Schramm's role, former chief criminal investigator Dr. Zdenek Borkovec, has agreed to cooperate with the investigation commission. Borkovec was the first police official to examine the scene of Masaryk's death March 10, 1948, before the case was taken over by the security department.

Envoy Named To Philippines

HONOLULU (UPI)—President Johnson nominated G. Mennen Williams as ambassador to the Philippines Tuesday.

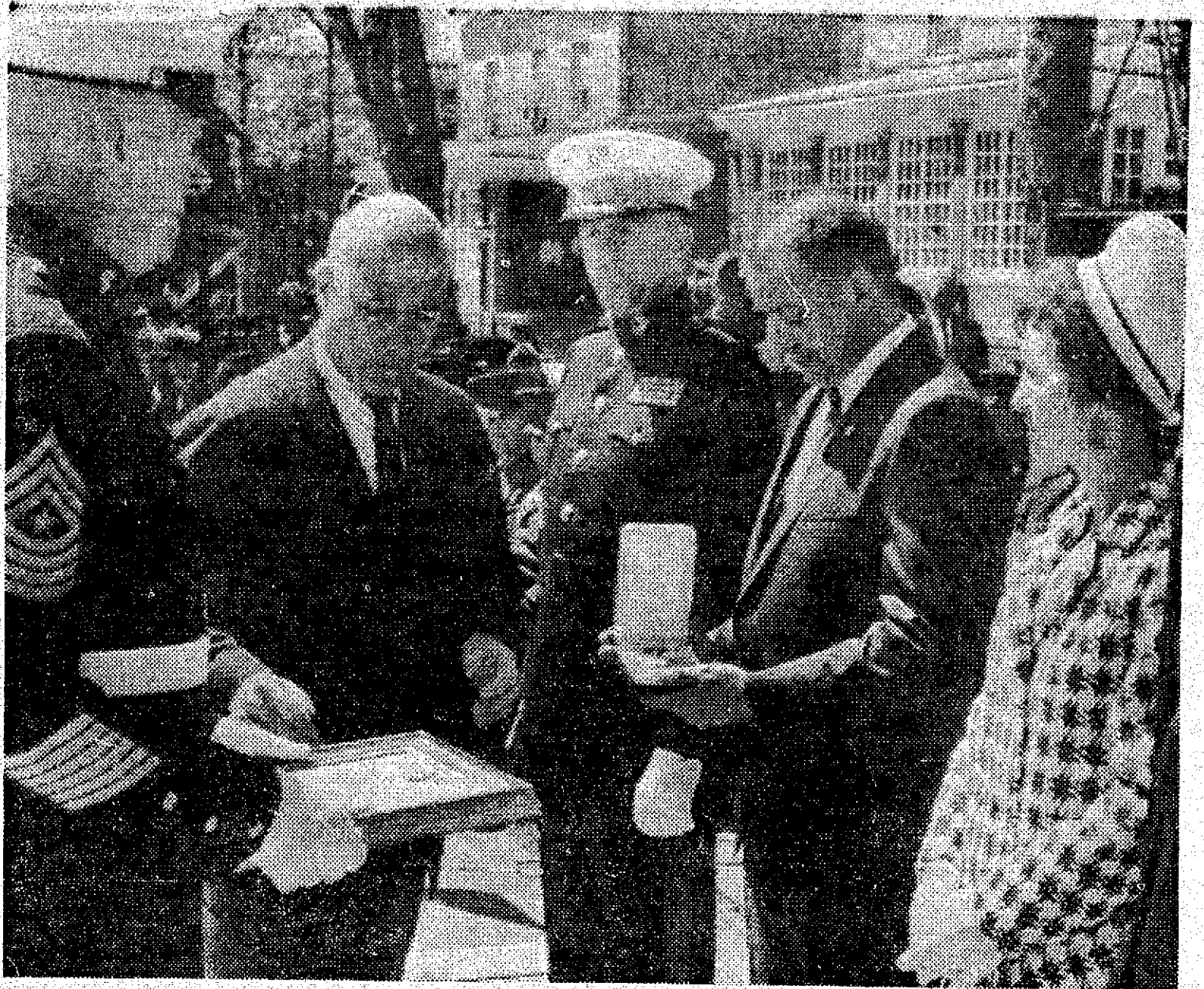
Williams, a former assistant secretary of state, will succeed William McCormick Blair.

Blair is returning to Washington for reassignment.

Williams, 57, served as governor of Michigan from 1948 to 1960. He joined the administration of President Kennedy as assistant secretary of state for African affairs, a post he held until 1966 when he resigned.

Girders Fall, Kill 3

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP)—Three persons were killed and nine injured Tuesday when steel girders of a bridge under construction collapsed. A fuel truck underneath the unfinished bridge on interstate 290 burst into flames when the girders crushed it.



Secretary of the Navy Paul Ignatius (second from left) presents posthumously the Medal of Honor to the parents of Marine Pfc. Douglas Dickey for their son's heroism in Vietnam. At the ceremony in Washington are (from left) Marine Sgt. Maj. Joseph Mangan, Ignatius, Marine Commandant Gen. Leonard Chapman and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dickey of Rossburg, Ohio. (AP Radiophoto)



AP Radiophoto
PFC. DOUGLAS DICKEY

One Life for 6 Wins The Medal of Honor

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Marines staged a full dress parade Tuesday as the Medal of Honor was awarded posthumously to Pfc. Douglas E. Dickey, who was killed in Vietnam when he threw himself on a grenade to save his buddies.

Navy Secretary Paul R. Ignatius, in conferring the nation's highest military honor on Dickey, said the 26-year-old Marine "reached the finest and most noble heights of human responsibility" in saving the lives of five other Leathernecks and a Navy Corpsman.

The medal was presented to Dickey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Dickey of Rossburg, Ohio.

Gen. Leonard F. Chapman, commandant of the Marine Corps, stood in review with Ignatius as the troops, including the red-jacketed Marine Band, took part in the ceremony on the grounds of the Marine Barracks.

Dickey was standing with other Marines in a clearing in Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam, March 26, 1967 when someone shouted "Grenade!"

"Fully realizing the inevitable result of his actions, Pfc. Dickey, in a final valiant act, quickly and unhesitatingly threw himself upon the deadly grenade, absorbing with his own body the full force of the explosion," the citation said.

Dickey had enlisted in the

Marines in April 1966. One of his brothers is a Marine corporal at Great Lakes, Ill.

Ferber—

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Drawing heavily on the history and inspiration of America, Miss Ferber's many novels included "Cimarron" in 1929, a tale of the early days in Oklahoma, "Saratoga Trunk," which had its setting in upstate New York of long ago, and "Giant," an explosive novel about Texas, which irritated some residents of that state.

One of her novels, "A Peculiar Treasure," was autobiographical. Published in 1929, she called it "the story of the Jewish family I knew best—the Jewish family in America that was my own family."

A native of Kalamazoo, Mich., Miss Ferber finished high school, then went to work as a \$3 a week reporter for the Appleton (Wis.) Daily Crescent. Later she worked for the Milwaukee Journal.

Investing \$17 in a second-hand typewriter, Miss Ferber wrote her first novel, "Dawn O'Hara." It was rejected so often that she consigned it to the furnace but her mother rescued it. Subsequently an agent in New York secured its publication in 1911.

She never married. She said the time and energy children would have required were spent instead on her writing.

Memphis—

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Municipal Employees disclosed they had reached an accord.

The city's 1,200 sanitation workers, assembled at Clayborn Temple, rallying point for the marches that have been held, were first to approve the pact. Their vote was unanimous.

The council vote was 12-1 with councilman Robert James casting the lone dissenting vote.

James said he voted in the negative because "the city is promising something that it does not have to give. We have promised these men a pay raise and where the money is coming from I do not know."

Ten cents of the 15-cent an hour wage hike would be granted immediately, raising some workers to a top of \$1.75 an hour and others to \$2.20 an hour, depending on the type of work performed. The remaining five cents would be added in September.

LBJ, Aides Confer on Viet War

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in his March 31 bid to get peace talks going with Hanoi.

There was no immediate comment from the traveling White House on the latest charge by Hanoi of U.S. bad faith in the sparring over where the ambassadorial talks should be held.

North Vietnam has made similar allegations before, and Johnson on Monday publicly

called on the Communists to shun propaganda and give a "serious and considered reply" quickly to the U.S. proposals for meeting at a neutral site in Asia.

Defenses against the Reds both in Vietnam and in Korea are on the docket for the two-man summit parley with Park.

The South Koreans have nearly 50,000 troops in the allied

force in South Vietnam and have themselves been the targets of terrorist infiltration from North Korea.

Johnson arranged to greet the Korean leader personally upon his arrival at Honolulu airport, then confer with him Wednesday at the private seaside estate near the Hawaiian capital where Johnson is staying.