

123 Die in South Africa Jet Crash

WINDHOEK, Southwest Africa (UPI) — A South African Airways Boeing 707 jet airliner with 129 persons aboard crashed and burst into flames Saturday night shortly after takeoff from Windhoek Airport.

Airport officials said at least 123 persons are believed to have been killed.

The known survivors included an Ameri-

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New Korea Flare-up

UNC TEAM FIRED UPON

S&S Korea Bureau

PANMUNJOM—The United Nations Command has charged that North Korean gunners fired on members of an UNC joint observer team near here Saturday afternoon.

The team was investigating a 3-hour skirmish Saturday morning in which one American soldier was wounded. It was touched off when an UNC patrol intercepted several North Korean infiltrators in the southern half of the Demilitarized Zone.

The attack on the observer team came while the Military Armistice Commission (MAC)

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\$100,000 Reward For Slayer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI)—Wanted posters no longer read "dead or alive," but rewards still are offered. The rifle slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., has a \$100,000 price tag.

That dangling enticement is one of the biggest reasons for hope the assassin will be located. It has enlisted countless amateur detectives into the massive manhunt for the suspect, James Earl Ray, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, John Willard and other names.

The man who gives authorities the tip that results in the apprehension of the assassin probably could lay claim to the money, but he will have to wait several years before the money is really his. He may have to

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Search for Arkansas Tornado Victims

Rescue workers search the rubble Saturday of what had been part of downtown Greenwood, Ark., for more victims of Friday's tornado which killed at least 13 and injured 270 others. Another 20 persons are missing. Lt. Gov. Maurice Britt said the state planned

to designate the Ozark foothills town of 1,500 a disaster area. The twister cut a 400-foot swath through the business section and leveled half the town.

(AP Radiophoto)

2 Babies In 4 Months

S&S Korea Bureau

SEOUL—An unidentified Korean woman has given birth to a 4-pound, 4-ounce girl less than four months after the birth of a son, it was reported Saturday.

The girl was born Wednesday, just 116 days after the arrival of the baby boy.

Dr. Song Bong Hong, associate professor of obstetrics at USOK University Hospital, said such a birth is possible in cases of two separate fertilizations in one month, but was "extremely rare" in cases involving a time span of three months or more.

Hanoi Propaganda Behind Site Stalemate, Clifford Says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Clark M. Clifford predicted Saturday that North Vietnam ultimately will agree on a site for preliminary peace negotiations "and the talks will go on."

"I think they are attempting to extract as much propaganda value as they can from it," Clifford said in discussing maneuvers over a possible location for talks.

Clifford, returning from a meeting with NATO defense

ministers at The Hague, told newsmen the same sort of difficulties surrounded the beginning of Korean war peace talks 15 years ago.

"I believe what we are going through is the kind of jockeying you go through in this sort of negotiation," he said.

As he did on leaving The Hague, Clifford implied that President Johnson's statement that the United States would go anywhere, anytime to seek Viet-

nam peace was too narrowly interpreted.

"When that expression was used, and when it was used since, I interpreted it only with the rule of reason," said Clifford, who has been a top adviser to Johnson on Vietnam policy for a long time.

"What he meant obviously was that he would go any reasonable place at any reasonable time."

Naturally, Clifford said, John-

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He Was Looking for It

LONDON (UPI)—An unidentified man tried to rob a London bank the hard way. The man rushed into the bank with an ax, jumped over the counter and began opening drawers shouting, "Where is it?" A cashier hit the man over the head with a metal chair. Police took him to the hospital.

Record for Year

160 Missions Pound N. Vietnam

SAIGON (AP)—For the second day in a row U.S. warplanes flew a record number of missions over North Vietnam for the year. But all of the strikes Friday were in the Panhandle, within the limits set by President Johnson three weeks ago.

U.S. Air Force, Navy and Marine pilots mounted 160 missions Friday, hitting bridges, roads, roads and supply points. It was the largest number of raids flown so far this year, exceeding the record 145 set only Thursday.

The pilots said they encountered light ground fire and evaded several surface-to-air missiles fired at them in the coastal area between Vinh and Dong Hoi.

The weather is rapidly improving over the North with the monsoon season ending, so U.S.

air strikes are expected to increase unless additional curtailments are ordered by Johnson.

Johnson, in a major move to encourage North Vietnamese President Ho Chi Minh to begin peace talks, declared three weeks ago that U.S. planes would not attack any targets above the 20th Parallel. The action spares the major cities of Hanoi and Haiphong.

Although Friday's 160 missions set a high for 1968, that is well below the all-time record of 209 set last Aug. 19 before the northeastern monsoons swirled in over North Vietnam.

No U.S. planes were reported shot down, but in its weekly release the U.S. command announced that as of Tuesday, 1,070 planes have been downed by enemy gunners — 823 over

North Vietnam and 247 in South Vietnam.

Another 1,002 airplanes have been lost in accidents not involving direct enemy action. The command also announced that 643 helicopters have been shot down, nine in North Vietnam and 634 in South Vietnam, and another 920 choppers have been lost in nonhostile actions.

U.S. warships, also in line with Johnson's de-escalation move, did not bombard any targets in North Vietnam, according to the U.S. command. The destroyer Robert H. McCard, in a mission that was the farthest north reported, blasted enemy bunkers and trenchlines inside the Demilitarized Zone.

The primary air raid in South Vietnam was carried out by the giant B52 bombers that sailed in over the clouds above A Shau

Valley with four strikes Friday night and Saturday morning.

A fifth mission was in the same general vicinity southwest of Hue.

The B52s have now carried out nearly 30 missions involving about 180 of the high-altitude bombers in the past four days against enemy forces in the valley.

A Shau, near the Laotian border and 30 miles west of Hue, has been a North Vietnamese Army stronghold since March, 1966, when guerrillas overran the U.S. Special Forces camp there.

A huge network of roads and trails has been cut through the valley by NVA engineers, making it a key infiltration area for enemy units moving in to attack South Vietnamese cities along the populated coastal areas to the east.

Bigger Call-Up Backed

SAIGON (AP) — Defense Minister Nguyen Van Vy said Saturday that general mobilization of South Vietnam's manpower would allow the allies to begin a gradual withdrawal of troops at the beginning of 1969.

He said such a general mobilization would have to be much more far-reaching than the one now proposed.

Earlier this month, President Nguyen Van Thieu said that if the United States requests a withdrawal of its troops, "We can agree to a gradual withdrawal beginning by the end of 1968."

Since that time, Thieu has asked the legislature for the power to call a general mobilization and the government has launched a program to set up local self-defense units around the country. Thieu also has announced a pre-general mobilization increase in armed forces strength of 135,000 men.

Vy spoke earlier this week of the need to increase armed forces strength by 268,000 men. At Saturday's news conference he said:

"If we increase our troops by only 135,000 men as originally scheduled, or by the proposed 268,000 . . . then there is a question of whether or not we can partially replace the allied troops.

"When the general mobilization law takes effect, it will give us not only hundreds of thousands of troops, but millions — including the self-defense groups that will take over from static, regular army units guarding the towns and cities and public installations . . . so the regular army can carry out fulltime frontline duty.

"Only by this means can our regular army replace a number of allied units and hopefully allow them to begin gradual withdrawal at the beginning of 1969."

About half of the regular South Vietnamese Army is assigned to providing security for pacification work in the countryside.

Anti-Red Rally in Saigon

SAIGON (AP) — The first of a series of anti-Communist rallies began in Saigon Saturday night. There were indications the demonstrators would parade through the streets Sunday.

About 1,200 persons, most of them a nucleus of government employees, met on a soccer field behind Saigon's Independence Palace to begin an overnight "discussion" of South Vietnam's stand against a coalition government.

The groups included psychological warfare, Information Ministry, and Army representatives, plus defectors from North Vietnam and Viet Cong ranks.

Included in the government clique were the director of national police, Information Minister Tran Van Han, and other ministers.

A government source said the rally participants would discuss South Vietnam's current situation now that negotiations to end the war are being discussed. He said, "Tomorrow they will do a lot of marching through the streets."

There were unconfirmed reports the march would go near the U.S. Embassy to urge the United States not to force a solution of the war that is unacceptable to South Vietnam.

An anti-Communist citizens congress was to meet Sunday morning at Saigon's City Hall, bringing together several political groups and organizations.

Mortar Kills 6 in My Tho

SAIGON (AP)—A Communist mortar shell fell in the Mekong Delta city of My Tho Friday night, killing six persons and wounding 21, South Vietnamese military headquarters reported.

One of the dead was a policeman and the others were civilians. Of the wounded, 15 were civilians and the others military or police personnel.

My Tho is about 40 miles southwest of Saigon.



Troops of the 7/17th Air Cav. Sq., 17th Combat Aviation Group, are dropped into a landing zone from a Huey troop-carrying helicopter. The 7/17th is one of those rare aviation units with ground troops for its copters to support. (USA)

Fighting Near Khe Sanh Kills 4 Marines

SAIGON (AP) — Fresh fighting broke out Friday near the combat base at Khe Sanh with enemy forces attacking U. S. Marines on a road-clearing operation and then ambushing a Marine convoy.

Four Marines were killed and 20 wounded in the action, U.S. headquarters reported. Damage to vehicles in the ambush was termed "moderate." Enemy casualties were unknown.

The fighting broke out when Marine elements sweeping along

highway nine were attacked about four miles southwest of Ca Lu. The Marines returned the fire with small arms, automatic weapons and the 90-millimeter cannon of their armored vehicles. They also called in artillery and air strikes to support them.

The heavy fighting took place a few hundred meters north of highway nine, spokesmen said, and at the same time a 12-vehicle convoy moving along the highway was ambushed as it

came parallel with the first action.

The enemy waiting in ambush positions opened up with small arms, automatic weapons and 60-millimeter mortars.

Another company of Marines was rushed in as reinforcements and the fighting went on for nine hours before the enemy force pulled back, headquarters said.

Ca Lu is about 12 miles east-northeast of Khe Sanh.

To the west along the South

China Sea coast, elements of the 198th Light Inf. Brigade, operating with the Americal Div., reported killing 25 Reds Friday eight miles southwest of Tam Ky. The U.S. troops overran the enemy positions and lost only one man wounded, headquarters said.

Farther south, near the Cambodian border, a unit of the U.S. 11th Armored Cav. Regt. Friday came under small arms, automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenade fire from an estimated enemy company in bunker positions. Three U.S. soldiers were killed and 20 were wounded in about five hours of fighting. A sweep failed to find any enemy dead.

Northeast of Tay Ninh city, cavalry elements of the U.S. 25th Inf. Div. opened up on what was described as an "area of likely ambush" and then swept through and found the bodies of 12 enemy dead, spokesmen said, adding there were no U.S. casualties in that action.

U.S. 'Sell-Out' Feared, Official Says

SAIGON (UPI)—Foreign Minister Tran Van Do Saturday said many South Vietnamese are "suspicious of the United States and afraid the Americans will sell us out."

Do said South Vietnam had received repeated assurances from the United States and from President Johnson himself that a "sell-out" was not in the cards. But he said it was difficult to convince his countrymen.

"Our people are also very afraid that Sen. Robert F. Kennedy will be elected as president," the foreign minister said. "They are afraid because Senator Kennedy proposed a coalition government."

A peace agreement based on a coalition government which in-

cluded the Communists would amount to "camouflaged surrender," Do said in an interview.

"So I hope that if he is elected, Senator Kennedy will keep the promise made by three presidents of the United States—including his own brother—to assist us in achieving a just and lasting peace, and not the spurious coalition suggested by the Communists."

Viet Convoy: Danger, Tension Along Route 1



PART OF A TWO-MILE-LONG CONVOY WINDS THROUGH THE PERILOUS HAI-VAN PASS

Story and Photo
By JOE MIKE MURPHY and
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DA NANG, Vietnam (PAO) —
Men and materials move three
ways in Vietnam: through the
air, on water or over land by
convoy.

Travel by convoy provides security and enables large amounts of men and material to arrive together, ready to function immediately.

Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Bn. 4 recently joined a two-mile-long Army and Marine convoy traveling north from Da Nang to Dong Ha. They were moving a well-digging crew, its equipment and a ditching machine to the Navy's Seabee forward combat base at Dong Ha. The equipment will be used to provide potable water and improved sanitation facilities for troops near the Demilitarized Zone.

The two-day journey along Vietnam's main thoroughfare, National Route 1, covered over 100 miles. The first day's travel was from Da Nang to Phu Bai, about 58 miles. During this part of the journey the convoy passed through the mountainous Hai-Van Pass north of Da Nang.

The pass is the highest point that Route 1 crosses between Da Nang and Dong Ha. It is also the most difficult point to defend because of the terrain.

As the 200 trucks approach the pass, tension increases. Less than a week before a convoy was ambushed here.

Another danger was the narrow bridges. The long bulky semitrailers had to go slow over these bridges, forcing the main body to stop frequently to stay together.

After leaving the mountains the convoy moved through farming country, twice passing Seabee units working on the road damaged during the enemy's Tet offensive.

Close to Phu Bai, damage to the civilian populace was more evident. Houses that once belonged to pro-Western Vietnamese were easily identified for they are the ones destroyed.

At Phu Bai the convoy divided. The Seabee vehicles went to the headquarters of Naval Mobile Construction Bn. 8. The Marine and Army units went to their camps.

The next morning the convoy formed early and began its journey north through the ravaged city of Hue and desolate farm country. By nightfall the convoy reached Dong Ha, 12 miles south of the Demilitarized Zone. Here it again divided, and units went to their camp sites. The journey is over.

Civilian Classes Set

CAM RANH BAY, Vietnam (IO)—The Civilian Personnel Office here is offering 11 courses of instruction for all civilians employed by the Cam Ranh Bay Support Command. The Central Institute Training will furnish instructors, lesson plans and the materials for the classes.

N. Viet Reds Were So Close GI 'Was Afraid to Breathe'

BIEN HOA, Vietnam (IO) — Five 101st Airborne Div. paratroopers drew a cautious breath north of here recently after 47 heavily-armed Communist soldiers passed within five feet of their listening post.

The paratroopers from the 2nd Bn. (Abn.), 501st Inf., were operating near a well-traveled jungle trail. Their job was solely to report enemy movement and locate possible ambush sites for the Screaming Eagles.

"We set up in an old stone building mostly destroyed by artillery," said Sgt. Darryle Endfinger. "We arrived at dusk and shortly after dark we could see 18 NVA regulars pass in front of us in the moonlight."

The Communists came within five feet of the concealed paratroopers. They carried heavy back packs, empty sand bags, AK47s, machine guns and grenade launchers.

GIs Give Girl 'Scholarship'

KHANH SON, Vietnam (IO) — A 7-year-old girl named Nguyen will start the first grade in this small hamlet near the DMZ thanks to a "scholarship" from the 9th Inf. Div.'s 3rd Sq., 5th Armored Cav. Regt.

A group of men from Headquarters Troop discovered that the youngster needed school supplies, such as chalk, a chalk board, pencils, paper and pens. After collecting \$12, the men presented the supplies to Nguyen's mother.

"We throw more money than that away on soda," one of the men explained. "Why not put it to good use?"

"They were so close I could almost breathe on them," said Spec. 4 Donald Flock.

Each time a Communist unit passed, Endfinger would report their size and direction of move-

ment to his company commander.

As the sun finally peeped out of the morning mist, the paratroopers packed up and moved back to their base camp.

GI Finds Booby Trap In the Seat of Things

PHU BAI, Vietnam (IO) — Several Marines have tripped dud traps and escaped injury, but it's rare when a Leatherneck practically sits on a live one and lives to tell about it.

That's exactly what happened to Pfc. Clyde V. Garrett, 19, of Houston, Tex., during a platoon sweep.

As elements of D Co., 1st Bn., 1st Marine Regt., moved through a village north of Phu Bai, the word was passed to take a rest.

Garrett nonchalantly sat down. Five minutes later the unit was ready to move again.

Just as Garrett started to stand he noticed he had been sitting on a trip wire. Two feet away, the wire was attached to a Chi-com grenade.

Terrified, Garrett gasped open-mouthed at the booby trap and froze. Another Marine noticed the booby trap and called for the squad leader. He told Garrett to stay where he was.

Ten minutes later, amidst the nervewracking gazes of the Marines, Garrett had had enough of "staying put."

Garrett slowly stood up, praying. The grenade failed to explode. He moved off as engineers destroyed the grenade.

1st Cav. Airlifts A Bridge

LANDING ZONE STUD, Vietnam (IO)—The 1st Air Cav. Div. demonstrated its capability in a joint Army-Marine operation here.

Using one of its CH54 Flying Cranes, the 1st Cav. airlifted a complete bridge from Landing Zone Stud to replace one destroyed by enemy sabotage on Highway 9, 4½ miles east of Khe Sanh.

The 11-ton, 30-foot structure was assembled at the landing zone by the 11th Marine Eng. Bn. It was the first time a bridge has been replaced employing this method in Vietnam.

Highway 9 runs into Khe Sanh but has not been used for the past six months due to enemy sabotage. It is being repaired to make ground transportation into Khe Sanh possible.

According to Marine Lt. Col. Victor Perry, commander of the 11th Eng. Bn., it is possible that other bridges along Highway 9 may be replaced in a similar fashion.

Marine Too Sharp for VC

A Vietnam Farmer Grows Booby Traps?

PHU BAI, Vietnam — It's one thing for a Viet Cong to think he can fool a Marine by disguising himself as a Vietnamese farmer.

But he's a dreamer to think he can actually plant a booby trap right before a Marine's eyes and fool the Leatherneck into believing he's a farmer tilling the soil.

One Viet Cong tried while a patrol from H Co., 2nd Bn., 3rd Marine Regt., swept through his village north of Phu Bai.

Pfc. Benney R. Williams, 21, of San Angelo, Tex., was the first man to notice the farmer, and he wasn't an easy man to fool that day.

Prior to the incident, Williams, who had been walking

point, had almost tripped two other booby traps.

Fortunately, Williams had noticed the trip wires and had his engineers blow the enemy devices. When Williams saw the squatting farmer, he was in no mood to take chances.

Williams yelled, but the Vietnamese pretended not to hear. As Williams approached, the

villager tried to conceal something in the ground.

Instantly, Williams fired two rounds over the enemy's head, and when the VC started running, Williams shot him. The engineers dug up the booby trap and blew it in place.

Hanoi Propaganda Stalls Talks: Clifford

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son was not thinking of going to Hanoi.

The defense chief said it was his view that only the United States and North Vietnam should participate in preliminary talks, but that once the site is agreed upon consideration should be given to participation by other nations.

He said one factor in the squabbling over the question of a site for preliminary talks re-

volves around the U.S. wish to meet with North Vietnamese at a place where allied countries, though not direct participants, might be able to send representatives to consult with the Americans during negotiations.

Asked whether Paris might be a compromise site, Clifford termed this "speculative."

Meanwhile, North Vietnam Saturday urged the United States to accept Warsaw for peace talks, "so that preliminary contacts between the two sides may start soon." But Washington said the Polish capital was not acceptable.

Hanoi's renewed insistence on Warsaw was made in an official Nhan Dan newspaper editorial which brushed aside 10 additional American-proposed alternatives as "unsuitable." It appeared at almost the same time that the United States was announcing it had notified the Vietnamese Communists that Poland was ruled out because it had provided military help to North Vietnam.

AF Jet Crashes in N.Y. Town

BAY PORT, N.Y. (AP) — An Air Force jet fighter crashed and exploded in a residential area of this south shore Long Island community Friday, after its two crewmen apparently tried in vain to maneuver it out to sea.

Several homes were damaged as the F4D Phantom jet came down and burst into flame. There were no injuries and John Barry, police commissioner of Suffolk County, said: "Thank God no one was hurt. It seems like a miracle."

The two crewmen, Maj. Lloyd E. Lewis of Apple Valley, Calif., and Capt. Robert E. McKenzie of Victorville, Calif., ejected from the crippled plane and landed safely by parachute.

A witness on the ground, Charles Behan, 19, said he saw the aircraft headed away from Bay Port toward Great South Bay, an Atlantic Ocean inlet. But after the crewmen abandoned the plane, he added, it veered back over land.

Doris Day's Husband Dies

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Martin M. Melcher, 52, husband of film star Doris Day, died Saturday after suffering a stroke.

Melcher, an independent motion picture producer and owner of two music production firms, married Miss Day 17 years ago. He was her third husband.

He helped Miss Day jump from a band singer to film stardom and produced a number of her pictures, including "Pillow Talk" and "The Thrill of It All."

Melcher owned the Daywin Music Co. and the Arwin Music Co. After his marriage to Miss Day he adopted her son, Terry, by a previous marriage. The son is now 25.

Assassin Suspect Put On FBI Most Wanted List

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Escaped convict James Earl Ray was given an extraordinary emergency listing on the FBI's roster of 10 most wanted criminals Saturday, intensifying the nationwide manhunt for the accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Ray, who masqueraded as Eric Starvo Galt at the time King was slain in Memphis, was placed on the list even though there are 10 fugitives already

Reward—

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share it with others. And he may have to go to court to get even a bit of it.

The Memphis City Council has agreed to underwrite rewards up to \$100,000. The Commercial Appeal, a Memphis newspaper, and the Scripps-Howard Newspapers, have offered \$25,000 each. City businessmen have pledged another \$25,000. The National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees has offered \$10,000 and at least one Memphis firm has put up \$1,500.

The offers stipulate the money would go to the person who gives "information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons" responsible for the slaying.

Any lower court conviction would be sent through a series of appeals and possibly new trials that will take years. If there is a final conviction it will be based on testimony offered by many persons, including numerous civilians who could all claim title to the fund.

This could lead to disputes over how it should be divided.

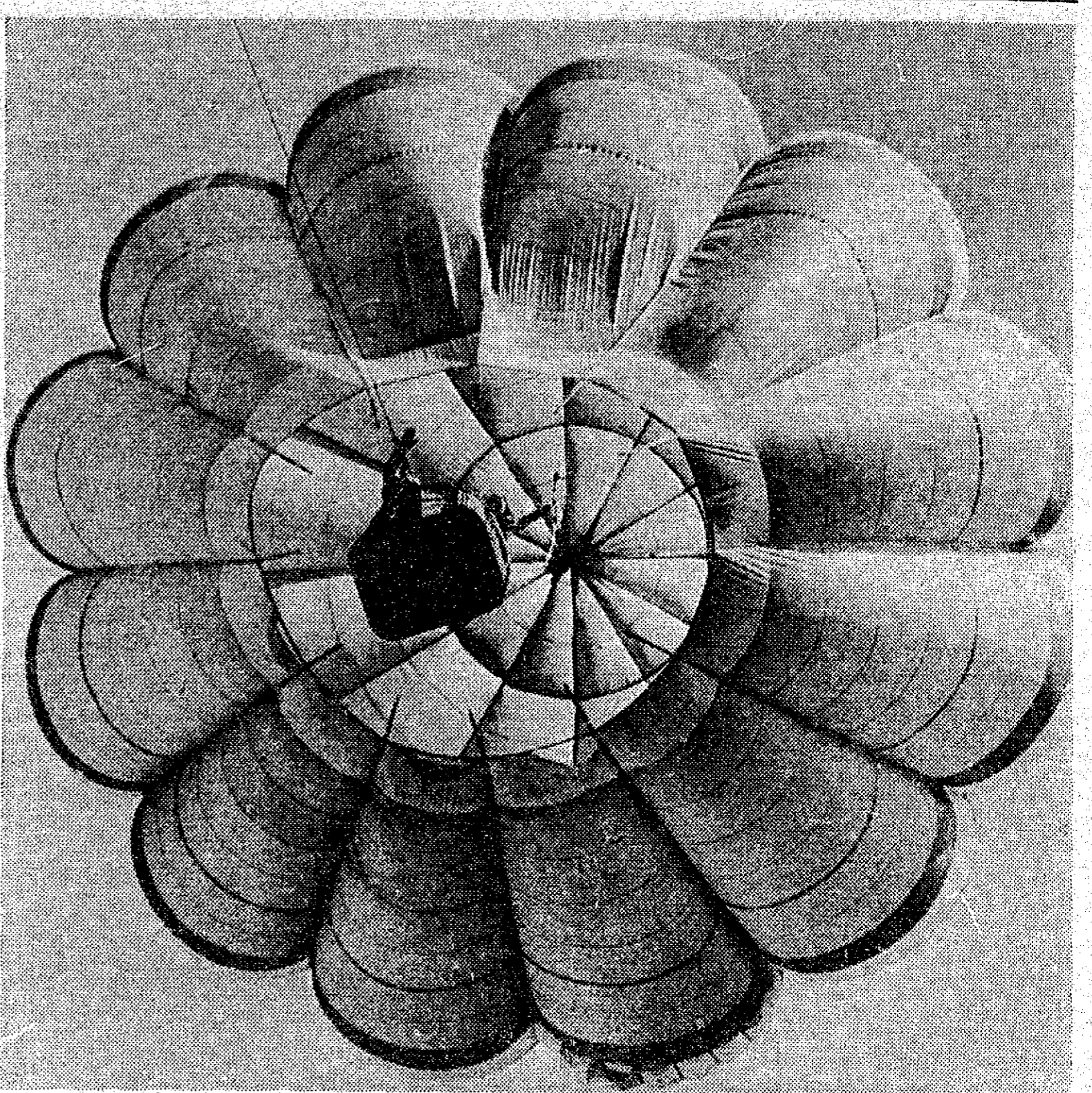
The four Memphis banks handling the money would likely turn it over to chancery court if there were a dispute. Persons who thought they had a right to it could file suit for all or part of it.

Wyeth Chandler, the city councilman who drew up the resolution guaranteeing the \$100,000 reward, said he thought the money should go to the person who pinpoints the murderer.

on it. This has happened but once before in the history of the 10 most wanted.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover decided to add Ray as an 11th most wanted to insure the widest possible dissemination of the 40-year-old criminal's picture and description to the police and the public.

In addition, a special alert was set up in the Mexican border area in the event Ray tries to flee the country. Mexican police officials also were said to be looking for Ray on an unofficial basis.



Hot Air Gets Them Off the Ground

Gilbert C. Lewis and daughter Marcia, 15, Lewis, of Elsmere, N.Y., bought the balloon, which he named the Golden Bear, from the son of August Piccard, noted French balloonist. (AP)

Airliner— UNC Team Fired On

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Witnesses said the airliner, on a flight from Johannesburg to London via Angola, broke into four main segments as it crashed into rugged terrain about six miles from Windhoek's J.G. Strijdom Airport.

They said the plane appeared to take off successfully, but shortly after it left the ground there was a "tremendous explosion," followed by clouds of smoke and flames.

Wreckage was scattered over a square-mile area.

Two babies were known to have died in the crash.

Officials said the plane carried 117 passengers and a crew of 12. The latest in the Boeing 707 series, it was put into service by the airline only 17 days ago.

Many of the victims were from Windhoek and scores of cars bearing relatives and friends raced to the airport immediately after the crash.

The pilot, Capt. E. Smith, was reported killed.

Phone Union To Discuss Strike

WASHINGTON (AP) — The executive board of the Communications Workers of America were to meet in Washington Sunday to discuss possible "new avenues to agreement" in a three-day-old nationwide strike against the Bell Telephone System.

The meeting was announced Saturday by Joseph A. Beirne, union president.

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was holding its 267th meeting, called by the North Koreans to discuss the morning incident. No casualties were reported in the afternoon flare-up.

In the morning clash, Communists pinned down the patrol with automatic weapons fire from across the buffer zone. Two wounded Reds were carried back across the DMZ.

Rear Adm. John V. Smith, senior UNC negotiator to MAC, announced the afternoon incident nearly one hour into the meeting. He called it a "flagrant violation" of the armistice.

Smith said the team was making an on-the-spot investigation of the morning incident when it was fired upon. The UNC had called for a joint investigation but no Communist members showed up at the proposed time, Smith said, for fear of "being caught in the act."

The admiral said he requested a joint UNC-North Korea investigation of the afternoon shooting "while the firing was still going on."

Smith charged the Saturday incidents were pre-planned by North Korean leader Kim Il Sung because of frustration over the success of Honolulu talks between President Johnson and South Korean President Chung Hee Park.

But North Korea's senior MAC member, Maj. Gen. Chung Kook Pak, smilingly branded the incidents as "absurd" and an "attempt to cover up acts of war against the North."

North Korea had called Saturday's MAC conference only two days after the 266th meeting to

charge the UNC with armed attacks on April 17, 18 and 19 when "Yankee aggressors" allegedly crossed the military demarcation line.

The South Koreans had announced earlier that an 11-man army patrol had been ambushed April 17 with three soldiers wounded and three missing. Smith charged Saturday that the Communists had crossed the DMZ to drag away dead and wounded South Korean soldiers.

The admiral said an investigation of the other two charges found them false.

Weather

Asian Weather Central

TOKYO AREA

Sunday Night: Mostly Fair; Low: 40

Monday: Mostly Fair; High 68

TEMPERATURES

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Chitose	55 30	Seoul	70 46
Hakaze	64 43	Taipei	75 64
Manila	86 77	Tokyo	68 47
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Albany	74 30	Melbourne	70 59
Albuquerque	62 34	Memphis	83 67
Amarillo	67 42	Miami	79 70
Atlanta	84 60	Milwaukee	40 38
Birmingham	86 60	Moscow	50 36
Bismarck	45 37	N. Orleans	80 60
Boston	51 36	NYC	70 45
Chicago	44 39	N. Platte	49 41
Cincinnati	70 49	Oklahoma City	73 56
Cleveland	60 48	Omaha	59 51
Denver	50 28	Phila.	76 48
Des Moines	52 49	Phoenix	75 37
Detroit	69 49	Pittsburgh	68 48
Duluth	45 31	Port., O.	50 34
Fairbanks	34 18	Rapid City	56 34
Fargo	59 32	Reno	59 38
Fort Worth	76 68	Singapore	90 75
Hang Kong	71 66	St. Louis	61 53
Honolulu	82 72	St. Paul	63 45
Houston	82 71	Salt Lake	56 30
Jackville	92 63	S. Antonio	81 70
Jakarta	94 75	San Diego	66 50
Kansas City	68 59	San Fran.	59 50
K. Lumpur	92 71	Seattle	52 37
Las Vegas	74 35	Shreveport	84 68
London	65 51	Sydney	72 62
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