

8 Fliers Hoisted From Red Nest

DA NANG, Vietnam (UPI)—Eight American airmen downed 19 hours in the midst of a Viet Cong stronghold were rescued Sunday in a dramatic, two-hour mission with U.S. planes firing on Communists within 10 yards of their position.

The Americans were aboard two Army "Huey" helicopters shot

down Saturday in the "Happy Valley," about 20 miles south-southwest of Da Nang.

Both choppers went down several miles from the point where they were hit, and the four-man crew of the aircraft were not located until the following day. None of the crewmen was hurt.

Two Air Force A1E Skyraiders

were first to reach the area. Piloted by Capt. Tommy Stroud, 26, of Waco, Tex., and Capt. Lyn Oberdier, 30, Toledo, Ohio, the planes began firing on Viet Cong positions.

A "Jolly Green Giant" rescue helicopter arrived within a short time. "He started drawing ground fire and he had to pull out while

we worked the area over again," Stroud said.

The helicopter returned about 10 minutes later, but again was unable to take a hovering position because of heavy Communist fire. Then it had to return to Da Nang for refueling.

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'ARVN Improving'

Clifford Foresees Troop Cut in Viet

NEW YORK (AP)—Secretary of Defense Clark M. Clifford said Monday South Vietnam's increased fighting effectiveness will permit a leveling off of U.S. efforts in the war and "in due time" permit gradual troop reduction.

Clifford made that assessment in a speech prepared for the annual membership meeting of the Associated Press.

It was his first public address since he became defense chief seven weeks ago.

Clifford said his assessment was based on results of a comprehensive review of American policies and programs in Vietnam, ordered by the President after the setbacks of the Communists' Tet offensive.

"The results were clear and the results were encouraging," Clifford declared. "They disclosed that Hanoi could not bend South Vietnam to its will by military force."

"We concluded the Americans will not need always to do more and more, but rather that the increased effectiveness of the South Vietnamese government and its fighting forces will now permit us to level off our effort—and in due time to begin the gradual process of reduction."

Clifford offered no timetable on possible American troop withdrawals but top military officials including Gen. William C. Westmoreland, U.S. commander in Vietnam, and Gen. Harold K. Johnson, Army chief of staff, have raised the possibility this could begin in 1969.

Reports from Saigon indicate plans already are underway to place more South Vietnamese troops along the demilitarized zone.

Clifford's speech echoed the theme he raised at his first Pentagon news conference April
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'68 Draft May Rise By 100,000

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey said in secret congressional testimony made public Monday that up to 100,000 more men than originally scheduled may be drafted in the 12 months starting July 1 "if the war doesn't get over."

Hershey said as many as 340,000 men may be called up during the next fiscal year even though the Pentagon budgeted for a draft of only 240,000.

He said the draft in the current fiscal year was scheduled for 285,000 men but a total of 345,000 will have been inducted by time the fiscal year ends June 30.

(The Pentagon Monday announced draft calls for 45,900 men in May and 29,500 in June. These will bring the total
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Saigon On Alert For Reds

SAIGON (AP) — All South Vietnamese Army units in the Saigon area have been put on 100 per cent alert because of intelligence reports indicating an impending widescale attack by the Communists, Vietnamese sources said Monday.

The intelligence reports said Communist attacks would be concentrated in the 3rd Corps area, which surrounds Saigon, and on the capital itself, and would be the same scale as those during the enemy Tet offensive 11 weeks ago.

American officials did not appear to have much faith in the reports. An American military spokesman said U.S. troops were on the same alert they have been on since the Tet attack. "We're just normal," the spokesman said.

Vietnamese sources said the alert for government troops would last at least until the end of the month. Vietnamese troops had been on 50 per cent alert since Tet, meaning that half of any given unit was allowed overnight passes. Now all troops are restricted to base.

(UPI reported more than 1,000 National Policemen made a lightning sweep through one of
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Defense Secretary Clark M. Clifford addresses the Associated Press' annual membership meeting in New York City Monday.
(AP Radiophoto)

Fugitive Takes Flyer at Florida Politics

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—A California fugitive, hunted from coast-to-coast on charges of embezzling \$510,000, worked the last week of his freedom as campaign manager for a public defender candidate here, it was revealed Sunday.

Thomas Nelson Truax, 28, was held in city jail under

\$100,000 bail awaiting a Friday hearing and was unavailable for comment. The candidate, R. Bruce Jones Jr., also was unavailable.

Jones' mother told The Associated Press she met Truax, then posing under an alias, when Jones introduced them last week at a meeting of the

Palm Beach Republican Club in the swank Sailfish Club.

"He introduced his campaign manager as Bob Clark," Mrs. Jones said. "He seemed to be a very good-looking young man, a very nice fellow."

Truax was seized early Friday in O'Hara's Bar by local police and FBI agents. He report-

edly arrived here March 6. "I think I know what this is about," Truax said when he was placed under arrest.

Warrants issued in San Francisco Feb. 8 charged Truax with embezzling the \$510,000 from the Association of Bay Area Governments where he worked as
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Volcano Erupts, Perils 3 Towns

ALBAY, R.P. (S&S)—Mayon volcano erupted violently late Monday spewing three rivers of flaming lava down the north-east side of her 7,000-foot cone and showering villages with tons of fiery boulders as thousands of villagers took flight.

The lava flows were reported headed toward the towns of Mallipot, Ligao and Buang. Population of the threatened barrios totals more than 15,000.

Marine Attack Kills 21 Near Khe Sanh Base

SAIGON (AP)—U.S. Marines on a combat sweep a mile south of Khe Sanh battled an estimated company of North Vietnamese holed up in bunkers Sunday.

The marines attacked, calling in artillery support from Khe Sanh. The marines said the North Vietnamese broke contact and withdrew, leaving 21 dead behind.

The marines lost one killed and 20 wounded.

Twelve miles east on Route 9 from Khe Sanh, North Vietnamese gunners rocketed the Ca Lu air strip, causing what was described as light damage and light casualties.

Ca Lu served as the launching pad for operation Pegasus, the combined Marine Corps-U.S. Army move which opened Route 9 into Khe Sanh and relieved besieged Marines inside the base.

Monday morning, U.S. Army Air Cavalry troopers killed 19 Viet Cong soldiers in an ambush 26 miles north northeast of Saigon. The cavalrymen triggered their ambush just after midnight when they surprised an unknown size Viet Cong force four miles north of Tan Uyen.

The ambush patrol called for artillery fire and the enemy troops broke contact an hour later, leaving behind 19 bodies and 13 individual weapons. The Americans reported no casualties.

South Korean Marines, conducting sweeping missions along Vietnam's South China Seacoast, also reported taking no casualties as they killed a total of 102 Viet Cong troops in seven separate actions Sunday.

The ROK Marines said they killed 94 of the enemy in five different ground actions in an area about 20 miles south of Da Nang. In addition, the Koreans reported, 40 Viet Cong were killed by supporting air strikes and eight others by artillery fire.

In Just 3 Months 18,300 Red Weapons Taken

SAIGON (AP)—The U.S. Command reported Monday that allied forces captured more than 15,000 individual and 3,300 crew-served weapons during the first three months of this year.

It said the total was enough weapons to fully equip the equivalent of the Infantry battalions of more than four North Vietnamese army divisions.

A North Vietnamese Army infantry battalion is authorized 395 individual weapons and 78 crew-served types.

The number of combat in-

fantry battalions in a division changes, but it is said to average nine.

The command said an exact breakdown by type of weapon was not available, but that most were assault rifles, carbines, light machine-guns and grenade launchers. They were described as "all frontline, first-class weapons." Many of them were reported seized still in packing grease and never fired.

"Many of the arms were captured in caches and had been

painstakingly infiltrated and carefully stored for future use," the command said in a communique. "Due to his lengthy logistical support system, much of the enemy's time and effort is devoted to solving his supply problems.

"Losses of weapons and munitions represent such serious issue to the enemy that specific personnel are designated in advance of a battle to do nothing but recover arms and equipment from the battlefield."



Going Back Kind of Chokes You Up

When you have a choice of walking or riding back to your base, the answer is obvious, even if it means a face full of dust. These

troops of the 4th Bn., 9th Inf., 25th Inf. Div., battle swirling dust clouds as their choppers land. (USA)

Jets Hit North With 151 Raids

SAIGON (AP) — American fighter-bombers returned in force to the skies of North Vietnam, the U.S. command reported Monday. They flew 151 missions, all of them confined to the area designated by President Johnson on March 31.

The deepest penetration Sunday was by Navy fliers off the Bon Homme Richard. The carrier jets hit four trucks along a highway 22 miles north northwest of Vinh. The target was 168 miles north of the Demilitarized Zone — two miles south of the 19th parallel.

The resurgence of U.S. air power was aided by a break in the weather. Saturday, a heavy cloud cover limited the number of air strikes to 94.

The 151 missions was the second highest of the year, approaching the 160 flown last Friday, before the clouds settled in again.

Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps pilots reported hits on communications lines, artillery sites and a radar installation. They also reported igniting three fuel dump fires and setting off numerous secondary ex-

plosions.

U.S. Air Force B52 Stratofortresses ran eight missions Sunday and Monday morning in the area of the A Shau Valley in South Vietnam. Their targets were supply and storage areas and fortified positions located two miles and five miles north northwest of the valley.

A Shau, a major North Vietnamese troop staging and supply site, has come under some of the heaviest bombing of the war by the giant, eight-engine B52s.

If They Call Up Women I'll Go 1st, Mrs. Ky Says

SAIGON (UPI) — Mrs. Nguyen Cao Ky, wife of South Vietnam's vice president, said Sunday she would be the first to volunteer for the army if women were called up.

Defense Minister Nguyen Van Vy told the press Saturday the government's plans for general mobilization did not include a call-up of women, though more volunteers were needed.

Brown Satisfied With F111A Jets

BANGKOK (UPI)—Air Force Secretary Harold Brown concluded a three-day tour of American bases in Thailand and said he was satisfied with the controversial F111A fighter-bomber.

The swing-wing jet began missions against North Vietnam last month, and two were lost during the first week of combat operations.

Brown said a decision to send more of the planes to Thailand would be made after certain tests are completed. Six F111A's were involved in the first delivery to Taklii Air Base 100 miles north of Bangkok.

Vietnam Casualties

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

KILLED IN ACTION

Army
2LT Edward A. Zager, Arcadia, Calif.
SP4 Patrick F. Scharosch, Garden Grove, Calif.
Cpl. Billy J. Brown, Chicago, Ill.
Sic. Daniel A. Branson, Eikton, Ky.
Pfc. James L. Parker Jr., Detroit, Mich.
Sgt. Donald C. Smith, Lawson, Mo.
1LT Richard A. Estrada, Minotore, Neb.
SP4 Ernest W. Smith, Hackettstown, N.J.
Pfc. Michael P. Pavlocak Jr., Edison, N.J.
SP4 Billie James, Farmington, N.M.
Sgt. Loyd E. Straloch, Willowick, Ohio.
SP4 Norman W. Tarpley, Columbus, Ohio.
SP4 Edward C. Beckwith, Honesdale, Pa.
SP4 Alfred L. Powell, Chesapeake, Va.
2LT John J. O'Brien, Seattle, Wash.
SP4 Dennis L. Kilpatrick, Colby, Wis.
Sgt. Hector R. Marin-Ramos, Fajardo, P.R.

Navy

HN George F. Myrick, Los Angeles, Calif.
HM3 Robert L. Dodswoth, Franklin, Ill.
SWF2 Edward C. Adams, Pennington, W.Va.

Marine Corps

Cpl. William J. Kratik, Culver City, Calif.
Pfc. Anthony A. Alencastro, Concord, Calif.
Pfc. Charles C. Crow, Bakersfield, Calif.
Pfc. Larry G. Hopper, Ontario, Calif.
LCpl. Frank J. Mastromatteo, Wilmington, Del.
Pfc. Dewayne King, Douglas, Ga.
Pfc. Douglas L. Long Jr., Savannah, Ga.
Pvt. Stanley J. Micholowicz, Chicago, Ill.
Pfc. Jerry A. Sipes, Albemarle, N.C.
Pvt. Steven E. Taylor, Portland, Ore.
GYSgt. James R. McClelland, Irwin, Pa.

DIED OF WOUNDS

Army
BM1 Louis C. Schlote, Fort Bragg, Calif.
Marine Corps
2LT Thomas B. Ferguson, Rumford, Maine.
Sgt. Edwin D. Connell, Hickory, N.C.
Pfc. Allen G. Mack, Allentown, Pa.

MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE

Army
LTC Joseph P. Seymour, Tallahassee, Fla.
WO John F. Fitzgerald, Norwood, Mass.

Pfc. Lawrence A. Swanguarim, Saint Louis, Mo.
SP4 Stanley Spikes, Pleasantville, N.J.
SP5 Harold A. Tharp Jr., Alamogordo, N.M.

2LT Lee S. Adams, Pottstown, Pa.
Pfc. Ronald D. Sparks, Rich Creek, Va.

Navy
LCDR Michael W. Wallace, La Jolla, Calif.

MISSING IN ACTION

Army
SP4 Robert Fritsche Jr.
SP4 Lauren D. Huerd.
Pfc. Peter Y. Clow.
Pfc. Douglas R. Heath.
Pfc. Edward A. Rhode.
Pfc. Steven D. Smith.

Air Force
Capt. John W. Held.

MISSING TO CAPTURED

Navy
LCDR Claude D. Clower.
LTJG Walter "O" Estes II.
LTJG Theodore G. Stier.
LTJG James E. Teague.

DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

Army
SP5 Melvin B. Brown, Washington, D.C.
SP4 James E. Young, Brownsville, Tenn.

Navy
HN Richard J. Smith, Redondo Beach, Calif.

Marine Corps

Capt. Bruce E. McMillan, Novato, Calif.
2LT John P. Holden II, Pensacola, Fla.
LCpl. Michael G. Demarco, Albany, N.Y.
Pfc. David P. Anderson, Westfield, N.Y.
Pfc. Dennis R. Davidson, Dayton, Ohio.
Cpl. John A. Nixon, Arlington, Va.

MISSING TO DEAD—NON HOSTILE

Army
Sic. Crecencia Cardoso, San Antonio, Tex.
WO Robert N. Wright, Seattle, Wash.

Navy
FA Robert J. Cordova, Pueblo, Colo.

MISSING NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

Army
Maj. George Quamo.
Navy
Cdr. Frederick H. Whittemore.

CORRECTIONS

Cpl. Marvin W. Bowen, USMC, Change status from died of wounds to died not as a result of hostile action.
SP4 Luis B. Campos, USA, Change status from killed in action to died not as a result of hostile action.

155s Help Smash Week-Long Attack

PHU LOI, Vietnam (IO)—While directing fire from bunkers, manning 155mm howitzers or carrying ammo, the American soldiers of an artillery battery rarely see the battle.

A week-long battle to save a city 20 miles north of Saigon attacked by the Communists recently was another unseen battle to those of C Btry., 1st Bn., 27th Arty.—except the humping was heavier, the firing hotter and the hours longer.

Elements of two Viet Cong battalions, reinforced by North Vietnamese regulars, made a coordinated drive on the city of Phu Cuong, capital of Binh Duong province. The Communist plan was to make two simultaneous pushes from the north and south to meet at province headquarters. But the northern Red forces played hide and seek with 155mm high explosive rounds and lost — the drive never got off the ground.

From the nearby village of Ba Lua

friendly agents reported that the enemy soldiers ran from bunker to bunker trying to outrun the 155mm rounds but the 155s stayed right on top of them. "Many Communists were killed by the artillery", said Col. Ly Tong Ba, Binh Duong province chief.

During this critical week persistence by allied artillery and infantry crippled the Communist attack. The Vietnamese and American infantry stayed right on the Reds' backs and the artillery kept right on target.

C Btry. fire direction chief, Sgt. Dan J. Borgmeyer, St. Charles, Mo., told of the "danger close" firing. "Shooting so close to friendly troops we had to keep using the base piece (howitzer at the battery's center). We couldn't switch or we'd have to drop off (stop firing) and let the air observer adjust our fire. This would have wasted precious time which could have given the VC time to get in on our men . . . firing had to be continuous."

The same day of the initial attack on Phu Cuong, C Btry. opened fire on enemy positions near An My, a village a few miles north of the capital city. Element of the 1st Inf. Div. had run into heavy Communist resistance while sweeping the area.

For three solid days the 155s pounded this enemy strongpoint. After the devastating artillery fire, air strikes and infantry sweeps there were many enemy dead, a network of fortifications destroyed and a large cache of enemy weapons, ammunition and supplies captured.

To Sgt. William C. Kammerer and his men who manned the base piece, the fierce fighting called for constant firing. "We were loading the howitzer tubes right from truck loads of ammo", said Kammerer, from Upper Darby, Pa.

During the week, C Btry. shifted its fire back and forth—firing on Communists who threatened Phu Cuong, An My and hamlets in the area. The artillery-

men shattered the enemy in outlying areas and supported Phu Cuong. To do this they often fired two different missions at the same time.

The Americans turned nights into days by firing hundreds of rounds of illumination over the province capital. The illumination, bright enough to be the city's street lights, helped Vietnamese soldiers expel two black-clad companies of Viet Cong.

According to Ba, the surprise Communist attack on Phu Cuong was nipped in the bud because probing by Vietnamese infantry, information from villagers and intelligence reports all uncovered enemy positions and the artillery then hit the Communists hard.

The men of the 155mm howitzer battery didn't recall the week of firing as being unusual except that they were "real tired". The artillerymen had returned to base camp for a rest after 45 days of firing in the field. But there was no rest.

Villagers Keeping Roads Safe

CHU LAI, Vietnam (IO) — "It's one thing to clear a stretch of road of mines and booby traps, but it's another to get local people to chip in and help find them," said a civil affairs officer from Americal Div.'s 196th Inf. Brigade.

Capt. George Hamm, of Daniels, W. Va., was obviously proud of the progress being made since he teamed up with a psychological operations team to clear the roads.

The plan was simple enough. Through leaflets, loudspeakers and informal gab sessions, the word was spread that dud rounds, enemy mines or booby traps and weapons were worth money to the villagers.

"At first it all seemed useless since it was once a heavily VC controlled area," said Hamm. "Then one day, a little boy came to the gate and led us to two camouflaged mortar rounds."

Although the piaster payment isn't a large amount, it is a nice amount which can add up for a big find.



Hot Shower for the Enemy

Paratroopers of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Div., pour hot lead on dug-in North Vietnamese troops north of Phu Bai during Operation

Carentan II. The GIs are from the 2nd Bn. (Abn.), 327th Inf. (USA Photo by Spec. 5 Richard McLaughlin)

Paratroopers Battle the 'Black Death'

PHUOC VINH, Vietnam (IO) — In three days here recently, 1,200 Vietnamese civilians received plague inoculations in the first phase of a massive cooperative South Vietnam-U.S. Army medical offensive against the "Black Death."

"In the important first stages, we began with the easiest people to get to—the civilian workers here on post and children in the elementary and high schools in the village," said Maj. James S. Brewer, Colorado Springs, Colo., supervisor of the civil affairs section of the 101st Airborne Div.'s 3rd Brigade.

He emphasized that the program itself was being administered by Vietnamese medical technicians employed by the South Vietnamese government. They are assisted by medical personnel from the MACV staff here and C Co. paratroopers from the 101st's 326th Medical Bn. (Abn.).

"We are giving them every kind of transportation, communications and equipment help that we can," Brewer said. "Our troops are also providing securi-

ty for the missions into outlying villages and hamlets."

The civil affairs officer said between 3,000 and 4,000 persons in a five-mile radius around the 3rd Brigade base camp will receive inoculations against the dread disease in the three weeks following the start of the program.

The medical offensive by the Vietnamese and Americans is timed to anticipate the monsoon season in central Vietnam, when daily torrential rains send streams of water everywhere

and greatly heighten the danger of the disease.

"Bubonic or black plague derives from the rat flea," said Lt. Dennis W. Buche, Arma, Kan., a paratrooper registered nurse attached to the 326th Med. Bn. "It is most dangerous when large numbers of rats die and their fleas seek other organisms to live on."

Buche was preparing syringes of plague serum for Mr. Ong Huynh and Miss Co Cuc, medical technicians at the dispensary here, as they were inoculating Vietnamese elementary school

children at a school near the post.

Brewer said the first inoculations began within four days after leaflet drops and airplane broadcasts supervised by Lt. Dale A. Kelley, Chico, Calif., of the 6th Psychological Operations Bn. Kelley is presently attached to the 101st's 3rd Brigade.

"At this school, for instance, we made the instruction on the spots on Monday and gave them the following Wednesday," Brewer said. "With the Vietnamese leading the program, it's an easy thing."

Huge Enemy Base Camp Destroyed

LAI KHE, Vietnam (IO) — First Inf. Div. forces recently located an extensive enemy base camp about seven miles northwest of Lai Khe.

Elements of the 1st Bn., 18th Inf., conducting a reconnaissance in force, came upon the huge enemy stronghold which had been in operation until the day before the find. It contained 19 large bunkers and 50 smaller

bunkers believed to be between one and two years old.

Among the facilities housed in the bunkers were two mess halls in which five stoves and more than 400 pots and pans were stored and billeting bunkers capable of sleeping 50 men.

Other items found in the base camps were 20 fighting positions, 11 bundles of tin roofing, 75 pounds of clothing and an area about 39 feet square sur-

rounded by an eight-foot barbed-wire fence. Numerous enemy documents were located and taken to Lai Khe for interpretation and evaluation.

Tunnels and lined gravel walkways connected the sections of the bunker complex.

The 1st Bn. partially destroyed the base camp and eight-inch artillery rounds finished the job.

Warn GIs On Black Marketing

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON — The U.S. command here in a pamphlet distributed to troops throughout the country cautioned against illegal money transactions and said it was "cracking down" on black market operations.

The pamphlet said that U.S. dollars on the black market are being smuggled into places like Hong Kong and funneled into Red China.

The U.S. command said that several persons have been court-martialed and convicted for illegal money transactions. The pamphlet listed some of the punishments which included dishonorable discharges.

Titled "All About Money," the pamphlet points out what is legal and what is illegal in money matters.

GIs Give Girl 'Scholarship'

KHANH SON, Vietnam (IO) — A 7-year-old girl named Ngugen 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 Ngugen's mother.

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

1st Woman Joins Rescue Forces

SAIGON (OI) — Air Force 1st Lt. Lynn F. Gormley, 26, Cohoes, N.Y., newly assigned administrative officer of the 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Sq. at Tan Son Nhut AB, is the first woman in the Air Force to serve with rescue forces in Southeast Asia.

A 1964 graduate of Russell Sage College, Troy, N.Y., the lieutenant was formerly stationed with the 43rd Military Airlift Wing at Tinker AFB, Okla., where she served as chief of administrative services.

15th Talk Held

No Plan to Pay Pueblo Ransom

WASHINGTON (AP)—The State Department said Monday it is not considering paying ransom for the return of the 82-man crew of the intelligence ship Pueblo, seized by North Korean gunboats Jan. 23.

Draft—

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number of men inducted through the draft during the current fiscal year ending in June to about 385,000 men.)

Hershey told Congress that since actual draft calls in the current fiscal year were considerably higher than the budgeted draft calls, he expected the same thing to happen to the budgeted 240,000 call for the coming fiscal year.

"Therefore, when I get 240,000 in my figures (for the coming fiscal year), it will take another 100,000," he said in explaining why he felt 340,000 men would be drafted in the next fiscal year.

"If the war gets over, everything is gone," Hershey said. "But if the war doesn't get over, I have to think of the worst, because the best I can always live with."

Hershey testified before a House appropriations subcommittee in February. The testimony was released Monday.

Hershey told the congressmen that the figures were higher than had been projected because of the rate of rejection of inductees and fewer enlistments than anticipated.

A study requested by Rep. Richard Schweiker, R-Pa. and prepared by the Government Accounting Office, showed Sunday that 40,172 men were drafted or allowed to enlist into the services over a two year period while they were physically unfit.

Hershey discussed the rejection of the physically unfit in his testimony. He said rejections for physical reasons average about 16 out of every 100 inductees called up for examination by local draft boards.

Reward for Arsonist

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—Hugh Addonizio, mayor of Newark, has offered a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons involved in setting last Saturday night's disastrous fire which left 500 persons, mostly Negroes, without homes.

At the same time, a 15th private meeting was held in Panmunjom between U.S. and North Korean representatives on the Pueblo deadlock. There was no hint of a breakthrough for the release of the ship or crew.

State Department press officer Robert J. McCloskey said he expected there would be additional meetings.

When asked about reports that the United States might offer construction equipment, food or medicines as ransom for the Pueblo crew, McCloskey said, "That is not correct and I know of no inclination on the part of this government to take such a step."

In answer to questions about the series of incidents along the Korean demilitarized zone, McCloskey termed "most regrettable" the death of an American soldier in a two-hour fire fight Sunday afternoon and the death of two other Americans and two South Koreans in a similar Communist ambush near Panmunjom on Easter Sunday.

McCloskey said that there was a coincidence of timing between the meeting of President Johnson and South Korean President Chung Hee Park and the latest series of incidents.

He said he was reluctant, however, to relate any of the incidents to Chinese Communist efforts to exert pressure on the United States through a second front.

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arrived. "They sterilized the area," Stroud said. "Sometimes the strafing fire got to within 10 yards of the downed men."

The helicopter gunships and the Skyraiders continued their bombing and strafing passes for 45 minutes, until two more Jolly Green Giants arrived and hovered over the downed men.

The choppers were 50 feet above the treetops. They lowered hoist lines to the ground. Two men at a time were pulled on each line. Each rescue craft took up four men.

Stroud said the two enlisted crewmen of each downed chopper were sent up first. The pilots and copilots were last up.

The downed airmen were not immediately identified.

One of the downed fliers said later that he saw only 15 Viet Cong in the area, but Stroud said the pilots above saw at least twice that number.



Oil Coats Waikiki Surfers

Two surprised surfers, Joe Sato (left) and James Naito, inspect themselves after emerging from polluted water off Waikiki Beach. The Coast Guard was investigating to find out where the oil slicks originated. Beaches fronting Honolulu tourist hotels were smudged. (AP Radiophoto)

Saigon on Alert

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the most troublesome districts of Saigon Monday night in an effort to ferret out Viet Cong infiltrators and weapons.

(The sweep through the Phu Lam district on the fringe of Cholon was directed by two men hated by the Viet Cong and marked for assassination—Brig. Gen. Nguyen Ngoc Loan, chief of the National Police, and Col. Nguyen Van Luan, Saigon police chief.

(The police, in combat gear, cordoned off about 2,000 homes and went through them, checking identification cards and looking for weapons.

(They rounded up several truckloads of suspects. After questioning, they held about 50 including two confirmed Viet Cong.)

Since Tet, South Vietnamese forces have been put on several alerts, many times based on the slimmest of reasons including anniversaries of events in the Communist world.

The latest alert appears to be based mainly on the defection three days ago of a North Vietnamese colonel and political

commissar—the highest ranking defector to fall into the hands of the government.

The defector, who may have been in charge of as much as a division of Communist troops near Saigon, Vietnamese sources said, disclosed enemy plans for an alleged second assault on Saigon involving more than 10,000 troops. He said the attacks would follow the same pattern as the Tet attack on Saigon, in which three waves of troops — variously estimated at between 3,000 and 5,000 men—entered the city.

Lebanese Vessel Reported Sinking

NEW YORK (AP)—A Lebanese freighter was reported sinking Monday in the Atlantic Ocean, about 900 miles east of Berinuda, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

The Coast Guard identified the vessel as the S.S. Alheli, a 441-foot-long freighter out of Beirut.

The number of persons aboard, the ship's destination and cargo were unknown, the Coast Guard said.

\$500,000 Fire at Sub Base

GROTON, Conn. (UPI)—A \$500,000 fire at the U.S. Navy Submarine Base Sunday put the Navy's escape training tank out of commission for at least a year. Authorities were investigating to determine the cause of the blaze.

The fire caused extensive damage to connecting catwalks, a diving locker and an elevator which took trainees to the top of the 138-foot metal tank.

Navy and town firemen fought the blaze for three hours before bringing it under control. Fire officials said the blaze apparently started in the diving locker below the water level.

A high-pressure air line used to charge scuba diving tanks ruptured and fanned the flames, causing the fire to race up through the elevator shaft to the cupola atop the tank.

The tank, used to train sailors in submarine escape procedures, was built in 1930 and is one of two operated by the Navy. The other is at Pearl Harbor.

Fugitive—

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assistant executive director. He was jailed here on the specific charge of cashing for his own use a U.S. government check for \$61,793 sent as federal aid from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Fred Fetterly, a public relations man working on the Jones campaign, told how Truax got into the campaign: "He was looking for something to do around here. He walked up to Jones and said, 'I want to work for you as campaign manager.' He passed himself off as a political science major."

"He was working for Jones about a week, taking around campaign posters, vouchers and stuff," Fetterly said.

"Bruce is very disturbed about the whole thing," said his mother. "We suppose Mr. Truax was just trying to get connected here."

The incumbent public defender, Walter Colbath Jr., said, "I do not intend to make political hay out of it. This could happen to anyone."

Weather

Asian Weather Central

TOKYO AREA

Tuesday Night: Partly Cloudy; Low: 52

Wednesday: Partly Cloudy; High: 67

TEMPERATURES

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	H	L	H	L	
Bangkok	95	78	Naha	71	61
Chilose	62	35	Saigon	86	72
Guam	82	70	Seoul	72	37
Hazuke	66	45	Taipei	76	55
Manila	89	73	Tokyo	63	51
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Albany	73	43	Melbourne	67	53
Albuquerque	64	43	Memphis	74	54
Amarillo	76	52	Miami	64	68
Anchorage	38	29	Milwaukee	65	51
Atlanta	82	54	Moscow	60	38
Birmingham	80	48	N. Orleans	81	63
Bismarck	59	27	NYC	71	47
Boise	51	23	N. Platte	69	37
Boston	49	45	Okla. City	72	56
Chicago	67	54	Omaha	69	44
Cincinnati	74	55	Paris	70	52
Cleveland	64	49	Phila.	63	49
Denver	57	29	Phoenix	76	52
Des Moines	67	41	Pittsburgh	74	49
Detroit	63	47	Port., O.	57	33
Duluth	58	38	Rapid City	50	38
Fairbanks	49	20	Reno	46	18
Fargo	61	35	Richmond	80	56
Fort Worth	71	61	Singapore	89	76
Hong Kong	76	61	St. Louis	72	47
Honolulu	83	70	St. Paul	66	47
Houston	82	71	Salt Lake	41	29
Jackville	95	67	S. Antonio	78	65
Jakarta	95	77	San Diego	66	55
Kansas City	70	47	San Fran.	58	49
K. Lumpur	98	75	Seattle	55	38
Las Vegas	72	51	Shreveport	75	65
London	70	48	Sydney	77	61
L.A.	67	52	Tucson	72	46
Louisville	74	55	Wash.	76	55

Clifford Foresees Troop Cut in Vietnam

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11—that the administration goal is gradually to turn over the bulk of the fighting to the South Vietnamese.

Under this plan American troops might be withdrawn to certain unspecified reserve areas while South Vietnam's mettle was tested.

There are now 522,000 U.S. troops in Vietnam and the administration has set a ceiling of

about 550,000 to be reached this year.

Clifford said that as U.S. manpower contributions level off, military aid—including thousands of light weight, rapid-firing M16 rifles—to South Vietnam is rising.

Even so, Clifford said the United States still hopes for a peaceful settlement, although Hanoi has given what he called a minimal response to President Johnson's recent bombing limitation and requests for preliminary talks.

"But if Hanoi would rather fight than talk, or elects both to talk and fight, the record of the success we have already achieved shows that military victory in South Vietnam is beyond Hanoi's reach," Clifford asserted.

On other matters, Clifford:

—Praised the "selfless and personally noble decision of President Johnson voluntarily to remove himself as a candidate for reelection this year."

—Said his discussions last

week with North Atlantic Treaty Organization defense ministers showed "a better collective understanding of the role that various nuclear weapon systems could play in the event of an emergency" in Europe.

—Said new lessons were learned about the use of national guardsmen and federal troops in controlling racial riots in U.S. cities.

"We have learned that manpower, not fire power, deals best with mass lawlessness," Clifford said.