

## 3rd F111 Down On Raid

SAIGON (UPI) — The U.S. Air Force Tuesday reported the loss of its third F111A fighter-bomber since last month when the controversial new jets began raids on North Vietnam.

The \$6 million swing-wing jet crashed Monday night "due to unknown causes," U.S. spokesmen said. It was believed downed in Thailand where the F111As are based.

Although no additional details were reported, U.S. spokesmen indicated the F111A crashed (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)

# DENY AGREEMENT ON SITE OF TALK

By Associated Press

United Nations Secretary General U Thant said in Paris Tuesday that "I hope preliminary peace talks between Washington and Hanoi will begin soon, perhaps even this week."

But in Washington, the State Department denied that any accord has been reached between the U.S. and North Vietnam on where to start preliminary talks.

"We have not yet reached agreement on a site despite rumors in Wall Street, as I understand them," Press Officer Robert J. McCloskey said.

He said no new, official message has been received from Hanoi in the stalemate over where to conduct the talks nor has a further communication been sent from Washington.

He said the U.S. shares the hope of U Thant that talks will start soon. But he said he has no concrete evidence on which to predict just when they might begin.

Upon arrival in Paris from Tehran, where he opened the International Human Rights Conference, U Thant held a press (Continued on Back Page, Col. 2)

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## Viet Couple Saves Fallen GI



A Vietnamese couple stands in the background as medics treat the soldier they cared for while a battle raged near their home. The wounded soldier, Spec. 4 Van Snapp, had dragged himself 300 yards to the home. (AP Radiophoto)

BEN LUC, Vietnam (UPI)—At the edge of the battlefield a Vietnamese in white pajamas and white sun helmet and wearing a long white beard stepped out of a hut Tuesday and beckoned to American troops.

"A wounded soldier is over there in my house," he told Lt. Henry W. Dorr of Inman, Neb., through an interpreter.

The ordeal of Spec. 4 Van Snapp was over. It began Monday when shrapnel bit into his leg. The old man, his wife and the hut they share with three pigs brought him through.

Snapp's armored cavalry company had gone to the rescue of a platoon trapped by about 500 Communists in a field just off Highway 14, about 14 miles (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)

## HHH 'Thinks' He'll Seek Demo Nod for President

NEW YORK (AP) — Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey said Monday night he "thinks" he will seek the Democratic nomination for president.

"I think so. I think everything will fall out right," he said when asked the question after an Overseas Press Club Awards Dinner where he had been the main speaker.

Earlier in the evening the vice president had merely winked when asked the same question.

In his formal speech, Humphrey eschewed politics. He declared the "American revolution" of social change can be

accomplished "amidst order" while the United States opens the doors of freedom around the world.

In a policy statement obviously precluding his entry into the Democratic presidential race later in the week, Humphrey

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outlined a broad program of aid to what he called the "peaceful and constructive pursuits of mankind."

"The cries of 'freedom now' and of 'We shall overcome' have been the rallying force for mil-

lions of deprived and underprivileged Americans who are today asking the right to be citizens—in the fullest sense of the word," he said.

"This, in a real sense is the continuing American Revolution. The amazing thing is that it has come as peacefully as it has.

"The test of our society will be whether or not we can make the necessary changes without destroying the good in what we have already built—whether we can change amidst order, an order that permits change. I think we can."

## Tornadoes Kill 6 in 3 States

By The Associated Press

Tornadoes ripped into cities in Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio Tuesday, leaving at least six dead and well over 130 injured.

In Kentucky, a tornado swept the northern county seat of Falmouth, leaving at least two dead and more than 100 injured in its path.

Dozens of homes were destroyed or damaged in the community of 2,600 as the funnel cloud bypassed the business district and smashed into residential sections.

There were unconfirmed reports of at least one more death. The exact number of injured could not be determined immediately, but about 121 were treated at hospitals.

In Ohio, one person was killed and at least a score injured by a tornado that hit (Continued on Back Page, Col. 5)

## Eye Pa. Write-ins

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—There was only one candidate, Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy, D-Minn., on the ballot in Pennsylvania's presidential primary Tuesday but political observers watched the size of the write-in vote as an indication of the mood in the nation's third largest state. The early turnout was reported light.

# Allies Kill 164 in Battles Around Threatened Saigon

SAIGON (UPI)—Allied forces scouring the Mekong Delta have killed 164 enemy soldiers in bitter fighting with large Communist units menacing Saigon, spokesmen reported Tuesday.

Some of the battles raged within 10 miles of the capital.

In Saigon, all Vietnamese government troops and police were alerted. Officials reported intercepting more weapons and ammunition being smuggled to terror squads inside the city.

Allied intelligence officials expect another large-scale Communist attack on the capital rivaling that during the Tet offensive.

Vietnamese troops supported by armored vehicles, artillery and air strikes took the heaviest Delta fighting. Government

spokesmen said they ran into an entrenched Red force about 20 miles south of the capital and killed 115 in an hour-long battle Monday.

Their own casualties were put at seven killed and 42 wounded.

Nearby, elements of the U.S. 9th Inf. Div. clashed with an estimated 500 Communists just a half-mile north of their division base at Tan An, 14 miles south of Saigon.

An air cavalry platoon was hit as it made a helicopter assault into a vast stretch of paddy land.

Communists hiding behind paddy dikes and in trees opened up with a heavy volume of fire, pinning the platoon down for nearly eight hours before an armored column reached it,

UPI correspondent Perry Young reported.

The Americans reported killing 49 U.S. casualties were eight killed and 12 wounded.

Meanwhile, U.S. Marines reported scattered but heavy fighting along the Demilitarized Zone.

North Vietnamese forces slammed 120 artillery and mortar shells into the Khe Sanh base in South Vietnam's northwest corner and attacked a Marine unit moving along Highway 9, only land link with the base.

Marine spokesmen said the Leatherneck unit was reinforced before it turned back the threat. U.S. casualties were put at 5 killed and 14 wounded. Ten Communists were reported killed.

## Army Specialists' Status Upgraded

S&S Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Army announced Tuesday a change in the rank and precedence of its enlisted men and women that has an important bearing on the position of 490,000 specialists.

Specialists will now rank immediately below non-commissioned officers of identical pay grade and above NCOs of the next lower pay grade, the Army said. Before the change, specialists 4 through 7 ranked below a corporal (E4).

The Army also said specialists will not be used on extra duty positions subordinate to men of a lower pay grade and specialists will be granted the same privileges as NCOs of the same grade in their organization and installation.

The changes result from a special study started in 1965 to look into ways of improving personnel management in the service. Upgrading the position of specialist was one of the recommendations.

Complaints from specialists on their rank and position in relation to NCOs were aired at recent hearings of the House Armed Services subcommittee.

## Plane Losses Laid To Lack of Shelters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gen. Earle G. Wheeler says the enemy has destroyed or damaged \$132.5 million in U.S. aircraft on the ground in Vietnam—a toll he contends could have been drastically cut by use of shelters.

Wheeler, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told inquiring senators that special protective shelters now proposed for European-based U.S. planes could have held these plane and helicopter losses in Vietnam to about \$7 million.

The Pentagon has decided against providing anything more than side-walled barricades, with no roofs, for aircraft in Vietnam because the enemy doesn't operate bombers over the South.

Wheeler said the total cost of aircraft wiped out by hostile ground fire between Jan. 1, 1964 and Feb. 9, 1968 amounted to \$94,033,000.

This included 122 planes and helicopters destroyed by enemy mortars, recoilless rifles, satchel charges or small-arms fire, Wheeler said.

In addition, 590 other planes and helicopters were damaged in 1966 and 1967, requiring \$38.5 million in repairs, he said.

Wheeler also disclosed that during the major thrust of the Viet Cong's Tet holiday offensive last Jan. 29-Feb. 1, U.S. air units suffered heavily.

In an estimate drawn up during the first week of February, he figured the enemy destroyed 38 aircraft, including 15 planes and 23 helicopters, dealt major damage to 154 others—32 planes

and 122 choppers—and caused minor damage to 198 craft—53 planes and 145 helicopters.

The Pentagon is seeking congressional approval this year to spend about \$17.3 million on building 60 steel-and-concrete aircraft shelters at NATO facilities in Europe.

Congress has previously balked at this idea on grounds the United States would be building fixed installations in Europe when there is some pressure for bringing American forces home.

But the Pentagon is arguing that last year's Middle East war showed how vulnerable planes can be on the ground. In seven days Israeli pilots knocked out virtually all of Egypt's air force before it could get airborne.

Now some Congress members have started asking why the Pentagon doesn't propose to defend American planes in a place where there already is a war.

Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., asked Wheeler in closed February hearings of the Senate Armed Services Committee how much money might have been saved if an aircraft shelter of the type sought for Europe had been available in South Vietnam.

"We undoubtedly would have saved some millions of dollars in destruction and damage of aircraft," Wheeler responded in testimony only recently released.

The Pentagon estimates the shelters proposed for Europe would cost \$130,000 to \$160,000 each.



**Buried in Paperwork**  
Lt. Dave Lewis checks papers found in a Viet Cong bunker 2½ miles north of Hue while Pfc. Terry Curry goes crawling back into the bunker to look for more. The two soldiers were on a sweep, part of Operation Carentan II. (UPI Radlphoto)

## Casualties

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

### KILLED IN ACTION

#### Army

Sgt. John E. Nelson, Sacramento, Calif.  
Pfc. George A. C. Dillon, San Anselmo, Calif.  
1Lt. Thomas J. Hayes IV, Fort McPherson, Ga.  
SSg. Billy J. Cole, Valley Station, Ky.  
Pfc. James A. Tremblay, Glen Burnie, Md.  
SP4 Byron N. Jones, Detroit, Mich.  
SP4 Gary E. Rusha, North Escanaba, Mich.  
Pfc. Gary P. Meringa, Grand Rapids, Mich.  
Sgt. William G. Hulwi Jr., Minneapolis, Minn.  
SP4 Warren J. Robinson, Winnebago, Minn.  
Pfc. John R. Schaaf, Saint Paul, Minn.  
Col. Robert F. Serio, New York City.  
SSg. George A. Hudson Jr., New York City.  
Col. Carlos J. Medina, New York City.  
SP4 Edward J. Vicks Jr., Binghamton, N.Y.  
Col. Leroy Townes, Norfolk, N.C.  
SP4 Reginald C. Bell, Faison, N.C.  
Pfc. James C. Bryant, Andrews, N.C.  
Pfc. William E. Maxwell, Barberton, Ohio.  
SP4 Ronald D. Hinson, Conway, S.C.  
Sgt. Harold D. Daniels, Waco, Tex.  
Col. James C. Wood, Rustburg, Va.  
Cpl. Timothy G. Mattson, Brush Prairie, Wash.  
Pfc. Roger D. Saux, Taholah, Wash.

#### Marine Corps

Col. Richard L. Embrey, Warren, Ariz.  
LCpl. Alfred V. Whitmer, Safford, Ariz.  
LCpl. Perry Dicken Jr., Georgetown, Ill.  
Pfc. Donald L. Mansfield, Rockland, Maine.  
1Lt. Allan H. Jordan, Lynnfield, Mass.  
Pfc. William G. Parker, Detroit, Mich.  
LCpl. Stephen J. Hinds, Osseo, Minn.  
LCpl. James O. Holloway Jr., Newark, N.J.  
Pfc. Robert C. Healey Jr., Trenton, N.J.  
LCpl. Philip F. Sheridan, Garden City, N.Y.  
Cpl. Kenneth M. Watson, Toledo, Ohio.  
Pfc. Paul L. Whitthorne Jr., Memphis, Tenn.  
Pfc. Frank W. Atherton, Templeton, Pa.

### DIED OF WOUNDS

#### Marine Corps

LCpl. William Anderson Jr., Denver, Colo.  
Pfc. William D. Hoffman, Russell, Kan.  
Pfc. William J. Dolan, Elka Park, N.Y.

### MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE

#### Army

Pfc. Norman E. Small, Alden, Kan.  
Sfc. Eugene Ashley Jr., Fayetteville, N.C.  
Pfc. Paul P. Davis, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
SSg. Gary L. Crane, York, Pa.  
Pfc. Raymond E. Ketter Jr., Petersburg, Pa.  
SP4 Karl W. Lawson, Fredericksburg, Va.  
SSg. Robert G. Elgin, Raymond, Wash.

### MISSING IN ACTION

#### Army

2Lt. George J. Economus Jr.  
SP4 Robert W. Grant.  
SP4 Larry E. Sloan.  
Pfc. Richard G. Anderson.  
Pfc. William L. Kinnard.

### DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

#### Army

Pfc. Christine D. Leal, Los Angeles, Calif.  
Cpl. Arnold S. White, Philadelphia, Pa.

#### Navy

HN Frank P. Adlice, Wanaque, N.J.

#### Marine Corps

Cpl. William H. Boswell, Atlanta, Tenn.

#### Air Force

SSgt. Taylor B. Howard Jr., Rochester, N.Y.  
**MISSING TO DEAD—NON HOSTILE**  
**Navy**  
SK3 Walter J. Chrupcala, Palmira, N.J.  
**MISSING NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION**  
**Army**  
SP4 Ronald L. Holtzhauser.

## U.S. Shells Kill 3 GIs, Hurt 22

SAIGON (AP) — Four 105mm howitzer rounds being fired in support of U.S. paratroopers Monday night landed short and struck in the American position, killing three paratroopers and wounding 22, the U.S. Command announced.

The paratroopers, from the 101st Airborne Div., were in night defensive positions southwest of Phuc Bin, 29 miles northeast of Saigon.

## Asks Buddha Birthday Truce

SAIGON (AP) — The patriarch of South Vietnam's most powerful and militant Buddhist group called Tuesday for a cease-fire on Buddha's birthday, May 11.

Such cease-fires have been held in past years, but the Allies were not expected to agree to a halt in the fighting this year.

The Viet Cong and North Vietnamese took advantage of the Lunar New Year cease-fire 11 weeks ago to launch their coordinated attacks against South Vietnam's cities.

The Communists were expected to unilaterally call a cease-fire on Buddha's birthday.

The appeal for a cease-fire was contained in a letter from Thich (venerable) Tinh Khiet, the aged patriarch of the Unified Buddhist Church.

It was addressed to South Vietnam's President Nguyen Van Thieu, President Ho Chi Minh of North Vietnam, president Johnson, United Nations Secretary General U Thant, the Allied forces, and Nguyen Huu Tho, head of the Viet Cong's

National Liberation Front.

Even before the Communist Tet offensive, the Allies were showing increasing weariness with cease-fires. They claimed the cease-fires allowed the enemy to move increased amounts of arms and supplies into the South and to maneuver troops for post-cease-fire attack.

The attacks during the Tet cease-fire will make future stand-downs extremely unlikely, except as they might figure into possible peace negotiations.

## Lifesaving Stopovers

# Clark Hospital Is Casualties' Safety Valve

CLARK AB, R.P. (UPI) — U.S. Air Force Dr. James W. Zeiders, an orthopedic surgeon from Bartlesville, Okla., just didn't like the looks of the young wounded soldier.

Theoretically, Pfc. Ronald Palmer, 20, of Brattleboro, Vt., should have been able to fly from Vietnam to a hospital in Japan without too much trouble.

A sniper's bullet had plowed into Palmer's thighs, breaking his right leg and severing an artery and some nerves. On his medical evacuation flight, Palmer began to complain of a pain in his chest and a slight fever.

During the routine stopover at Clark AB, Dr. Zeiders examined Palmer and ordered him off the plane. That probably saved his life.

An X-ray showed that Palmer and another slug in his right lung.

Dr. David M. Selby of Oklahoma City, operated and removed the object—the hollow copper jacket of the same

.50-caliber slug which hit Palmer in the legs.

According to doctors at U.S. Air Force Hospital Clark, the jacket pulled loose from the bullet and was sucked into a large vein. It passed through Palmer's stomach, went into and was pumped out of his heart and then lodged in his chest where the passage was too small. Blood already had begun to clot inside the jagged jacket when it was removed.

The doctors believe Palmer would not have survived the four or five-hour flight to Japan.

"We're the safety valve," Col. John R. Archdeacon, said in an interview.

Archdeacon, a doctor from New York City, is second in command at the Clark Hospital, a six-story, air conditioned glass and concrete structure which claims to be the best medical center in Southeast Asia.

The colonel likes to cite Palmer's near miss as the reason why Clark spe-

cialists sometimes take patients bound for other medical centers off planes. The practice occasionally has led to charges of "pirating" patients by Army and Navy hospitals, and some angry parents have complained their sons have been unnecessarily delayed.

"Air travel is not a treatment," Archdeacon said. "We feel a very strong obligation to these kids to make sure they can travel onward."

Most Vietnam casualties, after preliminary treatment in the war zone, are flown to Army and Navy hospitals in Japan and Guam. En route, the medical evacuation planes usually stop at Clark AB, 60 miles north of Manila and a two-hour jet ride from Vietnam.

To make sure the wounded can continue, specialists are sent to examine and talk to the patients as soon as they land. They also get the opinion of the flight nurses before making their decisions.

"Any one in pain or uncomfortable or who needs a dressing or who in the opinion of the doctors should not continue flying is taken off the plane," Dr. Archdeacon said.

The colonel is proud of his hospital and his staff of 79 doctors. He feels the Tet Offensive showed there really are no "secure hospitals" in Vietnam.

On Feb. 7 when a snowstorm practically paralyzed parts of Japan, the hospital at Clark handled 651 cases from Vietnam in 24 hours.

To Dr. Archdeacon, that is why Clark is the safety valve but he fears appropriations for keeping the hospital operating at full strength may be cut in the future.

"I can see it coming," he said.

"I look at Clark as a medical insurance policy and the Department of Defense will have to pay the premiums. When trouble comes, we had better be here."

## Marines Are Real Operators

By MGY. SGT. J. T. FRYE  
S&S Staff Correspondent

DA NANG, Vietnam—It's never the dulcet tones of Mvrtle, Sodie or Gert saying "Three MAF, sir," when you try for a telephone connection in Da Nang. It's always the business-like bark of Bill, Bob, George Ed, Dick, Juan or another of the 22 switchboard operators at the brain center of I Corps' telephone system.

Operators have been blamed for everything from wrong numbers to tapped wires since Bell put through his first connection way back when. But the III MAF operators get mostly praise and encouragement from their superiors and only a minimum of advice and admonition.

In March this crew handled an average of 6,521 calls every day and hit the 7,000 mark on occasions. This compared to 1,300 just one year ago.

Six operators work the board each eight hour shift, handling 115 trunk lines webbed out in a ten-mile radius, besides 40 radio relays to places like Phu Bai, Chu Lai, Dong Ha, and Saigon. Three supervisors rotate as shift overseers, assuring continuity and taking complaints.

The operators are part of the Marine 5th Comm. Bn. wire platoon, which also includes two technicians to install and maintain switchboards, four telephone installer-repairmen, a four-man main crew coordinating and trouble-shooting, a similar crew at a cross-connection point at 1st Marine Air Wing on Da Nang Air Base, and two driver-supply men.

Heading the system is CWO John A. Adams who has more than 25 years Marine Corps communication experience throughout the world, and his wire chief, Gunnery Sgt. Irving V. Pepper whose background includes eight years with the Bell system in Boston.

There's one more. He's called "Snoopy" among the operators. Corporal Larry Long monitors calls at random, checking on procedures, courtesy and speed and occasionally assigning a week of after-hours "switchboard operation class" for the unwary.



## Bus Stop—Vietnam-Style

Troops of the 2nd Bn., 27th Inf. "Wolfhounds," get ready to move out as a line of helicopters comes down to carry them to a suspected enemy location during a 25th Inf. Div. airmobile operation. (USA)

## Newport News Batters Reds With Fastest Big Guns Ever

ABOARD THE USS NEWPORT NEWS (PAO) — Making history with a boom, an 8-inch projectile recently thundered shorebound from one of heavy cruiser Newport News' big guns.

It was the 50,000th round the ship has fired in Vietnam combat — a gunfire mark unrivaled by any other ship in the conflict.

Arriving in the Gulf of Tonkin last October, Newport News has amassed its gunfire record in six consecutive months of operations against Communist military targets, in North Vietnam, supply boats maneuvering along the coastline, and troop concentrations in and around the Demilitarized Zone. This firing is usually conducted under fire from enemy coastal batteries.

The ship fires around-the-clock and on the basis of reports received from both airborne and ground spotters, Newport News' gunfire almost invariably is deadly accurate.

The heavy cruiser's busiest time was the 25 days between February 21 and March 18 when, operating near the DMZ in support of Allied troops ashore, it poured almost 23,000 rounds on North Vietnamese emplacements and provided gunfire which helped drive out the Communists then entrenched in the Hue citadel.

The Newport News is the world's largest heavy cruiser. It sports a main battery of nine rapid-firing 8-inch guns and a secondary battery of 12 five-inch guns. The main battery is comprised of the fastest firing major-caliber guns in the world, each one capable of firing one projectile every six seconds.

Vietnam is the first instance in which these guns have been used in combat.

Under the command of Capt. Edwin K. Snyder of Birmingham, Mich., the man-of-war is still supporting allied troops near the DMZ. All told, the ship has made over 900 strikes in the war zone.

It is the flagship of Rear Adm. Sheldon B. Kinney, commander of the Cruiser-Destroyer Group, 7th Fleet, and of Operation Sea Dragon.

## Cholera in Singapore

SINGAPORE (AP) — The government has declared Singapore a cholera-infected area after a 66-year-old laborer was stricken with the disease. Airport health officials enforced a strict check of all persons arriving here to make sure they were inoculated against the disease.

## Wing Records Flying Mark

SAIGON (OI) — When RF-4C Phantom No. 047 completed its low-level reconnaissance mission over North Vietnam March 30 and returned to its home at Tan Son Nhut AB, it had marked the 200,000th combat hour flown by members of the 460th Tactical Recon. Wing.

Flying the record breaking mission were Col. Robert J. Holbury, 460th TRW commander, and Maj. Francis R. Fanning, of the 12th Tactical Recon. Sq., navigator.

Since its activation Feb. 18, 1966, the wing has logged more than 80,000 combat reconnaissance sorties and the monthly totals of film processed are approaching the four-million foot mark.

Headquartered at Tan Son Nhut, the 460th TRW is the largest tactical reconnaissance wing in the Air Force.

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while on its second bombing run of the day against North Vietnam.

The U.S. Air Force also refused comment on whether the remaining F111As would be grounded a second time since they were pressed into combat in Asia. But one spokesman said early Wednesday, "To my knowledge there is no intent of grounding the planes."

Six F111As, formerly known as the TFX, were flown to Takhli AB in Thailand on March 17 and began strikes against targets in North Vietnam 10 days later.

The following day, the first crash occurred, presumably killing the two crewmen aboard. The wreckage has not been located but spokesmen said the plane apparently crashed in Northern Thailand.

Three days later, a second F111A crashed. Both crewmen ejected and were recovered unharmed. The wreckage was found in Thailand, and it was learned the crash was caused by a sealing solution which clogged the flight control system and threw the plane into an uncontrollable spin.

The planes were grounded until the crash investigation was completed on April 17. By the time they were ordered back into combat, the two F111As lost by the fighter-wing had been replaced.

U.S. spokesmen reported Tuesday that the F111As flew four missions into North Vietnam on the previous day. Normally, each plane is flown on two missions a day.

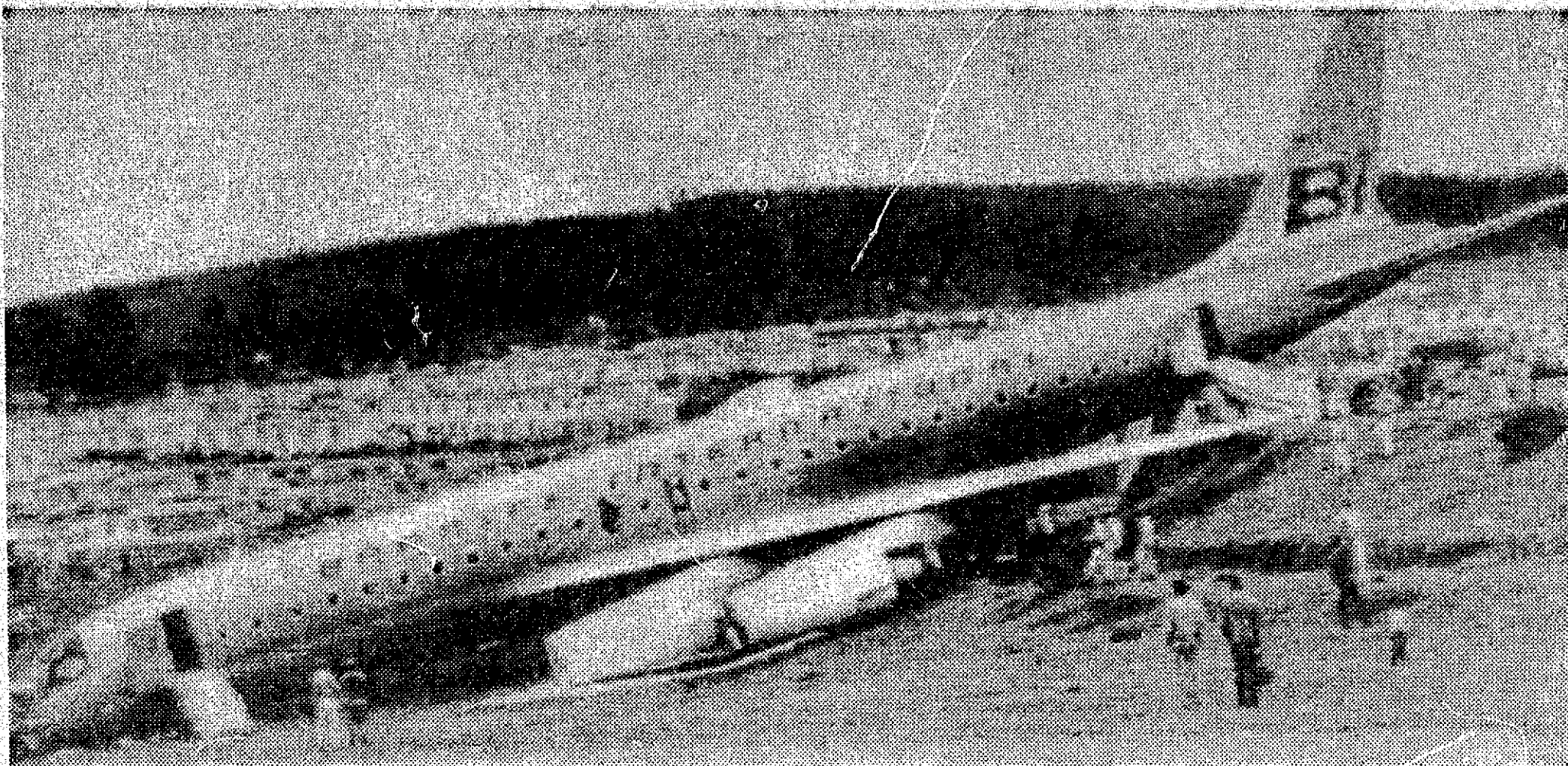
It was this that indicated the F111A and its two-man crew were on their second bombing run when the plane crashed. All six F111As had to be sent on two bombing raids, in order to have four missions launched during the day.

## 'National Family Day' Advocated

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Abraham A. Ribicoff, D-Conn., believes the day after Thanksgiving should be designated "National Family Day," since it has rapidly become a day off for most Americans.

Ribicoff, introducing a joint resolution which would authorize President Johnson to issue a proclamation designating the holiday, said:

"There could be no more appropriate time . . . than the day following Thanksgiving for the creation of a new national holiday — a day reminding us of our family loyalties and ties . . . and the fact that the family is the basic strength of our or any free and orderly society."



## Close Call for Jetliner in Ecuador

A Braniff International Douglas DC8 rests on its nose at Mariscal Sucre Airport in Quito, Ecuador, after it ran off the runway Tuesday and nosed over into a ditch. Four of the 147 passengers and eight crewmen suffered slight injuries. (AP Radiophoto)

## Talks—

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conference at Orly Airport. He said:

"I have taken part through my contacts with the two parties, on a private basis, in the negotiations toward a solution to the problem of preliminary talks between North Vietnam and the United States.

"It is up to Hanoi and Washington especially to settle this problem. However, it is preferable to be optimistic."

Asked if Paris could be considered as a possible meeting place, Thant said, "Phnom Penh, Warsaw, Geneva or Paris are indeed possible meeting places."

The U.S. has rejected Phnom Penh and Warsaw as meeting sites. Geneva has been mentioned for several weeks and Paris has come up only recently.

## Splits With Gems In Split-Second

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI)—A thief seized \$75,000 to \$100,000 worth of jewels in a split-second operation late Monday in full daylight on the busiest street in downtown Kansas City.

Benjamin Cramer, a salesman for a Los Angeles jewelry firm, said he left his car momentarily in front of the Hotel Muchlebach. As he dashed inside to pay his bill he asked the doorman to keep his eye on the vehicle.

The doorman turned just in time to see someone driving off in Cramer's car. It was found abandoned about a mile away. Missing from the vehicle were two jewelry cases.

## Astronaut Resigns; Doesn't Like to Fly

SPACE CENTER, Houston (UPI) — One of America's newest scientist astronauts has quit because he does not like flying, the Space Agency said Tuesday.

He also termed cuts in the space budget "disappointing."

Dr. Bryan T. O'Leary, 28-year-old expert on planetary astronomy, had been in flight training at Williams AFB, Okla., for a month. He was learning to fly propeller and jet planes — something all astronauts must do — and had made one solo flight.

"Flying just isn't my cup of tea," O'Leary said.

Last January it was reported some of the nation's 16 scientist spacemen were unhappy with the astronaut program and that some might quit.

The main reasons behind their unhappiness were the amount of time being taken by non-scientific astronaut chores, such as flight training, and with the way the space budget was being cut by Congress.

A National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) spokesman said O'Leary wrote in a letter to friends telling of his resignation that "the recent budgetary delays are disappointing." These delays postponed until 1970 or later the flights O'Leary and his group might get to make in space.

O'Leary was named with 10 other scientists to the Astronaut Corps in August of 1967. He completed the basic astronaut training before going to flight school.

His resignation, submitted Monday, left NASA with 54 as-



DR. BRYAN T. O'LEARY

tronauts. Of these, 15 are scientists. The scientists were chosen in two groups, one in 1965, the other last year.

## Monument Notes Slain Armenians

MONTEBELLO, Calif. (AP) — A modernistic 71-foot-high memorial has been dedicated in Bicknell Park to honor the 1.5 million Armenians slain 53 years ago by Turks.

The monument cost \$80,000 and was built with funds donated to the Armenian Monument Council, formed in 1965 as an outgrowth of the commemoration of the deaths on April 21, 1915.

## Tornadoes—

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Clermont and Brown Counties. The Scioto County sheriff's office said a tornado that slashed through the Wheelerburg area killed at least three persons. Six persons were said to be unaccounted for.

In Michigan, two tornadoes rode the flanks of a broad band of thunderstorms and high winds, smashing into Frontier, a small community near the Indiana border and Big Rapids, 150 miles to the northwest.

Twelve persons were reported injured.

One tornado destroyed half the homes in Frontier, a community of 300, five miles north of the Indiana state line, but only one person was reported injured.

Another hit Big Rapids and damaged a factory, tore a portion of the roof from a high school where classes were in progress, damaged some homes and caused at least nine injuries.

Two more were injured near Reed City, which lies north of Big Rapids, a city of 8,600 in central western Michigan.

## 7 Slain in Pakistan

KARACHI (AP)—Seven persons were killed in inter-tribal fighting at Bagar, a village in Jacobabad district about 375 miles from Karachi, according to an Associated Press of Pakistan news agency report.

## Weather

Asian Weather Central  
TOKYO AREA

Wednesday Night: Fair; Low: 40  
Thursday: Fair; High: 70

### TEMPERATURES

April 23		April 23	
H	L	H	L
Bangkok	93 77	Manila	85 55
Chitose	52 37	Seoul	68 39
Guam	82 68	Taipei	79 55
Itozuke	68 43	Tokyo	55 48
H L		H L	
Albany	68 48	Melbourne	65 49
Amarillo	58 44	Memphis	70 58
Atlanta	80 62	Miami	82 67
Birmingham	77 58	Millwaukee	59 42
Bismarck	48 34	Moscow	48 36
Boise	61 24	N. Orleans	83 71
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# Viet Couple Saves Wounded Soldier

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southwest of Saigon and a mile from his 9th Div. headquarters. At first the reinforcements couldn't break through.

Viet Cong machine guns and mortar shells shredded the brush around Snapp. A hot sliver tore into his leg as his company was falling back to let artillery and air strikes break the Communist line.

No one heard Snapp's call for help above the din of battle.

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The Knoxville, Tenn., soldier said he began crawling. His stomach and arms show the bruises and cuts of the effort. He made 300 yards when he saw the one-room farm hut. The farmer also spotted the GI, just in front of the Communist fire.

The Vietnamese and his wife lifted Snapp into the hut. Accustomed to war in their backyard, they had dug a bunker inside the hut and covered it with boards and sacks of rice. They placed Snapp inside. They put a sack of rice under his head.

Snapp refused their offer of food; he couldn't eat. He accepted water. The wife served him tea. Through the night yellow tracers from the Viet Cong guns zipped over the thatched roof.

Dorr's men smashed through at dawn. The besieged U.S. platoon suffered six men killed and 12 wounded before helicopters could reach and rescue them. Dorr's men counted 49 guerrilla bodies. The lieutenant also listed Snapp as missing.

Then the farmer came out. The Vietnamese led a medic,

Spec. 4 Gary Birchfield, 23, of Roan Mountain, Tenn., to Snapps' side. Snapp had used his belt as a tourniquet to stop his leg's bleeding. He was not seriously injured.

A helicopter landed beside the hut and took Snapp away. Birchfield inspected an infected cut on the old man's leg and cleaned the wound and bandaged it.

The farmer walked back to his door. He waved goodbye to the U.S. armored vehicles rumbling away across the rice fields.