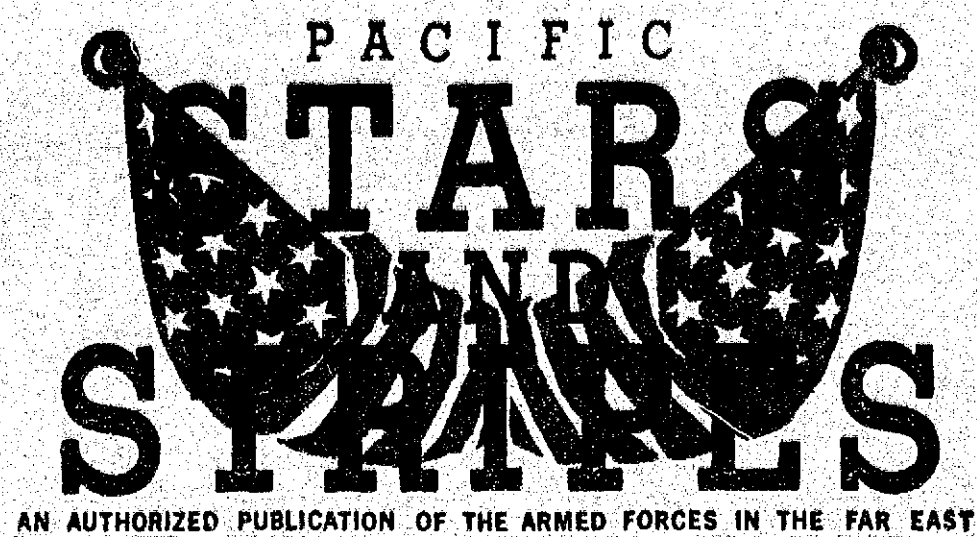


GI'S INVADE A SHAU

Fleeing Reds Desert Guns, Food



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Coach, 5 Track Stars Die

BEAUMONT, Tex. (AP) — Five members of the Lamar Tech track team died with their coach and a pilot Sunday when their plane, returning from the Drake Relays at Des Moines, Iowa, crashed and exploded as it came in for a landing.

A Tech spokesman, publicist Dick Oliver, identified the seven dead as Coach Tyrus "Ty" Terrell, pilot E. W. McCall, and Randy Clewis of Palestine, Tex., Done DeLaune of La-Marque, Mike Favazza of Beaumont, John Richardson of Beaumont and Waverly Thomas of Galveston.

The aircraft plunged into a rice field and burned a mile north of the runway after making a routine request for landing clearance, the Federal Aviation Agency said. There was "no indication it was in any kind of (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)

Vandals Hit Ruby Grave

CHICAGO (UPI)—A tombstone identified as the marker from the grave of Jack Ruby, convicted slayer of the accused assassin of the late President Kennedy, was found on a Chicago street Saturday night.

The tombstone apparently had been abandoned by vandals. It had been taken from Westlawn Cemetery in suburban Norridge, where Ruby was buried following his death from cancer in a Texas prison.

The 150-pound stone was inscribed, "Beloved Son Jack Ruby, April 25, 1911—January 3, 1967."



Bull's-Eye on a Red Bridge

Bombs dropped by U.S. Navy planes score a direct hit on a bridge 15 miles northwest of the North Vietnamese city of Vinh, just south of the limit set by President Johnson for strikes on the Communist country. Story, page 6. (AP Radiophoto)

A SHAU VALLEY, Vietnam (AP)—Thousands of U.S. helicopter-borne cavalymen have invaded the Communist command's biggest military supply base in South Vietnam, the A Shau Valley along the Laotian border.

The U.S. Command partially lifted the security lid off the operation Sunday.

The U.S. 1st Air Cav. Div. troops drove through what their commander, Maj. Gen. John J. Tolson, called "very sophisticated and damn good antiaircraft forces" to re-establish the presence of American troops in the valley after more than two years.

North Vietnamese long-reaching 23mm and 37mm antiaircraft guns, a rarity in South Vietnam, and .50-caliber machine guns destroyed or damaged about 30 American helicopters in the first 24 hours of the raid. Some of them were hit at 6,000 feet.

"Hell, I've never lost that many (helicopters) in weeks and weeks," Tolson said. "By far it's the hottest place we've ever gone into and the most losses we've taken in a single day."

Low-hanging clouds and fog over the valley put the operation, codenamed Delaware, several days behind schedule by delaying the movement of troops and artillery.

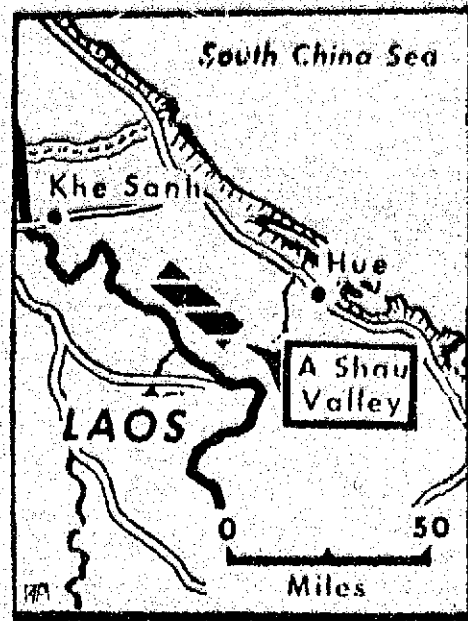
The bad weather might have given the enemy a chance to get out.

But for Tolson, it was a personal triumph and one that he had long looked forward to, since it marked the first time American troops had set foot in the North Vietnamese stronghold in force since the enemy overran the A Shau Special Forces camp in March 1966.

"I've wanted to do it for a long time," said Tolson. "It is a real fine application of the division, a classic use of the air cavalry. We're right in there before he knows what's happening."

The helicopters dipped down through small holes in the cloud covers onto incredible peaks, some 5,000 feet high, to drop infantrymen and big artillery pieces on the high ground dominating what Tolson called a "weird piece of terrain . . . like a ditch cut out of a bunch of mountains."

Two helicopters trying to land (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)



5 Slain; Student Accused

CHARLESTON, Ill. (AP) — An 18-year-old high school senior was charged Sunday with the methodical murders of five brothers and sisters of a girl he reportedly had dated.

Thomas Charles Fuller II was seized early Sunday while walking near the campus of Eastern Illinois University about 13 hours after neighbors said they heard gunshots near the William Cox home outside Mattoon.

Charleston is 10 miles east of Mattoon.

Five of the Cox children were found shot to death Saturday night in and around a barn on the family farm.

Deputy Coroner Jess Caudill said each of the victims—Lewis, 16; Theresa, 9; Mary Catharine, 8; Gary, 7, and Kenneth, 5—had been shot in the head with a small caliber pistol. The two girls' heads also had been battered, police said.

Fuller offered no resistance when he was seized by a Charleston policeman and a (Continued on Back Page, Col. 2)

Hughes Joins Getty In Billionaire Class

NEW YORK (UPI) — Aircraft and tools magnate Howard Hughes has moved into the billionaire class, a lonely eminence of wealth occupied a decade ago by only one American, oilman J. Paul Getty, a survey shows.

The study published by Fortune magazine, its first survey of American millionaires since 1957, showed that the nation also has six half-billionaires and 153 persons with more than \$100 million apiece. One of the latter, Duke tobacco heir Walker P. Inman Jr., is only 16.

Fortune said the 62-year-old Hughes, who has recently made vast investments in Nevada real

estate, was in a neck-and-neck race with Getty for the distinction of being the wealthiest American. Each has between \$1 billion and \$1.5 billion, nobody can be sure exactly how much, the magazine said.

Fortune said its study "makes clear that it is still quite possible to build a great fortune from small beginnings within a few years."

Many of the names on the list, however, were inheritors of great industrial and financial fortunes.

Five members of Pittsburgh's Mellon banking dynasty were (Continued on Back Page, Col. 2)

Silent Saigon Awaits New Attack by Reds

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON—Tension was evident in Saigon Sunday as the city prepared for an expected renewal of the Tet attack by the Viet Cong.

Streets normally crowded with Sunday strollers and traffic were strangely quiet. Shops and markets, usually open part of the day, were closed and shuttered. Shopkeepers hovered near their property like mother hens.

Police were on every street corner, armed with carbines and machine guns and their bullet-proof vests hanging nearby.

It is rare, under normal conditions, for police, to stop a passing motorcyclist or car, but Sunday they were stopping any vehicle that looked suspicious or which could possibly conceal weapons or

ammunition.

Government spokesmen have warned of an impending attack. The recent surrender of a top VC officer has been played up in the press, including his reports of a planned attack.

Heavy monsoon rains which lashed the city Saturday and Sunday have given the populace reason to think that the VC will use the moonless nights and rain as cover for their approach to the city and sprawling, nearby Tan Son Nhut Air Base.

Saigon will not be caught sleeping this time, as was the case during the Lunar New Year when the VC attacked the U.S. Embassy, presidential palace and other government and army buildings and compounds.

Probably the most talked about sub-

ject among American troops is "when's Charlie going to come?" When two or more soldiers meet the first thing they discuss is the latest rumors passed onto them by Vietnamese friends or employees.

The threat of attack has created a new demand for food and other staples. Prices have soared. A kilo of rice (2.2 lbs.) which sold for 22 piasters (16 cents) two days before cost 35 piasters Sunday. Fresh fruits and vegetables are available in plenty, but prices on these too have risen sharply.

Certain black market prices have also increased, notably for canned and other nonperishable foods.

For some the quiet streets and lack of congestion spells a respite from the nerve-racking job of driving around town. For others, the vast majority of

the population, it is like a harbinger of doom. Although morale of the people is high, they expect the worst.

Their government has announced that it is completely prepared to meet any assault by any VC force and this, coupled with the close proximity of large numbers of American and other Free World Forces troops have done much to bolster spirits.

In talking to the man on the street there is no defeatist attitude. They are most afraid of the unknown; worried about their households, and fearful for their friends. But none seems to have any doubt of the final outcome of any battle that may take place.

All feel sure the government and allied forces will win—giving Hanoi and the VC a serious defeat as they ponder America's offer of peace talks.



Ammo for the Chase

A helicopter hovers over a rough clearing as boxes of ammo are thrown out for men of the 4th Inf. Div. operating west of Kontum in the central highlands. A North Vietnamese unit had been caught

in the area and was fleeing toward the Cambodian border, about six miles away. The hill has been scarred by continuous artillery and air strikes. (AP)

S. Koreans Kill 18 in Ambushes

SAIGON (AP)—South Korean forces reported killing 32 enemy Saturday in scattered contacts that included four night ambushes. Korean casualties were termed "extremely light."

One of the ambush actions occurred only about eight miles north of Saigon, where four enemy were reported killed and five weapons captured.

Another ambush was sprung late Saturday night by Korean marines operating near Hoi An, a coastal town about 15 miles south of Da Nang. Seven enemy were reported killed and two weapons captured.

The third and fourth ambushes were in the Qui Nhon coastal area about 270 miles northeast of Saigon and were carried out by elements of the Tiger Div.'s cavalry regiment. The Koreans said they killed seven enemy in the two traps.

Increased night offensive and ambush operations long have been urged in the Vietnam war, and the Korean forces have been active in these roles.

Cop Had a Flaw

PARIS (UPI)—Bernard Semelie, 27, was sentenced to three years in prison for stealing 14 cars in an 11-month period while he was a policeman.

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U.S. Planes KO Red Bridges To Stem Growing Arms Flow

SAIGON (UPI)—American warplanes, seeking to choke off the increasing volume of weapons being shipped into South Vietnam, have bombed a complex of heavily-defended bridges in the North, U.S. spokesmen said Sunday.

Five bridges were reportedly knocked out by U.S. Navy pilots from the carrier Ticonderoga in a raid on the complex about 11 miles north of Vinh in the North

Vietnamese panhandle.

A spokesman said the bridge complex is considered one of the major supply route points in the panhandle, forming the intersection of Route 1A, a rail line and the Cau Lo River.

Navy A4 Skyhawks and F8 Crusaders dumped 500-pound bombs on the targets, encountering no anti-aircraft fire at first, but later waves of planes met heavy flak.

Reds—or 'Foreigners'—Won't Take Viet: Ky

DA LAT, Vietnam (AP)—In a stirring nationalistic speech, Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky told Da Lat University students Sunday, "We will not let our country fall into the hands of foreigners . . . or into the hands of the Communists."

Telling the students that South Vietnam needs their sacrifices as never before, Ky warned that to "any foreigner who wants to withdraw from Vietnam, I will say, 'You can withdraw today.'"

Without naming any of the "foreigners," Ky presumably referred to South Vietnam's allies, principally the United States.

He noted, however, that South Vietnam needs the help of its allies, "to protect our inde-

pendence and our ideals." But he added:

"We are not keeping them here to surrender to the Communists or to lose our country to the Communists, and they are not staying here to become our bosses."

Ky's speech was the strongest statement to date of fears among some Vietnamese that the United States might seek a way out of Vietnam by negotiating a peace with the Communists that would force the government to accept a coalition with the Viet Cong.

Ky and President Nguyen Van Thieu, as well as other government officials and legislators are strongly against any coalition.

U.S. fighter-bombers flew 93 missions over the North on Saturday amid reports that the Communists have greatly stepped up the shipment of war supplies into South Vietnam.

Intelligence sources said some 10,000 supply truck sightings had been logged by U.S. reconnaissance planes during the first 25 days of April. Previously, the heaviest monthly sightings totaled 8,000, the sources said.

The increase was attributed to President Johnson's limited bombing pause, leaving the North Vietnamese free to repair damage and organize vast truck convoys to be sent South.

Politician Rapped On Peace Views

SAIGON (UPI)—The Saigon government Sunday accused Truong Dinh Dzu, runner-up in last year's presidential election, of favoring "the Communist policy of false peace and neutralization."

In a communique the government denounced Dzu for statements he made recently in favor of a coalition government which would include non-Communist elements of the Viet Cong.

Government officials disclosed recently that Dzu would be arrested and held for questioning in connection with his statements on coalition.

Casualties

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

KILLED IN ACTION

Army
 SP4 Robert E. Gardner, Columbiana, Ala.
 SP4 Burnell Williams Jr., Blytheville, Ark.
 Pfc. Jerry V. McDonald, Havana, Ark.
 Sgt. Mel R. Ballard, Red Bluff, Calif.
 SP4 Paul E. Adams, Garden Grove, Calif.
 Pfc. Robert J. Hess, Sacramento, Calif.
 Pfc. James F. MacManus, Anaheim, Calif.
 Pfc. Roger L. Neger, Fairfield, Conn.
 SSG. James L. Keller, Belleville, Ill.
 Sgt. Bernard L. Fox, Bourbonnais, Ill.
 SP4 Gene T. Covey, Cottage Hills, Ill.
 SP4 Cecil L. Render, Danville, Ill.
 Pfc. Larry D. Warren, Liberal, Kan.
 2Lt. Edward T. Mello Jr., Falmouth, Mass.
 Col. Edward D. Ulman, Flint, Mich.
 SP4 Hlawatha Hicks, Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Pfc. Robert W. Glidden, Bemidji, Minn.
 Pfc. Darryl C. Lintner, Perryville, Mo.
 Pfc. Robert J. Noto, Saint Louis, Mo.
 2Lt. Victor G. Mika, Linden, N.J.
 Sgt. John B. Thompson, Eden, N.Y.
 Pfc. Tommy L. Taylor, Mount Vernon, N.Y.
 Pfc. Curtis R. Riley, Batavia, Ohio.
 Pfc. Theodore Hubbard Jr., McAlester, Okla.
 Pfc. Ronald F. Van Avery, Portland, Ore.
 Sgt. Clifton H. Davis, Danville, Va.
 SP4 Joseph A. Puryear, Danville, Va.
 SP4 James W. Rudd, Nathalie, Va.
 Pfc. Robert L. Oilom, Seattle, Wash.

Navy

HM3 Howard W. Bandelier Jr., New Haven, Ind.
 HN Richard E. Cowley, St. Joseph, Mo.

Marine Corps

Pfc. Allan J. Gaines, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
 Pfc. Gilbert Mendoza, La Puente, Calif.
 Pvt. Timothy J. O'Keefe, Kennesaw, Ga.
 1Lt. James L. Parsons, Warsaw, Mo.
 Pfc. John B. Hudson, Peekskill, N.Y.
 Pfc. John E. Quillen, East Islip, N.Y.
 Capt. Roy L. Griffin Jr., Wallace, N.C.
 Sgt. Leo F. Malone, Van Wert, Ohio.
 Cpl. Robert B. Thompson, Grants Pass, Ore.
 Pfc. Richard M. Carrales, Richmond, Tex.
 Pfc. Randall C. Phelps, Barrett, W.Va.

DIED OF WOUNDS

Marine Corps
 Cpl. Ralph M. Mahoney, Port Chicago, Calif.
 Pfc. John F. Candelas, Reedley, Calif.

MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE

Army
 Sgt. Jan E. Bobowski Jr., Buffalo, N.Y.
 Pfc. Larry A. Widener, Youngstown, Ohio.
 SP4 Jose G. Cortez, Corpus Christi, Tex.
 Pfc. James E. Nicolaisen, Dallas, Tex.
 Pfc. Cleatus W. McClanahan, Charleston, W.Va.
Marine Corps
 Pfc. Gilbert J. Adams, Colton, Calif.
 Pfc. Thomas J. Bayes, Bayside, N.Y.
 LCpl. Manuel V. Romero, San Antonio, Tex.

MISSING IN ACTION

Army
 CWO Charles W. Millard.
 SP5 Jesus A. Gonzalez.
 SP4 Philip R. Shafer.

Air Force

Maj. Robert P. Riggins.
 1Lt. William Chomyk.

DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

Army
 SSG. Jerome I. Wilson, Miami, Fla.
 SP4 Alfred B. Caffrelli, Alliquippa, Pa.
 Pfc. Robert L. Elmore, Charleston, S.C.
Marine Corps
 Col. Lionel L. Robinson, Wilmington, Del.
 Sgt. Domingo R. Gonzalez, Sinton, Tex.

MISSING TO DEAD—NON HOSTILE

Army
 Sgt. Ronald L. Holtzouser, Malden, Mo.
CORRECTIONS
 WO Joseph Laszlo, USA, Change status from died not as a result of hostile action to killed in action.
 SP5 Larry A. Iannetta, USA, Change status from died not as a result of hostile action to killed in action.
 Sgt. Jon M. Murphy, USA, Change status from died not as a result of hostile action to killed in action.
 LCpl. Lawrence J. Vargas, USMC, Change status from killed in action to died not as a result of hostile action.

VC Officer Defects

SAIGON (AP)—A Viet Cong assistant company commander defected Saturday in Gia Dinh Province six miles from Saigon, Vietnamese military headquarters announced Sunday. The defector brought with him two Russian-designed AK47 automatic rifles.

GIs Go Back for A Buddy

By SPEC. 5
BRUCE MCILHANEY
S&S Staff Correspondent

LONG THANH, Vietnam—They wanted to go back.

After being almost overrun by an enemy platoon fresh from North Vietnam, the remainder of a 9th Inf. Div. Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP) wanted to take them on again and bring out the body of a friend left behind.

The U.S. troops had set up an observation and ambush position but were forced to spring their ambush before setting out all their Claymore mines. The Reds were stopped by the first volley of fire but then they pushed into an exposed flank forcing the U.S. soldiers to retreat, carrying two dead comrades and radioing for help.

A pick-up helicopter was faced with landing on a burning field to reach them. The Reds had set fire to the field but the helicopter managed to land. Forced to scramble, the troops had to leave behind one of the bodies.

When they reached the division base camp at Bearcat, the troops demanded to go back to pick up their friend.

An escort, A Co., 2nd Bn., 47th Inf., was provided for the mission. The first flight of helicopters received light sniper fire.

Four enemy bodies were found.

Corpsmen located the body of their comrade, placed it on a stretcher and the company, in solemn silence, walked back to the landing zone.

Viet Marines Tattoo Selves

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON — Polynesian tribes developed it, the Japanese perfected it, and Western military men adopted the tattoo as a badge of professional and personal status.

The custom seems to have lapsed in most circles, but it's still very much alive among young Vietnamese marines.

Almost all recruits going through the Vietnamese Marine Corps Training Command in Dien eventually show up with "TQLC," for Thuy Quan Luc Chien, meaning Marine Corps, tattooed on their arms—similar to the "USMC" as worn by many American Marines.

They don't go to tattoo parlors either — it's a do-it-yourself operation. The skin is pricked with needles dipped in indelible ink. Repeated injections are usually required.

What happens to such tattooed marines if captured by the Viet Cong is only rumored.

The marines don't worry.

GIs Aid Cleanup Of Viet Village

CAM RANH BAY, Vietnam (IO)—Soldiers of the Cam Ranh Bay Support Command teamed with Vietnamese residents of the Cam Ranh Bay village recently in a one-day cleanup campaign.

A MEDCAP team sprayed the village with insecticides and the support command provided trucks to remove refuse.

Give Allies River-Power

Old Boats Get New Life in Vietnam

Story and Photos
By SGT. MAJ. WALTER CORD
S&S Vietnam Bureau Chief

Twenty-five years ago in an American shipyard a keel was laid. It was probably not an auspicious occasion nor, probably, was it anything other than an ordinary working day for the ship building crew in the yard.

By American standards of the era it was not a fighting ship but a type used to haul troops on short runs from point A to point B and land them on hostile beaches, an LSIL (Infantry Landing Ship), 147 feet of steel, designed primarily for transport.

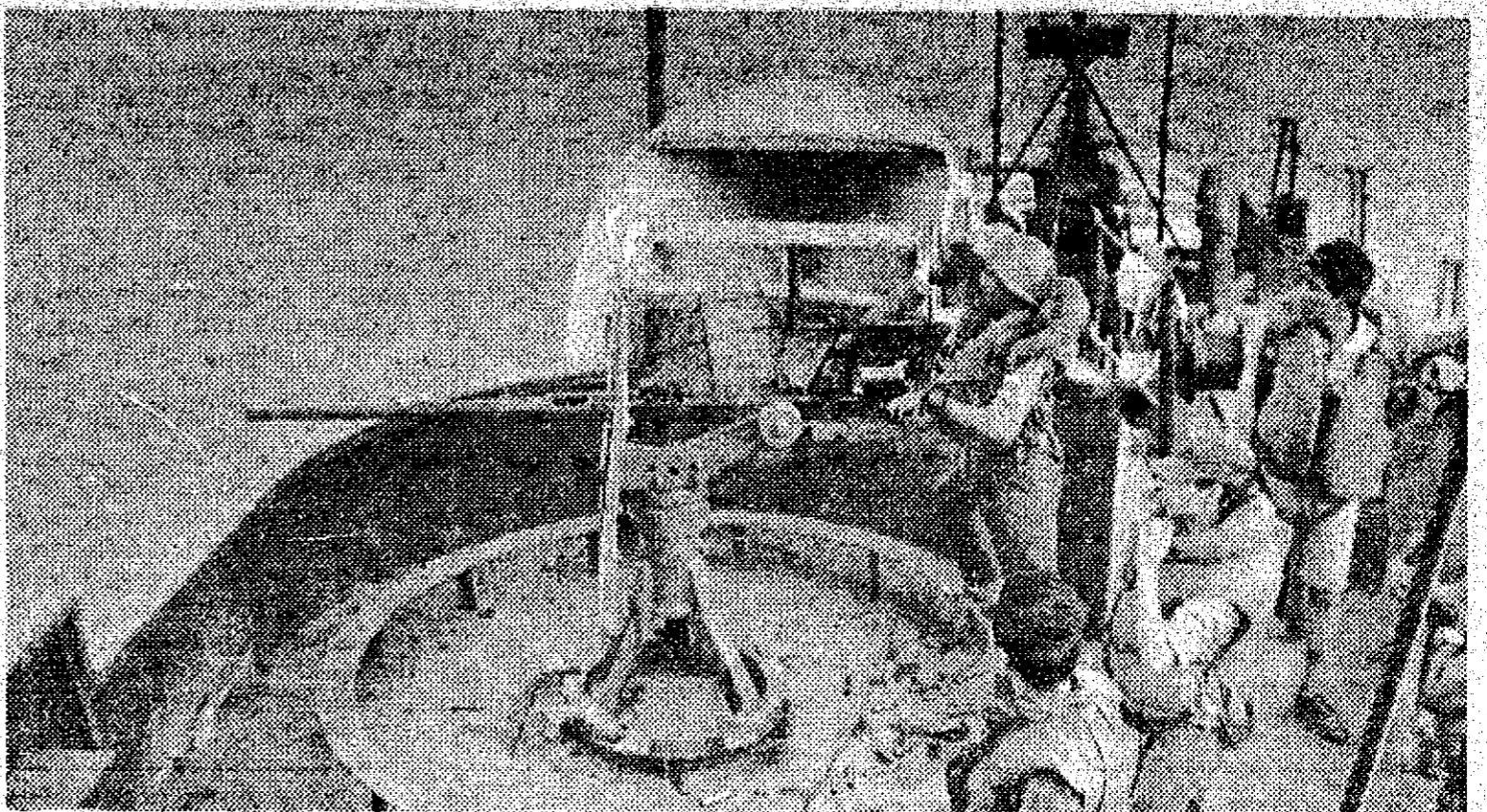
Today, a quarter-century later, after having served under two other national flags, this third-hand little ship is one of the mainstays of the Vietnamese Fleet Command. Armed to the teeth with a 3" gun, 81 mm mortars, 20 mm automatic cannon, .50 and .30 caliber machine guns, grenade launchers and 40 mm guns, these craft prowl the rivers and coast of Vietnam looking for trouble and usually finding it.

By U.S. Naval standards, Fleet Command itself would not be considered much. Thirty-five hundred men, a few LSILs, some patrol boats and escorts, LSSLs (Support Landing Ships) and sundry other craft. What makes Fleet Command a major force and a determined fighting command is, among other things, heart. Heart of the sailors who man the ships plying the wide, raging rivers of South Vietnam and heart from the crews of smaller ships stationed off the coast, constantly alert for enemy ships attempting to supply the Viet Cong.

The Vietnamese Navy has come a long way in a short time. Many of its ships, originally built for World War II, were given to the French.

After the French pullout from Vietnam in 1954, the ships of the meager fleet were given to the Vietnamese, who were unprepared to man them.

All the officers aboard these ships were French, the crewmen Vietnamese. The U.S.



Viet Cong along the shore are the targets as gun. The Vietnamese patrol the rivers of the Mekong Delta south of Saigon.

government offered advice in setting up a workable organization.

Today that system and organization is paying off with solid results against the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese from the north.

An example is Lt. Chau Van, Commanding Officer and his ship, LSIL 330. Van and his crew spend four out of every six weeks patrolling the fast-moving rivers of the Mekong Delta.

At times they escort deep-draft ships to ports near the Cambodian border, where they can unload cargos close to the units which will use the vital material. Other times they act as floating artillery platforms for Vietnamese and American infantry units fighting Charlie in what he considers his private territory.

During almost every cruise they act as gunships to knock out VC positioned along river banks to ambush passing boats. For Fleet Command "action" is a middle name.

For Van "action" is a way of life. A career naval officer and 1962 graduate of the Vietnamese Naval Academy, he has been in the service all his adult

life. The jaunty, 30-year-old officer takes great pride in the accomplishments of his ship and even greater pride in being part of Fleet Command.

Aboard his spick - and - span ship are six other officers, 47 crewmen and an American advisor, Lt. Wallace Jones of Tampa, Fla. Jones says his job is not hard. He credits this to the thorough training of Van and his crew.

His job, according to Jones, is to make U.S. Navy Headquarters know what the ship is doing and where it is and coordinating requests for support to prevent duplication of effort.

What's the worst part of being an advisor?

"I miss not being able to talk to people," Jones said. "I don't mean on war matters, but just ordinary conversation. I've learned some Vietnamese and the other officers speak some English, but neither of us can carry a sensible conversation on other than operational subjects. In the wardroom at meals I feel like the little man in the corner."

Van does not see it this way. To him Jones is much, much more than the little man in the corner. "He is a help and an

assistant who can be relied on to help in any circumstance," Van said.

Comfort, aboard the ship is limited. Originally designed for a somewhat smaller crew, the ship has little to offer. There are bunks, arranged four high, but most of the men prefer to sleep on deck to get away from the stifling heat.

Mess facilities are good by any standards, although the Vietnamese Navy does not have the supplies familiar to Americans. Before each four-week cruise the captain is given enough money to purchase daily food supplies for his crew. To this, he frequently adds funds from his own pocket and the crewmen usually contribute to provide a few luxuries.

With refrigeration at a premium in the 100-plus-degree heat, chickens and ducks are sometimes purchased live and kept until just before chow time. "No one ever heard of a live chicken spoiling," Van said.

Oddly enough the Vietnamese Navy does not have a rating for cooks. The skipper said that any man in the crew can volunteer to be ship's cook.

Sanitary facilities are up to standard, except that there is no hot water.

Below the sweltering decks, as the ship moves downstream, sit four of what must be the hottest engine rooms afloat.

Jones says the engineers on these old ships are first rate. "It takes an exceptionally good engine man and engineer officer to keep these old engines turning at peak efficiency," he said.

As Jones said, "our job here is not to try to tell them what to do but rather to advise them on how best to do it."

At Fleet Command Headquarters in Saigon Cmdr. Nguyen Thanh Chau, commander of Fleet Command, echoed these comments. "We are grateful for the manner in which help from the United States has been offered — without strings or any requirements for us to do certain things. We have a common objective — to defeat the Communists and maintain the freedom of our country."

Chau is well aware of the growing responsibility his command entails. "We now have taken over six off-shore stations which were formerly manned by the U.S. Navy. We are prepared to take over even more once we have the ships and men to adequately cover them."



U.S. Navy Lt. Wallace Jones and Vietnamese Navy Lt. Chau Van discuss problems during docking maneuvers at Vinh Long. Jones is an advisor to the Vietnamese.

Helicopter Assault Penetrates A Shau Valley

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in a zone that was too small plowed into 70-foot high trees that left them masses of twisted wreckage.

The valley, also a key troop infiltration route, runs from the northwest to the southeast for 25 miles, paralleling the Laotian border. Its center is about 375 miles north of Saigon.

Once on the ground, the U.S. troops encountered little opposition during the first week of the operation. The antiaircraft fire also diminished after the first day. Reconnaissance helicopters got a better fix on the enemy gunners once they revealed themselves and directed bombers and rocket-firing helicopter gunships onto their positions.

The air cavalrymen, with more than 200 helicopters at their command, began smashing into the northern tip of the valley nine days ago, but the

U.S. Command did not permit newsmen covering the operation to disclose portions of it until Sunday for security reasons.

The cavalrymen reported killing less than 50 enemy troops in the initial stages of the thrust, while suffering light casualties of less than 20 killed, including four helicopter crewmen. Sixteen crewmen were wounded, 12 of whom required evacuation.

Miraculously, casualties among the helicopter crewmen, although tragic, were kept down. Other pilots braved the heavy fire to follow burning copters to the ground and quickly pluck the survivors to safety.

While attention focused on the A Shau Valley itself because of its importance to the North Vietnamese, a South Vietnamese task force of paratroopers moved to block the key enemy

supply routes leading out of the valley into the old imperial capital of Hue. They drove in toward the valley from the east.

The South Vietnamese reported destroying 10 North Vietnamese 3/4-ton trucks and seizing 330 pounds of dynamite along Highway 547, about 16 miles southwest of Hue, in one of their biggest catches of the operation.

As the push from the top of the valley southward got under way, the U.S. cavalrymen captured two Russian-made bulldozers, apparently used by the North Vietnamese to improve Hwy. 548, and four Russian-made trucks.

Hwy. 548 is the main supply route from Laos through the heart of A Shau. It funnels war materials and troops onto other

highways and trails in the northernmost I Corps area and the sprawling II Corps Area, which includes the central highlands and other coastal provinces.

Intelligence sources said one of the bulldozers had "USSR" painted on the side and appeared operational. The second bulldozer was a total wreck, the sources said, apparently from relentless Air Force bombing strikes that preceded the ground invasion.

Associated Press Photographer Eddie Adams, accompanying cavalrymen who discovered the camp, said it had been evacuated so quickly that laundry was still hanging on lines, and food was still lying open in the mess hall.

Dozens of 50-gallon drums of

gasoline were found along a stream bed. A search of the camp turned up about 300 Chinese-made automatic rifles, still covered with grease and in crates. Nearby were 300 rounds of Russian-made artillery shells and 270 Chinese-made anti-aircraft rounds.

Elements of the U.S. 101st Airborne Div., the "Screaming Eagles," smashed their way with armored personnel carriers along the Song Bo River through withering enemy fire toward a fortified village four miles northwest of Hue. More than 200 North Vietnamese troops were reported dug in at the village.

At last report, the fighting was still going on, but no casualty figures were immediately available.

5 Slain; Youth Held



THOMAS CHARLES FULLER

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campus policeman. He was carrying a 22-caliber revolver, police said.

Cox, a construction worker, and two older sons were working on a truck several miles away from the two-story white frame farmhouse when the murders occurred, police said. His wife had taken another daughter into Mattoon for treatment of a burn.

The bodies of the boys were found outside a barn near the house, Caudill said, and the girls' bodies were found inside the barn.

"They hadn't run, they hadn't scattered," Caudill said. "It didn't look like there was a fight."

A teen-age daughter who was home at the time of the one-by-one shootings was unharmed. Officials did not name her. Friends of the family told newsmen she had dated Fuller.

Two of the family's 11 children do not live at home.

Fuller, a senior at Mattoon High School, lived in Mattoon with his mother, Mrs. Lucy Fuller.

He was charged with five counts of murder in a preliminary appearance before Associate Judge William J. Sunderman of Circuit Court.

Bunny Survives Wreck Magically

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — The car of Jack P. Pyle, a Chicago magician, stalled on railroad tracks and three patrolmen tried to help.

They failed to flag a freight train in time and the car was knocked end-over-end, scattering trick cards and other magician's props.

Pyle pulled an unharmed white rabbit out of a black case in the wreckage.



West Germany's National Democratic Party leader Adolf von Thadden (center) is interviewed in Stuttgart after learning of his right-wing party's success in the Baden-Wuerttemberg elections. (AP Radiophoto)

Team—

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trouble," an FAA man said.

The Beechcraft Queenair left Des Moines at 7:02 p.m. CST, the sheriff's office said, and crashed at 12:25 a.m.

Fuel tanks on the plane burned with a heat so intense it was difficult for firemen to approach it. "The plane was burned and scorched real bad," said manager Lee Sheffield of the Beaumont Municipal Airport. "This is a real shock to the community."

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Two other squad members listed on the relays program were ineligible and didn't make the trip. Oliver identified them as Henry Harrison, a sprinter, and Doug Boone, a distance runner.

DeLaune, Favazza, Thomas and Richardson, making up the Cardinals' mile relay team, broke the Drake record in their event with a time of 3:07.3, one-tenth of a second under the old mark, but placed second to Texas whose team made it two seconds faster.

The same Lamar Tech runners finished fourth in the sprint medley relay with a 3:21.5 time Saturday.

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Tuesday, April 30, 1968

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'Neo-Nazis' Gain Strength In West German State Vote

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The NPD, accused of being neo-Nazi, won 9.8 per cent of the vote, good for 12 of 127 seats in the Baden - Wuerttemberg state legislature.

The NPD success was seen as partly due to reaction to recent student rioting in several West German cities.

Both Chancellor Kurt Georg

Kiesinger's Christian Democrats (CDU) and Vice Chancellor Willy Brandt's Social Democrats (SPD), in coalition in the state capital of Stuttgart as well as in Bonn for the past 17 months, lost ground. The opposition Free Democrats (FDP) gained slightly.

The big loser was the SPD, which slumped to 29 per cent compared to 37.7 per cent in the last state election in 1964, and thus loses 10 of 47 seats in the 120-seat legislature. Political observers said the setback might lead the SPD to pull out of the Stuttgart coalition.

The CDU dipped to 44.2 per

cent compared with 46.2 four years ago. However it increases its seats from 59 to 60 on the basis of direct mandates. The FDP climbed from 13.1 to 14.4 per cent, increasing its seats from 14 to 18.

The Democratic Left, an amalgam of former Communists and leftist organizations, and two other parties, fell far short of the 5 per cent required for a single seat.

Weather

Asian Weather Central
TOKYO AREA
Monday Night: Rain, Fog; Low: 60
Tuesday: Rain; High: 60

TEMPERATURES

April 28					
	H	L	H	L	
Bangkok	95	75	Naha	73	64
Chitose	52	45	Saigon	90	79
Guam	85	77	Seoul	66	39
Hazuke	63	54	Taipei	73	54
Manila	88	73	Tokyo	63	57
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Albany	54	43	Melbourne	66	60
Atlanta	79	50	Memphis	75	56
Boston	60	47	Miami	82	76
Chicago	58	46	Moscow	48	36
Cincinnati	64	40	N. Orleans	82	62
Cleveland	57	34	NYC	65	49
Denver	46	32	Paris	68	50
Detroit	64	31	Phila.	65	43
Fort Worth	82	60	Phoenix	90	54
Hong Kong	77	64	Port., O.	54	42
Honolulu	82	74	Singapore	81	73
Houston	85	72	St. Louis	67	57
Jakarta	94	76	Salt Lake	56	35
Kansas City	68	43	San Fran.	77	55
K. Lumpur	85	73	Seattle	67	43
London	57	46	Sydney	80	52
L.A.	70	59	Wash.	66	49

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