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REPORT REDS USING TANKS

SAIGON (AP)—South Vietnamese headquarters said a Special Forces camp in the northwest corner of South Vietnam was overrun and occupied early Wednesday by Communists using tanks and armored cars.

If confirmed, it would mark the first known time that enemy forces have used tanks in the Vietnam conflict. There have been reports in the

past that some type of armored enemy vehicles were seen along the Demilitarized Zone in South Vietnam but these were never confirmed.

Hit in the heavy morning attack was the Special Forces camp at Lang Vei, between the U.S. Marine base of Khe Sanh and the Laos border and just below the DMZ.

South Vietnamese headquarters said seven tanks and armored cars came from the direction of Laos to attack the camp.

Headquarters spokesmen said four tanks were destroyed in the fighting, but contact with the camp was lost at 1:20 a.m., and that reconnaissance planes flying over the camp at daylight reported they saw North Vietnamese troops take the position.

They said four companies of civilian irregulars and an unknown number of American Green Beret advisers had been in the camp. Earlier reports also had said there were a number of refugees from recent fighting in Laos in the camp who had fled across the border.

The U.S. Command in Saigon reported the Lang Vei camp under heavy attack, but did not say the enemy force had used tanks.

South Vietnamese spokesmen said a reconnaissance plane had reestablished radio contact with civilian irregular troops after the government force had withdrawn from the camp.

They said later they did not know if enemy troops still were inside the camp, but that the position near the Khe Sanh Marine base had been overrun.

Khe Sanh is the Marine base that has been bracing for an all-out attack in the face of four North Vietnamese divisions.

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A SOLDIER CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE FOR MAJOR TRU (RIGHT), A DISTRICT POLICE CHIEF WOUNDED IN SAIGON.

Walkouts Tie Up Viet Rail Cargo

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Strikes idled two of the nation's major railroads Tuesday, and there were indications several other systems might become involved. Affected by the walkout of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen were the Missouri Pacific Lines and its subsidiary, the Texas and Pacific, and the Seaboard Coast Lines. The Missouri serves 12 states in the Midwest and Southwest, and the Seaboard Coast Line operates from Washington, D.C. to Miami with branches extending inland to Birmingham, Atlanta, Montgomery and other cities.

The Missouri Pacific said it expected most of its 23,500 em-

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U.S. Assures Seoul Red Raids Included in North Korea Talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department said Tuesday the United States has taken up with North Korea the question of the North Korean guerrilla attempt on South Korea's presidential residence Blue House.

At the same time, a State Department spokesman acknowledged that South Korean officials have "expressed to us their understandable concern that North Korean violent actions (in South Korea) should not be overlooked while we are engaging in talks in connection with the release of the Pueblo crew."

Press Officer Robert J. McCloskey said, "We said that we are concerned with both aspects of the problem."

The questions were taken up since the first meeting between U.S. and North Korean authorities, McCloskey declared.

He told his news briefing there has not been a fourth U.S.-North Korean session at Panmunjom but "We do expect the talks will continue."

He was unable to give a date. South Korea's expression of concern took place primarily in Seoul with U.S. Ambassador William G. Porter and others present. He did not name the South Koreans but described them as "appropriate officials."

South Korea's National Assembly adopted Tuesday night a sharply worded resolution expressing "national indignation"

at the secret negotiations between the United States and Communist North Korea on the fate of the captive intelligence ship Pueblo and its crew.

The resolution, reflecting widespread South Korean dismay at the American attitude in the crisis, insisted that the attack by North Korean commandos assigned to assassinate President Chung Hee Park was more important to South Korea than the Pueblo incident.

The legislators asked the government to take "punitive measures — if necessary, alone" — against Communist provocations, and suggested that "military reprisals would be the best" (Continued on Back Page, Col. 3)

Icebox Raider Leaves Wife Cold

CHICAGO (UPI)—Max Aver's marriage might be on ice but his appetite is not.

Aver's wife, Frances, 38, a 12-year veteran of marriage, told Judge Hyman Feldman that Aver left her a few months ago but returned every night at midnight to raid the icebox and then showed up again at 6 a.m. for breakfast.

Her attorney asked for—and got—an injunction to halt icebox pillage.

Replacements Keep Red Strength Up in Saigon

By SPEC. 5 RAY BELFORD
S&S Staff Correspondent

SAIGON—The South Vietnamese capital of Saigon was still crawling with Viet Cong Tuesday, according to U.S. officials.

Not only is the number of Reds in the city remaining constant, but U.S. officials say most of the 900 Communists estimated to be in the capital are fresh troops.

U.S. intelligence reports said most of the original attacking force has either been killed or has exfiltrated to the north while replacements have been sifting into the city from the south.

The fresh replacements for the battle-weary Reds in Saigon are apparently part of the reported Communist battle plan.

According to reports gathered from captured enemy soldiers in Saigon, they were to attack and try to hold out until replacements could be sent.

Communist commanders apparently are trying to at least offer a token amount of replacements.

Late Tuesday evening U.S. officials said there was at least one battalion fighting as a unit near the Saigon race-track. The area was the scene of some of the heaviest fighting of the battle for Saigon a week ago.

Other Communist forces are spread throughout the Saigon and Cholon areas in various size units from one man to company strength, according to U.S. military spokesmen.

The U.S. command said it is keeping tabs on three Communist regiments to the northwest of the city, but did not know if these forces would be committed by the Reds to the Saigon offensive.

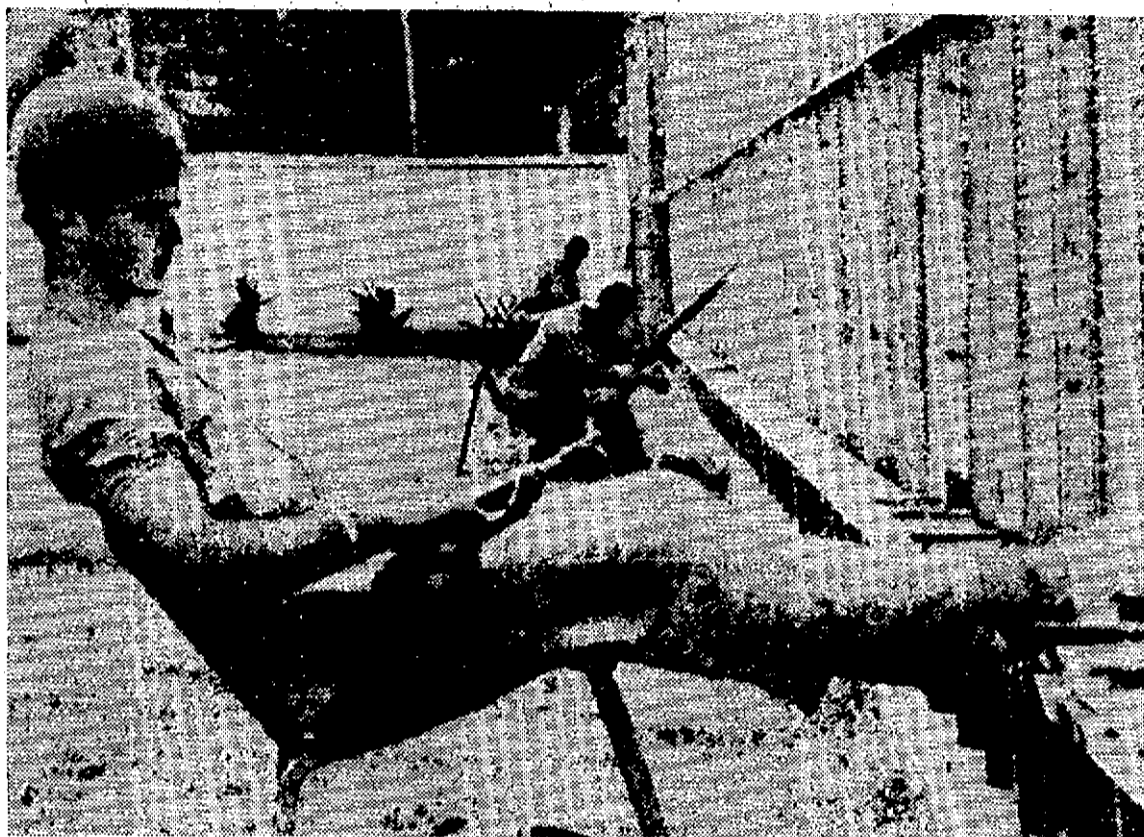
Though the fighting in Saigon seems to be quieting down, Gen. William C. Westmoreland, commander of U.S. forces in South Vietnam, said in a congratulatory message to U.S. forces in Vietnam, "We cannot relax for a moment. We must continue to stand ready for the

enemy's possible second wave attack." Most of the Communist attacks Monday night and during the morning hours Tuesday were in the Cholon district. At least eight police stations were hit. Two were reported overrun, but later taken back by government forces.

There were several reports of civilian homes being burned in the area.

Reports over AFVN radio and television, which have been keeping Americans in Saigon informed on the situation, have warned U.S. forces in the Saigon-Cholon areas to travel with at least two vehicles with one as an armed escort.

Civilians in the Saigon and Cholon areas have been warned to stay home.



Pajama-Clad Defenders

Pajama-clad Airman I.C. Art Stockdale, 21, takes his turn as a perimeter guard with other patients who volunteered for duty during their stay at the 3rd Field Hospital near Saigon. Stockdale was one of 35 patients who stood guard during Red terrorist raids. (UPI)

U.S. Pilots Nail MIG That Downed F105

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON—A Communist MIG21 was shot down by a flight of American F4s northwest of Hanoi Monday shortly after it downed a U.S. Air Force F105 Thunderchief, the U.S. Command reported Tuesday.

The command said two MIG21s attacked the F105 over Communist territory. The Red fighters fired on the U.S. warplane, sending it plummeting to the ground in flames. The pilot is listed as missing in action.

Before the MIGs could climb from their attack and escape, the flight of F4s attacked with air-to-air missiles. One Phantom reported that its missile hit a MIG and sent it spinning out of control toward the ground, trailing smoke.

The MIG was the 106th Communist fighter downed in dog-fights with U.S. planes over North Vietnam. The U.S. plane lost to the MIG was the 40th downed by Communist fighters, and the 797th U.S. warplane lost over North Vietnam in the war.

Poor weather over North Vietnam limited U.S. warplanes to 72 missions Monday.

Most of the missions were directed against Communist supply lines and gun positions in the panhandle area.

Casualties

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

KILLED IN ACTION

Army
Sgt. Robert N. Barbery, Sacramento, Calif.
Spec. 4 Harvey E. Kline II, San Diego, Calif.
Pfc. Robert R. Fryer, Paso Robles, Calif.
Cpl. William E. White III, Bradenton, Fla.
1Lt. Raymond M. Caswell, Allenton, Ga.
Sic. Joe D. Brown, Augusta, Ga.
Col. Herlby T. Long, Mountain Home, Ida.
Sgt. Gregory J. Sinfic, Chicago, Ill.
Cpl. Richard A. Ballheim, La Porte City, Iowa.
Spec. John F. Ruiz, De Witt, Mich.
Pfc. Richard E. Denny Jr., Duluth, Minn.
Sgt. Harvey Harris Jr., Benton, Miss.
Pfc. Byron C. Lohr, Kansas City, Mo.
Spec. 4 Allen Geib, Fair Lawn, N.J.
Pfc. John A. Feistaw, Utica, N.Y.
Pfc. Charles A. Dellinger, Conover, N.C.
Pfc. Stephen M. Mueller, Huntsville, Ohio.
Spec. 4 Robert D. Fairas, Cushing, Okla.
Cpl. Terry D. Finch, Portland, Ore.
Pfc. Randy N. Ward, Tallahassee, Tenn.
1Lt. Robert L. Kellas, Alexandria, Va.

Marine Corps

Lt. Daniel Escobedo, Parlier, Calif.
Cpl. Lester M. Ness, Miami, Fla.
Cpl. Kurt F. Zimmerman, Ormond Beach, Fla.
Cpl. Edward K. Peters, Zion, Ill.
Cpl. Robert S. Plunkett, North Randolph, Va.
Pfc. Thomas J. Pennington, Scott City, Mo.
Cpl. David D. Flanagan, Lincoln, Neb.
Lt. Douglas M. Saroka, Blackwood, N.J.
Pfc. Edward Haddock, Matawan, N.J.
Pfc. Donald L. Hunter, Penns Grove, N.J.
2Lt. John R. Burns Jr., New Rochelle, N.Y.
GYSgt. Michael A. Mikitis, Burgaw, N.C.
Cpl. John L. Prichard, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Pfc. James M. Buck, Chandler, Okla.
Cpl. William D. Hart, Philadelphia, Pa.
Lt. Francis Pennetti, Philadelphia, Pa.
Pfc. William J. Roberts, Kingsport, Tenn.
Cpl. Ray O. Simons Jr., Wellsburg, W. Va.
Pfc. Thomas K. Coleman, Big Chimney, W. Va.

DIED OF WOUNDS

Marine Corps
Cpl. Javier P. Figueroa, Wilmington, Calif.

MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE

Army
1Lt. Robert H. King, Tusculuma, Ala.
Spec. 4 Jack P. Colterelli, Bellflower, Calif.
WO John J. Foden, Fort Worth, Tex.
Spec. 5 Ernest E. Hood, San Antonio, Tex.
Pfc. Ramiro R. Ramirez, San Antonio, Tex.
Sgt. Jack B. Sutphen, Salt Lake City, Utah.

MISSING IN ACTION

Army
2Lt. Howard F. Coles Jr.
Sgt. Ronald S. Russo.
Spec. 4 Johnnie R. Barber.

DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

Army
WO Timothy J. Mc Klerman, Narco, Calif.
Pfc. Roy D. Mc Gee, Oxford, Mich.
Cpl. Michael V. Peterson, Pipestone, Minn.
Pfc. George R. Washington, Charleston, S.C.
Sgt. George P. Nicholson, Jackson, Tenn.
Pfc. Robert J. Mezeider, Ellendale, Del.

Westy's Message

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON — Gen. William C. Westmoreland, commander of U.S. forces in Vietnam, sent the following message to the men and women of his command Tuesday.

"I extend my personal congratulations and convey as well the official commendation of the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, to the men and women of the command for outstanding professional performance during the period of the enemy's Tet truce aggression, beginning 29 January, 1968.

"Your alertness, aggressiveness, professionalism and courage—individually, by team, and by unit—add new luster to your outstanding reputation. During one week, in conjunction with the forces of the Republic of Vietnam and our free world allies, you have blunted the enemy's offensive and turned the tables on him.

"But we cannot relax for a moment. We must continue to stand ready for the enemy's possible second wave attack. As you maintain your resolute alert for what may come next, again, let me assure you of my profound pride in your conduct and performance."

Food Prices Soar

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON — Saigon remained hungry Tuesday as most of the markets in this besieged city were closed and the distribution of stored supplies remained in the organizational phase.

Rumors of sky-high prices were floating all over the city. Reports said that a kilogram (2.2 pounds) of meat was bringing 1,000 piasters (about \$8.50) and a kilogram of rice was reported as high as 750 piasters (about \$6).

U.S. officials said they had been informed by the Vietnamese government that 50,000 tons of rice are stored in warehouses and aboard ships in and around Saigon. Plans were being made to distribute the food Wednesday.

The food will reportedly be taken to various points in the city by trucks under armed escort and sold at government-regulated prices. But the question remains as to how far the supply will stretch in feeding a

city of 4 million hungry people. Monday, even people with money to pay the high prices were having trouble finding food.

Three Korean women, employees of a civilian firm in South Vietnam, said they spent all day looking for food. They returned with one small bag of rice to show for their efforts.

There were also unconfirmed reports that some of the markets that had food were under harassment from Communist snipers.

The food shortage was compounded by other serious threats to public health.

Ever-growing garbage heaps remained on the streets throughout Saigon — a city already heavily infested by rats.

U.S. officials said the Vietnamese government was giving mass inoculations in an effort to avoid a plague epidemic. Garbage piles were also being sprayed with DDT.

And there were also reports that bodies were still decaying in the streets in some sections of the city in the wake of the Communist drive that began a week ago.

Most of Saigon's hospitals are badly overcrowded. Vietnamese officials said that 2,685 Vietnamese civilians have been treated in Saigon since Jan. 31. Of that number, 1,451 were released after treatment and 180 died in the hospitals.

Viet Government Foe Ordered Out of Home

SAIGON (AP) — Phan Khac Suu, a leading anti-government politician who came in third in last year's presidential election, has been ordered by police to leave his home in downtown Saigon.

Conflicting reports said Suu had been placed in "protective custody" by the government, a report that the government strongly denied.

A government spokesman said Suu had been advised to leave his home because of fighting between troops and Viet Cong guerrillas in the neighborhood.

Suu's wife said in a telephone conversation that her husband

had been taken Monday against his wishes to police headquarters, where he was being held in protective custody.

Suu is a widely known anti-Communist figure in South Vietnam. He opposed Nguyen Van Thieu and Nguyen Cao Ky in last September's presidential election and came in third in a field of 10.

Suu became the leader of a group of defeated presidential candidates who set themselves up as an opposition party and vowed to have the presidential election declared invalid. The group slowly fell apart in the weeks after the election.

Army Names 'Ideal' Nurse

WASHINGTON (S&S) — Lt. Col. Sara N. Lundy, former chief nurse of the 45th Surgical Hospital in Vietnam, has been selected as the Army Nurse of the year by Lt. Gen. Leonard D. Heaton, the Army surgeon general.

The title is given each year to a nurse chosen as the ideal representative of the corps, according to a Defense Department announcement.

Lt. Col. Lundy is now stationed in the Directorate of Plans, Supply and Operations at the Surgeon General's office.

Trooper Wasn't Stumped

SONG BE, Vietnam (IO) — A 101st Airborne Div. paratrooper took a second look at what appeared to be a tree stump near here recently and discovered an 82mm enemy mortar.

Spec. 4 David W. Whitmore and members of his reconnaissance team had established a night ambush position along a well-worn trail.

"We saw several VC approaching and waited until they were in the center of our killing zone," said Sgt. Anthony A. Bliss.

The patrol opened fire and killed four Reds in the initial burst.

"We returned to the ambush site the next morning and began searching the area," said Sgt. Bliss.

"I looked over at the side of the trail and saw what appeared to be a tree stump," recalled Whitmore. "I walked over for a closer look and found it to be an enemy mortar."

"We found also three pairs of black pajamas riddled with bullet holes," added Bliss.

The prized crew-served weapon was carried to division reconnaissance patrol commander, Capt. Peter Fitts, who presented the weapon to Maj. Gen. O.M. Barsanti, 101st Airborne Div. commander.

U.S. Lensman Shot in Saigon

SAIGON (AP) — UPI photographer Bill Hall was wounded during the street fighting in Saigon. Hall, of Washington, D.C., was shot in front of the national police headquarters in suburban Gia Dinh.

Jean-Yves Gautron, a French freelance photographer, suffered a flesh wound in the left leg while photographing action on one of the city's main streets.

Man With Wheel Turns Heads in Viet

LONG BINH, Vietnam (IO) — William Winslow, 39, is the Pied Piper of Long Binh. He doesn't give anything away or play a flute, he just walks along the road rolling a wheel. Vietnamese children think this is pretty funny.

"So many of them were following me, I was frightened," the Elizabeth City, N.C., resident said.

The kids looked on in quiet

Incentives for Servicemen

Changes Won't Affect Special Pay

By MARC HUET
S&S Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Almost everyone in uniform today can draw some kind of special pay, and officials estimate about one in three are receiving it either as an incentive or for the hazards and inconveniences of their assignments.

Details of the origin and background of this extra money, a part of military life since the birth of the nation, are in a special Defense Department report that is an outgrowth of a much larger compensation and career retention study still under wraps at the Pentagon.

The study and its resulting recommendations will, if adopted by the administration and Congress, drastically change the whole system of pay, and, in effect, but everyone on a salary basis just like civilians.

No changes, at least for the immediate future, are contemplated in special pay with the possible exception of reenlistment bonuses, officials say. Salary raises would more than make up for the money a serviceman would lose if the reup bonus passes into limbo.

There are actually 22 different kinds of extra pay on the books, but only 20 are in effect. Glider pay disappeared with gliders, and responsibility pay has never been paid.

On the other hand, many like hostile fire, proficiency and overseas pay and the reenlistment and variable reenlistment bonuses went to an estimated one million men and women last year, according to Pentagon officials.

Some men draw more than one extra pay because of the extreme risk of their assignments. For example, a Special

Forces noncommissioned officer in Vietnam would be eligible for hostile fire, airborne, demolition and overseas pay as well as his normal bonuses, pay and allowances.

The largest single group affected are the soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines in Vietnam who are receiving hostile fire pay. Their extra \$65 a month is an outgrowth of what first started in World War II as combat infantry pay.

The Defense report also shows that reup bonuses went to about 239,000, VRB to 114,000 and pro-pay to 243,000 last year.

At the other end of the numbers scale is leprosy (Hansen's Disease) duty pay for officers and noncommissioned officers. This was approved by Congress at the turn of the century for those stationed mainly at the Molokai, Hawaii, leprosarium.

Now the Public Health Service is in charge of the treatment of lepers and the Defense Department reports only one officer, a dentist in Panama, drew extra pay of \$1,320 for this duty last year.

Flying and parachute pay are well known in the services. Some 180,000, mostly pilots, receive flying pay, and parachute pay is second highest for hazardous duty and incentive pay. Last year it went to nearly 50,000 officers and enlisted men.

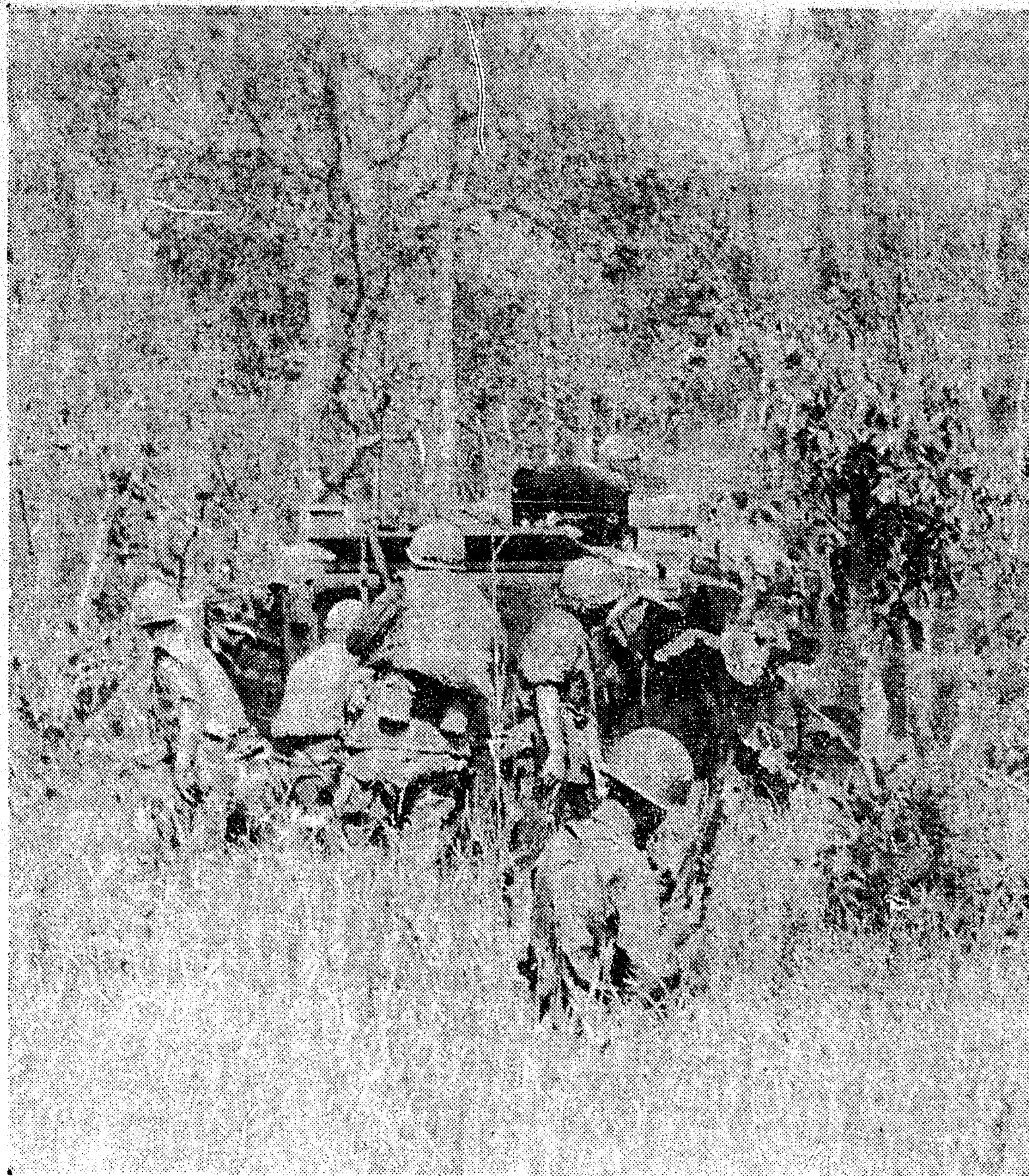
Oldest of the special pays is for sea duty, established in 1813. Sea and overseas pay, which came a few years later, forms a significant part of the special account, and, taken together, is the largest single item in terms of numbers and dollars. About 321,000 sailors drew sea pay and 657,000 other servicemen and women received overseas pay for a total of \$149 million last year.

Submarine pay for 24,000 sailors has been on the books since the turn of the century and was originally called "dungaree and daily diving pay." In those days it only amounted to \$5 a month, but then this was enough to enable the submariners to replace dungarees ruined by battery acid.

A year after sea pay became law, Congress authorized a special \$15 a month for doctors and extra rations as well as forage for their horses.

Aside from the premiums and bounties which have been a fixture since the Revolutionary War, the first one for overseas duty began in 1847 for soldiers in the Mexican War. This was extended in 1879 to include the Navy and the Marine Corps and continued in much the same fashion through the following years until 1949 when officers became ineligible.

Besides these there are many others on the books that go to officers and enlisted men, including flight deck pay for men on aircraft carriers, diving, and various kinds of testing pays that help carry out the most dangerous jobs in the services.



Going After a Sniper

U.S. infantrymen of the 2nd Bn., 22nd Inf., 25th Inf. Div., use the protection of an armored personnel carrier as they seek out a Viet Cong sniper in War Zone C.

Good Timing Kills 9 VC

LAI KHE, Vietnam (IO) — Perfect timing on the part of an A Co. ambush patrol netted at least nine Viet Cong for the 2nd Bn., 28th Inf., 1st Inf. Div.

The ambush patrol was set up just south of Thunder IV fire support base when about 25 Viet Cong were spotted moving near the ambush site.

The patrol waited for just the right moment, then sprang the ambush. Caught by surprise, the enemy returned small arms fire before breaking contact, leaving nine bodies behind.

During a sweep of the area later, the unit found evidence of other possible VC casualties being dragged away. The "Black Lions" suffered no casualties.

Memorial to Marines

DA NANG, Vietnam (ISO) — The Marine Memorial Chapel at the 1st Tank Bn. was dedicated recently in ceremonies honoring the memory of Marines who have been killed in the Vietnam war.

8-Point Program

LBJ Proposes Consumer Aids

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson, proclaiming a goal of assuring the consumer "a fair and honest exchange for his hard-earned dollar," sent Congress Tuesday a new eight-



SEMON KNUDSEN

Ex-GM Executive Heads Ford

DETROIT (AP) — Automotive executive Semon Knudsen was named president of Ford Motor Co. Tuesday, less than a week after quitting as an executive vice president and No. 4 man at General Motors Corp.

The announcement was made by Henry Ford II, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the company.

Knudsen replaces Arjay Miller, who was elected vice chairman of Ford's board of directors with new responsibilities. At the same time, Knudsen was elected to the board of directors and the executive committee.

As the son of a former GM president, Knudsen held more than \$3 million in stock in the world's largest corporation as of last May. It was not clear what would become of these holdings, but presumably they would have to be placed in a nonvoting trust or disposed of.

Industry sources said Knudsen, who had figured in speculation about the GM presidency, was disappointed when the appointment went to Edward N. Cole recently. Cole succeeded James Roche, who moved up to GM board chairman.

point consumer protection program.

In his special message, Johnson proposed new laws to set up federal and state inspection of fish, provide for state inspection of poultry, acquire new safeguards against hazardous radiation from television sets and other equipment and put new teeth into safeguards against home improvement and other sales frauds.

The President also proposed legislation to authorize a comprehensive study of the often-criticized auto insurance business and to set new standards for boating safety.

Johnson also said he will appoint a consumer council at the Justice Department to represent the American customer "in the highest councils of government." And he promised a new study to determine whether federal legislation is needed to police warranties and guarantees.

Johnson seized the opportunity to plug again for his proposed 10 per cent income tax surcharge, saying, "All our actions will be in vain if we fail to protect the buying power of every American consumer."

The chief executive also called for a "strong truth-in-lending law," now well on its way to congressional passage. And he urged action on his still-pending 1967 proposals in such areas as pipeline safety, fraudulent land sales, mutual funds and electric power reliability.

U.S. AID Man Slain

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department Tuesday reported one U.S. AID official killed, five injured and one missing as a result of the Viet Cong offensive in South Vietnam.

Press Officer Robert J. McCloskey said he was unable to provide names pending notification of the next of kin.

McCloskey said that as of Feb. 6 no State Department nor U.S. Information Agency personnel had been reported killed or injured.

Gambling Proposed

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — State Rep. Fred Foster has introduced a bill in the New Mexico House that would make slot machine gambling legal in New Mexico. Slot machine gambling would be done on machines leased from a state gambling commission.



Taking Aim at Cerebral Palsy

Five-year-old Kenny Cunningham's fast draw gets the full attention of President Johnson at the White House. Kenny, who suffers from cerebral palsy, is pictured on posters seeking funds to fight the illness.

(AP Radiophoto)

U.S. Assures Seoul

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measures" since the record of the North Koreans "proves they do not stick to diplomatic agreements."

Two anti-American demonstrations were held in front of the U.S. Embassy in Seoul Tuesday.

In the morning some 50-60 students appeared in the first anti-U.S. demonstration in Seoul since 1963. They handed out leaflets protesting American handling of the Korean crisis.

This demonstration was joined by about 200 persons belonging to a patriotic organization.

Late in the afternoon a dozen or so students again appeared at the embassy in downtown Seoul with more leaflets. These called for pullout of South Korean troops fighting in Vietnam.

In Washington, McCloskey made an unusual plea to the news and communications media to "exhaustively check out" reports of the release of American wounded or the turnover of the body of one American who was reported to have died in the seizure of the Pueblo.

McCloskey reminded newsmen that problems arise with the next of kin when these unconfirmed reports are circulated.

He asked that these stories be confirmed before they are sent to this country.

South Korean Ambassador Dong-Jo Kim said there was more disappointment than anger in his government.

Kim met late Monday with Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Samuel Berger, a former U.S. ambassador to South Korea who is heading a special task force in negotiations with the North Koreans.

Kim was assured that additional U.S. military assistance to South Korea is under way, but there was no specific details as to where and when requested items would be made available.

U.S. Destroyer Runs Aground

RHODES, Greece (AP) — Driven by strong winds and rough seas, the U.S. 6th Fleet destroyer Bache ran aground on the rocky beach of the Rhodes Yachting Club Tuesday.

The ship, which carries 250 men, was reported in no immediate danger. A Rhodes harbor spokesman said the crew was remaining on board during efforts to free the vessel, despite the bad weather.

Plane Missing Off Viet

BRUNSWICK, Maine (AP) — A Navy spokesman said Tuesday a massive sea and air search was under way off the South Vietnamese coast for a missing patrol plane with 12 men aboard.

Capt. Iper J. Gersuk, commander of Fleet Air Wing 3 based at Brunswick NAS, said the missing P3B Orion disappeared and was presumed down Tuesday morning, Vietnam time. Gersuk's statement in Brunswick was the first announcement that the plane was missing.

Gersuk said the plane was on a surveillance mission aimed at checking shipping and infiltration. The craft was based at Brunswick but operating on temporary assignment with the 7th Fleet in the Pacific.

The four-engine plane was last reported about 50 miles off Vietnam's southwest coast in the South China Sea, he said.

Several Navy and Air Force planes were over the area almost immediately after the plane was missed, he added.

Strikes—

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ployes to be idled.

A Missouri Pacific spokesman said the dispute was over crew sizes and might spread to half a dozen other lines including the Union Pacific which operates from Kansas City and Omaha to Seattle.

Effects of the strike were felt immediately in movement of ammunition and other supplies to Vietnam, and in vegetable and citrus shipments from Florida to the north.

Harry Hammer, Missouri Pacific public relations officer, said the road handled military supplies from four arsenals and handled other such cargoes received from other lines. Arsenals affected, he said, were at Avondale, Colo.; Lake City, Mo.; Defense, Tex., and Baldwin, Ark.

Florida citrus and winter vegetable shipments were at their peak. Railroad officials planned to use supervisory personnel in an effort to keep the perishable cargo trains moving.

World Weather

USAF Weather Central

TOKYO AREA

Wednesday: Mostly fair; low 20

Thursday: Mostly fair; high 40

TEMPERATURES

Feb. 6

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Bangkok	91	74	Naha	45	34
Chiang	35	19	Saigon	91	73
Guam	—	—	Seoul	27	12
Hakuba	40	23	Taipei	57	54
Manila	85	68	Tokyo	48	34

	H	L		H	L
Albany	33	18	Melbourne	72	63
Albuquerque	55	29	Memphis	56	33
Amarillo	57	30	Miami	71	62
Atlanta	56	31	Milwaukee	44	17
Birmingham	62	35	Moscow	19	14
Bismarck	33	10	N. Orleans	65	34
Boston	49	29	NYC	40	25
Chicago	35	20	N. Platte	54	14
Cincinnati	49	29	Okla. City	53	32
Cleveland	44	21	Omaha	53	30
Denver	55	19	Omaha	53	30
Des Moines	49	26	Phila.	45	25
Detroit	45	22	Phoenix	76	43
Duluth	40	15	Pittsburgh	43	17
Fairbanks	-36	-56	Portl., O.	55	28
Fargo	29	11	Rapid City	56	26
Fort Worth	63	41	Reno	46	26
Hong Kong	52	48	Richmond	56	23
Honolulu	80	65	Singapore	87	73
Houston	66	52	St. Louis	49	30
Indianapolis	—	26	St. Paul	47	20
Jackville	65	45	Salt Lake	45	25
Jakarta	89	73	S. Antonio	69	42
Kansas City	53	35	San Diego	71	51
K. Lumpur	93	73	San Fran.	56	50
Las Vegas	64	37	Seattle	47	37
Little Rock	57	37	Shreveport	59	39
London	40	26	Sydney	85	65
L.A.	76	58	Tucson	75	45
Louisville	49	27	Wash.	53	22

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lied in the area along the DMZ.

The Marine base and Marine positions on hills around it have been shelled regularly and at times hit with ground attacks. It was felt that the Special Forces camp—made up of U.S. advisors and civilian irregular forces—was especially vulnerable.

The U.S. Command said Lang Vei came under mortar and

artillery fire just before midnight Tuesday. About an hour later the camp "was under heavy ground attack," spokesmen said. "At 3 a.m. it was reported that the camp defenders were fighting from their bunker positions."

This was taken to mean that the enemy force of unknown size had penetrated the camp perimeter and that close-quarter fighting was going on in the position itself.

The spokesmen said air strikes and artillery support from the Marine base at Khe Sanh were

aiding the camp defenders.

U.S. Marines recaptured the Thua Thien provincial headquarters building in Hue, the old imperial capital, as South Vietnamese narrowed Communist holdings in Hue's bomb-blasted walled citadel across the Perfume River.

At other points, the Communists, though by Saigon count losing men at the rate of 12-to-1 for the allies, appeared to be outmaneuvering government troops.

Large sections of Saigon and Hue lay in smoldering ruins and

towering columns of smoke shot up through the sunny skies as South Vietnamese dive-bombers, U.S. helicopter gunships, artillery and tanks blasted away at Communist troops in scattered sections.

Tens of thousands of terrified civilians streamed from shacks and huts laden with what meager belongings they could carry, swelling the number of homeless. Already there are nearly 200,000 refugees, 58,000 alone in Saigon and its suburbs. The figure is expected to double or triple when all the reports are in.