

Certain Reds Struck First In Tonkin, McNamara Says

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WASHINGTON (AP) — On a murky, fateful night in the Gulf of Tonkin, the commander of the destroyer Maddox cabled his superiors that "freak weather and an over-eager sonar man" could have contributed to reports that American vessels had just been attacked by North Vietnamese torpedo boats.

But Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara said in testimony made public Saturday he issued orders which withheld retaliatory American air raids "until we were damned sure the attack had taken place."

McNamara said Capt. John J. Herrick, who sent the cable on Aug. 4, 1964, swiftly resolved his
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Allies Mopping Up in Hue



MARINES USE A STONE WALL FOR COVER DURING THE BATTLE FOR CONTROL OF HUE.

UPI Radiophoto

HUE, Vietnam (AP) — Allied forces slugged away at remaining pockets of resistance in the Hue citadel late Saturday, while other units moved outside the city to cut off Communist approach routes.

South Vietnamese troops took over the old imperial palace grounds in the citadel early in the day. Commanders termed the remaining action in the citadel a process of "mopping up."

In one of the sweeps outside the city, Associated Press Correspondent George McArthur reported that a battalion of U.S.
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Thant Convinced Peace Talks Would Follow Bombing Halt

UNITED NATIONS (UPI) — Secretary General U Thant said Saturday he was "more than ever" convinced that meaningful peace talks would begin a few days after an unconditional end of U.S. bombing of North Vietnam.

He said he was assured by Nguyen Hoa, Hanoi's consul general in New Delhi, that North Vietnam "would hold talks with

Washington on all relevant matters at an appropriate time after the unconditional cessation of bombing and of all other acts of war" against it.

Thant said Mai Van Bo gave him further official assurance in Paris of the North Vietnam government's willingness to hold talks under such conditions. He said, "The United States could bring up any matter for discus-

sion in the same way as the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam) could bring up any matter."

Thant gave no information of the U.S. views expressed during his private conversations with President Johnson and Secretary of State Dean Rusk at Washington except to say that the President emphasized his "San
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Rocky: I'll Run If Drafted

DETROIT (AP) — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York said Saturday that he would run for President if drafted by the Republican national convention.

Aides of the New Yorker reported it was the first time he had said flatly he would run if drafted and that previously he had said only "I'd face it" if a convention draft came.

Rockefeller reiterated, however, he has no desire to be President and does not anticipate being drafted.

He was in Detroit to plump for presidential campaign funds for Michigan's Gov. George Romney, the New Yorker's avowed favorite over former Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

Expressing confidence Romney would be the convention choice, Rockefeller told a news conference, however, that if Nixon were nominated he would
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Police Dog Objects

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A policeman — Charles Stewart — limped into a hospital after being bitten by a police dog named "Wolf." It seems he had committed a cardinal sin that no dog will let a man get away with, even if it's a policeman. Stewart had accidentally stepped on Wolf's tail.

10 Killed in 1-Day Shelling

Pecking Away at Battered Khe Sanh

KHE SANH, Vietnam (AP) — North Vietnamese gunners chipped away at Khe Sanh's combat base and its 5,000 U.S. Marine defenders Saturday, not overwhelming them, not destroying them—just chipping away.

The incredible pace of Friday's shelling—1,307 incoming rounds of artillery, rocket and mortar fire—ceased during the night, only to be picked up Saturday morning as winds swept the

ravaged base clean of fog and clouds.

Casualties were comparatively light for the massiveness of the day-long attack: 10 killed and 19 wounded seriously enough to be evacuated.

"All they do is peck, peck, peck," one Marine lieutenant colonel said. "There's no sweeping battle, they just keep pecking away. Even the troops we tried to move in as replacements are getting hit."

Darkness fell and with it came the feeling that "tonight's the night," the night of the expected ground attack when the North Vietnamese, perhaps 20,000 strong, would make their run on the Marines.

The signs were all there: "Circular lights spotted in the southwest," warned radio reports.

"Green star flare to the north—and to the northeast" was another radio message.

In the past, these green star flares have signaled Communist ground attacks.

But not this time. The Marines fired rockets and mortar at a suspected troop movement in the pitch black night.

Col. David Lowndes, 47, commander of the 26th Marine Regt. at Khe Sanh, said: "The enemy has had 20 days of bad weather in his favor during the first 24 days this month."

Friday and Saturday, the weather was strongly in league with the Communists roaming some of the hills that tower over the dusty bowl of Khe Sanh.

The sun shone through on the base camp itself. Clouds hugged the mountains. The communists could see the Marines. The Marines could not observe their enemy.

Intelligence officers said they had reports of truck movements in the hills during the past three days and nights. This accounted for the huge supply of ammunition dumped on the Marines Friday.

What they did not know was whether the North Vietnamese were capable of doing the same thing again without pausing to resupply.

"We don't know if he has the capability to do this again," an officer said. "We'll just have to wait and see. This cat-and-mouse game could go on indefinitely."

The Marines' own resupply problems were turned over to the Air Force. Giant C130 cargo transport planes passed high over the base dropping vital ammunition and rations in loads slung beneath camouflaged parachutes.

To anyone who stays above ground long enough to look around, Khe Sanh looks as though the North Vietnamese already had overrun it. Friday's giant barrage hit a small ammunition dump near the "downtown" or central part of the camp. Another small dump was hit Saturday.



A supply-carrying helicopter circles over the Khe Sanh base, unable to land because of North Vietnamese shelling. Smoke rises from explosions at the base. (AP Radiophoto)

Giap Sees 'Fierce Phase'

TOKYO (AP) — General Vo Nguyen Giap, mastermind of the communist offensive in South Vietnam, was quoted Saturday as saying the battle there is entering "a fierce phase" in which there will be continual attacks.

Speaking at a Soviet Army Day reception in Hanoi Friday night, Giap said:

"Our just and surely victorious fight is entering a fierce phase with boundless enthusiasm and confidence. The Vietnamese people and people's armed forces, responding to President Ho Chi Minh's call and united millions like one man, are resolved to dash forward with the impetus of new victories, and attack the enemy continually."

The more the communists fight, he said, the more victories will be won. He pledged "every sacrifice" until "final victory."

Hanoi's Vietnam news agency, monitored in Tokyo, distributed his remarks.

Giap, North Vietnam minister of national defense and victor of the 1954 battle of Dien Bien Phu which defeated the French, made no references to the possibility of peace talks. To the contrary, his speech bristled with references to "still greater successes and complete victory."

Wheeler Goes To Da Nang

SAIGON (AP) — Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, flew to Da Nang Saturday and conferred with senior commanders directing operations at Khe Sanh and elsewhere on the embattled northern front.

Wheeler was accompanied on his field trip by Gen. William C. Westmoreland, commander of the half-million American troops in Vietnam. They returned to Saigon several hours later.

Wheeler arrived in Vietnam Friday for a first-hand survey of the war situation. He is expected to remain several days.

ners who have fired nearly 150 mortar rounds and 122-millimeter rockets into Tan Son Nhut since last Sunday.

Soldiers of the 3rd Sq., 4th Cav.—known to the infantrymen as the three-quarter cav.—have fought repeated battles with the Communists and also discovered what amounted to a rocket graveyard.

"Three days ago we dug up what we thought were some fresh graves," Lt. Col. Glenn

K. Otis, commander of three-quarter cav., said. "Instead, we uncovered 16 rockets."

The cavalrymen also are keeping close tabs on straw-stacks from the rice harvest.

Otis said some days the straw stacks would not be in the same place they had been the day before, "and when we checked them we uncovered rocket sites."

Two days ago, the unit fought

a pitched battle and after it was over they counted the bodies of 80 North Vietnamese regulars and Viet Cong guerrillas. They also found 16 antitank rocket launchers and rockets and 50 bunkers.

Otis believes the Communist troops have been using the area northwest of Saigon as an assembly point for attacks on the capital but now, with American troops maneuvering through—they're digging in to fight.

Laotian City in Red Vise

VIENTIANE, Laos (UPI)—Communist forces have encircled and attacked Attopeu City in extreme southern Laos and heavy fighting is in progress there, Gen. Oudone Sannikone, Laotian army chief of staff, said Saturday.

In addition, the Communists have captured a key government garrison at the Vieng, about 50 miles north of the important river town of Paksane, which is 100 miles northeast of here, and a battle is in progress at Sala Dendin, the last government stronghold north of Paksane on route four, according to Laotian military sources.

At least three Laotian fighter bombers have been lost either to Communist ground fire or to crashes in the mountains because of foggy weather as they tried to support government troops at Sala Dendin, the sources said.

Oudone also reported that fighting is still in progress at Lao Ngam, where Communist troops overran several positions held by Neutralist Group Mobile (regiment) #82 in an attack that started Thursday night. The government has recaptured its positions there, but mopping up and skirmishing are still in progress. GM 82 is the closest unit to Saravane town, which has been under heavy pressure from Communist units for two weeks.

Oudone said the attack on Attopeu, a provincial capital, began Thursday night and continued throughout the day Friday. It was still going on Saturday morning.

He said the Communist troops, described as a mixed battalion of North Vietnamese and Pathet Lao, had surrounded the city at a distance of about four miles and were attacking all along the town's defensive perimeter.

6 Die in Viet Copter Crash

SAS Vietnam Bureau
SAIGON — The Quang Duc province chief and his senior American adviser were killed in the crash of a U.S. helicopter near Gia Nghia Friday, the U.S. mission in Saigon reported Saturday.

Six other persons aboard the helicopter were also killed. Two crew members were the only survivors of the crash.

The province chief was identified as Col. Manh (no first name given). The senior American adviser was said to be Robert N. Hamblin, from Danville, Kentucky.

Among the other dead were two Montagnard passengers and Manh's bodyguard. The others were U.S. military personnel whose names were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The U.S. mission said the apparent cause of the crash was engine failure.

Village Chiefs Slain

SAIGON (AP) — Two village chiefs and an area defense chief were slain Saturday by a "suspected Viet Cong assassination squad" near Hoi An, 15 miles south of Da Nang, officials said.

VC Regiment Hunted Near Tan Son Nhut

SAIGON (AP) — Armored cavalrymen of the U.S. 25th Inf. Div. are playing a deadly game of hide-and-seek with a Viet Cong regiment in the villages and rice paddies just 7 miles west of Saigon's Tan Son Nhut Air Base.

The Communist force, which could number up to 3,000 men, is believed to be shielding gun-

Ever So Quietly, Patrol Waits in Ambush

By SPEC. 4

GEORGE PAWLACZYK

LAI KHE, Vietnam (IO) — Spec. 4 Denis Harihan hoped that the small, blinking light on the horizon would be an oncoming jet. He watched the approaching red and yellow lights moving against a clear night sky, his view partially obscured by high grass. Murmuring a sigh of relief, the Seaford, N.Y., native prepared to make his move as the roar of the jet was nearly overhead.

Harihan's "move" was simply to stretch his cramped legs, but he had to accomplish the maneuver without making any noise in the dry, crackling brush in which the team from the 1st Inf. Div.'s Long Range Reconnaissance Detachment (LRRP) had set up their ambush. Next

time, he told himself, he would clear his area of brush before the long, cramped wait.

Set up in ambush formation, the LRRP patrol was in an ideal position to destroy any Viet Cong column that might use a heavily-trodden path nearby. Ten claymore mines covered the "kill zone", with the LRRPs sitting as close to the backblast of the anti-personnel devices as safety allowed. Each individual carried a rifle and hand grenades.

Before arriving at the site, the camouflage-suited reconnaissance men had crossed a river. Every man was wet from the waist down, adding to the discomfort caused by mosquitoes.

Not everyone on the patrol was an old hand at bushwhacking guerrillas. Some of the men, newly assigned to the LRRPs,

would gain valuable experience to be used on far more dangerous long-range patrols.

Sgt. Jack Liesure evaluated the performance of the newcomers. He listened intently for unnecessary and possibly fatal noises; a cough, a dry stick cracking with a pop.

For the first five hours, nothing happened. Liesure, who usually takes the rear security position in an LRRP column, watched one section of the trail. His preference for the rear slot would cost the enemy two dead on a patrol five days later when the Viet Cong would attempt to ambush his LRRP team. On that occasion, Liesure laid back near one end of a small bridge, giving him the chance to shoot two guerrillas who thought all the Americans had ducked into a ditch.

But on this night at five minutes past midnight several members of the ambush patrol thought they heard footsteps on the trail. First Lt. Paul Mattox, the patrol leader, peered through a light-gathering Starlight scope. Elsewhere, green-and-black crayoned "aces" shifted gazes to the path. Ten minutes past midnight. Nothing.

During the night, Harihan had thought he saw two figures slipping through the chest-high grass 20 yards in front of him. He hesitated before he fired, and then it was too late to shoot.

Hours later the sun crawled up. Mattox got up on one knee and carefully searched the dim path. He and Liesure made a short reconnaissance before the rest of the patrol got up to pull in the claymore mines and

stretch long-idle muscles.

Each man carefully changed the round in his rifle's chamber before beginning the walk back. Moisture builds up in the chamber during the night and the pressure of the first round detonating might cause a "moisture seal" and failure of the expended round to eject.

Back inside the night defensive perimeter, Liesure critiqued the members of the patrol. "Too much noise," was his first comment, followed quickly with, "Once you get into position and get settled, then you stay that way until you 'blow' the ambush or it gets light."

"Or until a jet comes in low," said Harihan, who thought he had learned a trick that maybe even Liesure didn't know.

Purifying Water Is 3-Man Job

RACH KIEN, Vietnam (IO) — Whether the soldier of the 9th Inf. Div.'s 3rd Bn., 39th Inf., spends his Vietnam tour in the field or behind a desk, there is one thing he can't do without — water.

Each day, this unit, its support units and two advisory teams use from 3,000 to 7,000 gallons of purified water to shave, shower, cook and make ice.

The task of converting raw, or unpurified, water and making it suitable for drinking falls into the hands of three men who operate the water purification unit here.

They are Cpl. Larry G. Lawrence, 21, of Grand Junction, Colo., Pfc. Rickie E. Simmons, 20, of Pine Lawn, Mo., and Pfc. Stanley G. Guidry, 20, of Metairie, La., all of the 82d Engineer Co. (Water Supply).

The water purification unit is on a mobile van. The process begins when the raw water is pumped a quarter of a mile to a 600 gallon aluminum tank inside the van.

After several chemicals are added, the water goes into a wet-well tank. When it reaches a certain level it flows through a group of six filters.

Gunner Routs Reds in Clash

CHU LAI, Vietnam (IO)—Machine gunners are supposed to support assaults—not make them.

But when A Co., 1st Bn., 52nd Inf., 198th Inf. Brigade was held up by intense Viet Cong automatic weapons fire during Operation Muscatine 20 miles southwest of Chu Lai, Spec. 4 George Bekkering broke the rules.

Spotting some cover to his front, Bekkering charged through a hail of bullets for almost 100 yards and set the stage for a complete rout of the enemy.

Raking the Viet Cong's gun pits with flanking fire at almost point blank range, Bekkering's machine gun forced the enemy from heavily fortified hedgerow positions and the rest of A Co. came charging.

"Two of our guys were already caught up there," Bekkering said later. "I had to do something to help them so when the lieutenant (James Milling) said 'Can you make it?' I went!"



Wounded Lieutenant Carries On

A 1st Inf. Div. lieutenant coordinates his men by radio while being treated for a wound received in fighting at An My, 12 miles northwest of Saigon.

The Black Lions of the 1st Bn., 28th Inf., killed 287 enemy in two days of fighting in the village. (USA)

Friendship and Help

Medics Win Over Viet Village

DONG TAM, Vietnam (IO)—A 9th Inf. Div. unit returned to the scene of fierce fighting — this time not to battle, but to bring friendship and help.

The last time the 3rd Bn., 47th Inf. entered Quang Sung District in western Dinh Tuong Province, they had engaged the Viet Cong in one of the largest battles the battalion has fought in the Mekong Delta.

Recently, however, the Mobile Riverine Force unit loaded assault patrol boats with medical teams instead of rifle companies and traveled to the area along the Rach Ruong canal.

The team, led by Capt. William H. Jones, 3d/47th civil affairs director, disembarked at a small hamlet and was met by an apprehensive chief.

"We asked him if there was a suitable place to set up," Jones said. "He told us we could use his house, though I must admit that he seemed very wary of the whole project."

As the medics prepared the supplies, a naval interpreter used a loudspeaker to announce to the villagers that a medical team was there.

According to Capt. Thomas A. Hickey, battalion surgeon, patients came hesitantly.

"But as soon as the first patients were treated and released, word spread," he explained. "Soon, we became the center of

attraction. Even those who needed no care came to watch."

Apprehension disappeared. The scene became one of merriment as waiting crew members climbed from the boats to pass out candy and play games with the children.

Meanwhile, the medics were treating complaints ranging from routine illnesses to wounds from Viet Cong booby traps.

VC Is 'Out' on Pfc's 6th Pitch

CU CHI, Vietnam (IO)—Pfc. Douglas L. Edwards enjoys a game of catch as much as the next guy — but next time he would prefer baseballs, not hand grenades.

Edwards, a rifleman with the 25th Inf. Div.'s 2nd Bn., 27th Inf. Wolfhounds was on a reconnaissance in force mission in an area 25 miles northwest of Saigon where 15 Viet Cong had been spotted.

When the company came upon

a trench hidden in a hedgerow, they fanned out and discovered a series of bunkers and spider holes.

Suddenly, a Viet Cong opened up from one of the spider holes. Edwards moved forward to knock out the enemy position.

He threw a hand grenade in the hole. It came flying back out.

He threw another. It too hurtled out. Edwards threw three more,

Leaflets Lead to Safety

PHUOC VINH, Vietnam (IO) — A trail of Chieu Hoi leaflets advertising the open arms program for Viet Cong defectors recently led a 101st Airborne Div. ambush patrol to safety after a firefight near here.

An element of the 3rd Brigade's A Co., 2nd Bn., (Airborne), 506th Inf. moved to set up night ambush positions along the Song Be River.

"We heard the Viet Cong talking and digging holes before we reached the river bank," said Sgt. Thomas A. Jones.

The paratroopers deployed and machine gunner Pfc. Robert Drayton opened fire.

"I fired about 100 rounds and saw two VC fall before they started firing back with AK-47's," Drayton said. "The enemy fire intensified and Jones ordered us into a tight defensive position."

Some of the paratroopers were wounded. Jones decided to go to the battalion fire base and get reinforcements.

Insuring his men were in the most secure position available, Jones slipped into the darkness toward the fire base.

"I noticed Chieu Hoi leaflets our forces had dropped in the area earlier and decided to use them to mark my trail back to the men," Jones recalled. "I picked up the leaflets and posted them on trees every 25 or 30 meters."

Moments before Jones returned, enemy fire forced the paratrooper patrol to withdraw to another position. Pfc. John Tate took charge and said he used the leaflets Jones had posted to guide the force to safer ground.

Thirty minutes later, Jones returned with a platoon of paratroopers. Quickly they bandaged their wounded and evacuated them to safety.

with the same results.

Finally, Edwards caught the Viet Cong off guard. On his sixth try, the Viet Cong — not the grenade — burst from the hole. Other members of the platoon killed him.

"I was glad he came out when he did," Edwards commented. "I was just about out of grenades."

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Allies Mopping Up Enemy in Hue Citadel

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Marines pushed west and liberated a South Vietnamese engineer battalion that had been holding out against Communist forces for 25 days. The engineers had been surrounded just over a mile from the city.

Moving beyond the engineer camp, the Marines ran into heavy fighting, McArthur reported, and were believed to have met a dug-in battalion of North Vietnamese troops.

South of the Marine sweep, U.S. Airborne troopers were moving through another Communist infiltrated area.

Other avenues of approach or escape around the former imperial capital were being hit by U.S. 1st Air Cav. Div. troops and Vietnamese Rangers.

While allied forces appeared to be gaining the upper hand in Hue, Communist gunners stepped up their artillery assaults on Khe Sanh and Saigon's Tan Son Nhut Air Base, inflicting new casualties and damage in a week of harassing attacks.

Khe Sanh came under the second heaviest shelling of the war Friday as North Vietnamese gunners hurled 1,300 rounds of artillery, rockets and mortars into the big U.S. Marine fortress sitting astride the northwest invasion routes into South Vietnam. Ten Marines were killed and 51 wounded, 30 of whom were treated and returned to duty. North Vietnamese troops were reported digging in a scant 400 yards from the base perimeter.

In a pre-dawn bombardment of Saigon's Tan Son Nhut Air Base Saturday, Communist gunners slammed 20 rounds of Russian 122mm rockets into the sprawling complex. Six more landed in populated sections outside the main gate. Four American servicemen were killed and 35 wounded. Outside the base, eleven South Vietnamese civilians were killed and four wounded.

The shellings coincided with a statement by North Vietnamese General Vo Nguyen Giap, tactician of the Communist offensive in South Vietnam, that the war is entering "a fierce phase" in which there will be continual attacks.

North Vietnamese gunners backed Giap's words with a new bombardment of Khe Sanh Saturday. Associated Press correspondent Lewis Simons reported from the base that it was fairly heavy.

The U.S. Command countered with heavy air strikes on the enemy positions.

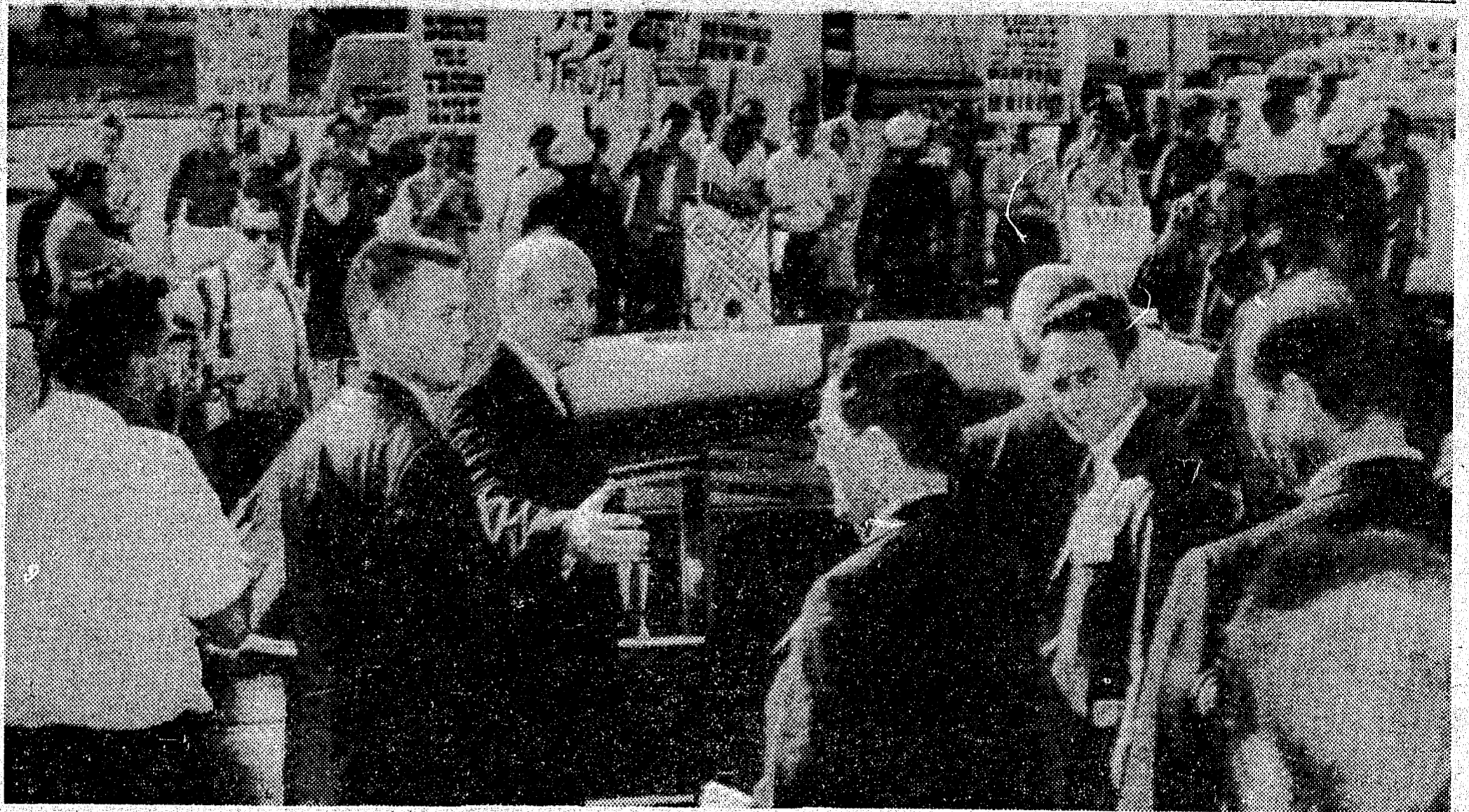
U.S. headquarters in Saigon meanwhile reported that the first 24 days of fighting in the citadel and elsewhere in Hue through midnight Friday had cost the Communists 4,173 dead at the hands of allied troops. U.S. losses were put at 119 dead and 961 wounded. South Vietnamese casualties were reported as 363 dead and 1,242 wounded. Headquarters also reported that allied troops captured 163 Communist suspects and 1,224 weapons.

U.S. Consulate In Domingo Hit

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — A time bomb exploded in a washroom of the U.S. Consulate here Friday night, causing minor damage.

The Consulate Building, at the Peace Fair Grounds in Santo Domingo's western suburbs, was closed at the time of the blast.

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Rusk Has an Answer

Secretary of State Dean Rusk, hand outstretched, prepares to enter a car at Phoenix, Ariz., as sign-carrying antiwar pickets face him from across the street. Rusk told a luncheon audience that at

times he is "sorely tempted" to ask demonstrators to let him help carry their signs because "I've carried the sign of peace" to every world capital. (AP Radiophoto)

S.F. Paper Strike End Near

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)— Mayor Joseph Alioto has announced tentative settlement of San Francisco's 51-day-old newspaper strike, longest in the city's history.

Agreement was reached at an all-night negotiating session, Alioto told a hastily-called news conference Friday.

The mayor said the 15 unions involved would hold membership meetings Sunday to ratify the proposed agreements. Details of the settlements were not released.

A spokesman said the executive boards of the 15 unions would recommend ratification of all points agreed to by the unions.

San Franciscans have been without a major daily newspaper since Jan. 5. The dispute began when pickets from unions involved in the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner strike set up lines outside the offices of the Morning Chronicle and the Evening Examiner.

The 3,000 employees of the two papers, and the jointly-owned San Francisco Newspaper Printing Co., refused to cross the line.

Gold Strike In California

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (AP)— A gold strike is reported in the glittering Santa Monica mountains, just above Sunset Boulevard.

City engineers released a report Friday that ore from a vein in Benedict Canyon had been assayed at 3½ ounces of gold per ton and six ounces of silver per ton.

An assayer at Selby, Calif., reportedly offered \$90 a ton for ore delivered.

The land is owned by a hotel company. A spokesman said gold probably won't be mined because "the land's too valuable."

3 Persons Hunted In Colo. Avalanche

LEADVILLE, Colo. (AP) — An avalanche thundered down on the Carlton Tunnel Road west of here Saturday afternoon, and Lake County authorities said they recovered one snowmobile from the snow, without its rider, and another was feared lost, possibly carrying two others.

Authorities said they feared one of the missing persons might be Leadville Jaycee president Charles Patti, 28, and the other was believed to be Rod Gifford, 28, also of Leadville.

The area is about 7½ miles west of two-mile-high Leadville.

The snowmobiles were in the area to lay out a 30-mile race route for the 15th annual Leadville Winter Carnival, which got under way Friday night and was to conclude Sunday.

The avalanche hazard forecast given the Leadville Herald-Democrat Friday was "extremely high," and the measured snowfall was 10.1 inches of wet snow Friday night.

At least 15 snowmobiles and two Public Service Company snowcats, and personnel from the Lake County Sheriff's office responded to the call for aid. Volunteers were calling for more snowmobiles, snowshoes, snow probes, picks, shovels and other equipment to help search the slide area.

Rocky: 'I'll Run If...'

(Continued From Page 1) support the former vice president.

Asked if he would support Mayor John V. Lindsay of New York if Lindsay were the GOP nominee, Rockefeller broke into a broad grin and replied, "That question has not come up."

Rockefeller and Lindsay have been at odds recently over Rockefeller's part in trying to

settle a strike by New York City sanitation workers.

Rockefeller said flatly he would run if drafted in answer to this question: "Did I understand you to say sir, a minute ago that if the overwhelming voice of the Republican party asked you to be President, in other words, a draft, would you face that draft with a 'yes'?"

"I said exactly that," Rockefeller responded.

Thant Sure on Peace Talks

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Antonio formula" providing for cessation of bombing on the understanding that Hanoi would not use such a halt to unduly increase its support to the Viet Cong in South Vietnam.

"The increased intensity of the hostilities during the past few weeks should not lead to the conclusion that the door is closed to negotiations," Thant said in a written statement he also read for radio and television outlets.

"In my view, the indispensable first step of ending all bombing and other acts of war against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam should be taken and could be taken without too great a military risk.

"If such a step were to be taken, I am more than ever convinced that meaningful talks will take place much earlier than is generally supposed, even perhaps within a matter of days.

"As for the questions concerning the conduct of the fighting

after the unconditional cessation of the bombing, particularly in the demilitarized zone and across the frontiers, it can reasonably be assumed that these will be dealt with in good faith.

"The parties themselves should solve this problem in order to allow for the larger negotiations to take place, with the participation of all parties concerned, including the government of the Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam) and the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam."

Weather

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TOKYO AREA
Sunday night: Fair; Low 20
Monday: Mostly fair; High 45
TEMPERATURES
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Bangkok	90	74	Naha	54	48
Chitose	33	1	Saigon	90	81
Guam	84	71	Seoul	30	13
Hazuka	35	30	Taipei	54	50
Manila	88	67	Tokyo	41	32
	H	L	H	L	
Albany	25	11	Melbourne	100	71
Albuquerque	62	35	Memphis	42	23
Amarillo	45	16	Miami	76	63
Atlanta	36	26	Milwaukee	30	11
Birmingham	46	25	Moscow	18	10
Bismarck	21	09	N. Orleans	36	33
Boise	61	43	NYC	39	23
Boston	30	20	N. Platte	28	08
Chicago	30	18	Okla. City	31	21
Cincinnati	36	01	Omaha	29	11
Cleveland	27	08	Paris	37	32
Denver	55	27	Phila.	42	21
Des Moines	32	02	Phoenix	76	45
Detroit	37	14	Pittsburgh	27	13
Duluth	31	02	Port., O.	63	49
Fairbanks	05	17	Rapid City	29	18
Fargo	21	12	Reno	67	50
Fort Worth	38	26	Richmond	47	21
Hank Kong	59	51	Singapore	88	74
Honolulu	81	64	St. Louis	37	11
Houston	40	32	St. Paul	24	00
Indianapolis	39	07	Salt Lake	51	40
Jackville	49	42	San Antonio	47	29
Jakarta	88	71	San Diego	77	54
Juneau	43	32	San Fran.	64	57
Kansas City	36	22	S. S. Marie	22	13
K. Lumpur	73	66	Seattle	56	49
Las Vegas	75	49	Shreveport	40	26
Little Rock	42	25	Sydney	83	71
London	39	23	Tucson	75	44
L.A.	83	58	Wash.	43	20
Louisville	31	10			