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'Will Talk' —Hanoi

WASHINGTON (AP)—Hanoi Radio broadcast early Monday a statement by Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh that North Vietnam "will talk" when the United States has "unconditionally stopped its bombing and all other war acts" against the North.

State Department authorities expressed interest in the statement, which was picked up from the radio broadcast by U.S. monitors and circulated to government officials. A State Department spokesman said "This statement is under study."

Of special interest to Washington policymakers was the phrase "will talk."

Normally in the past North Vietnamese spokesmen have said there "could" be peace talks between North Vietnam and the United States if the U.S. stopped bombing permanently and without conditions. Sometimes the North Vietnamese have said the bombing had to be stopped "definitively".

To U.S. experts it appeared possibly important that Trinh did not use the word "permanently" or the word "definitively" in connection with his demand that the bombing be stopped. But pending further examination, no one here was ready to say Trinh's words represent a major shift in Hanoi's position.

The first U.S. action in response to the new statement was expected to be to ask the Hanoi government through diplomatic channels whether it was indicating a significant shift in position by declaring that talks will be held if its conditions are met.

Trinh made the statement at a reception for an Outer Mongolian delegation visiting in Hanoi.

High Score, Wrong Event

SEATTLE (AP)—State and city police agencies, National Safety Council officials and Seattle radio station KOL set up an obstacle course to demonstrate effects of alcohol on automobile drivers.

It wasn't in the script, but Percy A. Paulson, 45, Seattle, suddenly drove onto the course, halted, and failed to respond to signals to move on.

Police Patrolman R.T. Ballantyne said: "Nobody saw him drive up, but it sure was the wrong place—for him. We even had a breathalyzer machine there."

Paulson was charged with driving while intoxicated.

LBJ ACTS TO CURB PAYMENTS DEFICIT



AP Radiophoto
PRESIDENT EMPHASIZES A POINT AT NEWS CONFERENCE

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (AP)—President Johnson took stringent action Monday aimed at curbing foreign spending, tourism and loans abroad—to carve \$3 billion from the mounting deficit in the U.S. balance of payments.

In a New Year's Day news conference, he said, too, he was hopeful "we can make advances toward peace" in 1968.

He said he feels the enemy in Vietnam knows he can no longer win a military victory. But, the President said, it is up to the enemy to indicate a willingness to negotiate to end the war.

Johnson named a new ambassador to Italy—Gardner Ackley, now chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers. He will replace G. Frederick Rheindhardt.

With some of his top advisers on hand, the President announced that he is "going to put all of the muscle" of the presidency and the executive branch behind the dollar and "keeping our financial house in order."

He announced five specific actions, some of them substituting mandatory for voluntary restraints on spending overseas.

1. He invoked his authority under the banking laws to establish a mandatory program, effective immediately, to restrain private investment abroad by \$1 billion.

2. He authorized the Federal Reserve Board to tighten its program on foreign loans to save an additional \$500 million.

3. He called for immediate efforts to cut government spending abroad on defense and foreign aid to save \$500 million.

4. He appealed to all Americans to help their government to the extent of \$500 million by deferring all nonessential travel outside the Western Hemisphere for the next two years. Johnson said he hopes this might reduce this year's \$2 billion travel deficit to \$1.5 billion.

5. He dispatched representatives to various foreign countries to exchange views "with our friends in the world about our trade situation," hoping to

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Humphrey At Liberia Inaugural

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP)—Liberia's 72-year-old President William V. S. Tubman was inaugurated for his sixth successive four-year term Monday at a colorful ceremony attended by hundreds of dignitaries from all parts of the world.

U.S. Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey was guest of honor. He is on an African tour.

In his inaugural speech, Tubman said his sixth term would also be his last. One of Africa's most respected and moderate leaders, he has been an influence of stability in Africa and a firm friend of the United States since he took office in 1943.

Humphrey, in white tie and tails, sat in a front-row seat of honor at the ceremony in Monrovia's Centennial Hall. Ethiopian Crown Prince Asfa Wossen was on Humphrey's left in general's uniform. Cameroon Vice President John N. Foncha, wearing brilliant orange, green and purple tribal robes, sat on Humphrey's right.

Humphrey's wife Muriel, in a full length turquoise dress and a white hat, sat facing her husband across the aisle with wives of Liberian government members. Tubman's wife Antoinette sat to her husband's left and slightly behind him.

Extra Comics Today

Because of the lapse caused by the New Year's holiday, two extra pages of comics appear today on Pages 12 and 13. New Year's Day is the only day of the year on which *Pacific Stars and Stripes* is not published.

3 Girls, 2 Boys

1st Aussie Quints Doing Fine

BRISBANE, Australia (AP)—Australia's first quintuplets—three girls and two boys—were born early Sunday to Mrs. Patricia Braham, 36, wife of a country solicitor.

They have been named, in order at birth: Annabel Dorothy, Richard Gibson, Faith Elizabeth, Caroline Jean, and Geoffrey Roger.

The five were in satisfactory

condition as they entered their second day Monday—and their attractive mother was doing fine, too.

Early Monday morning, Mrs. Braham got up and had a shower. Then she had her hair set by nurses.

The babies had their first meal Sunday night—a mixture of water and glucose. Monday, they will go on to milk from the

mothers' "milk bank" at the hospital.

No one is being allowed to see the quints yet and it will be several days before any outsiders will be allowed in. Only close relatives will be allowed to see Mrs. Braham for the next few days.

Roger Braham sipped champagne and chain-smoked cigars. (Continued on Back Page, Col. 4)

Red Attack on Viet Marines Shatters Truce

SAIGON (AP)—The Viet Cong violated the New Year's truce Monday with a savage attack on a South Vietnamese Marine bivouac.

The marines lost 19 dead and 47 wounded but found 60 Communist bodies.

The four-hour battle raged in the Mekong Delta 52 miles from Saigon. The only air activity there was dropping of flares from a circling American support plane which the South Vietnamese said was unable to obtain permission from U.S. Headquarters to fire.

Refugees New VC Targets

SAIGON (AP) — Viet Cong inability to cope with the refugee problem in South Vietnam has led to a deliberate policy of terrorist kidnappings and destruction, a U.S. official said Monday.

Robert Komer, chief U.S. advisor to the government pacification effort, said there were increased attacks on refugee settlements during November and December.

"There is evidence in 1965 and 1966 that the Viet Cong followed a policy of trying to generate refugees in order to overtax and overwhelm the government of Vietnam and U.S. government authorities in providing for them," Komer said.

"Now realizing that this approach has failed," he said, "the VC seem to have reversed their policy on refugees and have added them to their list of terrorist targets, apparently deciding that the flight of refugees is depriving them of much needed sources of manpower, rice, taxes and cover."

Sihanouk Airs Ground Rules

PARIS (AP) — Cambodian Chief of State Prince Norodom Sihanouk confirmed Monday that his government "would only protest against both sides" if American and Viet Cong forces were to clash in uninhabited regions of Cambodia from across the South Vietnam frontier. But he warned against any deep U.S. penetration in Cambodia which he said could lead to a "general conflict."

Sihanouk, repeating statements made earlier last week, said in a French radio interview:

"We would not risk the lives of our troops in a fight which would be limited to Vietnamese infiltrated in Cambodia without our knowledge and Americans who would come to pull them out" in Cambodia's deserted areas.

Smallpox Kills 1,000

DACCA, East Pakistan (AP) — More than 1,000 persons have died in a smallpox epidemic that has ravaged the East Pakistani port city of Chittagong for the past three months, press reports said here Saturday.

The U.S. Military Command had no immediate comment on the report. A spokesman said the situation was being investigated.

The 36-hour New Year's truce declared by the South Vietnamese and the U.S. Command went into effect Sunday at 6 p.m. It coincided with a longer, three-day truce declared by the Viet Cong.

The number of incidents and rising casualty rates on both sides indicated the truce period was only slightly less lethal than an ordinary period of the war.

The fierce delta battle broke out barely 10 minutes after the new year had begun when a rain of mortars and rocket grenades began ripping the South Vietnamese Marine bivouac.

Two battalions of marines — about 700 men — were encamped on both sides of a delta canal.

The Viet Cong centered their fire on one battalion and then followed up with three determined ground assaults mounted by two veteran Viet Cong main force battalions, the 261st and 263rd, a force of perhaps 1,000 men.

Despite the lack of air support, the Viet Cong were thrown back and left 60 bodies on the battlefield, the Vietnamese spokesman said.

While the Mekong Delta battle was the most striking breach of the New Year's truce, lesser actions were scattered up and down the nation.

The New Year's Day war communique covering the first 24 hours of the truce period listed 66 incidents of various kinds — all instigated by the Communists, headquarters said.

The casualty totals (including the delta fight) were: 98 Communists killed, 21 South Vietnamese soldiers killed, 61 South Vietnamese soldiers wounded, 15 Americans wounded, five South Vietnamese civilians killed and one wounded.

The New Year's Day war reports also listed a handful of fierce fights in the hours immediately before the truce — including a fight Sunday in which 111 Communists were killed.

The action took place in the sensitive northern provinces bordering the demilitarized zone dividing North and South Vietnam. A South Vietnamese force jumped the Communist unit in Quang Ngai Province and quickly put them to flight, hardly losing a man, headquarters said.

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They were given test and evaluation runs in the Mekong Delta in 1966 and then given some modifications. A Navy spokesman said they now are back in use, and began operations with the Mobile Riverine Force last Thursday.



Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (left), D-Mass., is met by U.S. Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker at Tan

Son Nhut Airport. Kennedy is visiting Vietnam to check on U.S. programs for aiding refugees and civilian victims of the war. (UPI Radiophoto)

Reds Want Thailand, King Says

BANGKOK (AP) — Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej warned Monday that hitherto subversive Communist aggression has escalated to the extent of overt military aggression.

The king, speaking over Radio Thailand and television, referred to fighting which erupted recently when a battalion of Pathet Lao, Viet Minh and Mco tribesmen attempted to cross into Thailand's Nan Province, adjoining Laos. The king personally visited the battle area last week.

He warned the "enemy's aggression is aimed at destroying everything we have, including the Thai nation itself."

The monarch also said Thailand sent some 2,300 troops to help South Vietnam fight the Communists because "it is the direct interests of our country to do so."

He said the fighting in Vietnam is "to protect the freedom and security of this part of the world."

The king praised the "heroic deeds" of the Thai Queen's Cobra regiment in Vietnam which 10 days ago killed more than 54 Viet Cong in a Red attack on the Thai camp south of Saigon. The Thais suffered eight killed.

Sen. Ted Kennedy Opens Viet Tour

SAIGON (AP) — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy came to South Vietnam Monday for 10 days of scouting in villages and hamlets to check on progress of U.S. programs for aiding refugees and civilian victims of the war. His Senate subcommittee has been critical of them.

The Massachusetts Democrat said he would start out from Saigon Tuesday night and would not return to the capital until the day before his scheduled departure from South Vietnam.

The brother of the late president is chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on problems relating to refugees and escapees.

Four subcommittee consultants have been here for more than three weeks to do advance probing. They are Thompson Powers, a lawyer and former assistant secretary of labor; John Sommer, a graduate student at Johns Hopkins School of

Advanced International Studies; John Nolen, and Barrett Prettyman, both Washington attorneys.

The Kennedy subcommittee held hearings on refugee problems in October and the senator at that time called the U.S. program a "national disgrace."

The senator said there had been some improvement in the refugee program, and mentioned as an example the increased number of personnel now allotted to the program by the U.S. Agency for International Development and by the South Vietnamese government.

But he said a "very optimistic report" submitted by the U.S. Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development Support contrasted with a still unreleased report made by the General Accounting Office.

The accounting office report "does express some concern about the situation," he said.

Vietnam Casualties

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

KILLED IN ACTION

Army
Sfc. Dove E. Ashford, Birmingham, Ala.
Pfc. Junior E. Lott, Athens, Ala.
Pfc. Raymond L. Zimmerman, Compton, Calif.
Cpl. William A. Carter, Mulberry, Ind.
SP4 Carl E. Murray, Topeka, Kan.
SP4 Morris G. McPhail, Detroit, Mich.
Pfc. Barry A. Thompson, Lake, Mich.
SSg. Willie C. McNair, Ellisville, Miss.
Pfc. John H. Holmes, Tyler, Tenn.
SP4 Edward L. Clemmon, St. Louis, Mo.
Pfc. Charles R. Holland, Pleasant Shade, Tenn.
SP4 Frank G. Michulka, East Bernard, Texas.
SP4 William C. Jones, Wound, Wash.
Pfc. Winfield A. Spoehr Jr., New London, Wisc.

Marine Corps

LCpl. Thomas S. Henshaw, Comarillo, Calif.
Pfc. Bruce W. St. Louis, Hartford, Conn.
Pfc. Donald P. Hamilton, Ellendale, Del.
Pfc. James M. Klopmeier, Millstead, Ill.
LCpl. Randall B. Purdy, Briarcliff, N.Y.
Pfc. Kenneth R. Jacanelli, South Salem, N.Y.
Pfc. Bennie Alston, Rocky Mount, N.C.
Cpl. Rodney L. Huddleson, Sharonville, Ohio.
Cpl. Thomas M. Webster, Lake Milton, Ohio.

Pfc. Jose A. Tinajero, El Paso, Texas.
Pfc. Eddie L. Lancaster, Silsbee, Texas.
Pfc. John F. Riegel, Manassas, Va.

MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE

Army
SP4 Edward A. Finlay, Albany, N.Y.
SP4 Michael T. Collins, Philadelphia, Pa.
Army
Sgt. Patrick L. Henshaw
SP4 Winston A. Taggart
Pfc. William R. Furlong Jr.
Air Force
Maj. Robert R. Craner
Capt. Guy D. Grulers
MISSING TO CAPTURED
Air Force
1Lt. Melvin Pollock
DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION
Army

SP4 Anthony V. Campaniello, Corona, N.Y.
SSg. Walter O. Brown Jr., San Antonio, Texas.

Marine Corps

LCpl. Roger D. Evans, Freeman, W.Va.
MISSING NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION
Army

LTC Glen D. Belnap
WO Jeremiah D. McCarty
WO Larry A. Harke
WO John F. Holz
SGM Herbert Roberts Jr.
SSg. Leray Everett
Pfc. Eugene Milay
Pfc. Jimmy L. Woolfolk
Pfc. David Anlat
Pfc. Steven N. Radu

Navy 'Monsters' Back in Viet

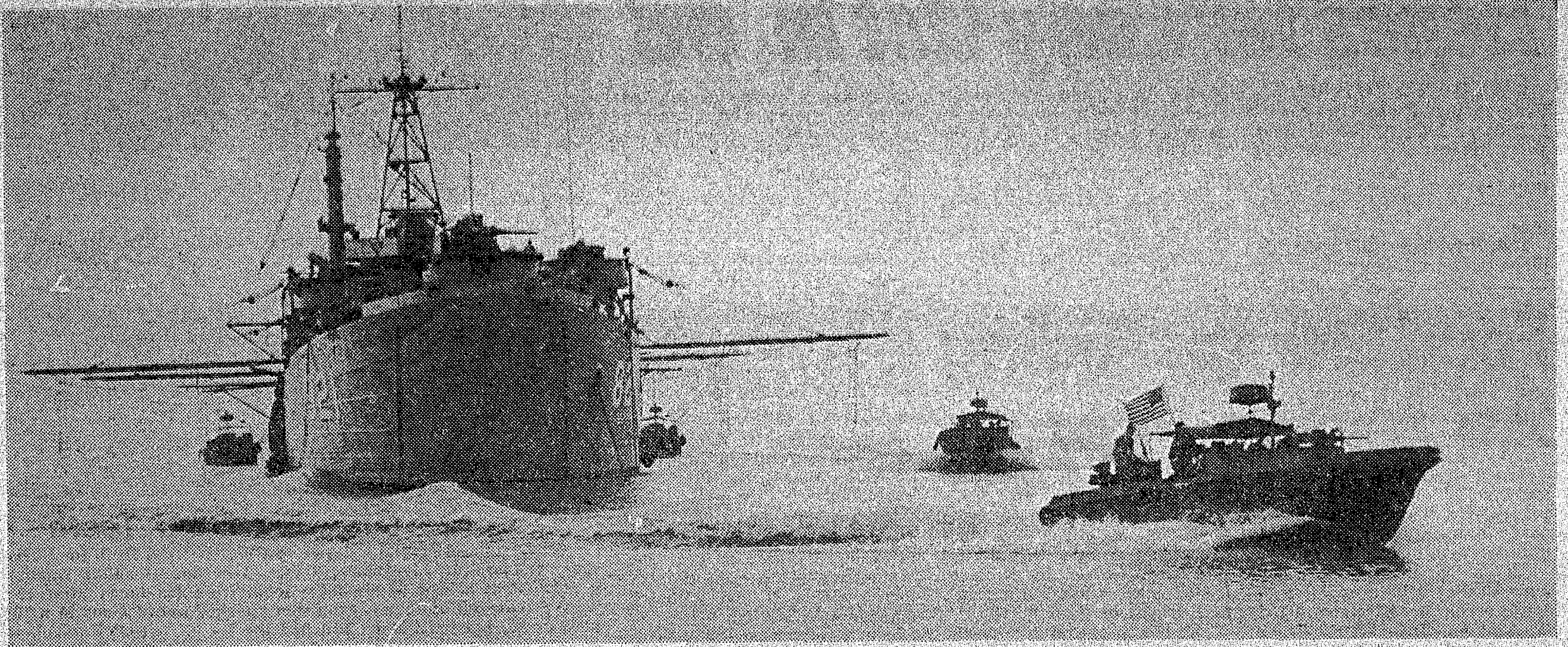
SAIGON (AP) — The U.S. Navy announced Monday that the hovering "monsters" have returned to South Vietnam.

The monsters are 30-foot long patrol air cushion vehicles (PACV) which can travel over water, swamp and relatively

flat land at speeds of almost 60 miles an hour.

By the Navy's own description, the PACV looks like a giant elliptical waterbug riding on a cushion of air. The air cushion is created by a turbine-powered fan under the armored craft, while forward propulsion is generated by a tail-mounted propeller. Each of the craft has a crew of four enlisted men and two officers.

LSTs Become Battleships of the Delta War



TWO RIVER PATROL BOATS LEAVE THE LST HARNETT COUNTY AS THEY SET OUT TO PATROL THE CO CHIEN RIVER IN THE MEKONG DELTA.

Story and Photos
By JOI TOM WALTON

SAIGON (PAO) — The jungle quiet along the many waterways in the Mekong Delta is shattered. Each day the Viet Cong are faced with rocket, machine gun, mortar and cannon fire. His strongholds are threatened with total destruction and his movement of troops and supplies has become seemingly impossible.

In short, "Charlie" has big problems in the delta, and a lot of these problems are due to four flat-bottomed, slow-moving U.S. Navy ships of World War II vintage.

The ships are tank landing ships (LSTs) that until 1966 were lying idle in the Navy's Reserve Fleet. With the Navy's involvement in a river war in Vietnam, there was a need for mobile bases that could support river craft and armed attack helicopters.

LSTs, which have been modified for use in dozens of ways since their inception during World War II, met the requirements. Four of them, the Jennings County, Hunterdon County, Harnett County and the Garrett County, were pulled out of "mothballs" and outfitted to support the Navy's Operation Game Warden forces in the Mekong Delta.

The first of the LSTs arrived in Vietnam in November, 1966. Since then all

four have proved themselves equal to the task and have chalked up records in all areas of their job, including gunfire support with their 40mm cannons.

While on station in the Delta, each "T", as they were called by their crews, carries a full river patrol section (PRB)—usually 10 boats and 50 to 60 officers and men—and a detachment of Helicopter Attack (Light) Sq. 3 (HAL-3) which consists of two UH-1B "Huey" armed helicopters and 16 pilots and air crewmen.

Work on those support ships is an around-the-clock affair. They move almost constantly, anchoring only for short periods of time. The River Patrol Boats (PBRs) come and go at all times of the day or night, maintaining their constant patrol of the rivers, and the choppers make their regular patrols and are on constant alert for emergency and "scramble" to support the PBRs, friendly outposts or other forces that might need air support.

In addition, the ship herself is frequently called upon to provide gunfire support to forces operating in her area. And, of course, anytime the ship travels the river, the crew goes to general quarters, donning their helmets and flak vests.

The PBR section is almost wholly de-

pendent upon the ship both for logistics and maintenance. The PBRs, some of which have been patrolling the rivers for nearly two years now, are 31-foot fiberglass boats equipped with two V-6 diesel engines that power two water jet pumps, radar, radio equipment and a variety of weapons including twin and single .50 cal. machine guns.

It is the ship's job to keep the boats supplied and in top operating condition. This is no small task. The engines are overhauled and sometimes rebuilt, the radar is maintained and, in some cases, entire sections of the hull are fashioned out of fiberglass.

Most of this maintenance is done with the PBRs in the ship's tank dock. Getting the 31-foot, 7½-ton boats out of the water and up over the side of the ship, then lowered through the tank deck hatch—which to the average bystander looks much too small—is a task of skill and precision.

Although the helicopter crews perform their own maintenance, the ship's company fuels and arms the "gunships" and provides landing signalmen to direct the helos on or off the ship.

But the LST's role in the river war is not limited to supporting her fighting units. In the eyes of "Charlie," the ship

is a veritable fortress bristling with 40mm cannon. She can and does cruise the rivers blasting enemy positions, supporting operations and aiding embattled outposts.

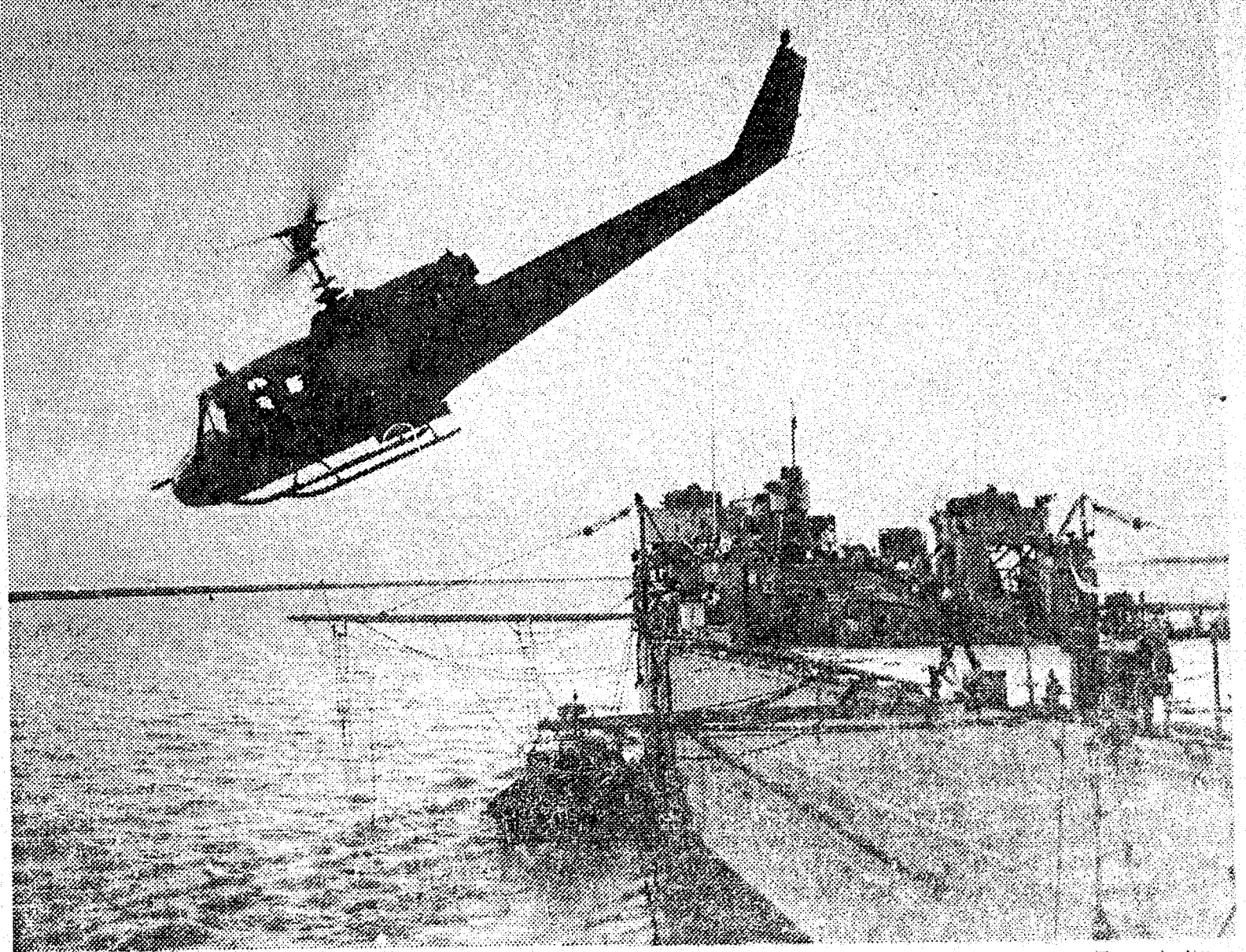
Yet, destroying the enemy is only part of the Vietnamese war. Aiding the Vietnamese people and helping them to understand their own government and to understand that the Americans are in Vietnam only to help them, is an equally important part of the war.

The LSTs also help in this effort. Frequent MEDCAP (Medical Civic Action Program) visits are made to villages and hamlets along the rivers. The sick are tended, children immunized, broken rice mills repaired and clothes, sent from the states by crewmembers' families, are handed out. Often the ship's corpsmen will treat sick or wounded Vietnamese people who come along side in sampans.

LST duty in the Mekong Delta is arduous. Although the four ships rotate, with three being on station at all times, the rotations consist of a few weeks stay at the Naval Ship Repair Facility at Subic Bay in the Philippines and then maybe a few days of R & R in Hong Kong. The rest of the time the ships are on the river.



A gun crew aboard the LST Jennings County pours 40mm rounds into an enemy position along the Bassac River. The LST cruises the major rivers of the delta, providing gunfire support.



An armed UH-1B helicopter takes off from the deck of the Harnett County. The LST not only provides support for the helicopter detachment aboard, but also supports a River Patrol Boat (PBR) section of 10 boats and provides gunfire support.

Capitol Hill Backs Dollar Defenses

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson's five-point New Year's program to trim the nation's deficit in its balance of payments was cheered Monday on Capitol Hill.

Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., who said the deficit for the past year might reach \$4 billion, hailed the money moves as "exactly the kind of decisive and comprehensive action the situation called for."

Johnson—

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formulate a program to improve the foreign trade balance by at least \$500 million or perhaps \$750 million.

Johnson summoned reporters to his ranch, wished them "Happy New Year," and held an hour-long news conference on the new orders. He also answered a few questions on foreign and domestic matters.

—He said "we are greatly encouraged" by Cambodia's Prince Norodom Sihanouk's reported willingness to discuss with a U.S. envoy the problems involving the use of Cambodian territory as a sanctuary by North Vietnamese and Viet Cong. "We are studying these statements very carefully and confirming them," he said.

—Johnson said he and the Pope did not discuss the Pope's sending a peace mission to Hanoi during their meeting in Rome. He did say that "we discussed a number of subjects where, if he decided, if his Holiness decided, he wanted to act in that area, that could call for such action."

On domestic matters, the President said: "I think we're going to have a tax increase," referring to the 10 per cent surcharge he has asked Congress to put on personal and corporate incomes. But, he said, "I do not hold to the view that wage-price controls are imminent at all."

Earlier, the President marked the arrival of 1968 with prayers for peace and the White House said he spent a quiet New Year's Eve with his wife and close friends.

Traffic Deaths Below Estimate

By The Associated Press
The traffic death toll for the New Year holiday weekend mounted more slowly than had been expected Monday and the National Safety Council credited good driver behavior.

The total reached 323 in a count that began at 6 p.m. Friday and will end at midnight Monday. The Safety Council predicted that 460 to 540 persons would die in traffic accidents over the 78-hour period.

Flying Sarge Hangs Up His Wings

CHERRY POINT, N.C. (UPI) — He wore a master sergeant's stripes and was junior in rank to even the greenest commissioned pilot the Marine Corps had—but he was cloud hopping before many of them were born. M. Sgt. Donald M. Taft, one of the Corps' seven enlisted pilots, retired Sunday after 25 years' service. He had logged more than 16,000 hours in the air in both civilian and military aircraft.

His retirement leaves only six

Sen. John J. Sparkman, D-Ala., chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, added, "It's not a panacea, of course, but I think it will be helpful."

"The President wisely did not wait long in 1968 to announce our determination to bring our international payments under control," said Rep. Henry S. Reuss, D-Wis., chairman of the House international finance subcommittee.

Sen. George A. Smathers, D-Fla., called it "imperative that we protect the integrity of our dollar at home and abroad."

Sparkman predicted Congress would act quickly after it reconvenes Jan. 15 to repeal the requirement that U.S. currency be backed up by gold stocks amounting to 25 per cent of the money outstanding.

This would free more than \$10 billion in gold reserves to meet world demand.

Fowler Hints Of Squeeze

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry H. Fowler said Monday the administration's program to cut the dollar drain will involve some pain and mean foregoing some pleasures for Americans.

Asked by newsmen if the program might include a tax on traveling Americans and restrictions on the amount of money they can carry abroad, Fowler said, "The whole range of alternatives is being considered."

Secretary of State Dean Rusk told the same news conference no new troop withdrawals from other countries are contemplated, but additional arrangements will be made to neutralize the money drain in stationing troops abroad.

He declined to name specific countries which might be involved but said some of them are in Asia.

Rusk said Undersecretary of State Nicholas Katzenbach will lead a U.S. mission to Europe to explain the new program there and seek cooperation, while an Asian mission will be led by Eugene V. Rostow, undersecretary for political affairs.

Marine enlisted pilots from a World War II high of more than 600. The Corps long ago began awarding wings only to officers.

The 54-year-old veteran is a former barnstormer from Houston, Tex. He has been flying and training pilots to fly transports since he signed up with the Marines.

Taft got his start in barnstorming as a ticket vendor and general handyman for the old Royal American air shows.

One day in November, 1932, he slipped into the cockpit of an airplane, worked the stick back



Roger Braham and his wife, Mary, parents of August holding their twins, 4-months-old at the quintuplets born in Australia, are pictured last time. (AP Radiophoto)

Plane Crash Kills 6

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A pilot and five servicemen were killed Sunday when a chartered plane crashed into Lake Pontchartrain about two miles from here.

Poor weather delayed raising the wreckage from 15 feet of water until Monday.

The pilot was identified as William M. Reid of Mobile, Ala. Identification was established by Federal Aviation Agency pilot's papers found at the crash scene.

A Navy spokesman here identified four of the servicemen as Seaman Apprentice George E. Barnette, stationed at Service Schools Command, San Diego, Calif.; Seaman Apprentice John L. Booker, attached to USS Tappanhamock, home port San Francisco; Seaman Apprentice Allen B. Christie Jr., Naval Schools Command, Treasure Island, San Francisco; Airman 1-C Ronald Lee, Air Force, 401 Transport Sq., APO N.Y., N.Y.

The fifth serviceman was tentatively identified only as R. E. Martin.

The five had chartered the plane to fly to New Orleans after missing a commercial flight from Mobile.

and forth and pushed the rudder pedals—and flying got into his blood.

Taft went to Weston, Ontario, in 1939 and became a flight instructor with the Royal Canadian Air Force. Many of the pilots he taught went to England to fight in the air battles with the German Luftwaffe in 1940.

After Pearl Harbor, the United States sent a special train into Canada to gather Americans who wanted to enlist in the American armed forces. Taft joined the Marines.

Quints Doing Fine

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rettes Sunday after becoming a five-fold father. The quintts weighed about three pounds each.

Braham, 34, stayed at Brisbane women's hospital throughout the day. He had the champagne in the hospital ward and in between visits to his wife puffed on cigarettes in a waiting room.

Mrs. Braham had not been taking fertility drugs, which are believed to have been the cause of an increase in the number of multiple births around the world.

The Brahams have had four children previously, including a set of twins.

The hospital said the births began at 5:12 a.m. and ended at 6:27 a.m. The first was a girl,

Transplant Team Alerted

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (UPI) — Dr. Christian Barnard and other surgeons Monday night rushed to Groote Schuur Hospital for a possible second heart transplant.

According to a South African radio bulletin, the team members — who gave Louis Washkansky a new heart Dec. 3 — went to the hospital "to examine a patient who was admitted earlier to the hospital and who is thought to be a possible donor."

A retired dentist, Philip Blai-berg, already is waiting in the hospital as the next transplant patient.

Barnard returned to Cape Town earlier in the day from a visit to the United States. In an airport statement he said he was ready to perform a second heart transplant operation at any time.

Poet-Laureate Named

LONDON (AP) — Cecil Day-Lewis, 63-year-old former professor of poetry at Oxford University, was named Monday night as poet-laureate succeeding the late John Masefield. The office had been vacant since Masefield died May 12 last year at the age of 91.

then a boy, then two girls and a boy.

Dr. R.F. Drake, the obstetrician who delivered all the babies, said: "There were handshakes but no tears" after the births.

The first child arrived naturally but the medical team decided to induce the later births and placed the mother under a general anesthetic. Thirty minutes after the final birth, Mrs. Braham was talking to her husband.

The quintts will remain in five thermo-controlled incubators for about 10 days.

A pediatrician, Dr. Grantley Stable, said it would be between six and eight weeks before the quintts would be allowed to leave the hospital if there were no complications.

Mrs. Braham's first meal after the births — orange juice and tomato sandwiches — was shared with her husband.

Meanwhile, in Madras, a 35-year-old woman has given birth to quintuplets at Salem government hospital in Madras state, it was learned Monday.

The woman was identified as "Myli." Four of the quintts — three girls and one boy — have survived. The fifth was a girl.

World Weather

USAF Weather Central					
TOKYO AREA					
Tuesday night: Fair; Low 22					
Wednesday: Fair; High 42					
TEMPERATURES					
Jan. 1					
	H	L	H	L	
Tokyo	48	18	Saigon	85	68
Chitose	25	-4	Bangkok	88	66
Itazuke	44	39	Hong Kong	60	52
Seoul	28	16	K. Lumpur	82	72
Naha	59	43	Melbourne	70	57
Taipei	54	54	Singapore	75	72
Guam	81	75	Sydney	80	65
	H	L	H	L	
Albany	25	-4	Miami	75	67
Albuquerque	36	25	Millwaukee	4	-9
Amarillo	22	12	Moscow	30	25
Atlanta	41	36	N. Orleans	67	54
Bismarck	-11	-43	NYC	33	26
Boston	33	20	N. Platte	14	-25
Chicago	9	-8	Okla. City	23	18
Cincinnati	31	20	Paris	41	36
Cleveland	30	21	Phoenix	59	35
Denver	30	-12	Pittsburgh	29	17
Des Moines	9	-9	Port., O.	44	39
Detroit	27	7	Rapid City	17	-19
Fairbanks	27	24	Reno	45	10
Fort Worth	41	31	Richmond	37	25
Hanolulu	77	73	St. Louis	18	1
Houston	48	44	St. Paul	-8	-22
Indianapolis	30	2	Salt Lake	34	14
Jack'ville	71	44	S. Antonio	48	45
Kansas City	8	2	San Diego	65	44
Las Vegas	48	29	San Fran.	52	44
London	34	34	Seattle	44	38
L.A.	67	44	Shreveport	41	36
Louisville	32	22	Tucson	55	34
Memphis	36	25	Wash.	35	29