

New Heart Transplant 'Goes Well'

CAPE TOWN (UPI) — Dr. Christian Barnard performed his second human heart transplant operation Tuesday and said it went better than the first.

Barnard, up since dawn after only a few hours sleep, successfully transplanted the heart of a dead 24-year-old man of Negro-white blood into Dr. Philip Blaiberg, 58, a retired white Cape Town dentist, in a five-hour operation Tuesday morning.

It was history's third heart transplant, Barnard's second and the first between members of different races.

Barnard said Blaiberg had regained consciousness and was in "very good condition."

Barnard gave few details of the operation itself. But he said the donor's heart began beating once it was implanted.

In history's first heart transplant, which Barnard performed Dec. 3 on South African grocer Louis Washkansky, the donated heart had to be started with an electric shock.

This time, however, Barnard said that when the heart-lung machine—which kept Blaiberg's

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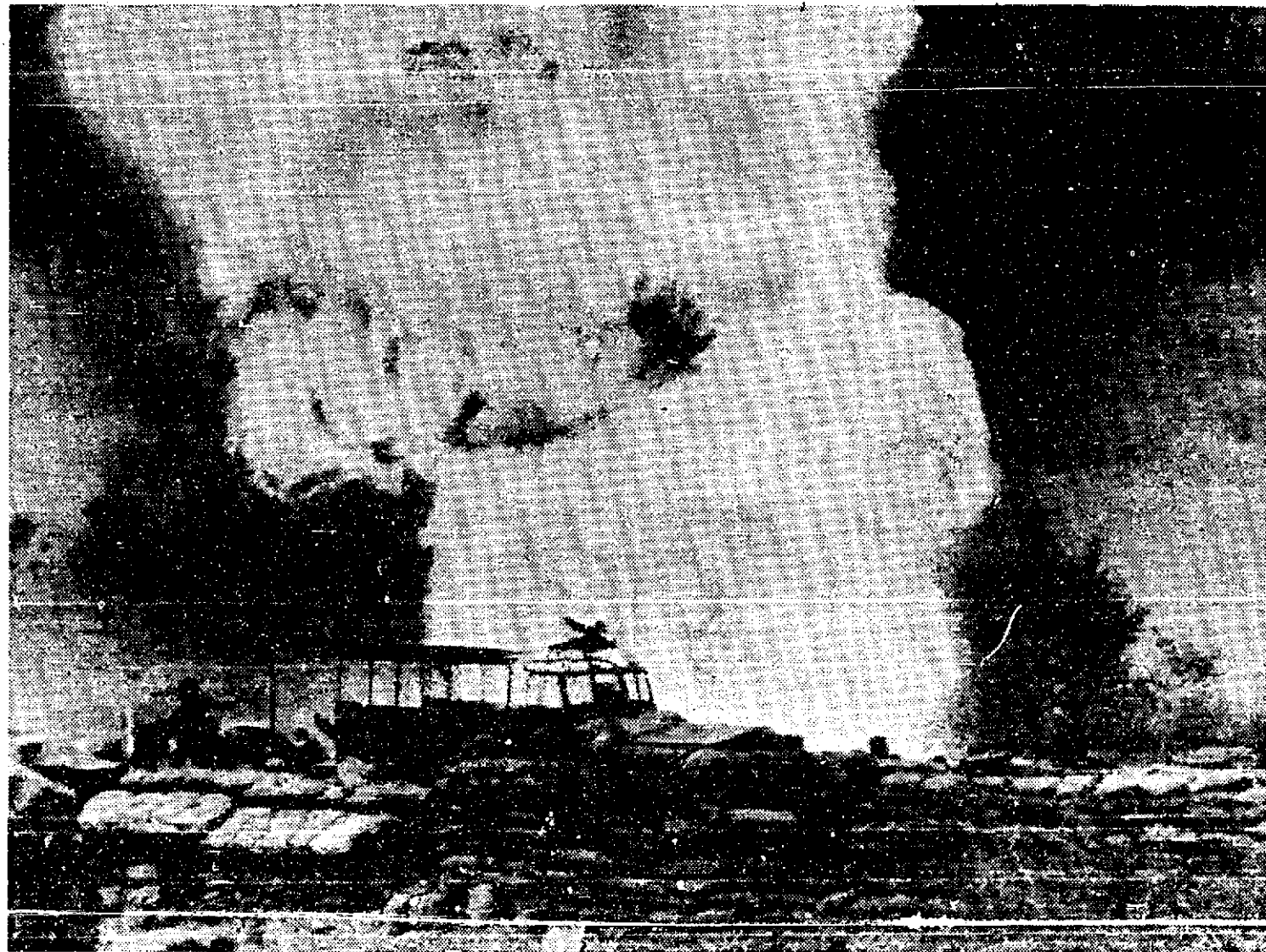
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GI'S BEAT BACK REDS, KILL 351



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SMOKE BILLOWS FROM EXPLODING AMMO DURING ATTACK TUESDAY ON U.S. TROOPS 60 MILES NORTH OF SAIGON.

SAIGON (UPI) — Firing artillery point-blank into their attackers, U.S. soldiers Tuesday turned back elements of two veteran Viet Cong regiments who partially overran their jungle position in the waning hours of the bloodiest holiday truce of the Vietnam War.

U.S. spokesmen said the men who defended fire support base Burt, 60 miles northwest of Saigon and a mere eight miles from the Communists' Cambodia

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Rail Crash Blasts, Gas Peril Town

DUNREITH, Ind. (AP) — A seepage of deadly gas forced firefighters to back away Tuesday from the smoldering remains of a train wreck at this tiny east Indiana town.

State Board of Health officials issued the warning of the gas and all but health officials and military teams pulled out of an area about four blocks square around the wreckage.

The firefighters had been on the job since shortly after the collision of two trains Monday night touched off tumultuous explosion

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BULLETIN

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — President Johnson signed Tuesday night bills extending a record \$9.3 billion financial aid to elementary and secondary schools and appropriating \$2.29 billion for a severely slashed foreign aid program. Johnson also was expected to sign shortly a Social Security bill.

Parking Lots Of Trouble

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the traffic-clogged nation's capital, parking is an eternal problem even for government employees, who get into combat daily with ingenuity.

In a small square two blocks from the White House, employees of two agencies emerge at random during the day to play musical chairs jockeying for new parking spaces within legal time limits. One secretary's lunch-time duties include checking for police chalk marks on the tires

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LBJ Names Economic Aid, OKs Service Benefit Bills

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — President Johnson today named Arthur M. Okun, a 39-year-old economist, to succeed Gardner Ackley as chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers. Okun will be the youngest man ever to hold that post.

In other actions from his LBJ Ranch, the President signed four bills aimed at helping servicemen. He said the bills reflect in small measure "a large concern

for America's men-at-arms" and show America does not forget service in freedom's cause.

In signing the minor bills improving benefits for servicemen and their families, Johnson said this was a day of telling them "America does not forget."

"No words of ours — and no actions — can match or measure their sacrifice," he said. "But in the ways that are open to us,

this nation can show its gratitude."

The bills provide:

— No fighting man will lose the annual leave time he earns in Vietnam. The current 60-day limit for accrued leave is now expanded to 90 days for those in battle areas.

--Servicemen in combat zones can retain their traditional privilege of mailing gifts costing

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Red Counterfeiting Plot Smashed in Saigon Raid

SAIGON (AP) — South Vietnamese national police said Tuesday they had arrested several Chinese counterfeiters and seized \$250,000 in fake U.S. \$5 bills.

They said the raid foiled what they called a Red Chinese attempt to destroy the economies of South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

Police said the counterfeiters were Red Chinese spies who planned to trade the U.S. bills on the black market to buy equipment to counterfeit the currencies of South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

Police reported they closed in on the counterfeiters last Thursday in Cholon, Saigon's Chinese section, and seized a printing

press, paper and ink and complete and incomplete \$5 bills. The printing plates also were seized, they said.

Several persons were arrested, officials added. Police declined to give names, saying the investigation was continuing.

Police said they had been investigating for five months "an important clandestine economic and financial organization led directly by Communist authorities on the Chinese mainland, whose purpose was to counterfeit various monies in order to subvert the economies of many countries in Southeast Asia, especially the economy of South Vietnam."

They said the counterfeit U.S.

bills were to be put into the black market by a Chinese named "Dailthe Gioi," who would get South Vietnamese piasters in return to "buy needed modern machines for printing counterfeit bills to subvert the monetary base of the countries the Communist Chinese want to invade in the near future."

U.S. Treasury Department and Secret Service officials have been notified of the counterfeit ring. None of the fake U.S. bills are believed to have reached circulation.

The paper in the counterfeits is whiter than in genuine U.S. bills and the printing tends to be fuzzy.

Reds Threatening South Laos Towns

VIENTIANE, Laos (UPI) — Two major towns in southern Laos, Saravane and Attapeu, are under a state of "virtual siege" by Communist forces, according to Prince Boun Om, Laotian minister of culture who returned here from a southern Laos inspection Tuesday.

Boun Om said there were also about 600 families of refugees from recent battles at Lao Ngam, Saravane and

other areas of the Bolovens Plateau seeking shelter in Pak Se, a river town about 350 miles southeast of here.

Boun Om also told a news conference this afternoon that Communist forces have blown at least three major bridges in southern Laos in the past week, interrupting communications along Route 13 which parallels the Mekong River.

Boun Om said that the situation is so serious in the capital cities of Saravane and Attapeu provinces that military units cannot move more than three miles from either town without running into heavy fighting.

He said in Attapeu firing can be heard almost every night in the hills outside the town.

He added, however, that it still appears the Communists are doing little more than trying to capture food and supplies, collect annual taxes and show the flag as they do every year at this time.

Two of the bridges blown up were on Route 13 between Pak Se and Savannakhet, and the third was a steel span that connected Khong island in the Mekong River near the Cambodian border with the Laotian mainland.

Bombing Of North Resumed

SAIGON (UPI) — American spokesmen reported normal bombing operations over North Vietnam Tuesday after a 36-hour New Year's truce during which reconnaissance pilots reported stepped-up Communist shipments of war goods from North toward South Vietnam.

The resumption of bombing squelched any speculation the United States would prolong the bombing pause in hopes the Communists would respond with a willingness to talk peace.

There was no immediate report of individual strikes.

Marine, Air Force and Navy reconnaissance planes patrolled the skies over North Vietnam during the entire truce and charted the progress of Communist convoys, barges and rail traffic toward the war in South Vietnam.

Carrier-based Navy pilots said they saw at least 200 trucks, 130 pieces of railroad rolling stock and 150 barges along 150 miles of the North Vietnamese Panhandle coast. This was slightly more than normal, a U.S. spokesman said.

Marine and Air Force pilots prowling further south reported an increase in shipments southwards, but were able to list only two truck convoys, seen by Marine fliers 12 miles north of the demilitarized zone.

A U.S. Headquarters spokesman said the weather was not too good for strikes over North Vietnam Tuesday morning. But, he added, "We can go in fairly low for convoys." Ceilings were reported at 2,000 feet.

Saigon Ousts U.S. Newsmen

SAIGON (AP) — The South Vietnamese government has refused to renew the visa of Newsweek magazine Saigon bureau chief Everett Martin and told him to leave the country within seven days.

The order was tantamount to expulsion.

Martin, who has been in Vietnam for nearly two years, re-entered South Vietnam last Nov. 28 after a short vacation. He came back without a visa, a normal practice for Americans returning from a short stay out of the country, and applied for a re-entry visa.

Tuesday he was informed that the minister of the interior had turned down his request.

A U.S. embassy spokesman said the embassy was looking into the matter.

Martin and Newsweek have been the objects of strong criticism by the government and the newspapers it controls, especially because of articles critical of the South Vietnamese army.



Old Man's Life-Sustaining Burden

—An elderly Vietnamese peasant, a plastic poncho tied over his shoulders, carries harvested rice on the ends of a bamboo pole as he watches U.S. troops pass by near Bong Son in the central lowlands. (AP Radiophoto)

Wheeler Decries Reds' Truce Breach

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Tuesday the Communists "cynically" and "flagrantly" violated the New Year's truce prior to the latest big battle in Vietnam.

The battle took place near Tay Ninh "on the first nightfall of 1968," Wheeler said in a statement. He added:

"That our troops beat off this attack with heavy and disproportionate losses (for the enemy) should never disguise two harsh facts:

(1) The enemy cynically disregarded his own ceasefire announcement and

(2) The enemy flagrantly violated the 12-hour truce extension put forward by his Holiness Pope Paul VI and agreed to by the South Vietnamese, our other allies, and ourselves."

Wheeler said, "Those who urge unilateral cessations of combat operations would do well to remember the experience of the 3rd Brigade (of the 25th Inf. Div.) near Tay Ninh on the first nightfall of 1968."

Kennedy Slips Out of Saigon

SAIGON (UPI) — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., left Saigon Tuesday for an undisclosed destination.

Kennedy was to begin a tour of refugee camps and civilian hospitals. But U.S. officials said his itinerary could not be disclosed because the senator did not want a large group of newsmen trailing him.

Kennedy, chairman of the Senate judiciary subcommittee on refugees and escapees, had talks Tuesday with Vietnamese officials concerned with civilian relief programs. He was also briefed by U.S. civilian and military officials in Saigon before leaving for the provinces under a tight press blackout.

Hickman Gets Brigadier Stars

PLEIKU, Vietnam (S&S) — The 4th Inf. Div.'s assistant division commander for logistic has been promoted to brigadier general.

Donald R. Hickman received his brigadier's stars Monday in ceremonies at the Ivy Div.'s Camp Enari. He will continue in his present capacity.

Vietnam Police Impound 300 U.S. Cars

SAIGON (AP) — The South Vietnamese National Police Tuesday impounded more than 300 official U.S. Mission cars because they did not have the proper registration plates.

U.S. officials said that a foul-up in paperwork by both the South Vietnamese government and the U.S. Mission had resulted in the police action.

The government announced a month ago that cars bearing license plates of the "TN" series (denoting they belong to

official foreigners) would have to get new registration by January 1.

Sources said this was done because many of the "TN" registered cars had been sold to Vietnamese who were thus able to escape the annual tax on the vehicles.

The National Police also announced that any cars which had not been re-registered by the first of the year would be impounded and the driver taken to police headquarters for questioning.

U.S. officials explained that

most of its cars have been re-registered but noted that thousands of the registration forms had not been submitted until the last minute, swamping the police registration office. Some forms have still not been submitted. But some U.S. officials noted that even applications submitted several weeks ago had not yet been processed.

The registration law does not affect most of the U.S. Embassy vehicles, which have diplomatic plates.

The figure of 300 cars impounded—an estimate made by

various U.S. officials—was only for the five districts of Saigon, although the law is nationwide. It was not known if cars were impounded in other parts of South Vietnam. Officials said some of the 300 cars had been released.

Toward the end of Tuesday, with cars getting in shorter and shorter supply, U.S. and Vietnamese officials were meeting to work out a plan that would allow both governments to complete their paperwork and still leave the Americans with a way to get to work.

Airlift Bolsters 2 Camps

BU KRAK, Vietnam (OI) — Air Force C130s aided two U.S. Army Special Forces camps near the Cambodian border about 100 miles north of Saigon when they answered an urgent call for defense supplies.

When the camps at Bu Krak and Bu Prang were threatened with attack, 216 tons of barbed concertina wire were dropped. The wire provided a protective shield for the camp.

Aircraft from the 315th Air Div. Hercules fleets at Tan Son Nhut and Cam Ranh Bay made the drops. The wire was loaded at Cam Ranh Bay and rigged by the Army's 109th Aerial Delivery Co.

The first plane over the tiny drop zone was a C130 of the 773rd Tactical Airlift Sq. piloted by Capt. Edmund H. Carpenter Jr. The navigator, whose job was even more vital than usual on this "no room for error" mission, was Capt. John S. Embree. Other crew members were: 1st Lt. William H. Diggins, copilot; S. Sgt. Anthony G. Jones, flight engineer; S. Sgt. James Lopez, instructor loadmaster; and S. Sgt. William L. Fugatt and Sgt. Ralph H. Jacob, loadmasters. Also on board was Maj. Albert A. Doskey Jr., 315th Air Div. liaison officer to 7th Air Force.

Four drops were made at 800 feet which barely gave the chutes time to open before the loads hit the ground. All were on target and the plane returned to Cam Ranh Bay for another load.

While the first plane was re-loading, another was over the camp making four more drops. The operation continued for four days with two aircraft flying two sorties each day.

An 8th Aerial Port Sq. combat control team directed operations from the drop zone.

Mine Trick Didn't Work

TAN TRU, Vietnam (IO) — The 9th Inf. Div. 2nd Bn.'s 60th Inf., found one of its largest weapons caches recently atop a pressure plate cluster mine.

The haul, credited to the 3rd Platoon, A Co., consisted of nine B40 rocket launchers, 15 B40 rockets, two RPG7 rocket launchers and three RPG rocket launchers and three RPG rockets.

During a three-day operation near An Nhut Tan in the Mekong Delta, the platoon came upon several house bunkers. Digging around a partially destroyed bunker, acting Platoon Sgt. John L. Peck, of Williamsville, N.Y., and Pfc. Juan R. Alvarez, of Ferris, Calif., spotted the weapons.

Further investigation by Spec. 4 Robert D. White of Las Vegas uncovered the cluster mine.

Alvarez then removed the armaments from their platform and substituted the weight of each weapon with earth. The mine did not explode.

Col. Evans Heads Wing

TUY HOA, Vietnam (OI) — Col. William J. Evans, 43, has assumed command of the 31st Tactical Fighter Wing at Tuy Hoa AB. Evans replaces Col. Warren R. Lewis, 47, who was reassigned following completion of his tour.

Farmboy to Hero

Who's Capt. Tan?—Ask Viet Cong

Special to S&S

SAIGON — Although he is a career soldier, Capt. Nguyen duy Tan has a mild and unassuming manner. This hasn't kept him from becoming one of the most decorated officers in the Army of the Republic of Vietnam.

His medals are among the Republic's highest: Gallantry Cross with Palm (twice), Gallantry Cross at corps level (twice), Gallantry Cross at division level (five times), Gallantry Cross at regimental level (five more times), and (twice again), the War Wound Medal. These are equivalent to an equal number of the U.S. Army's Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Army Commendation Medal with "V" for Valor and Purple Heart.

Tan, 45, was born in Kien Hoa Province, made up of three large islands in the mouth of the Mekong River, the son of a poor but patriotic Vietnamese farmer. His father named him after Duy Tan, the last Vietnamese emperor to revolt (in 1916) against French colonial rule.

Tan Senior worked long hours to feed his family and help his

son finish high school. At that time a high school education was unusual even in Vietnam's cities, much less for the son of a rural family.

But Tan finished his education at a bad time, just as the Indo-China War broke out in the early 1940s. He was drafted, and since then — by now for more than half his life — has been a fighting man. If his patriotism was inherited, his anti-Communism was acquired from the Communists themselves — in 1945 they killed the captain's mother and in 1951, his brother.

Most of Tan's fame has been won as a company commander of Regional Force troops, militia organized and serving in their home provinces.

Often poorly trained and poorly equipped compared to regular army forces, the RF units long were considered pushovers by Viet Cong insurgent forces. In the case of Tan's 807th RF Co. of Phong Dinh Province, a fertile rice-growing area on the south bank of the Bassac River, this Communist estimate was quickly dispelled.

Also in Phong Dinh is the VC Tay Do., well-disciplined, well-equipped, well-led and consid-

ered one of the best insurgent units in the Delta.

The Tay Do was dug in along a canal when, on April 24, 1962, it was partially surrounded by units of the also highly-rated 21st Vietnamese Army Div. conducting Operation Hoa Mi (Nightingale).

With the regular troops in blocking positions, Tan's men were helilifted into the center of the Tay Do's stronghold, 80 men challenging 250 or more. Despite the odds, after an hour of hand-to-hand combat, it was the insurgents who fled, leaving behind 92 dead, many weapons, most of their stores. Tan's men lost four dead.

The defeat smarted, but the Tay Do Bn., having learned the hard way, waited more than five years to seek revenge.

The attempt came at 3 a.m. on July 12, 1967, when Tan and his 807th militiamen were providing security for a Phong Dinh hamlet.

The Tay Do revenge assault began with a heavy mortar barrage and ground attack from three sides of the hamlet. The battle went on until dawn, when the VC, withdrew despite their superior numbers. The hamlet



CAPT. NGUYEN DUY TAN defenses had not been breached. Left behind by the VC, who do their best to take bodies of fallen comrades from the field in order to conceal losses, were eight men and more weapons. Weapons have even a higher retrieval value to the VC than dead bodies.

Tan's outfit lost two men. PF units do more, however, than simply fight or provide local defense. Militiamen stationed in a village or hamlet enter into its life, helping with the crops, providing small-scale public works, so Tan's double meaning is deliberate when this son of a poor farmer says, "People want results, not words, and they will follow those who are able to provide results."

Soon after its second big run-in with the Tay Do, the 807th was transferred to another village. There have been no large-scale actions, but the militiamen have secured footpaths once so often mined and booby trapped people were afraid to use them. They have also built roads which enable villagers to get their products to market more easily — and safely — than before.

And if the VC, of whatever unit, try to enter the area, Tan and his men will be ready for them.

If Tan's love of his country and his country's freedom were inherited, he and his wife, are passing the patriotism on to the next generation. Tan says he wants his sons to be soldiers, his daughters to be nurses.

If his daughters follow their mother's example, they may well be both. At the time of the 1967 battle, the captain's wife, who usually lives in Can Tho, the province capital town, was visiting her husband. She picked up and used a rifle during the attack, helped tend the wounded when it was over. The province chief nominated her for a decoration but she refused it, saying she had only been doing what any wife would do.



They're Shooting

A "Wolfhound" of the 25th Inf. Div.'s 2nd Bn., in the Ho Bo Woods, 40 miles north of Saigon. 27th Inf., dashes through twisted underbrush as his unit comes under sniper fire during a landing. (USA Photo by Spec. 4 Joe Carey)

Broadcaster Puts in Plug for Defectors

CHU LAI, Vietnam (IO) — Broadcasting has taken a new twist for an announcing veteran of the Americal Div.'s 196th Light Inf. Brigade. Instead of entertaining listeners, he is urging the enemy to return to defect.

Capt. James H. Freeman, of Asheville, N.C. psychological operations officer of the brigade, is in charge of an armed propaganda team whose mission is to tactically support field units and work with the civic actions officer.

Before entering the Army in September, 1966, Freeman was

an announcer with radio station WSKY in Asheville. He has announced news and sports and has been a disc jockey.

"Our loud speaker team makes combat assaults with infantry units," said Freeman. "Once engaging the enemy, we broadcast our messages. Our aim is to talk the enemy into surrendering."

"One time we broadcast some 18 hours from the air while one of the units was in heavy contact," he added. "During the action an enemy soldier surrendered. We evacuated him to the rear, had his picture taken,

wrote out a leaflet which we air dropped to the enemy and then had him broadcast for two hours. He appealed to his fellow comrades to give themselves up and several responded."

The armed propaganda team here consists of a Marine sergeant, an Army private first class and two former Viet Cong who serve as interpreters. When not assisting the tactical mission, the group visits various villages recommended by the civic actions officer and show propaganda movies.

"One time we broadcast to a village located near a river and

we told the people to stay off the water after a certain time," said Freeman. "The following evening, not one sampan was on the river. The people had gotten the word on the curfew which had been instituted for their protection."

"Actually, the most rewarding experience of this job is when you get a true Hoi Chahn (defector) who tells you he came in as a result of a leaflet you had prepared."

New Heart Transplant a Success

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blood circulating and aerated during the operation — was switched off, "the new heart took up circulation immediately."

A senior member of Barnard's medical team said, "It was a beautiful operation. These boys (Barnard and his surgeons) are good."

The doctor said the operation had gone far smoother than the first.

The heart came from Clive Haupt, a smiling, good-looking young man who grew up in one of Cape Town's worst slums. Haupt suffered a stroke during a New Year's Day romp on a bathing beach and died early Tuesday morning of a brain hemorrhage.

Hours before he died, Haupt had been moved to Cape Town's Groote Schuur Hospital where Blaiberg had been waiting for more than a month for a suitable donor.

Permission to perform the transplant had been obtained from Haupt's mother. Haupt's bride of three months collapsed from shock and grief at his death.

When Haupt died preparations for the operation began. Members of Barnard's 30-man team had performed tests, while Haupt clung to life throughout the night, to make sure his blood and tissue matched well enough with Blaiberg's.

They matched, "not perfectly, but satisfactorily," a member of the surgical team said, and better than had those of Washkansky and his donor, a 25-year-old girl who died in an automobile accident.

As in Washkansky's case, doctors will maintain a watch against an immunity reaction by Blaiberg's own body against the foreign heart.



Clive Haupt, donor in South Africa's second heart transplant operation, is pictured with his bride, Dorothy, at the time of their wedding three months ago. (AP Radiophoto)



DR. PHILIP BLAIBERG

Trains—

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plosions and a roaring blaze.

The death of cattle alongside a stream in the area raised the fear of leaking cyanide from the tangled wreckage of freight cars.

Military firemen brought in from nearby Wright Patterson Air Force Base at Dayton, Ohio, had to hold off use of their long-range foam equipment for fear of adverse chemical reaction.

The entire population of Dumreith—slightly more than 200 persons—left homes in the sub-freezing temperatures of New Year's night following the collision.

Two ammonia-filled tanker cars exploded with a thunderous roar when the two freight trains collided.

A canning factory was destroyed, along with two homes, and several houses damaged.

Three firemen and a policeman suffered minor injuries.

The blast was felt in areas 25 miles away. A pilot said the explosions shook his small plane as he flew over Dumreith, which is about 35 miles east of Indianapolis.

It Was Holiday For Death, Too

By The Associated Press

The New Year holiday weekend traffic death toll fell below that for a nonholiday weekend and below advance estimates.

A National Safety Council spokesman gave credit Tuesday for the improvement to bad weather and good driving.

The total reached 376 compared with 484 on a nonholiday weekend of identical length.

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Parking—

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of her bosses' car and rubbing them out.

One Capitol Hill staffer without the cherished parking sticker solved his problem with a small block of green trading stamps glued to his car window.

A man in the Interstate Commerce Commission found his solution in a dime store where he bought a card that said "Official U.S. Government."

In tiny letters it added "Taxpayer."

The card worked until one day he found on his car a \$5 parking ticket with a handwritten note: "Don't try this stunt again."

Spain Cracks Red Cell

MADRID (UPI) — A Spanish cell of pro-Chinese Communists has been broken up and seven persons arrested, it has been revealed. The leader, identified as Martin Cantalejo, had been recruited in Paris to set up a Marxist-Leninist Communist party in Spain.

GIs Beat Back Reds

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sanctuary, killed 351 Viet Cong in 10 hours of fighting.

But they paid heavily — 23 Americans killed and 153 wounded—in by far the most serious of the 177 violations U.S. and government spokesmen claimed the Communists initiated during the 36-hour New Year's truce which ended at 6 a.m. Tuesday.

Early reports, which proved erroneous, had said 75 Americans were killed.

A total of 27 Americans were killed and 205 wounded during the so-called truce, while 44 South Vietnamese died and 132 were hurt. U.S. and Saigon government spokesmen claimed 549 Communists killed and 11 captured.

This compared with 111 incidents reported in the 48-hour New Year's truce a year ago in which 14 Americans, five South Vietnamese and 40 Viet Cong were killed.

Meanwhile, Communist gunners slammed several rounds of 122mm rockets into Da Nang AB early Wednesday, destroying three planes.

A U.S. spokesman said four Americans were wounded. There were no reports of Vietnamese casualties.

The attack near the Cambodian border began shortly after sunset, after elements of two 25th Inf. Div. battalions had settled in for the last night of the second of three holiday truces. The third, for the Lunar New Year, is scheduled for 72 hours later this month.

First came the 350 mortar rounds, then the first of two ground assaults.

American planes were quickly overhead, sweeping the Communist positions with bombs and cannon fire within 100 yards of the U.S. perimeter.

The brunt of the attack was aimed against a platoon of four armored personnel carriers commanded by 2nd Lt. Gordon

F. Kelley, 26, of Northwest Harbor, Maine. Communist rockets hit all four tracked vehicles, but the men inside kept pouring out machine-gun fire at the flicker of Viet Cong muzzles.

At one point, Communist soldiers swarmed through the perimeter and occupied one section of bunkers from which they fired their hand-carried, bazooka-style B40 rockets.

Then the American artillery began to take effect. Firing "beehive rounds," shells filled with hundreds of tiny darts that spew over a wide area when fired, artillerymen leveled their 105mm guns and cut loose with 100 rounds.

At dawn the combined air strikes and artillery caused the Communists to break and flee, UPI correspondent Robert Kaylor reported.

The battle near Cambodia was not the only major fight reported during the last hours of the truce. In South Vietnam's northern quarter, government troops hurled back separate attacks on Monday and early Tuesday, killing 95 Communists.

Sixty-five of those Reds died trying to overrun the Nghia Hanh subsector compound along the northern coast. South Vietnamese and Popular Forces defenders fought them off with light losses of their own.

The other 30 Communist died attempting to overrun another government subsector compound, this one 13 miles southeast of Quang Tin. Again the government defenders drove them off, taking only light losses.

Theft by the Trunkful

LONDON (UPI) — The elephants at London's zoo snatched 14 coats, 12 handbags, 10 cameras, eight gloves and six return railway tickets to Leicester from visitors who went too close to try to feed them last year, the London Zoological Society says.

Hanoi Prodded On Offer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A State Department spokesman said Tuesday the United States is seeking clarification of the meaning of a statement from Hanoi Monday that North Vietnam "will" hold talks with the United States if the United States first stops bombing North Vietnam.

Press officer Carl Barch declined to give any detail on the diplomatic probing now underway, however. He was under instructions to say only that the statement, by Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh, is under study.

Barch declared, however, that clarification of the meaning of the Trinh statement is "part of the study process."

While Barch would not say what clarification is being sought, it is understood that one thing the United States wants to know from North Vietnam is what issues would be covered in talks as offered in the Trinh statement. Trinh has been quoted as saying that the talks would be concerned with "relevant" or "pertinent" questions.

LBJ—

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up to \$50 duty free. The limit for others is \$10.

The families of men missing in action will have twice as much time — up to a year or more — to store their household goods at government expense.

A serviceman with a trailer home will receive an increase in allowance for its commercial shipment from 51 cents to 74 cents per mile when he is reassigned to a new station.

Johnson named Ackley Monday to be U.S. ambassador to Rome. The Texas White House said Okun, now a member of the three-man Council of Economic Advisers, would move up to the \$30,000-a-year chairmanship after the Senate approves Ackley in his new post.

The President also appointed an 18-member commission on obscenity and pornography to look into the relationship between such material and antisocial behavior. The commission will be headed by William B. Lockhart, head of the University of Minnesota Law School.

World Weather

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TOKYO AREA

Wednesday night: Cloudy, Fair; Low 20°

Thursday: Fair; High 20°

TEMPERATURES

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Tokyo	48	24	Salgan	86	66
Chitose	34	32	Bangkok	60	68
Hazuke	51	44	Hong Kong	63	50
Seoul	43	19	K. Lumpur	85	72
Naha	63	43	Melbourne	72	53
Talpei	61	52	Singapore	77	70
Monita	87	68	Sydney	74	64
Guam	83	77			

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Albany	15	05	Memphis	29	17
Albuquerque	41	13	Miami	78	68
Amarillo	50	21	Milwaukee	7	-11
Atlanta	32	33	Moscow	27	18
Birmingham	40	36	N. Orleans	49	45
Bismarck	-2	-20	N.Y.	26	08
Boston	30	21	N. Platte	33	05
Chicago	17	-5	Okla. City	35	19
Cincinnati	15	-4	Paris	41	37
Cleveland	10	-4	Phila.	29	20
Denver	38	12	Phoenix	37	31
Des Moines	13	06	Pittsburgh	12	-7
Detroit	10	-7	Port., O.	49	38
Duluth	-3	-21	Rapid City	23	-1
Fort Worth	44	30	Reno	55	13
Fairbanks	24	08	Richmond	36	26
Honolulu	77	73	St. Louis	15	-7
Houston	49	43	St. Paul	15	-7
Indianapolis	16	-12	Salt Lake	40	29
Jackville	77	57	S. Antonio	55	38
Kansas City	23	0	San Diego	61	43
Las Vegas	46	28	San Fran.	49	41
London	41	30	Seattle	44	41
L.A.	60	46	Shreveport	39	33
Louisville	17	-2	Tucson	59	32
			Wash.	28	18