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U.S. Base Blasted; 350 Enemy Slain

SAIGON (UPI)—Heavy fighting flared all along the demilitarized zone Sunday between American forces and North Vietnamese invaders.

The heaviest communist attacks were directed at U.S. and Vietnamese positions along South Vietnam's narrow northern neck. Military spokesmen reported more than 350 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong main force fighters killed in two days of heavy weekend fighting.

Communist forces also struck in the Central Highlands where they battled 4th Inf. Div. troops around Dak To.

Khe Sanh, the mountain-rimmed Marine bastion guarding South Vietnam's northwestern corner, was the center of most of the border fighting. Military spokesmen reported battles both north and south of Khe Sanh Sunday and the base itself came under mortar attacks throughout the day from cloud-shrouded hills around it.

Reports from the area said communist mortars slammed into an ammunition dump touching off a large-sized explosion late Sunday. At least six helicopters on the ground were

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AP Radiophoto

SMOKE RISES FROM RUBBLE AFTER NORTH VIETNAMESE MORTAR ATTACK ON THE MARINE BASE AT KHE SANH.

Earthy Tale On UFOs

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Reports of strange objects in the skies over Memphis turned out to be true. They were weird flying vehicles devised by a group of youngsters.

A Memphis executive, James Cherry, was the first to report seeing the strange glowing objects and his neighbors by the dozens substantiated his story.

Five teen-age boys cleared up the mystery. They had been mounting lighted candles on strips of wood and inserting them into plastic bags. The heat inflated the bags which rose in the air.

6 Killed, 28 Wounded in Seoul By 30 N. Korean Infiltrators

SAS Korea Bureau

SEOUL—Six South Koreans were killed and 28 wounded Sunday night when a band of 30 armed North Koreans was intercepted on the northern outskirts of Seoul.

One North Korean was killed and another captured in the brief firefight that took place less than a mile north of the Blue House, home of South Korean President Chung Hee Park.

Following the 10 p.m. fight, the estimated 30 Communist agents dispersed into small groups and fled northward on foot, the Korean National Police said. The agents were reported moving north in the Koyang and Paju area some 20 miles north of Seoul at 6 a.m. Monday.

American and Republic of Korea military units were moving Monday morning in an attempt to engage the infiltrators and

block all escape routes to the north.

Intelligence sources here said that the North Korean target may have been the Blue House. Police were on alert around the building during the action.

A Korean national police spokesman said the agents came to "kill people and destroy facilities." The people or facilities were not identified.

Of the six South Koreans (Continued on Back Page, Col. 2)

Kasperak Dies on 15th Day

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Mike Kasperak died Sunday, finally succumbing to "a fantastic galaxy of complications" which doctors could not clear up following implanting of a housewife's heart in his chest 15 days ago.

Dr. Norman E. Shumway, who headed the heart transplant

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team the night of Jan. 6, was at Kasperak's bedside when the retired steelworker died at 1:43 a.m.

Kasperak, 54, who received the heart of Virginia White, 43, was the fourth person in history to have a diseased heart replaced.

The third still lives. He is Philip Blaiberg of Cape Town, South Africa, who was reported doing well in his 20th day.

Dr. Shumway, looking baggard and unhappy, told a news conference at Stanford University Medical Center, "We don't have enough information at this time to decide whether there

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Chilly Maneuver

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—In a way it seems pointless. Some 150 National Guardsmen from snow-covered Minnesota are leaving for Fort Greeley, Alaska. They'll undergo two weeks of winter training.

Hanoi Raps LBJ Formula

TOKYO (AP) — North Vietnam said Sunday the "San Antonio formula" suggested by President Johnson for peace in Vietnam "constitutes very insolent conditions."

The statement — tantamount to a rejection by Hanoi — was made by the official North Vietnamese daily Nhan Dan in the Communist nation's first reaction to Johnson's State-of-the-Union address delivered Wednesday.

In the address, Johnson said he believed peace talks should follow a formula advanced in San Antonio last September.

The formula says:

—U.S. bombing of North Vietnam would stop if talks would take place promptly and "with reasonable hopes they would be productive."

—The Communists must not take advantage of the U.S. actions, possibly to reinforce their forces with men or supplies.

Commented Nhan Dan: "The so-called 'San Antonio formula' is but an habitual trick of the United States to put on the same fooling the aggressor and the victim of aggression, and to force the Vietnamese people to give up struggling in face of continued American aggression."

"This constitutes very insolent conditions which, along with the American build-up in South Vietnam and the stepped-up U.S. air raids over Haiphong, Hanoi, the provincial capital of Lang Son, and many other thickly populated areas in North Vietnam, has further exposed the extremely bellicose nature of the U.S. imperialists."



Ready to Jump—When Seconds Count

Troops of the 2nd Bn., 27th Inf., 25th Inf. Div. stand on the skids of their chopper as they drop into a landing zone during a

search and destroy mission 30 miles northwest of Saigon where the division's 2nd Brigade is on Operation Saratoga. (USA)

American Among Air Victims

BANGKOK (AP) — An American photographer and his Swedish girl assistant were among six people killed Sunday when a light plane crashed after colliding with a jet airliner 60 miles from Bangkok, an airline official said Sunday night.

The photographer was identified as C. R. Peterson, Los Angeles.

His assistant was Ing Marie Pilehag, of Sweden.

Miss Pilehag was described as one of Sweden's top photographic models who had done many jobs for Scandinavian Airlines. The couple was riding in a Thai Army twin-engine plane taking photographs of a Thai international Caravelle jet in flight.

The Thai pilot lost control of the light plane and it crashed in Rajburi province southwest of Bangkok.

Peterson and Pilehag and the four Thais aboard including the pilot and assistant advertising manager of Thai International in Bangkok were killed.

The Caravelle, with a slightly damaged port wing, made an emergency landing at Bangkok's International Airport using a braking parachute to bring it to a quick stop.

Airline officials said the jet was not carrying passengers.

Allies Get Tough, Shorten Tet Truce

SAIGON (AP)—South Vietnam and her allies, in a toughening stand, have decided to shorten the Tet (Vietnamese Lunar New Year) cease-fire next week to 36 hours, making it the shortest Allied Tet truce ever.

The foreign ministry had announced last Dec. 15 that South Vietnam had decided "in principle" to observe a 48-hour Tet truce. The Viet Cong have announced a seven-day truce at Tet.

Premier Nguyen Van Loc announced the curtailed cease-fire in a memo Saturday to the defense ministry.

Informed U.S. sources said the American concurrence for a shortened cease-fire had come

from the White House. The five other allies also agreed.

"It's in keeping with the principle that you give the enemy as little opportunity to infiltrate men and arms into South Vietnam as possible," the source said.

The abbreviated Allied truce will run from 6 p.m. Jan. 29 to 6 a.m. on the 31st. The Tet truce in 1967 was 96 hours.

The Viet Cong truce begins at 1 a.m. Jan. 27 and ends at 1 a.m. Feb. 3.

Jets Pound Power Plant

SAIGON (S&S) — U.S. jets struck the Hon Gai thermal power plant, Cao Nung railroad siding, and the Yen Bai airfield Saturday.

U.S. Army helicopter gunners killed 19 Reds in scattered actions throughout South Vietnam Saturday. They also destroyed nine enemy fortifications and seven sampans.

Vietnamese Air Force pilots flew 82 sorties Saturday, destroying or damaging 82 fortifications as well as 30 bunkers and four enemy sampans.

Casualties in Vietnam

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

KILLED IN ACTION

Army
 SP4 Marvin Head Jr., Columbiandale, Ala.
 Pvt. Sisto B. Balorquez, Eloy, Ariz.
 Sgt. George S. Sehi, Lynwood, Calif.
 Cpl. Robert L. Heller, Long Beach, Calif.
 SP4 Tyler W. Cobb Jr., La Puente, Calif.
 SP4 Steven W. Schmidt, Anaheim, Calif.
 Spt. Robert D. Blea, Denver, Colo.
 Cpl. Paul M. Fones, Bear, Del.
 SSgt. Monte R. Busby, Miami, Fla.
 Sgt. Norril F. Johnson, Tampa, Fla.
 Sgt. Gordon A. Campbell, College Park, Ga.
 SP4 Dewitt J. Wolf, Columbus, Ga.
 SFC Ralph O. Rodriguez, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.
 Sgt. Bobby D. Crawford, Buncombe, Ill.
 Pfc. Bernard C. Maltson, East Peoria, Ill.
 Sgt. Genie L. Mc Donald, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Cpl. Arnold G. Abel, French Lick, Ind.
 1Lt. Carl A. Harris, Des Moines, Iowa.
 Sgt. Grey H. Wagner, Geneva, Iowa.
 Pfc. Wesley L. Gosch, Leavenworth, Kan.
 Pfc. Larry R. Jackson, Grayson, Ky.
 Cpl. Murrie L. Blocker, New Orleans, La.
 SP4 Larry F. Kujawa, St. Martinsville, La.
 1Lt. Edward W. Argy, Medford, Mass.
 Cpl. Thomas A. Ghelli, Holliston, Mass.
 Cpl. Paul W. Rumrill, Cambridge, Mass.
 SSgt. James M. Morgan, Concord, Mich.
 Cpl. Franklin H. Raub, Trenton, Mich.
 SP4 Arlyn J. Blauwkamp, Zeland, Mich.
 Pfc. Michael D. Cribstar, Ypsilanti, Mich.
 Pfc. James R. Gillespie, Battle Creek, Mich.
 SP4 Lloyd H. Kent, Grenada, Miss.
 1Lt. Richard J. Seibert, Far Hills, N.J.
 1Lt. Swante A. Swenson, Danville, N.J.
 PSgt. Thomas A. Booker, East Orange, N.J.
 Cpl. James Castaldi, Magnolia, N.J.
 Pfc. Arthur Jordan, Palerson, N.J.
 Sgt. Lee M. Capers, New York City.
 SP4 Thomas J. Dean, Scarsdale, N.Y.
 Pfc. Conrad N. Gonzalez, New York City.
 Sgt. William P. Smith, Wayland, N.Y.
 Sgt. Jerome W. Ellenson, Walcott, N.D.
 SP4 John C. Tingley, Kathryn, N.D.
 SSgt. Samuel J. Helfenshine, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Cpl. Gordon L. Goins, Eaton, Ohio.
 SSgt. Benjamin F. McClary, Satters, S.C.
 SSgt. Jacky L. Garrett, Liberty, S.C.
 Cpl. John C. Mc Dowell, Corsica, S.D.
 Pfc. Dave Cummings Jr., Memphis, Tenn.
 SSgt. Harold J. Wesolick Jr., Richaras, Tex.
 SP4 Max R. Spangler, Dallas, Tex.
 Pfc. Leonard H. Sneed Jr., Meadowview,

Va.
 Cpl. Jeffrey D. Striface, Star City, W.Va.
 Sgt. Lee R. Danielson, Cadott, Wis.
Navy
 SA Roy B. Kelth, Joliet, Ill.
 BM3 Terry L. Meyer, Wauseon, Ohio.
 HN James R. Loy, Green Bay, Wis.
Marine Corps
 LCpl. Michael G. Berry, Sunnyvale, Calif.
 LCpl. Henry J. Gordon, Chatham, Ill.
 Pfc. Michael K. Friese, Matteson, Ill.
 Cpl. Phillip E. Burrell, Boston, Mass.
 LCpl. Paul F. Quill, Weymouth, Mass.
 Cpl. Darryl R. Strauss, Jackson, Minn.
 LCpl. Robert L. Mc Callister, Burfordville, Mo.
 LCpl. Phillip D. Mitchell, Pleasant Valley, N.Y.
 Pfc. James A. Wall, Columbia, S.C.
 Pfc. Robert L. Rogers, Maryville, Tenn.
 Pfc. Robert D. King, South Seattle, Wash.
Air Force
 1Lt. Paul D. Strahm, Sheffield Lake, Ohio.
DIED OF WOUNDS
Army
 SFC Ernest O. Broom, Fayetteville, N.C.
Marine Corps
 Pfc. Clifford A. Boggs, Monroe, La.
 Pfc. Henry L. Prother III, Shreveport, La.
 Pfc. Walter M. Keene, Millington, Mich.
 Pvt. Lawrence C. Covington, Jersey City, N.J.
MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE
Army
 Pfc. Jarold E. Humphrey, Greenville, Calif.
 Pfc. Paul H. Oliver, Alameda, Calif.
 Sgt. Henry J. Doneski, Derby, Conn.
 1Lt. Harry P. McFalls, Lewes, Del.
 SP4 Randolph T. Butler, St. Petersburg, Fla.
 Pfc. John G. Niedermeyer, Eau Gallie, Fla.
 Pvt. Richard W. Shiver, Ft. Pierce, Fla.
 Pfc. Daniel R. Bowman, Elberton, Ga.
 Pfc. Garland A. Griffin Jr., Coolidge, Ga.
 Pfc. Robert L. Wright, Gardner, Ill.
 Sic. Freddie A. Blackburn, Lexington, Ky.
 Cpl. William B. Hubble, Waynesburg, Ky.
 Pfc. Johnnie K. Perkins, Louisville, Ky.
 Pvt. Norman W. Bales, Louisville, Ky.
 Sgt. John W. Thompson, Bunkie, La.
 Pfc. Earl London, New Orleans, La.
 Cpl. Charles L. Hanselman, Dearborn, Mich.
 Pfc. James L. Burney, Essexville, Mich.
 Pfc. William B. Cameron, Detroit, Mich.
 SP4 Tony J. Qultmeyer, Parkers Prairie, Minn.
 Pfc. Daniel Reese Jr., Bassfield, Miss.
 SP4 Stephen J. Stewart, Clinton, Mo.
 SSgt. Clyde R. Phillips, Pemberton, N.J.
 1Lt. Kenneth J. Farrell, Auburndale, N.Y.
 Pfc. John T. Webster, Burlington, N.C.
 Sgt. Donald R. Bruckner, North Olmsted, Ohio.
 Pfc. Michael D. Marks, University

Heights, Ohio.
 Sgt. Anthony J. Lederer, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Pfc. William M. Bridgeford, Philadelphia, Pa.
 SP4 Glen A. Zeigler, Manning, S.C.
 Pfc. Herman R. Fletcher, Manchester, Tenn.
 Cpl. Julius Thomas, Bastrop, Tex.
 Pfc. Ruitus Hood, Texas City, Tex.
 Sgt. David H. Hershberger, Virginia Beach, Va.
 Sgt. Rainer K. Morgan, Sumner, Wash.
 Cpl. Phelon H. Cole, Tacoma, Wash.
 Sgt. Delmer R. Jones, Ripley, W.Va.
 Sgt. Edwin F. Brown, Beloit, Wis.
 Cpl. Phillip J. Emerhardt, Pewaukee, Wis.
 SP4 Robert L. Crawley, Baraboo, Wis.
 Pfc. John R. Hulbert, Menomonee, Wis.
MISSING IN ACTION
Army
 Cpl. Ewald Zifras.
 Sgt. James D. Cochran.
 Sgt. Willie J. Cottrell.
 SP4 Glenn Marquissen.
 SP4 Jim D. Martinez.
 SP4 Robert I. Moore.
 SP4 Jeffrey Perez.
 SP4 Frederick A. Pine.
 Pfc. Lee R. Birden.
 Pfc. David C. Daily.
 Pfc. Donald W. Keap.
 Pfc. Timothy Lambert.
Navy
 Lt.(j.g.) Denis L. Anderson.
 Lt.(j.g.) Arthur C. Buck.
 Lt.(j.g.) Philip P. Stevens.
 AE2 Richard M. Mancini.
 AO2 Michael L. Roberts.
 ADJ2 Donald N. Thoresen.
 PH2 Kenneth H. Wigan.
 ATN3 Gale R. Siew.
Marine Corps
 Pfc. James M. Inman.
Air Force
 Maj. Stanley H. Horne.
 Maj. Pallard H. Mercer Jr.
 Maj. Atilla Pedraza.
 Maj. Thomas W. Sumpler Jr.
 Cpt. Keith N. Hall.
 Capt. Robert C. Walker Jr.
 1Lt. Earl P. Hopper Jr.
 1Lt. Ronald M. Lebert.
 1Lt. James E. Thompson.
RETURNED TO MILITARY CONTROL
Army
 Pvt. Roger D. Anderson.
DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION
Army
 SP4 David W. Leatherbury, Fort Worth, Tex.
 Pfc. Hugh J. Ferrell, Danville, Va.
Navy
 SWF3 Jacky R. Couch, St. Louis, Mo.
MISSING TO DEAD—NON HOSTILE
Army
 SP4 Jerry W. Kizziah, Northport, Ala.
 SP5 Robert P. Hain, Phoenix, Ariz.
 WO Douglas J. Lemaire, Taunton, Mass.

Surprise for GI's Wife: Reunion in Bangkok

NEW YORK (AP) — Thanks to a surprise entry in a radio contest by a friend, a 19-year-old Brooklyn girl left Sunday for a reunion in Bangkok, Thailand, with her Army private husband, who has been serving in Vietnam.

"I just feel great, wonderful," said Kathy Dunne, before boarding a flight at Kennedy Airport.

Mrs. Dunne, who was married last February and is expecting a baby in April, won the trip in a contest she didn't enter herself.

Without Mrs. Dunne's knowledge, a friend, Anna Hyde of Brooklyn, sent her name on a postal card to the radio contest and it was selected as the winning entry.

Military officials arranged for Mrs. Dunne's husband, Pvt. Robert J. Dunne, to be in Bangkok for the six-day reunion. He is assigned to a Signal Corps group in Bien Hoa, a village about 20 miles southwest of Saigon, Mrs. Dunne said.

For the trip via San Francisco and Honolulu, the young wife was accompanied by her mother-in-law, Mrs. Thomas Dunne of Brooklyn.

Brings in Stricken Copter

DAK TO, Vietnam (IO) — An Army pilot successfully landed his "doomed" smoke-filled helicopter after an enemy .50-cal. round had ignited a red-colored smoke grenade within the aircraft.

After completing one mission, WO Thomas L. Brink of Ridgeway, Pa., piloted his 189th Assault Helicopter Co. helicopter toward Hill 943, which is just a few miles from the battle-scarred Dak To.

Brink was searching the hill for signs of enemy mortars in the dense jungle foliage. During his second pass over the area, the warrant officer's aircraft came under enemy .50-cal. automatic weapons fire.

"When the round struck the aircraft, it sounded like a rocket had hit me in the tail," the pilot remarked later. "When I looked around to check for damage, red smoke was coming from somewhere."

The round had pierced the belly of his ship and hit a red smoke grenade hanging from the radio console. Thick red smoke completely blinded the occupants of the "Ghost Rider" as Brink thrust his head out of the window in search of an emergency landing zone.

The grenade, still burning, had lodged between the radio and its carriage. The crew chief, Spec. 4 John P. Miller, grabbed the "hot" grenade and pitched it from the ship.

GIs Battle A 10-Foot Enemy

CHU LAI, Vietnam (IO) — An unexpected guest decided he would enjoy the warmth of a shelter constructed in the field by a member of Americal Division's 196th Light Inf. Brigade, but the soldier did not agree.

The visitor which just crawled into the area was a 10-foot boa constrictor.

A Co., 4th Bn., 31st Inf., had set up for the night on a small hill. "I was resting in a shelter I had made with several sticks and two ponchos," said Pfc. Walter Cabbagestalk, Pittsburgh, Pa. "All of a sudden, I got a clammy feeling all over as I noticed a boa constrictor crawling toward me."

"I got out of there as fast as I could and the snake just stayed there," he added. Then Sgt. 1.C Armando Sandoval, Phoenix, Ariz., used a long forked stick and pinned the snake down by its head. "As he did that, the snake started wrapping around Sandoval's arm," recalled Cabbagestalk. Two other men also came over and helped unwrap the snake and dispose of it.

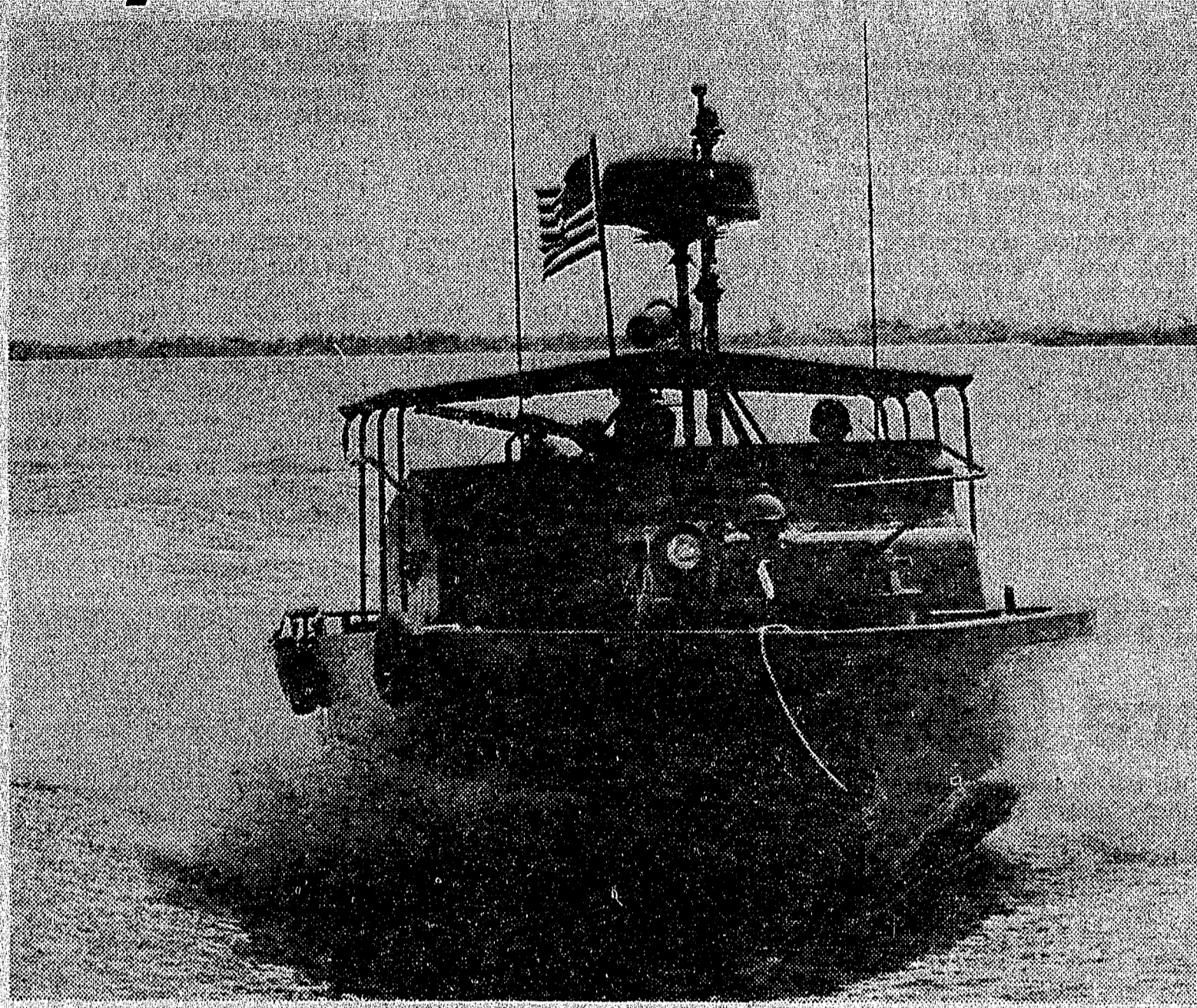
"The snake must have weighed about 50 pounds," said Sandoval. "I really had the chills when it started to wrap around my arm."

Hodges in Command

VUNG DAT AM, Vietnam (IO) — Col. Warren D. Hodges, of Lawrence, Kan., has assumed command of the 2nd Brigade, 4th Inf. Div., succeeding Col. Charles R. Sniffen, of Arlington, Va.

Faster, Quieter, Safer

Improved Patrol Boat Makes Debut



A Mark II U.S. Navy river patrol boat (PBR) near Nha Be, Vietnam. The Mark II is an improved version of the PBR. (USN)

Support Unit Gets Navy Decoration

DA NANG, Vietnam (ISO) — The Force Logistic Command was presented the Navy Unit Commendation by the commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Leonard F. Chapman Jr.

The commendation cited FLC for "exceptionally meritorious

'Bird Dog' Plane Scatters Cong

BIEN HOA, Vietnam (IO) — An OI-G "Bird Dog" airplane, on a reconnaissance mission, was turned into a gunship and aided a 9th Inf. Div. patrol engaged in a firefight with Viet Cong forces.

Capt. Hugh B. Robertson, the "Bird Dog" pilot with the 184th Recon. Airplane Co., was flying a radio relay mission for the 9th Div. when he was contacted by the ground troops asking for assistance.

Robertson, utilizing his marking rockets, dove at the Viet Cong force, in an attempt to block their withdrawal, and firing into their midst, forced the VC to break contact.

achievement in the performance of outstanding service with the III Marine Amphibious Force in the Republic of Vietnam from 12 March 1965 to 15 March 1967.

The citation noted the command's "constant effort to overcome maintenance, transportation, and supply problems associated with over 23,000 items of combat essential equipment, aggravated by severe climatic conditions of heat, dust, monsoon rains, and mud, coupled with the rigor of a sustained combat environment."

"Especially noteworthy was the efficient manner in which the Force Logistic Command responded to the frequent geographical shifts of troops and equipment over great distances within the I Corps Tactical Zone."

The citation noted FLC's "outstanding" support during the "... movement of the 1st and 3rd Marine Divs. in October 1966, a move involving more than 30,000 troops and their organic equipment."

Chapman praised the command for its progress since his last visit to FLC 13 months ago.

GIs Save Lives of 3 S. Viets

PHU CAT, Vietnam (OI) — An aeromedical evacuation mission by a rescue and recovery crew of Det. 13, 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, Phu Cat AB, was recently credited with saving the lives of three Vietnamese children.

Three Vietnamese youngsters, dependents of Army of the Republic of Vietnam soldiers from the village of Xa Nhon Thanh, near Phu Cat, were suffering from gasoline burns over 40 per cent of their bodies.

The medical officer on duty at the 37th USAF Dispensary considered immediate evacuation necessary, as facilities at the base are not adequate for such extensive medical treatment.

The burn victims were transported by ambulance to the rescue unit, where Maj. Bert D. Cowden, 38, Alamogordo, N.M., and his crew were standing by their helicopter.

Other crew members were 1st Lt. Ronald P. Wojack, 24, Detroit, first pilot, T. Sgt. Arthur J. Cole, 31, Hampton, Va., flight engineer and Sgt. Stephen B. Jones, 20, Atlanta, medical technician.

Ex-Red Soldiers Become Marine Scouts

DA NANG, Vietnam (ISO) — Three former North Vietnamese soldiers would rather switch and fight, which is exactly what they're doing right now for the Marine Corps.

"You can't beat them out in the field. They're outstanding." Cpl. Clifton P. Carmines, 21, Houston, Tex., says of the former enemy troops.

A scout-interpreter serving with the Intelligence Section, 2nd Bn., 7th Marine Regt., Carmines and the three former ene-

my soldiers work together as a scout team with Marine combat units operating north of Da Nang.

Carmines' three sidekicks defected from the enemy a year ago under the Chieu Hoi (Open Arms) program. After careful screening, they volunteered and were accepted for the Marine Kit Carson scout program.

All three are from the Hanoi area in North Vietnam. One of the three, Nguyen Phuoc Ran, a 23-year-old former enemy gun-

nery sergeant, served as a training instructor with the Reds.

Phuong Van Hung, 19, served as a staff sergeant while 25-year-old Nguyen Dung did his soldiering as a corporal.

The three enlisted in the NVA at the age of 13.

"They left for a number of reasons," said Carmines. "Their pay was low when they did receive it but most of the time they didn't. They never received enough food and they were taking bad military beatings from

SAIGON (PAO) — An improved version of the old reliable river patrol boat (PBR) has joined the river war in the Mekong Delta and Rung Sat Special Zone.

It is the Mark II, an improved version of the heavily-armed, 31-foot, fiberglass-hulled PBR that has harassed the Viet Cong on Delta waterways for nearly two years.

It is a product of suggestions and ideas submitted by veteran PBR crewmen and officers for improving operational capabilities.

As units of Operation Game Warden, the PBR's mission is to prevent the movement of enemy troops or supplies along the rivers and canals of the Delta and Rung Sat. The Rung Sat is a 400-square mile swamp area surrounding the main shipping channel from the sea to Saigon.

Engineman 3C, Robert B. Summerhill of Park Ridge, Ill., acting as coxswain, pointed out the long "rooster tail" of spume blown up in the speeding boat's wake.

The boat captain, Boatswain's Mate 1.C Dave S. Besteda, discussed the new twin .50-cal. forward machine gun mount. "On the new boats the forward .50s are fired electrically," he said, "and the mount is lower to the deck, lessening the chance of the gunner getting hit."

The new boats are 11 inches wider and have a foot more length-wise room. This gives the four-man crews more working space, particularly around the engine. The two diesel 6V-53 engines are side by side and, in the new boats, underway engineering repairs are simplified by easy access and more working room between them.

Enlarged mufflers permit the boat to move on night operations more silently than the roar of the original PBR.

The Mark II's radios are below the main deck, providing added protection from the effects of weather. Remote speakers and microphones are located in the cockpit. Optional headsets provide a means for easier handling of communications equipment in battle.

Modifications in the water-jet pump system are the major causes of increased speed in the new craft.

The boat is built lower to the water to give the enemy less of a target.

Inspecting suspicious river traffic is not the only job for the boats.

Others include giving fire support to Vietnamese outposts, providing blockade forces for ground operations, raiding enemy base camps and other positions and acting as ambulances to transport wounded or sick civilians or servicemen to hospitals.

U.S. Forces.

"Our main job, when we're out in the field, is to scout trails," explained Carmines. "On that, the Kit Carsons spot things that we might miss. They know how the enemy operates, what kind of tactics he uses, what kind of ambushes he's likely to set up and what spots he's likely to pick for his ambush site."

96 Boats Burn In \$2-Million Shipyard Fire

ESSEX, Conn. (AP) — Ninety-six large pleasure boats, valued at more than \$2 million, were destroyed Saturday night in a fire at the historic Essex Boat Works.

Stuart Ingersoll, owner of the boatyard, said the damage estimate did not include three storage sheds and an office building that also were destroyed.

The sheds contained boats that were as much as 70 feet long, said Robert Clark, a boatyard worker. Some, he said, were valued at \$150,000 and up.

One of the craft destroyed was in the final stage of construction. It was being built for Thomas Watson, president of IBM. Another craft was a 53-foot Alden-class schooner named Vagabond, which formerly belonged to the nearby Mystic Seaport.

Essex is one of Connecticut's most historic ports—in 1812, the boat works built one of the first U.S. warships—the Oliver Cromwell.

During the 1850s, the Essex Boat Works built many ocean-going clipper ships, including the Middlesex.

The Essex fire department's duck (amphibious vehicle) went out to fight the blaze but sank in 15 feet of water when ice punctured the hull. Firemen swam to shore.

Threatened in the blaze, which could be seen for several miles, was the nearby two-floor Upper Deck Restaurant and the Essex Steamboat Dock.

The blaze was punctuated by numerous explosions from gasoline tanks in the boats, firemen said.

The fire apparently started when a boat in a storage shed burst into flames, which spread to the shed, according to the town fire dispatcher.

Many boatowners worked on their craft Saturday afternoon in surprisingly warm January weather. The area was evacuated quickly, however, and no injuries were reported.

New Riots Injure 150 At Sasebo

By PHILIP KEN IRELAN
SAS Staff Writer

SASEBO, Japan — About 700 young Japanese demonstrators Sunday clashed with police here as they protested the visit of the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier Enterprise.

Police halted about 400 left-wing students on a bridge across the Sasebo River leading to the Sasebo Naval Base.

A half dozen of the students broke into the naval base where the Enterprise—which is scheduled to leave Sasebo port Tuesday—is anchored. Two of them were arrested on the base, but the others fled.

More than 150 persons were injured and 12 arrested as the militant Sampa faction of the Zengakuren student organization attempted the bridge-crossing.

A wall of riot police armed with truncheons, water cannon and tear gas forced the rioters back.

It was the fourth day of student rioting over the visit of the Enterprise, which arrived here Friday.

Student rioting Friday restricted sailors on liberty to the base compound but they were allowed out after police restored order.

One demonstrating group was the Beheiren, the Japanese "Peace for Vietnam" organization that has encouraged American sailors to desert.

Among the marchers in the Beheiren group was Earle Reynolds, the American who sailed his yacht Phoenix into North Vietnam last March to deliver medical supplies.

Sunday morning the Beheiren group sailed around the Enterprise urging sailors, through loudspeakers, to oppose the war in Vietnam and to desert their ship.

Monday the Japan Socialist Party and the Japan Communist Party were planning a peaceful demonstration at Sasebo, U.S. Navy officials said. And Japanese authorities in Sasebo said Zengakuren leaders vowed they would be back Tuesday.

Choppers Tip Coppers

BONN (UPI)—Nervous Hans Meyer took out his false teeth to keep them from chattering when he broke into a Bonn tavern.

He put them on a counter—and promptly forgot them. The police didn't. Hans, unable to remember where he left them, showed up at the police lost and found the following day. The law, teeth clenched, was waiting.

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Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1968

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Essex is one of Connecticut's most historic ports—in 1812, the boat works built one of the first U.S. warships—the Oliver Cromwell.

During the 1850s, the Essex Boat Works built many ocean-going clipper ships, including the Middlesex.

The Essex fire department's duck (amphibious vehicle) went out to fight the blaze but sank in 15 feet of water when ice punctured the hull. Firemen swam to shore.

Threatened in the blaze, which could be seen for several miles, was the nearby two-floor Upper Deck Restaurant and the Essex Steamboat Dock.

The blaze was punctuated by numerous explosions from gasoline tanks in the boats, firemen said.

The fire apparently started when a boat in a storage shed burst into flames, which spread to the shed, according to the town fire dispatcher.

Many boatowners worked on their craft Saturday afternoon in surprisingly warm January weather. The area was evacuated quickly, however, and no injuries were reported.

6 Killed in Seoul

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known dead, five were civilians downed by submachine-gun fire in northern suburban Seoul. The dead included one student and one guard at the Middle School.

Also killed was Kyu Shik Choi, chief of police of the Chongno police station in north Seoul. Most of the 28 injuries are thought to have come from a Korean bus which was hit by

a Red handgrenade by the agents during the battle.

Security was tightened around 8th Army compounds with U.S. military police checking incoming traffic. Road conditions in the 2nd Div. area were announced as "red" with only "absolute necessary military traffic" allowed to move.

The curfew in the 2nd Div. area was lengthened to begin at 7 p.m. and end at 6 a.m.

think the turning point came with the hemorrhage from the stomach last Thursday.

"He was in a chair, breathing without artificial respiration, and doing well until the final episodes of massive hemorrhaging from the stomach which required two operations."

Mrs. White's heart was functioning extremely well, Dr. Shumway said.

"No detriment whatever," he said, "was observed by disparity of size."

The transplanted heart was only one-third as large as Kasperak's own heart, which was enlarged by disease. Hers was small, almost child-size, Dr.

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