

Allies Seize A Shau

SAIGON (UPI)—American and South Vietnamese troops Thursday reoccupied the A Shau Valley, the once impregnable Communist stronghold for infiltrating supplies into South Vietnam.

With surprisingly little resistance, some 10,000 Allied troops seized a series of roads within the valley through which the North Vietnamese have funnelled men and equipment to Communist forces in the northernmost provinces.

It was the first invasion of the A Shau Valley in more than two years and one of the most daring operations of the war. The Communists left behind the

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largest and most modern assortment of equipment seized thus far.

"We're sitting right on their supply line for everybody south of Dong Ha (below the DMZ)," said Marine Lt. Gen. Robert E. Cushman, who released details of the Delaware Operation, previously embargoed for security reasons.

Military spokesmen reported that 377 Communists were killed by Allied troops in the first 11 days of the operation; U.S. and South Vietnamese forces lost 67 killed and 307 wounded.

Most of the Allied wounded were suffered during the initial part of the operation when some 40 helicopters were shot down by North Vietnamese anti-aircraft fire.

Meanwhile, fierce battles raged between Allied forces and North Vietnamese troops who apparently were poised for a second major offensive on Hue.

In the heaviest fighting, 101st Airborne paratroops late Thursday reported killing 160 Com-

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College Vote To M'Carthy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy has won a nationwide mock presidential election on some 1,200 U.S. college campuses.

Sen. Robert F. Kennedy beat out Republican Richard M. Nixon for second place in the voting. More than a million students cast ballots.

McCarthy drew 285,988 votes, Kennedy 213,832 and Nixon 197,167.

More than half the students favored a reduction of the U.S. war effort in Vietnam in a referendum included on the ballot.

The poll was sponsored by Time Magazine and the Univac Division of Sperry Rand Corp.

Hanoi Spurns Proposal For Talks on Cruiser



A Fellow Who Stands Up to LBJ

President Johnson gets down on his hands and knees to play with grandson Patrick Lyndon Nugent during a recent visit to the LBJ Ranch in Texas. (AP Radiophoto)

Poor People's Campaign

Marchers Step Off in Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The March on Washington, conceived by Martin Luther King to dramatize the nation's poor of all races, began Thursday in Memphis where King was killed.

Nearly 400 marchers, all but a few of them Negroes, stepped off at 1:27 p.m., CDT, for the two-mile hike through some of the city's slum areas.

Some of the marchers planned to go only as far as chartered buses parked at the end of the twisting march route. But others planned to board the buses for the trip to Marks, Miss., the area which King had termed the worst rural poverty section in the United States.

Some of the marchers carried bumper-sticker-size pennants

saying, "I have a dream." Others carried framed pictures of King.

The march began on the street outside the Lorraine Motel, the place where King was killed by a sniper the night of April 4.

Earlier, a memorial plaque

had been dedicated at the motel in his honor as about 2,000 Negroes crowded the courtyard.

King's widow, Coretta King, pledged "eternal loyalty and dedication to the works which he so nobly began" in helping dedicate the marble marker in

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Heart Transplanted by Stanford MDs

STANFORD, Calif. (UPI) — Stanford University surgeons transplanted a dead man's heart into the chest of a 40-year-old carpenter Thursday in the world's eighth cardiac transfer.

The surgical team, headed by

Dr. Norman E. Shumway, reported the recipient was in fair condition after the operation that lasted 4½ hours at Stanford-Palo Alto Hospital.

The recipient, Joseph Rizer, a father of four from Salinas, Calif., was receiving breathing

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP)—A spokesman of the North Vietnamese Embassy said Thursday the proposal to hold preliminary peace talks on a cruiser of the Indonesian Navy in the Gulf of Tonkin is unacceptable to the Hanoi Government.

"This proposal does not meet a single one of President Johnson's own conditions for preliminary contacts," the spokesman said.

"It shows that the four conditions set by Johnson are merely a pretext for avoiding preliminary contacts," he said.

"The United States is looking for one pretext after another because it wants to continue the war."

"First of all, Indonesia is not neutral," the spokesman said. The indication was that Hanoi regards Indonesia as a pro-Western country since President Sukarno's fall from power.

"Furthermore, contacts held on a ship would exclude representatives of other countries and of the press and would not permit what President Johnson called 'adequate communications' — conditions set by Johnson himself," the spokesman added.

The Indonesian Government, in formal notes to Washington and Hanoi, offered to provide a Navy cruiser for the talks in an attempt to break the current deadlock.

White House press secretary George Christian said in Washington Wednesday the United States was willing to accept the offer.

The North Vietnamese spokesman said Hanoi still insists that

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It Belongs in Barking

LONDON (UPI)—Latest move in the British government's industrial decentralization program: a dog food company has moved its headquarters from London to Barking.

assistance from a respirator because of a lung condition, a hospital spokesman said.

Rizer, who had suffered three heart attacks in the past seven years, was taken to the hospital late Wednesday from his Salinas (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)

New Soviet Weapons Included in A Shau Haul

SAIGON (UPI)—Allied forces invading the A Shau Valley have captured a quantity of sophisticated Soviet weapons, some never before used by the Communists in Vietnam, it was learned Thursday.

Military sources said the weapons ranged from 122mm artillery ammunition to transistorized mine detectors.

The 122mm artillery shells, still in packing crates bearing Soviet markings, were of particular significance since the North Vietnamese were not known to have this big gun in their Vietnam arsenal.

The allied troops also reportedly found quantities of 76mm ammunition suitable

for use by the Soviet-made PT-76 tank, and large quantities of 37mm guns and ammunition similar to the 40mm guns used in World War II.

The sources said highly sophisticated, lightweight mine detectors were found with transistorized circuits powered by dry cell batteries.

U.S. spokesmen reported other weapons captured in the A Shau Valley invasion between April 19 and 30 included 669 individual weapons, mostly AK47 carbines.

Other equipment taken in the operation included 15 trucks, one PT76 tank, one jeep, two bulldozers, anti-aircraft

guns, rubber rafts and even a commercial-type radio station.

The list of captured equipment also included 37 crew-served weapons, three recoilless rifles, 2,000 gallons of fuel, 224 gas masks, 36 mine detectors, two chemical warfare suits, 60 rounds of 122mm ammunition, 134 hand grenades, 29 rounds of 122mm rockets and 75 tank wheels.

UPI correspondent Nat Gibson reported that the 1st Air Cav. Div. made their first major find less than two days after they first assaulted the valley when one of their units found two Soviet-made bulldozers and a flatbed truck.

Four days later, a U.S. patrol found

five trucks hidden near the center of the valley. Two of the vehicles were complex communications vans, normally used by a division headquarters.

One of the biggest surprises, however, was a commercial-type radio station found in a bunker.

In another section of the valley on the same day, other patrols found four more trucks, several cases of mine detectors, and a supply of Russian-style steel helmets.

The American troops donned the helmets, painted the names of their home states on the trucks and drove the vehicles up and down the road shouting epithets about Ho Chi Minh.

F111s Hit Trucks In North

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON — Poor weather over North Vietnam's Southern Panhandle Wednesday continued to hamper U.S. air strikes, limiting pilots to 104 missions north of the DMZ during the day.

Air Force F111s flew two missions Wednesday, hitting an enemy truck park and cave storage area near Dong Hov. Wednesday was only the second time in 10 days the sweep-wing jets have flown combat missions over North Vietnam following the loss of the third F111 April 21.

The day's most northern strike was against a bridge 25 miles northwest of Vinh and 169 miles north of the DMZ as the limited bombing of the north began its second month.

Air Force B52s flew three missions over South Vietnam late Wednesday afternoon and early Thursday morning. Two of the missions were flown in support of U.S. Forces in Operation Delaware in the A Shau Valley.

Week's Toll Is 302

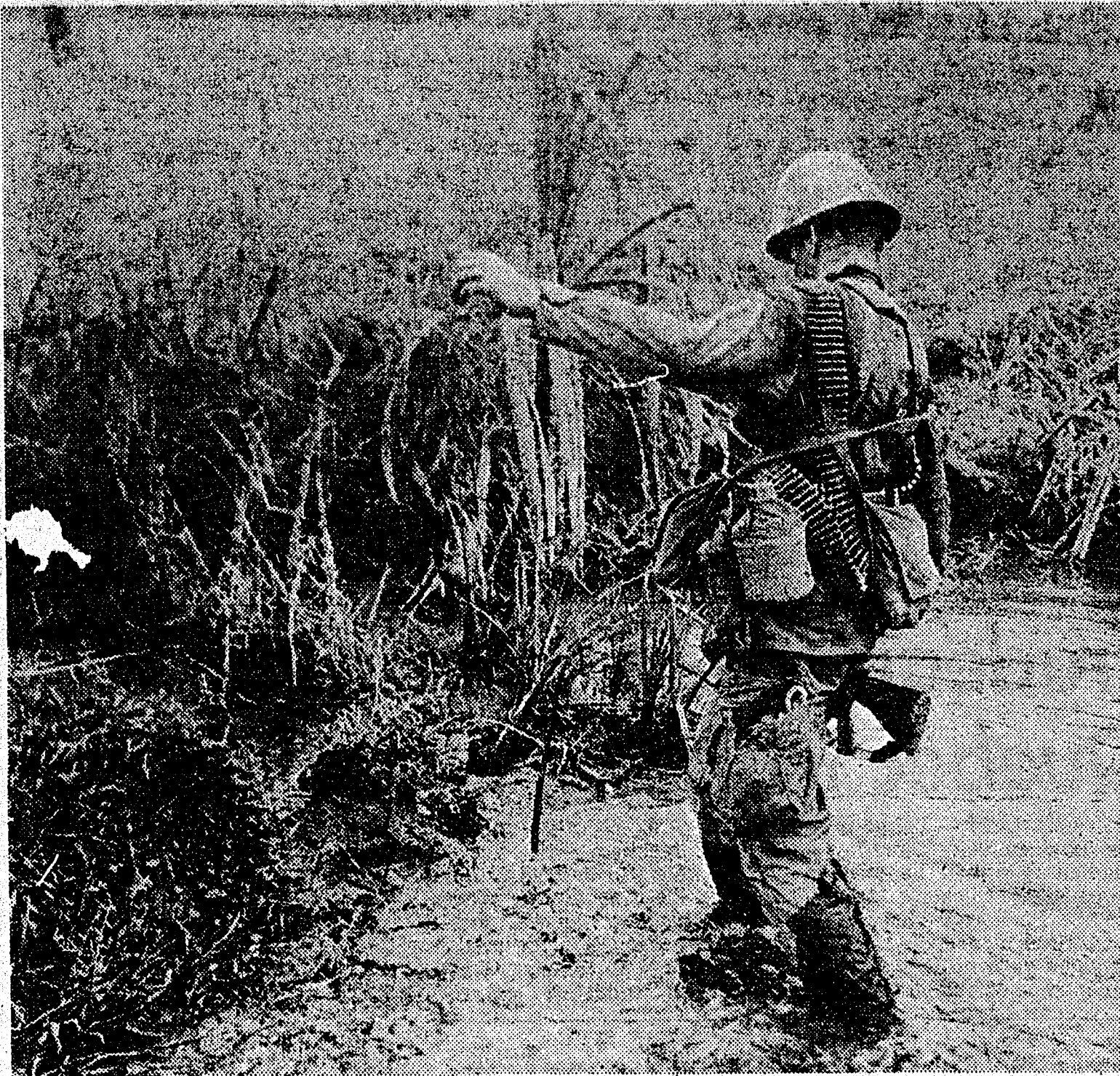
SAIGON (UPI) — The U.S. military command reported Thursday that 302 American troops were killed in the Vietnam War last week.

The U.S. troops were involved in allied actions in which 1,792 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong soldiers were killed, according to the U.S. announcement.

A total of 1,363 U.S. troops were hospitalized from wounds last week and an additional 1,095 were treated for wounds and returned to action.

This brought the number of U.S. troops killed since Jan. 1, 1961 through April 27 to 22,006.

The total hospitalized from wounds in action in the seven-year period is 72,141. An additional 65,527 were treated for wounds and returned to action.



Easy Does It, Soldier

A 9th Inf. Div. soldier from the 5th Mechanized Bn., 60th Inf., finds the going slippery as he tries to maintain his balance while crossing a stream during a Mekong Delta sweep. (USA)

Paratroops Capture 97 NVA In Village 4 Miles From Hue

PHUOC YEN, Vietnam (AP) — Paratroopers from the U.S. 101st Airborne Div. surrounded this village four miles northwest of Hue and captured 97 uniformed North Vietnamese, including five women nurses.

Interrogation of the prisoners — believed to be the largest mass surrender by North Vietnamese in the war — disclosed that the enemy troops had been

operating in the area for about a week.

The prisoners said their unit — the 8th Bn., 90th NVA Regt. — was sent to the Hue area to serve as occupation forces after a takeover expected by the North Vietnamese.

Intelligence reports lately had indicated possible renewed attacks against Hue, held by the North Vietnamese for almost

the entire month of February before allied forces drove them out.

Among North Vietnamese killed after Phuoc Yen village was cordoned off were the enemy battalion commander, executive officer and three company commanders.

GIs Give Cash To Tet Victims

LAI KHE, Vietnam (IO) — Soldiers of the 1st Inf. Div. have contributed \$3,934 to the Tet Aggression Relief Project (TARP) to help civilians who suffered from the VC Tet attacks.

TARP is administered by the 1st Inf. Div.'s Civil Affairs Office for the recovery of the Vietnamese people living within the division area.

The Civil Affairs section is accepting suggestions on how to use the funds.

Viet House Approves Call-Up

SAIGON (AP)—South Vietnam's House of Representatives voted unanimously Thursday to accept general mobilization of the nation's manpower and resources.

But in a heated debate, it also voted not to accept specific details of the mobilization law drafted by the House Defense Committee. The House gave the committee three more days to work out details. It scheduled another vote for Monday.

Members who voted against accepting the committee's version indicated in Thursday's debate they did not object to the committee's decisions regarding the draft and increasing the number of men under arms. But they said the law should contain detailed provisions for the arming of self-defense groups and mobilization of resources.

The law's provisions make men between the ages of 16 and 50 eligible for some kind of military service. Men 18 through 40 would be eligible for the draft, and those in other age groups could volunteer for local self-defense units. No women would be drafted, but they too would be allowed to volunteer.

The Senate will consider the mobilization law after the House takes its final vote.

President Nguyen Van Thieu, who sent the general mobilization proposal to the legislature in mid-April, urged them to act on it quickly.

LBJ Honors ARVN Unit

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson Thursday awarded a South Vietnamese Army battalion the Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism in fierce hand-to-hand combat with the Viet Cong in Chuong Thien Province.

He cited the 2nd Bn., 31st Regt., 21st Inf. Div. for military gallantry in action on Sept. 4, 1966.

The battalion inflicted a serious defeat on the enemy when it was airlifted by helicopters to reinforce a sister battalion that was pinned down in a savage fight with more than 1,000 Viet Cong, the citation said.

Laos Village Retaken

VIENTIANE (UPI) — A Laotian village captured by Communist Pathet Lao troops last week was retaken by government forces without a fight two days ago, according to Gen. Oudone Saninikone, Laotian chief of staff.

Foil Plot to Blast Saigon Police Hq.

SAIGON (AP) — South Vietnamese police said Thursday they foiled a Viet Cong May Day plot to blow up the national police headquarters in Saigon.

The police said a high-ranking Viet Cong prisoner had disclosed plans to plant explosives at the headquarters and had led them to a Viet Cong sabotage cell in Di An, 10 miles north-

east of Saigon.

Special police forces killed two Viet Cong in the cell, captured two submachine guns and "important documents."

The several-block-long national police compound, surrounded by a high wall, was a target of Viet Cong troops during the Lunar New Year offensive, and has in the past been a goal of Communist saboteurs.

The police also disclosed Thursday that interrogation of

other captured Viet Cong indicated a manpower shortage among Viet Cong cadre in Saigon. Police said the manpower shortage has caused the Viet Cong to assign missions to men without training.

The official Vietnam press quoted the police as saying, "Although they are not well organized, Viet Cong cadres may be reckless enough to carry out sabotage activities in the capital."

U.S.-Viet Airlift Aids Hue

DA NANG, Vietnam (OI)—The United States and Vietnamese Air Force have airlifted food, clothing and toilet articles to Hue citizens suffering from the Communist Tet Offensive.

The joint airlift was one of seven flown to Hue Citadel. In addition, men of the South Vietnamese Army's 11th Light Transportation Co. in Hue supplied trucks to meet the USAF and VNAF aircraft to transport the items to distribution points.

Capt. Nguyen Thien Gia, 41st Vietnamese Air Wing representative, provided several VNAF CH34 Choctaw helicopters to move USAF and VNAF personnel who volunteered to help distribute the items.

Transportation for the six tons of food and clothing was provided by USAF Caribou C7A aircraft and crews assigned to the 483rd Tactical Airlift Sq.

Project officials distributed the goods to war victims of the Hue Citadel area who had decided to stand by their homes and were not living in the refugee camps.

Much of the food was obtained from Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development Support (CORDS). The VNAF 41st Wing Control and Reporting Center, directed by Maj. Tran Van Minh, took up a collection to buy food. The USAF 620th Tactical Control Center also contributed funds.

More than 400 pounds of clothing, donated by people in the United States, was distributed. Food was divided into family-size bundles, and clothes were sorted so that each family received the right sizes.

The project was directed by Capt. Paul R. Stankiewicz, 30, Danvers, Mass., 366th Tactical Fighter Wing civic action officer. Assisting was S. Sgt. David Syva, 34, Victorville, Calif., 366th TFW civic action noncommissioned officer in charge.

"The project was very successful," Stankiewicz said. "It is an honor for me and for every man that worked on the project to be able to help these people. I am happy to add that the city of Hue appears to be well on the way to recovery."

Patrol Finds Too Many Reds

LAI KHE, Vietnam (IO) — During a recent operation members of a 1st Inf. Div. long range reconnaissance patrol surprised a group of Viet Cong and received a shock themselves as well.

The recon team, led by Sgt. Franklin Jones, Chillicothe, Ohio, was operating west of Lai Khe. As the team hid in the underbrush they heard several Viet Cong walking down the trail. The enemy passed Jones and his team.

In order to get the insurgents back to his position Jones called for artillery to land in front of the VC, which would cause them to turn around and return toward the recon team.

The incoming rounds caused more than the few Viet Cong the team had seen to run toward their position. Out from the bushes scampered a platoon-size force of Reds.

An observation of the area afterwards showed the bodies of six dead Viet Cong.

Soldiers Map Vietnam by Air

Everyone Said It Couldn't Be Done

By SGT. ROGER A. NEUMANN
S&S Staff Correspondent

VUNG TAU, Vietnam—When the Army took over the job of aerial photo mapping of Vietnam from the Air Force in February, there were plenty of doubts.

"When we started on this, everybody said we couldn't do it," says CWO3 Robert A. Hardwick, of Gunnison, Colo. "But we didn't know we couldn't do it, so we just went ahead and did it."

Those who said it couldn't be done had reason to be pessimistic. The Army had never been involved in such a project. And, more important, it planned to replace the Air Force's huge C130 transport plane with one single-engine U1A Otter.

As difficult as the assignment may have seemed, the results have not only exceeded everyone's expectations, they have also exceeded everyone else's results.

"This is the best work I've seen in 15 years," said Sgt. 1.C. Charles L. Leffler, looking over a mosaic he pieced together with photographs taken during

the Otter's first mission in the III Corps area. Leffler is operations sergeant for the Operation Section of the 66th Engineer Co. at Long Binh, where the negatives are taken to be processed.

"When I heard they were going to use the Otter," he says, "I never thought it would work. But the results have been great."

The main argument against the little plane, which is used normally in courier service and psychological warfare, is that it is too small and lightweight.

"The Otter is probably the least adaptable aircraft to the mission," agrees Hardwick. "It's very cumbersome for this type operation."

Cumbersome though it may be, the Otter is the plane Hardwick flies for the 54th Aviation Co., 1st Aviation Brig., at Vung Tau, and Hardwick is the man the Army needed. He is the only pilot they have been able to find who is trained to fly aerial photo mapping missions.

A civilian mapping company helped the Army run a test project in February. In 25 days,

Hardwick and Lee Klein, of San Antonio, Tex., a photographer supplied by the company, filmed almost everything that was needed in the III Corps area, and the contract was extended to July 1.

Unfortunately, Hardwick, who has done civilian and Air Force work in this field, will be leaving Vietnam in July, and no experienced replacement is available. To fill the void, he began to train CWO2 Norman J. Charpentier, of Columbus, Ga.

Together with Klein and Capt. Jack M. DeHanas, of Miami, Okla., project officer, they have been averaging five missions a week.

Essentially, though, it is a two-man operation, and Hardwick believes it will be a great advantage having one crew and one aircraft set aside for this work. Previously, it had been only a secondary responsibility for Air Force units involved.

The greatest advantage is the dollar savings. Hardwick says it costs \$100 a day to use the Otter, whereas he believes previous costs were about \$3,000 a day.

"On the initial test, we actually saved the government \$20,000," he says.

The pilot has also eliminated the need for expensive special navigational equipment previously used for aerial map photography. He devised a gadget with a metal bar and a few cents

worth of string that does the work effectively.

The problem with mapping in Vietnam is that things change so quickly. The present project calls for filming all of South Vietnam, and when the job is done, it may be necessary to start all over again.

"Some of our maps that haven't even been issued yet are already outdated," said an officer at Long Binh. "We'll have to make new maps, but of course, there'll be changes before those come out. You've got to have a starting point, though."

Says Hardwick: "I like to think that we are really accomplishing something, because the work that we're doing now will help the Vietnamese people for years and years to come."

"Even if the war were to stop tomorrow, this work would help immeasurably because we've updated their maps so much."

The photos are also a great aid to the allied forces, and in addition to their use in map-making, there is hope they will turn up valuable intelligence information.

Hardwick's immediate hope is that the Army will be able to continue the work after he and Charpentier have gone. He envisions a small detachment being set up in Vietnam, with about four crews working solely on aerial photo mapping.

"I hope someone will hear about this and step forward and tell us he can do it too," he says. "We really need him."



Airborne Marines Practice

Marines of the Dong Ha-based 3rd Recon. Bn. float toward earth after jumping from helicopters during a familiarization drop near Marble Mountain. (USMC)

Mine Crews Keep Vital River Open

SAIGON (PAO) — Each day, about 10 large merchant ships sail the winding Long Tau River carrying commercial and military supplies to Saigon.

The Viet Cong want to sink one of these ships to block the narrow channel and thus cut off 70 per cent of the war goods for the two southern tactical zones.

They've tried mines, rockets and recoilless rifle fire. Navy helicopters and river patrols usually break up the rifle and rocket attacks, but mines are a job for Mine Sq. 11, Det. Alfa.

Just one mine could sink a freighter so there is no room for error in the unit's daily minesweeping patrols.

Twice a day the detachment's 57-foot minesweeping boats leave their base at Nha Be, eight miles southeast of Saigon, to drag their sweep gear down the channel and back.

Detachment Alfa was activated especially for duty in Vietnam in March, 1966. The rest of Sq. 11 is based at Long Beach, Calif.

Detachment Alfa caused the Viet Cong so many headaches in its early days here that it fast became one of the most shot-at units in the southern part of the country. Despite an abnormally high casualty rate, Detachment Alfa preserved its record: shipping on the Long Tau has not been stopped for a single day.

For this service, Detachment Alfa became the first Navy unit in Vietnam to be awarded the Presidential Unit Citation.

The record continues. The difference now is that the Viet Cong think twice about firing on an MSB, because the boats

have been equipped with three .50-caliber machine guns, four light machine guns and two rapid-fire grenade launchers.

The MSBs carry a six-man crew captained by a first class or chief petty officer. The boats are outfitted to foil both moored and command-detonated mines.

Command-detonated mines, Charlie's favorite, became such a problem that another boat was adapted for use by Detachment Alfa. It is a medium landing craft geared to drag a length of blade-studded anchor chain along the riverbottom, cutting any wires.

This job is scheduled to be taken over by Vietnamese Navymen, and Detachment Alfa is conducting an extensive training program to prepare them for the work.

Viet Orphans Get \$3,500 From GIs

SAIGON (IO)—A \$3,500 donation from members of the 1st Signal Brigade headquarters was presented to the Men Thanh Gia Orphanage in Saigon.

The money will be used to construct a building providing dormitory space, a dining room and a chapel for the 65 children, aged 5 to 12.

Lt. Col. Sterling Long of Marina, Calif., brigade chaplain, and 1st Lt. John R. Birdsong of Memphis, Tenn., brigade civic action fund custodian, gave the money to the nuns of the Order of the Holy Cross, who run the orphanage.

Bell Offers 20% Pay, Fringe Hike

WASHINGTON (AP)—American telephone strikers won three-year wage and fringe benefit increases totaling nearly 20 per cent Thursday in 1968's fattest labor contract agreement thus far. It will affect some 600,000 workers across the nation.

The AFL-CIO Communications Workers estimated the settlement will cost the Bell system more than \$2 billion. A top company official said it will mean higher phone bills for many.

Some 200,000 strikers will vote in the next few days on whether to end their 15-day-old nationwide walkout and accept the agreement, which would set a pattern for most of the 400,000 other Bell system workers whose contracts expire later.

The wage and fringe package increases average 6.5 per cent a year, compared with last year's 5.6 per cent for all major industry contract settlements.

Improved vacations, holidays and holiday pay, overtime pay, pensions, wage progression scales, medical and life insurance are included.

Top pay for telephone installers will rise \$34 a week by the third year of the contract, for top plant craftsmen \$24 and for switchboard operators and clerks \$16, the union said.

Average pay before the agreement was about \$154 a week for plant craftsmen and installers, \$83 for switchboard operators and \$103 for clerical employees.



JOSEPH RIZOR

Heart—

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nas home. The heart donor, who died Wednesday night of a brain hemorrhage, was identified only as a 43-year-old man.

"This is a clinical trial and it will be a long time before it can be considered a success or a probable success," said Shumway, 44, who pioneered techniques used in most heart transplants. The surgeon, who performed America's first adult cardiac transfer in January, was quoted by a hospital spokesman.

The operation began about 7:30 a.m. with a team "composed of most members from the last operation," the spokesman said. The dead man's heart was maintained by a resuscitator as the 15-member team prepared for the surgery.

Rizor suffered his first heart attack in 1961 and had irreversible cardiac damage.

"At first I was shocked by the idea, but time and the knowledge of how desperately my husband wanted to undergo the operation made me realize that this may be his only chance to live," Mrs. Rizor said.

Loaded Statement

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (UPI) — County Atty. John Pattno said five pairs of loaded dice and a magnet were discovered during a gambling raid in Cheyenne. "It would appear one of the men was trying to influence the game," Pattno said.

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munists since Wednesday and capturing 102 others. It was the largest number of North Vietnamese troops taken prisoner in a single battle.

The clash centered around Phuoc Yen, about five miles northwest of Hue. The paratroopers and South Vietnamese troops killed 217 Communists in

the same area Monday night and Tuesday.

In two other battles in the same area, Airborne and South Vietnamese units killed 122 North Vietnamese three miles west of Hue and other Airborne troops killed 82 Communists 10 miles northwest of the city. A fourth battle erupted early Thursday between Airborne and NVA troops east of the city.

Allied forces, spearheaded by the 1st Air Cav. Div., began sweeping into the A Shau Valley

April 19 and as more and more troops moved into the valley Communist resistance was lessened.

The 1st Air Cav. Div. landed at the northern end of the 25-mile-long valley, while South Vietnamese units and elements of the U.S. 101st Airborne Div. took up blocking positions east of the valley.

Sweeping through the valley, the Allied forces captured a large assortment of weapons and equipment.



N. Korean Guard Assaults GI

An unidentified U.S. soldier lies on the ground at the Korean armistice conference site at Pannunjom after being knocked down and kicked by the North Korean guard (right), whom he had

offered a piece of American chocolate. A U.S. officer (second from right), rushes in to avert further violence. Two other Communist guards look on. (AP Radiophoto)

Cite Japanese Photographer

COLUMBIA, Mo. (UPI)—Five cameramen, including a United Press International photographer who was killed in Vietnam, were honored Thursday at the 59th annual University of Missouri Journalism School awards dinner.

Hirohichi Mine, a Japanese photographer for UPI who was killed last March in a land mine explosion, placed second in competition for the 25th annual spot news picture of the year category.

Mine's award-winning photograph showed a U.S. cargo plane breaking up in mid-air after it was struck by an American artillery shell.

Also honored were Rick Meron, Associated Press, spot news picture of the year; Thomas S. Smith, National Geographic, picture editor of the year; Gary Settle, Chicago Daily News, newspaper photographer of the year, and Spec. 5 Victor A. Damon, European Stars and Stripes, military photographer of the year.

2 Generals Promoted

WASHINGTON (S&S) — Air Force Brig. Gens. William W. Berg, deputy assistant defense secretary for military personnel policy, and Richard F. Shaefer, chief of staff of USAFE, have been promoted to major general, the Air Force announced.

Red China Invited To Cover U.S. Vote

LOS ANGELES (AP) — U.S. Information Agency Director Leonard H. Marks has invited Communist China to send newsmen to cover the American presidential campaign and promised prime time on the Voice of America to send their reports back to China without censorship.

The unprecedented offer was the latest move in the Johnson Administration's policy of containment without isolation toward the Peking regime.

In a speech prepared for the 17th annual convention of the American Women in Radio and Television (AWRT), the USIA

director declared: "I do hope that this offer will be seriously considered by Peking and that it will be accepted. We would expect Chinese observers to be critical and to look for the worst; but I am confident that any observer will find in our election processes the true flavor of a free society."

Marks said the invitation to Chinese Communist leaders is to "let your journalists come to this country to see how Americans choose their President. We guarantee them true freedom to observe and report the campaign."

Red China has steadfastly refused to exchange journalists with the United States until the question of Taiwan has been settled. Peking has charged that the U.S. 7th Fleet and military advisory groups helping Nationalist China in the defense of Taiwan constitute an "occupation force."

Ike Continues To Improve

MARCH AFB, Calif. (UPI)—Former President Dwight Eisenhower spent another comfortable night with "no recurrence of any difficulties" since his heart attack Monday, doctors said Thursday.

Eisenhower underwent further tests in the cardiac care unit at this Air Force base hospital Wednesday to check the "very encouraging" progress that he has shown.

The 77-year-old soldier-statesman was still under examination by two specialists flown here from Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington, and was kept under electronic instrument surveillance.

A medical bulletin indicated this heart seizure was not as severe as Eisenhower's three previous heart attacks.

Eisenhower has had no visitors except his wife.

Ship Launching Set

WASHINGTON (S&S) — The 13,700-ton USS Anchorage (LSD-36), the first of a new class of dock landing ships and the first ship in the Navy to be named in honor of the Alaskan city, will be launched Sunday at Pascagoula, Miss.

Weather

Asian Weather Central

TOKYO AREA

Friday Night: Cloudy, Rain; Low: 60

Saturday: Cloudy, Showers; High: 68

TEMPERATURES

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Bangkok	90	75	Naha	77	64
Chitose	64	37	Seigon	91	76
Guam	91	74	Seoul	72	54
Hakuba	79	63	Taipei	86	63
Manila	98	75	Tokyo	72	57
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Albany	58	36	Melbourne	66	56
Albuquerque	80	46	Miami	83	58
Amarillo	86	40	Milwaukee	79	71
Atlanta	80	50	Moscow	54	42
Birmingham	82	47	N. Orleans	59	37
Bismarck	76	50	N. York	59	54
Boise	68	38	NYC	58	42
Boston	61	44	N. Platte	89	40
Chicago	53	46	Oklahoma City	84	50
Cincinnati	78	46	Omaha	80	55
Cleveland	56	34	Paris	61	48
Denver	76	40	Phila.	62	40
Des Moines	79	51	Phoenix	95	60
Detroit	64	38	Pittsburgh	63	36
Duluth	60	37	Portland, O.	62	43
Fairbanks	51	28	Rapid City	77	51
Fargo	86	51	Reno	77	30
Fort Worth	83	49	Singapore	87	75
Hong Kong	83	72	St. Louis	80	60
Honolulu	83	72	St. Paul	75	48
Houston	84	63	Salt Lake	78	46
Ind'polis	74	47	S. Antonio	85	50
Jackville	88	59	San Diego	69	58
Jakarta	95	75	San Fran.	58	50
Kansas City	86	59	Seattle	60	41
K. Lumpur	85	74	Shreveport	61	51
Las Vegas	92	57	Sydney	82	58
London	59	46	Tucson	91	58
L.A.	71	57	Wash.	74	45
Louisville	83	52			