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Gaullist Minister Resigns

PARIS (UPI) — The Gaullist government lost its first cabinet minister Tuesday to the current social revolution in France amid the strongest demand yet that President Charles de Gaulle resign.

Leftist federation leader Francois Mitterrand said De Gaulle "is no longer able to make history" and offered himself as a successor to take over the destiny of France. He said De Gaulle should quit before the June 16 referendum.

De Gaulle remained quiet and aloof, apparently deaf to the cries of his opposition and millions of workers for his resignation.

Premier Georges Pompidou announced the resignation of Education Minister Alain Peyrefitte and took over the portfolio himself in an attempt to end the student unrest. Peyrefitte's resignation was a major student demand.

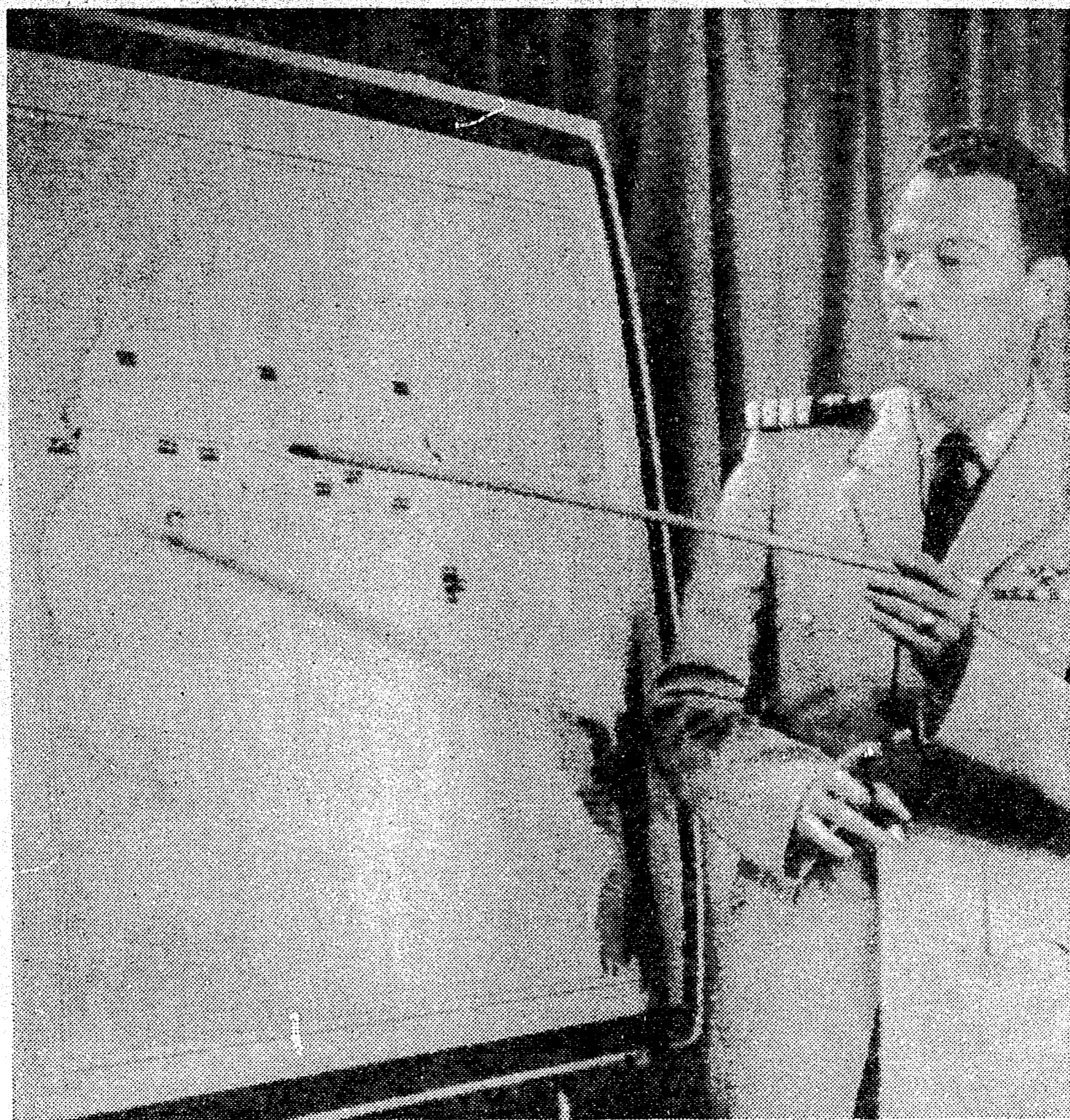
Mitterrand, who unsuccessfully challenged De Gaulle for president in the 1965 elections, called for formation of a provisional government to organize election of a new president and offered to head it.

But Communist Party leader Waldeck Rochet issued a statement later attacking the leftist leader's proposal for not specifically mentioning Communist
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Ore. Primary Voting Heavy

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A heavy outpouring of Oregon voters appeared to be signaling a close finish between Senators Robert F. Kennedy and Eugene J. McCarthy in Tuesday's Democratic presidential preference primary race.

Former vice president Richard M. Nixon seemed to be coping with a twin-barreled attack by the two men he regards as the greatest threats to his nomination on the Republican ticket—Govs. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York and Ronald Reagan of California.



CAPT. JOHN F. DAVIS POINTS OUT UNITS SEARCHING FOR SUBMARINE SCORPION

AP Radiophoto

LBJ Not Pleased With Talks; Accuses Hanoi of 'Using' Lull

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson said Tuesday he has no evidence that North Vietnam is ready for "quiet, serious discussions" in Paris.

He called for moving the Vietnam talks out of the area of what he termed "fantasy and propaganda."

Following lengthy conversations with Cyrus R. Vance, American negotiator back from Paris to report, Johnson called a sudden news conference to say now is the time to move the Washington-Hanoi conversations

toward constructive discussion of concrete ways to achieve peace.

The chief executive, standing behind his office desk, pledged that while the United States is not overly pleased with progress

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so far in Paris, "We shall continue patiently to see if the Paris talks can yield constructive results."

Johnson made no threat to revoke his March 31 order limiting

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Navy reported Tuesday that an oil slick was spotted along the return course of the missing submarine Scorpion two days after the atomic sub's last known communication.

The sub and its 99 crewmen were to have arrived in Norfolk, Va. at the end of a submerged Atlantic crossing Monday.

Search ships have been ordered to the oil slick area to look for any surface evidence, such as debris.

But a Navy captain in charge of the massive Atlantic search effort from the Pentagon cautioned

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that: "We attach at this time no importance whatsoever" to the sighting.

Capt. John F. Davis told newsmen oil slicks are a common sighting at sea.

Nevertheless, Davis acknowledged at one point, "With the passage of time we are more apprehensive of what the possibilities are."

Davis said the \$40 million Scorpion should have surfaced about 4 p.m. Monday 55 miles off Norfolk. The Navy earlier
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Housing For Poor Bill Gains

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate passed Tuesday a \$5 billion omnibus housing bill which includes major new subsidies designed to help poor families buy homes or rent apartments.

A roll call vote of 67 to 4 sent the measure to the House, where a banking subcommittee already has approved legislation of similar scope.

The key new feature in the bill is the home ownership plan, to enable low-income families to buy homes with government help.

In addition, the legislation contains new money authorizations for many existing programs designed to deal with problems of city slums and the impoverished.

Among these are rent subsidies, low-rent public housing, urban renewal and model cities.

The bill also wraps in far-reaching new provisions to help make insurance policies available to homeowners and businessmen in riot-torn areas; to set up a national flood insurance program; to curtail abuses in land sales to far-off buyers; and
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Thief Hooks Worms

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (UPI) — An unknown culprit has his hands full with \$500 worth of loot taken from the backyard of B. P. Gambrel, Gambrel, who runs a thriving bait business, said the thief stole 20,000 worms.

U.S. bombing raids to North Vietnam's southern panhandle.

However, Johnson said North Vietnam has stepped up infiltration of the south and is now moving men and supplies on a unprecedented scale. He said U.S. troops and those of its allies are shouldering greater burdens and higher casualties because of it.

Johnson announced he has invited Democratic and Republican leaders of Congress to a White House meeting with Vance to discuss the situation.

'Support Diplomatic Struggle'

Harass Saigon, 17 Red Units Told

SAIGON (AP)—The Communist command has assigned 17 Viet Cong-North Vietnamese battalions the mission of harassing Saigon and its suburbs during the peace negotiations in Paris, allied intelligence sources say.

For the past four days, elements of the battalions have been sporadically shelling Saigon and trying to infiltrate into the capital itself. The shellings have taken a heavy toll of civilian casualties. Fighting has flared on and off on four sides of the capital.

The U.S. mission made public Tuesday a captured Viet Cong directive saying:

"In the forthcoming diplomatic struggle (the peace talks in Paris), the U.S. will be very crafty and stubborn and they will try to intensify their political and military activities. . . .

"Thus, unless a major military victory is achieved, nothing can be expected from the diplomatic struggles. Diplomatic debates should be regarded as a means to confirm the enemy defeat and our victory. They are not intended to bring us to final victory.

"Consequently, we must never let ourselves be lured by any peace illusions that the diplomatic struggle may create; but instead, we must respond to and support our diplomatic struggle by fighting harder in order to achieve more striking and more decisive victories."

The enemy's order of battle for Saigon splits the so-called capital military district into six districts, with certain battalions assigned to each one of them.

The capital military district extends in a radius of about eight miles from the center of Saigon itself. But none of the 17 battalions is actually operating inside the city.

One intelligence source summed up the threat to Saigon:

"If you look at it, it looks very big. But they (the Viet Cong) work on the borders."

The heaviest concentration of enemy troops appears to be to the west and southwest of Saigon in Tan Binh and Binh Chanh districts, where intelligence places seven of the 17 enemy battalions.

In addition, one artillery regiment is said to be operating in the Go Vap district north of the sprawling civilian-military Tan Son Nhut Air Base.

The Viet Cong have been distributing leaflets in the northern districts of the capital military district boasting they will take the suburb of Gia Dinh by the end of the month.

Huong Replaces Loc

SAIGON (AP) — South Vietnam's new prime minister, Tran Van Huong, formally took over from his predecessor, Nguyen Van Loc, Monday in a brief ceremony attended by members of both cabinets.

Destroyer Hit by Red Shell

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON — The U.S. destroyer Harwood was hit by a North Vietnamese artillery shell Tuesday while trading fire with a North Vietnamese gun emplacement on the lower panhandle coast.

Two sailors were injured, but damage to the ship was described as slight.

The Harwood was on a mission off Cap Lay, a coastal town about halfway between Dong Hoi and the Demilitarized Zone. U.S. military spokesmen said the ship "was fired on about 39 times by the emplacement it was harassing."

No immediate report was made on the size or type of projectile that hit the destroyer near its aft gun emplacement. The Harwood was assumed to have been firing its 5-inch guns from some distance, probably from more than three miles off shore.

Westy Makes Farewell Call

SAIGON (AP) — Gen. William C. Westmoreland made a farewell visit Tuesday to the Army branch of his multi-service U.S. Command in South Vietnam.

The four-star commander travelled 15 miles north of Saigon to Long Binh for a farewell ceremony at headquarters of the U.S. Army, Vietnam (USARV).

The visit was one of a series of calls Westmoreland is making on various allied contingents before relinquishing his Saigon command in June to become U.S. Army Chief of Staff in Washington.

Thieu Will Visit American Cities

SAIGON (AP) — South Vietnam's President Nguyen Van Thieu will visit Washington, New York, San Francisco and possibly other cities when he visits the United States during the second half of June, informed sources said Tuesday.

Thieu, 45, will be accompanied by his wife, Mai Anh, 37, and a few government officials on the official visit to the United States.

Thieu decided to make the trip after the April 1 invitation of President Johnson, but had put off the trip until after the announcement of a new premier and cabinet.



Volunteer rescue workers from a Saigon high school rush a wounded civilian along a narrow alley in the northern section of the city. One of the high school students waves a Red Cross flag. The wounded man was hit during a fire fight between Viet Cong and South Vietnamese Marines. (AP Radiophoto)

Captive Eludes VC, Saved by Chopper

SAIGON (AP)—A U.S. Army sergeant held prisoner by the Viet Cong was plucked to safety in a dramatic helicopter rescue, military officials reported Tuesday. It was the second such rescue in the Mekong Delta this year.

Military headquarters identified the rescued man as William B. Taylor, who served with an Army observation squadron. He was listed as missing in action after the plane in which he was an observer crashed two months ago.

In accordance with Army policy concerning information on war prisoners, headquarters gave only scant details. The brief announcement said Taylor, of Hamilton, N.C., had been freed May 10 and since flown to the United States.

Military authorities in Can Tho, where Taylor was stationed, reported he was suffering from malnutrition and a possible leg wound.

He had been held in a remote Viet Cong camp near the Cambodian border which was attacked by American helicopters. In the confusion of the attack he bolted free and was spotted by helicopter pilots.

New Thai Unit Due in July

BANGKOK (UPI) — Half of Thailand's promised division for the Vietnam War will leave for the front in July, Prime Minister Thanom Kittikachorn said Monday.

The contingent, totaling 5,000 men, will finish training at a camp in Kanchanaburi Province, west of Bangkok, by the end of next month.

The other half of the division, which began training later, will be sent afterward, Thanom said.

Casualties

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

KILLED IN ACTION

Army
Sgt. Robert L. Andrews, Phoenix, Ariz.
SP4 Timothy J. Rizzardi, Ridgecrest, Calif.
Cpl. George H. Coppage III, Dover, Del.
SSg. Sterling H. Johnson, Washington, D.C.
SSg. Joseph R. Daignault, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii
SSg. Clarence H. Washington Jr., Evansville, Ind.
Sgt. Fred T. U'ren, Detroit, Mich.
Sgt. Gregory A. Harper, Detroit, Mich.
Sgt. Gregory S. Kowaleski, Mt. Laurel, N.J.
Cpl. Michael D. Reeves, Cape May Point, N.J.
Pfc. Dale A. Hill, West Fort Ann, N.Y.
Pfc. Larry K. Bryant, Picher, Okla.
WO Tommie A. Rolf, El Campo, Tex.
SP5 William H. Morton, Houston, Tex.
Sgt. Roger F. Jordan, Milton, Va.
WO Charles C. Van Allen, Bellingham, Wash.
SP4 Allan M. Fredricksen, Seattle, Wash.
Pfc. David W. Moseley, Seattle, Wash.
Sgt. Richard H. Junk, Cassville, Wis.

Navy

HN Samuel H. Rodriguez, Wendell, Ida.
Marine Corps
LCpl. Larry J. West, Morenci, Ariz.
Cpl. Richard C. Abbate, Santa Fe Springs, Calif.
LCpl. Donald B. Jones, Lynwood, Calif.
LCpl. Gilbert H. Muncy, Norwalk, Calif.
Pfc. Stephen F. Chute, Fair Oaks, Calif.
Pfc. Thomas L. Hubbard, Fort White, Fla.

LCpl. Johnny W. Sitten, Rome, Ga.
LCpl. John A. Gibson IV, Chicago, Ill.
Pvt. Jimmy J. Jones, Chicago, Ill.
Pfc. Richard L. Wozniak, Hobart, Ind.
Pvt. Thomas H. Crook, Kansas City, Mo.
Sgt. Alan S. Galb, Forrest Hills, N.Y.
Cpl. Francisco Fuentes, New York City.
LCpl. James A. Ashford, Westbury, N.Y.
Pfc. Nathan White Jr., New York City.
Sgt. Walter J. Reece, Marshall, N.C.
Pfc. Hasker L. Nesbitt Jr., High Point, N.C.
2Lt. Marcus G. Fiebelkorn, Toledo, Ohio.
Pfc. Gary R. Davis, Southington, Ohio.
Pvt. Albert A. Gillespie, Streetsboro, Ohio.
Sgt. John T. Burton, Midwest City, Okla.
Pfc. David M. Blanchard, Glendale, Ore.
LCpl. Bernard M. Himes, Anita, Pa.
Pfc. Vincent J. Stanola Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.
LCpl. Michael F. Burtleson, Quilman, Tex.
Pfc. Carson M. King, Alvin, Tex.
LCpl. John W. Davidson, Norfolk, Va.
LCpl. Gary L. Wilkins, Longview, Wash.

MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE

Army
Pfc. Thad B. Jessiman, Oakland, Calif.
Pfc. Michael H. Stewart, Wichita, Kan.
SP5 Ernest Payne, Baton Rouge, La.
SP4 Michael J. Juneau, Morrow, La.
Pfc. Jack A. Morrison, Detroit, Mich.
SP4 Craig A. Road, North Minneapolis, Minn.
Sgt. Walter S. Simpson, Trenton, N.J.
SP4 Paul R. Hoag Jr., Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
1Lt. Thomas S. Hughes, Baker, Ore.
1Lt. Robert M. Donovan, Barrington, R.I.
Marine Corps
Pvt. Frederick D. Rickels, Wauchula, Fla.

MISSING IN ACTION

Army
Sfc. John H. Robertson.
SSg. Johnnie Carter Jr.
Sgt. Gary L. Witherell.
SP4 George R. Pope.
SP4 Richard D. Martin.
Pfc. Allen W. Vanderhoff.
Pfc. Jerry A. Bockbrader.

Air Force
LTCol. William H. Mason.
Maj. Jerry L. Chambers.
Capt. James P. McCollum.
Capt. William T. McPhail.
Capt. Thomas B. Mitchell.
Capt. William H. Taylor.
SSgt. John L. Coon.
SSgt. Calvin C. Glover.
SSgt. Gary Pate.
Sgt. John E. Albanese Jr.
Sgt. Thomas F. Buhr.
Sgt. Robert A. Fink.
Sgt. Thomas E. Knebel.
A1C John Q. Adam.
A1C Melvin D. Rash.

CAPTURED OR INTERNED

Navy
Lt. (j.g.) Edwin F. Miller Jr.
DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

Army
SP4 Larry G. Cathoun, Pine Bluff, Ark.
Sic. Robert A. Landry, North Lake, Ill.
Pfc. Leroy McKeever, St. Louis, Mo.

Air Force
SSgt. Henry C. Flippen, Perris, Calif.

MISSING NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

Navy
EN2 Ernest K. Cota.

Army Starts E2 Stripe, New Pfc. Patch

S&S Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Army announced Tuesday three actions affecting the insignia of about 383,000 enlisted men.

Two changes will give recognition to low-ranking soldiers, and the third will hopefully end the 10-year-old problem of overlapping insignia for a small group of noncommissioned officers.

The changes authorize privates E2 to wear one stripe,

formerly the insignia of privates first class. Privates first class will now wear a newly designed insignia, a chevron with an arc. No change will be made in their titles.

The Army said it is starting the E2 stripe because soldiers promoted from private E1 to E2 at the end of four months' service when they become qualified soldiers had received no insignia to show their new status. The change brings the Army in line

with the other services.

About 146,000 privates E2 and another 231,000 privates first class E3 will put on new insignia between now and June 30, the Army said. Stocks of the new stripes are on hand all over the world, and the timing of the changeover will be based on local command instructions, the Army added.

The third order affects 6,600 NCO's in grades E5 through E7 who are wearing an insignia one

grade higher than their actual grade as a result of the 1958 stripes change. The 6,600 — once as high as 192,000 — must change their insignia to reflect their actual grade by June 30, the Army said.

Although these men will lose a stripe, the Army emphasized that this does not represent a grade reduction since they will continue their present pay grade and retain their present privileges and benefits.

Per Diem Housing Fund Cut

S&S Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON—Young enlisted men who get married overseas will no longer be eligible for station per diem housing and cost of living allowances while they are abroad, according to a new ruling by the Defense Department's per diem travel and transportation allowance committee.

The ruling affects enlisted men in grades E1 through E4 with four years of service or less starting July 1. The change puts them in line with the general defense policy that they are not authorized to have dependents overseas.

The daily amounts vary by rank and country.

In London, England, and Wiesbaden, West Germany, for example those affected will no longer receive the additional \$1.95 for London housing or \$1.25 for housing in Wiesbaden. The cost of living allowance is not paid in these cities.

Duty in Taipei, Taiwan, on the other hand comes to an additional \$70 for housing and \$40 for living costs, while in Manila this amounts to \$1.25 for housing and \$60 for living costs.

Those with more rank or service will continue to draw their normal allowances, Pentagon officials said.

GIs Erect Tents At Nigha School

FIRE BASE MOORE, Vietnam (10) — A Viet Cong mortar attack severely damaged the schoolhouse in the village of Nigha near here, but classes are continuing thanks to 9th Inf. Div. soldiers from the 2d Bn., 47th Inf.

Men from B Co. went to the village, 15 miles northwest of My Tho in Dinh Tuong Province, and erected two large Army tents as temporary classrooms.

Maj. David H. Helela, of Honolulu, battalion executive officer, said the unit also provides village security during school hours.

"Our civic action team is now helping reconstruct the damaged schoolhouse," Helela said. "VC or no VC, those kids are going to get an education."

Platoons Destroy VC Influence

Fight for the Friendship of Tuy Loan

By ANDREW HEADLAND JR.
S&S Staff Correspondent

TUY LOAN VILLAGE, Vietnam—In battle-scarred Tuy Loan Village 10 miles southwest of Da Nang, a 14-man Marine crew and a Navy corpsman are having a daily tug of war with the Viet Cong for the hearts and minds of 800 villagers.

The American crew, directed by Sgt. Ted Zoutis, 21, a school-boyish looking Marine from Cincinnati, is one of 85 similar crews working among villagers in I Corps area under the III Marine Amphibious Force at Da Nang. It is one of six platoons in the area commanded by 1st Lt. Ted Willett of Ocean-side, Calif., who inspects the teams daily to discuss problems and make decisions.

Each of the U.S. platoons work with a 35-man Vietnamese Popular Forces platoon and is under the U.S. battalion in the immediate area. The local battalion is the source of the one hot meal platoon members receive daily. Between times, the troops fill up on C-rations.

Platoon members must put in at least two months at other Vietnam assignments before volunteering for the hazardous mission of living in isolated villages which may be subjected to Viet Cong terrorism or subversion at any time.

The Marines prepare for the job by taking a special training course at III Marine Amphibious Force Hq., one of the required subjects being basic Vietnamese. Vocabularies are quickly built during daily contacts with villagers.

A team's success is measured by its effectiveness in destroying Viet Cong power over the townspeople and by the reception it receives from villagers.

The Combined Action Platoons assure that villagers need pay neither rice nor other tribute to the Viet Cong who no longer can walk freely into town to murder village elders or kidnap young people as servants for Communist cadre.

Tuy Loan Village is responsive to helpful overtures of the American team members who average about 20 years in age. Many of the troops are natural experts at making friends with hardy farmers, villagers and the young people who will determine Vietnam's future. They are loved by the small fry.

The town resembles dozens of



Lance Cpl. David Scalise of Clarkesburg, W.Va., gets a helping hand from one of the village youngsters in filling sandbags at a defensive position. (S&S)

other Vietnamese villages. Clouds of red dust stirred up by passing military vehicles settle over the battered market place, police station, a church, houses, schools and a hospital.

At night the roads are closed by barbed wire entanglements to make enemy penetration difficult.

The team's barricaded compound along the main street is a center of activity by day but at night the Marines leave the village to take up positions afield to counteract the Viet Cong.

"Our purpose is not to defend the camp, but to defend Tuy Loan," said Zoutis. "We don't spend too much time in the camp. It's our home by day but at night we're out in the perimeter setting up ambushes to hit Charlie before he can hit us."

The effectiveness of the defense system is reflected in anof

overall Combined Action Platoon kill ratio of almost three times the combat kill ratio of other organized military units.

Enemy attack patterns against a compound are unpredictable, but Zoutis said the enemy usually hits one side of the fortification with mortars or rockets while an assault team lies nearby waiting to open up with machine guns on anyone trying to escape.

The village has been hit several times by rockets and indiscriminate enemy gunfire. In January a refugee hamlet beside the platoon's compound was burned in a rocket attack.

On May 10 the Viet Cong fired on the village and blew up a wooden bridge. Later in May Hospitalman 3.C. James Riddle of New York applied first aid to five villagers who were victims of a high explosive round of undetermined origin. One of

the victims, a 4-year-old girl, lost her eyesight.

Zoutis said that the Viet Cong ordinarily try to make compounds the chief object of attack while avoiding doing much damage in villages. But they steal any available food, medical supplies or weapons and scatter propaganda leaflets as they run through.

The enemy usually is not associated with humane acts, but there are rare exceptions. Zoutis recalled that a Marine member of a platoon in a nearby village was shot five times during a Viet Cong attack. A Viet Cong probably saved the Marine's life by putting the body of a dead Communist over him so that he wasn't finished off by a follow-up killer squad.

In another raid Zoutis credited a Viet Cong with helping a wounded soldier into a sitting position and giving him a cigarette.

"They are enemies, but they are people like us," Zoutis said. "They have their cause and we have ours. If I ever get hurt I hope I meet someone like that."

The current team project is a new cement roof and floor for the market place, the building materials provided through civic action programs and the Vietnamese government. As a goodwill gesture, the village chief agreed to see that villagers keep the market clean.

The crew made additional friends by putting a new tile roof on the village hospital to replace a roof blown up by a Viet Cong claymore mine. The hospital has a treatment room, maternity section and a 20-bed ward.

For recreation Zoutis tries to arrange for each of his men to spend a day in Da Nang every two weeks. Son of a Greek emigrant born in Sparta, Zoutis uses part of his spare time teaching Greek to a 14-year-old Vietnamese son of a French father. The boy plans to become a history professor.

A block up the drab street from the team's compound rifleman Pfc. Van Slyke, 18, of McGregor, Minn., was being shaved by the village barber.

"Here comes the part where I am glad the barber is not a Viet Cong sympathizer," grinned Slyke as the barber carefully inched a straight-edged razor around the Marine's jugular vein.

VC Terrorism Sparks Hate, Not Fear

By BOB CUTTS
S&S Correspondent

SAIGON — The hooded figure walked down the Saigon street at the head of a squad of Viet Cong assassins. At houses seemingly chosen at random, he stopped, leveled an accusing finger at the doorway and called a name.

The street was empty, but walled with eyes — peering through shuttered windows, from behind tattered curtains. Hundreds of terrified neighbors watched in silence as the VC cadre kicked in the doors, smashed windows and dragged men, women and children into the street like rice sacks.

Crying in terror, pleading for their children's lives, all were methodically slain with sub-machineguns — "executed," the Viet Cong call it. Their crimes? They worked for Americans.

From house to house, the

terror squad and its informant moved on down the street, disappearing finally in a drifting fog of smoke. Behind them lay the bodies, and burning hatred and shame in the frightened watchers.

It was the Tet attacks, and the vicious terrorism of the Communists had a reaction in the city people of Vietnam—but not the one they were counting on. "After Tet," says one American, "the general attitude of the population was one of anger—out of that developed a real desire on the part of the neighborhoods to organize and arm themselves for self-defense."

President Nguyen Van Thieu and the government was not unaware of this feeling. In a speech to the National Assembly May 10, Thieu announced plans to institute a general mobilization in Vietnam and introduced plans to organize a Civil Defense

Roughly, Civil Defense in Vietnam is broken into three categories: the neighborhood organization, para-military student groups, and functional groups welded into standby "home guard" units. All of these will help the people help themselves in the face of the new Viet Cong city-assault tactics.

Perhaps the greatest success has been the student corps, where Vietnamese university students are trained in ROTC-like military squads, armed and made into mobile defense forces. Numbering over 9,000, the brown-uniformed youths did duty in Saigon recently as the VC mounted their second unsuccessful assault on the city. The students held the entire north bank of the Saigon River while Vietnamese and American forces battled VC holed up in houses just across it. At least one stu-

dent was wounded in the fighting.

Also filling a last-line defense role are civic groups, clubs and any citizen affiliations with some organization behind them, especially civil service offices, where many workers are military veterans that can take command and know something about defense.

The government has already begun giving out weapons and ammunition to some organizations, but has carefully avoided arming political parties or religious groups as such.

But perhaps most important, because it will help deter attacks in the first place, will be the neighborhood organization. Still largely tentative, plans call for government-trained cadre to organize their neighbors, on the basis of city blocks, into loose-knit "home guard," based on the Revolutionary Development hamlet program.

Child Shows TNT to GIs

CAMP CARROLL, Vietnam (ISO) — A 12-year-old Vietnamese boy stopped a 3rd Marine Div. mine sweep team east of Camp Carroll and led them to an NVA-placed 125-pound TNT charge.

"The little boy stopped our team and then led the engineers to a small bridge where the explosives were hidden," said 1st Lt. John Wainio of the 2nd Bn., 25th Marines.

The charge was under a bridge west of Cam Lo Resettlement Village along Route 9, where the boy lived.

They carefully removed the TNT charge and detonated it in a field.

Later that day the Leather-necks of the 2nd Bn., 25th Marines, presented the youngster with 1,350 piasters for his deed.

Westy, Gorton To Meet

WASHINGTON (AP)— President Johnson disclosed Tuesday that he is setting up a conference at his Texas ranch with Gen. William C. Westmoreland and Prime Minister John Gorton of Australia.

The session is expected to take place Thursday or Friday. Australian officials said they expect their prime minister, who has been in Washington for a round of conferences with Johnson and administration officials, to go to the ranch near Johnson City, Tex., Thursday.

Johnson and Gorton agreed Tuesday that allied nations helping in the defense of South Vietnam should participate in any final settlement of the conflict.

France—

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participation in such a "popular" government. The Communists and leftists had formed a coalition in opposition to the Gaullist regime.

France remained closed by the nationwide general strike which has brought 10 million workers off their jobs and is costing the economy \$1 billion a day.

Pompidou warned that France may have to dip into its gold reserves in order to save the nation's teetering economy. The French franc fell to .2015 on the exchange markets Tuesday, compared to .2020 on Monday.

Only a handful of the factories shut down 11 to 14 days ago have resumed work, despite the across-the-board pay increases Pompidou agreed to Sunday. Negotiations between the government and workers at state-owned plants and utilities resumed Tuesday. But the majority of France's 19 million workers continued to call for De Gaulle's resignation.

Mitterrand called the referendum scheduled by De Gaulle for June 16 as a new mandate from the French people "a subterfuge." He said De Gaulle should resign before the referendum. The president has said he would resign if he lost the vote.

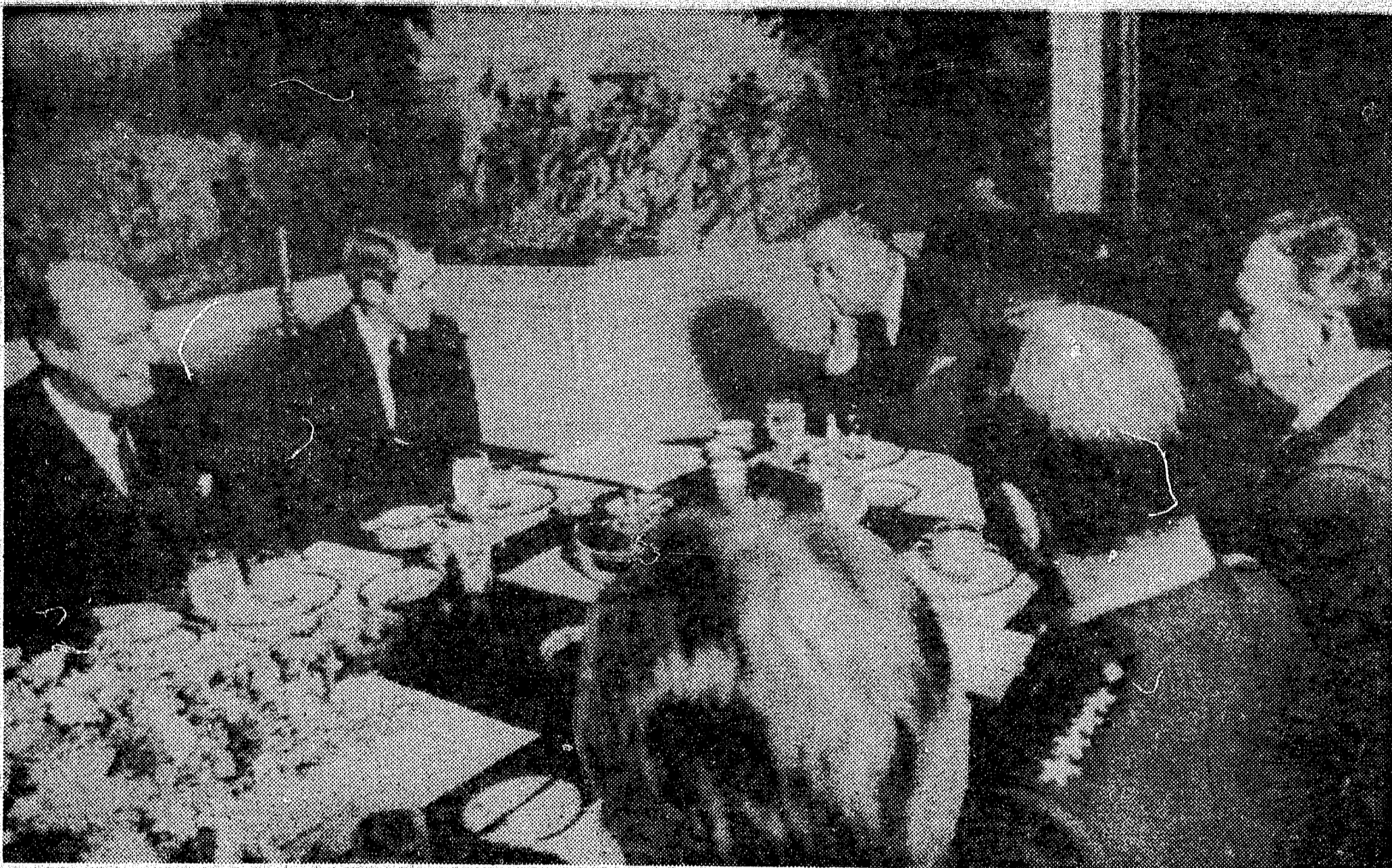
Mitterrand said Pompidou "should disappear down the same trapdoor as De Gaulle."

Weather

Asian Weather Central
TOKYO AREA
 Wednesday Night: Cloudy, Rain; Low: 58
 Thursday: Cloudy; High: 74

TEMPERATURES

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| Detroit | 62 | 54 | Pittsburgh | 62 |
| Duluth | 46 | 43 | Port., O. | 70 |
| Fairbanks | 65 | 39 | Rapid City | 67 |
| Fargo | 66 | 39 | Reno | 84 |
| Fort Worth | 76 | 58 | Singapore | 89 |
| Hong Kong | 81 | 75 | St. Louis | 68 |
| Honolulu | 87 | 74 | St. Paul | 57 |
| Houston | 76 | 66 | Salt Lake | 72 |
| Jackville | 91 | 73 | S. Antonio | 80 |
| Jakarta | 92 | 75 | San Diego | 71 |
| Kansas City | 74 | 48 | San Fran. | 72 |
| K. Lumpur | 92 | 75 | Seattle | 66 |
| Las Vegas | 99 | 63 | Shreveport | 74 |
| London | 68 | 54 | Sydney | 62 |
| L.A. | 92 | 66 | Tucson | 100 |
| Louisville | 63 | 59 | Wash. | 55 |



Vance Briefs LBJ on Paris Talk

Cyrus Vance, U.S. negotiator at the Paris Vietnam peace talks, reports to President Johnson at a White House breakfast. Seated from left are: Undersecretary of State Nicholas Katzenbach; Vance;

President Johnson; Defense Secretary Clark Clifford; Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Maxwell D. Taylor, presidential consultant. (Radio photo)

U.S. Kicks Off New Drive in Highlands

SAIGON (AP) — American forces pushed a major new offensive in the Central Highlands of South Vietnam Tuesday as hard fighting continued for a fourth day close to Saigon and below the Demilitarized Zone.

Contact was reported moder-

ate in the new U.S. assault in the Highlands. Allied forces reported 250 enemy troops killed near Saigon Monday and Tuesday, while below the DMZ 222 North Vietnamese were reported killed.

Viet Cong gunners also hammered Saigon with 11 rockets

early Tuesday.

The U.S. 4th Inf. Div. launched the new offensive in the Central Highlands Monday, pushing into high ground west of Dak To in an attempt to envelop North Vietnam's 325C Div.

The Red division moved south after participating in the 77-day

siege of the U.S. Marine base at Khe Sanh in January and February.

"We prevented the enemy force making any successful attack. Now we go in to get him," said Maj. Gen. Charles P. Stone, 4th Div. commander.

A fourth consecutive day of heavy fighting was reported Tuesday across the DMZ from the western allied anchor of Khe Sanh to the eastern flank of Dong Ha.

Military spokesmen, in preliminary reports, said 126 North Vietnamese and 21 U.S. Marines were killed in eight actions Monday and Tuesday. Another 186 Marines were wounded.

South Vietnamese infantrymen, also operating north of Dong Ha, reported killing 96 North Vietnamese troops in another series of fights Monday. South Vietnamese casualties were reported light.

North Vietnamese gunners apparently firing from inside the DMZ blasted Marines with heavy artillery, particularly between Dong Ha and Gio Linh, another allied strongpoint only three miles below the zone.

The U.S. retaliated by sending Air Force B52 bombers into the DMZ above Dong Ha in three raids Monday night on North Vietnamese artillery and troop positions.

Elsewhere, street fighting on the edges of Saigon carried into a fourth day, and the Viet Cong struck the capital again with 100-pound rockets.

Housing—

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to make available a new package of aids to help build new communities over the nation.

Partly because of the new subsidy plan, the Senate voted to cut from \$500 million to \$250 million another program to subsidize apartments for low and moderate-income families, but it rejected an effort to cut in half the \$1 billion proposed for model cities.

Oil Slick Spotted in Atlantic

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had estimated arrival time at several hours earlier.

When the Scorpion failed to appear, the Navy asked all ships in the Atlantic to check their records for any sightings or contacts with the Scorpion since she was last heard from about midnight May 21.

The USS Monrovia, an attack transport which was part of an amphibious squadron returning from the Mediterranean, had something.

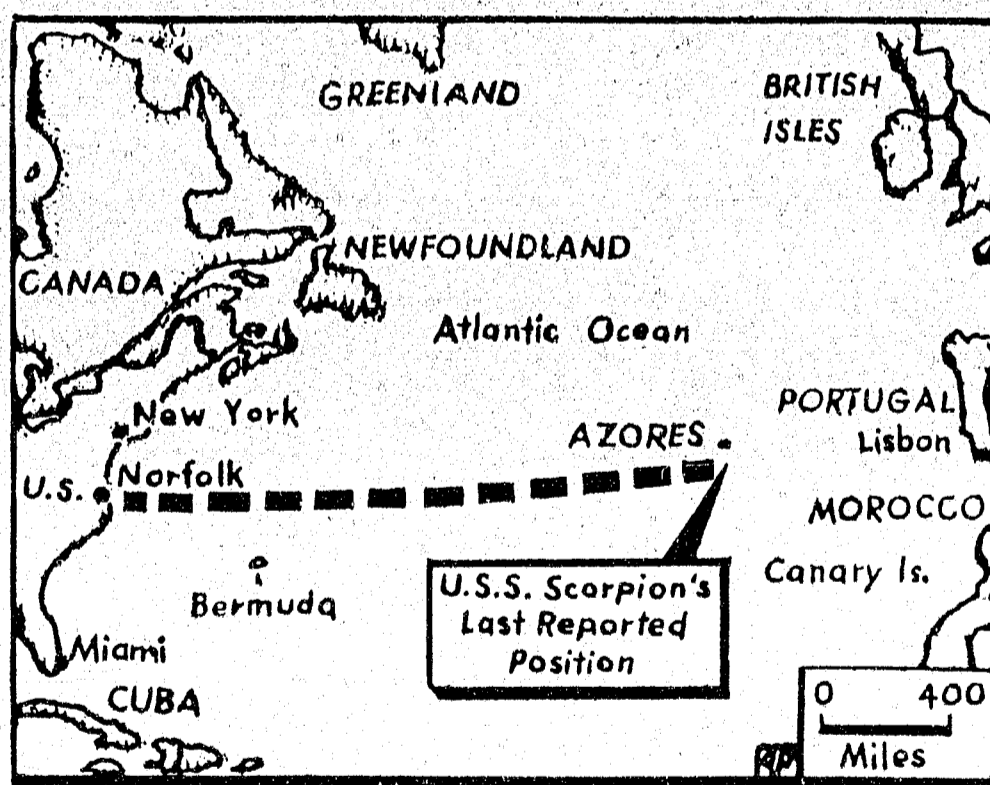
"The quartermaster of the Monrovia in reviewing his log found that he had noted on 12:55 Greenwich time—8:55 in the morning Washington time on May 23—that the ship had passed an oil slick."

This was about 1,200 to 1,400 miles almost due east of Norfolk, the Scorpion's home base, and in an Atlantic area ranging to 9,000 feet deep—far below the level at which the Navy could hope to rescue men from a disabled sub.

Navy men emphasized the search remained in the organization phase at mid-morning with assigned ships and submarines proceeding to the search area along 600-foot depths marking the beginning of the Atlantic's continental shelf about 55 miles off Norfolk.

In addition, long-endurance P2 and P3 submarine search planes are flying along a 15-mile wide stretch of ocean covering what the Navy figures was the Scorpion's plotted course home.

This covers a line reaching about 2,100 miles from Norfolk to a point just south of the



ROUTE OF MISSING SUBMARINE SCORPION

Azores, almost due east, where the Scorpion sent a routine—and its last—message about midnight May 21 giving its position, speed and bearing. No difficulties were mentioned in that message.

An obvious if unexpressed Navy fear was that the Scorpion may have suffered a fate similar to that of the Thresher—the worst submarine disaster in U.S. naval history in which 129 men were lost April 10, 1963, when their sub disappeared east of Cape Cod, Mass. The Thresher was never recovered.

A source said Navy attempts to contact the sub—which he termed "part of the normal

missing sub procedure"—were continuing.

The length of time the crew could survive in the submerged sub would depend on the vessel's condition. Under normal conditions, the Navy said, the Scorpion and its crew can remain submerged "well in excess of 60 days."

Because she was returning to the United States submerged, the Navy had not received any communications from the Scorpion since midnight May 21. This was termed routine.

But about noon Monday the Scorpion should have come on the air asking Norfolk, Va., for docking space. Relatives waited at the port. No message came. She was due there at 1 p.m.