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MILLION POUNDS PLUS

B-52 N. Viet Raid Largest Since '45

SAIGON (UPI)—The United States struck communist north Vietnam with the greatest bombing raid since World War II, closing the Mu Gia

Pass, U.S. Air Force officials said Wednesday.

They said the B-52 strike Tuesday was the largest bombing effort since the Aug. 9, 1945, atomic blast that killed 73,884 persons at Nagasaki.

It is safe to figure the B-52's dropped more than a million pounds of bombs in sealing one

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of the routes through the pass to the Ho Chi Minh trail—the supply line to the Viet Cong guerrillas in the Republic of Vietnam, the spokesmen said.

(AP reported sources in Washington said the B-52s dropped nearly 1.4 million pounds of bombs.)

"The reconnaissance pilots said it looked like the whole mountain slid into the pass. Route 15 through Mu Gia is definitely closed by a massive landslide," an Air Force spokesman said.

Air Force spokesmen did not (Continued on Back Page, Col. 5)

VC Hit Air Base Expertly

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SAIGON — The early morning Viet Cong mortar attack on Tan Sen Nhut AB was expertly planned and pulled off with split-second timing, U.S. military spokesmen said here Wednesday.

The VC took less than 20 minutes to lob 75 rounds of mortar and recoilless rifle fire into pre-planned targets.

The attack killed seven U.S. servicemen and wounded 108. One American civilian was wounded.

Vietnamese sources reported one civilian killed and 14 servicemen and five civilians were injured.

It was the first attack on the sprawling air base since the war began. The field is only four miles from downtown Saigon.

The big airfield handles military and civilian flights.

Early reports said the attack damaged two-dozen Vietnamese and U.S. planes, but official spokesmen would not confirm that count.

The attack was launched from a point outside the base security perimeter and about 1,000 yards to the southwest of the south end of the main airstrip.

The attack started about 12:30 a.m. Wednesday.

The barrages were apparently centered on three targets—a fuel storage area and two aircraft parking areas.

Rounds also hit the main control tower. The tower was knocked out of commission, but an emergency tower immediately took over. The spokesman said craters in the airstrip were quickly repaired and that there was no significant break in aircraft traffic.

Troops moving through the area (Continued on Page 6, Col. 4)



A Soviet military jet that crashed into a West Berlin lake last week is returned to Soviet authorities in a water transfer in the Havel River. The wreckage was transferred from a British barge to a Russian barge (left). It was identified as a Yak-28. (AP Radiophoto)

Yak-28 Is Prize Catch for West

WEST BERLIN (UPI)—A Soviet jet that crashed in a lake here last week was identified Wednesday as a Yak-28—a type reportedly never before examined by Western experts.

It is considered a major prize by Royal Air Force specialists flown here from London to study it, sources said.

The British Wednesday super-

vised the last stages of the salvage operation and handed over the wreckage to the Russians, who observed the salvaging.

The Yak-28, an improved version of the Yak-25, is a two-engine, all-purpose, all-weather jet fighter which has a crew of two. The Yak-25 is 10 years old and the 28 is 4 years old.

The jet was said to have un-

usual equipment not seen before in the West and new electronic navigational aids.

One report that could not be confirmed said the jet had a new anti-radar device to allow it to evade detection while in flight.

The jet plunged into Lake Stoessensee in the British sector of Berlin one week ago. Its crew of two was killed.

The presence of the Russians at the salvage scene Wednesday caused concern in some quarters in West Berlin and criticism of the British.

The headline in the mass circulation newspaper Morgenpost said: "Stoessensee: The Russians are doing as they please."

But the Western allies said the Russians had been blocked from exercising authority in West Berlin.

The Soviets backed down Wednesday and agreed to accept parts of the aircraft already salvaged. They had refused the parts Saturday with the charge that the British had confiscated parts.

Navy Plane Shot Down By Missile

By MSGT. BILL BRADFORD
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SAIGON—A U.S. Navy plane was downed by a surface-to-air missile over north Vietnam Tuesday.

The Navy plane, an A1A Skyraider from the carrier Ticonderoga, was downed by a direct hit from the missile about 33 miles south of Vinh. The pilot was reported missing.

U.S. pilots flew 46 missions over north Vietnam Tuesday, hammering a variety of military targets.

Navy pilots from the aircraft carriers Enterprise, Kitty Hawk and Ticonderoga flew 38 missions, damaging 9 bridges and other targets.

A4 Skyhawks from the Enterprise smashed construction camp 48 miles southeast of Vinh. Reports indicate two structures destroyed, three damaged, and two secondary fires.

A radio and transformer building, 22 miles southeast of Vinh, was hit by 1,000-pound bombs dropped by F-4 Phantoms from the Kitty Hawk. Pilots reported the structure was destroyed.

The Trai Bau storage and military area, 48 miles southeast of Vinh, was attacked by a flight of Skyhawks from the Enterprise.

On the island of Hon Me, 32 miles southeast of Thanh Hoa,

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NOW IN VIETNAM

Navy Officer to Seek Election

JACKSON, Mich. (UPI) — A Navy officer in Vietnam announced his candidacy for the Michigan legislature Wednesday. He said he would campaign by mail.

Lt. Dan Bruggeman, a native

SOS... Victor's Gone

FREEMONT, Tex. (UPI)—Winston Lackey called police to report that Victor was stolen. Victor is Lackey's \$30,000 shrimp boat.

of Lenawee County and a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, said in a letter he would seek the Republican nomination for the 19th district senate seat. He will face the incumbent, Sen. Haskell L. Nichols, in the Aug. 2 Republican primary.

Bruggeman, in the letter to Jackson County Republican chairman George R. Beach, asked for a list of all Republican voters in the county and said he would

write to them personally. He is stationed in Saigon.

"My duties with the armed forces here in Vietnam will preclude me from meeting the voters personally or from participating in a traditional campaign," Bruggeman said.

"Navy rules specifically allow me to become a candidate and accept a party nomination," he said. "Of course, if elected, my active participation in military matters would be terminated."

Weather

Tokyo Area Forecast
Thursday night: Cloudy with rain;
Low Mid 40s
Friday: Cloudy becoming part-
cloudy; High Mid 50s
Wednesday's Temperatures: Low 45,
High 62
(USAF Weather Central, Fuchu AS)