

U.S. Loses Second F111 in 3 Days



Maj. Charlie Arnet, of New Richmond, Ohio, displays a model of a camouflaged F111 jet in Saigon. He flew in the first mission of the new plane against targets in North Vietnam March 25. Arnet said he was pleased with the way the new jet performed.

(AP Radiophoto)

WASHINGTON (UPI)—For the second time in three days, an F111A fighter-bomber—America's newest jet warplane—crashed Saturday on a Vietnam combat mission. The Pentagon said the plane's two crewmen were rescued.

The loss of the swing-wing jet leaves only four of the 1,500-mile-an-hour planes in the Vietnam theater. The six planes arrived in Thailand two weeks ago and went into combat against North Vietnam Monday.

The F111As had been sent to the war zone for "combat evaluation" and the loss of two of the jets raised a possibility that the planes might be grounded.

Street Cleaner Picks Up Man

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — A Chicago man, knocked to the street in a scuffle early Saturday, was sucked up by a street-sweeping machine and carried three blocks before the device ejected him.

Police said Joseph N. Peters, 29, was hospitalized in undetermined condition.

Patrolman Peter Dale said three youths involved in the ruckus with Peters are being sought.

During the fracas, the officer said, one of the trio struck Peters on the head with an unidentified object, knocking him to the pavement.

The other two youths, said Dale, rolled Peters in front of a huge street-sweeping machine.

The machine, which sucks up trash like a vacuum cleaner, picked up Peters and carried him three blocks apparently unknown to the driver—before it dropped him.

An air safety team assigned to investigate the crash took off for Thailand from Norton AFB, near Sacramento, Calif.

It was headed by Col. Edward W. Szaniawski, deputy director of aerospace safety at Norton.

The Air Force said the team consists of 11 officers and civilians, including representatives of the plane's manufacturers, who are already on the scene.

The Pentagon declined to disclose the location of Saturday's F111 crash, but informed sources said the plane went down in Thailand.

It was believed the first plane may have gone down in Laos

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LBJ to Announce Decisions on Viet

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Johnson announced he was to address the nation over nationwide television and radio Sunday night to outline decisions he has made on military policy in Vietnam.

Johnson, summoning reporters to a news conference in the White House Rose Garden, said he would speak at 9 p.m. EST from his oval office.

The chief executive indicated he would deal with such questions as troop levels, a possible partial mobilization of National Guardsmen and reservists and a request to Congress for more money for the war.

But he said flatly he would not announce a successor to Gen. William C. Westmoreland as U.S. military commander in Vietnam. Westmoreland is becoming Army chief of staff.

Johnson said his speech would spell out in general terms "the government's position and the course the government intends to take" in Vietnam. He said he would "announce some actions I propose to take."

The President indicated possible military call-ups and a supplemental appropriations request would figure in his talk when, responding to a question, he said the Administration envisioned nothing like call-ups of hundreds of thousands of men.

He also said the supplemental defense money request would add up to "a few billion" dollars and nothing like figures of \$10 billion to \$20 billion which he said had figured in public speculation.

That Johnson's speech might range beyond Vietnam was indicated when he volunteered he

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Jordan Demands Israel Arms Ban

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (UPI)—Jordan, disclaiming responsibility for Arab terrorist attacks against Israel, demanded Saturday that all arms shipments be cut off to the Jewish state after Friday's flare-up of

fighting in the Jordan River Valley.

But Israel, which contended that Jordan launched Friday's fighting and refused to curb the activities of terrorists who it charged train with regular army forces of Jordan, Syria and Iraq, told an urgent session of the United Nations Security Council:

"Jordan still proclaims that she does not intend to terminate these (terrorist) raids. . . Jordan has a choice: either it will put an end to their aggressive activities or Israel will have to do it in self-defense."

The council was called into Saturday session at the request of both Jordan and Israel after seven hours fighting along a 70-mile Jordan River front on Friday.

The 15-nation body adjourned after a 2-1/2-hour session with its president, Ousmane Soce Diop, of Senegal, requesting members to hold themselves ready for another urgent meeting if developments warranted. However, although no date was set for the next meeting, the council was

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Spoken Like A Truman

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — Former President Harry S Truman, ending a Florida vacation, said Saturday President Johnson will win renomination "on an early ballot."

Asked who might get the Republican nomination, Truman snapped:

"I have no idea and I don't care. Whoever gets it won't win anyway."

A reporter asked Truman if he thought he was better than other presidents.

"All the former presidents were better than me," he replied, "except for the Republicans, and I don't know how they got in there anyway."

Arsonists Hit 4 Stores in Manhattan

NEW YORK (UPD)—Arsonists struck at four New York City department stores crowded with Easter shoppers Saturday, a day after a series of mysterious fires erupted in four big Chicago department stores. The FBI said it was taking "cognizance" of the two-day rash of fires.

The Manhattan fires, set off

by crude Molotov cocktails, were quickly extinguished and no panic was reported. The fires were minor.

No panic was reported among

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shoppers at the three stores where the arsonists were successful—Gimbel's on Herald

Square, S. Klein on 14th Street, and Bloomingdale's on 56th Street. The arsonists failed at Macy's, also on Herald Square, when their Molotov cocktail failed to explode.

The FBI said it was aware of the two-day rash of fires in Chicago and New York but refused to comment on whether FBI agents were actively

investigating a link between the fires in the two cities.

Damage in the New York fires was described as slight in all cases.

A police spokesman said an employe at Klein's, a big curio store in the downtown Manhattan shopping district, reported a Negro man shoved a

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Probe From Khe Sanh

Hit-Run Marine Patrol Kills 40 Reds

SAIGON (UPI) — U.S. Marines pushing out from Khe Sanh clashed with bunkered North Vietnamese soldiers Saturday, killed 40 of them and fled back into the perimeter with Communist reinforcements on their heels.

The battle marked a resurgence of ground fighting around the beleaguered Marine bastion and cost the outnumbered Leatherneck patrollers "moderate" casualties, UPI correspondent Raymond Wilkinson reported.

Wilkinson said the Marine patrol was 1,000 yards southwest of the plateau base when it ran into a Communist battalion hiding in bunkers and trenches in tall grass and jungle.

The Leathernecks directed U.S. warplanes and artillery onto the Communist positions and then reported more North Vietnamese troops moving in as reinforcements. They held on as long as they could, then retreated back to the Khe Sanh perimeter.

The clash came after one of the lightest daily shellings in a

month at the Marine base surrounded by 16,000 Communists — 50 rounds on Friday, the U.S. command said.

American B52 Stratofortresses raked the surrounding hillsides with 750-pound blockbusters in three clashes in which South Vietnamese irregulars had killed 161 Communists while losing 16.

The sharpest of the three fights erupted two miles south of the Cambodian border Wednesday when 300 irregulars, patrolling with their U.S. Special Forces advisers, ran into a Communist battalion about 66 miles north of Saigon, spokesmen said.

In two days of fighting, supported by U.S. air strikes and artillery, the irregulars killed 121 guerrillas before the Communists fled. Fifteen allied soldiers were killed and 54 wounded, five of them Americans.

In the other two actions: —A company of irregulars ambushed a column of 400 North Vietnamese troops further up the Cambodian border and killed 19 of them while losing one man slain Friday, the spokesman said.

—Springing another ambush, still other irregulars operating on the central coast killed 21 Viet Cong, including the Communist province chief, with no losses of their own, spokesmen said.

South Vietnamese troops sweeping the Mekong Delta 42 miles southwest of Saigon have found at least five gigantic Communist arms caches in cement underground bunkers, spokesmen said.



Curled up in his sandbag-protected trench, a young Marine gets some reading done at the base at Khe Sanh. The well-read book is passed from Marine to Marine as they wait for the next artillery barrage from North Vietnamese forces dug-in around the base in northern South Vietnam. (AP)

Funds Force ICC Cut

SAIGON (AP)—The International Control Commission for Vietnam announced Saturday a severe cut in its staff because of "serious difficulties in finding the funds for its operational costs."

Under the reduction, the ICC will withdraw all five field inspection teams in South Vietnam and slash its overall staff from about 450 to 300, sources said.

The ICC was established to supervise the truce arranged at the 1954 Geneva Conference that ended the French-Indo-Chinese war but has been ineffectual since the upsurge of guerrilla warfare in South Vietnam in the early 1960s.

The only offices the commission will maintain are its Saigon headquarters and its bureau in Hanoi.

The field teams, composed of one representative from each of the Canadian, Polish and Indian delegations, will be called in from the cities of Da Nang, Qui Nhon, Nha Trang, Vung Tau and Saigon.

All of the field teams in North Vietnam were recalled in the spring of 1965 at the Hanoi government's request.

Under the Geneva Convention, England and Russia were named as co-chairmen of the ICC and these two powers along with France and Communist China, agreed to contribute to finance the commission's major expenses.

Thieu Ousts 2 More Viet Chiefs

SAIGON (AP)—President Nguyen Van Thieu Saturday removed two more of South Vietnam's 44 province chiefs. They were the 13th and 14th province chiefs to be removed this month.

The move was part of a continuing effort by Thieu to clamp down on government corruption and incompetence. He has coupled the removal of more than one-quarter of the powerful province chiefs with replacement of two of the country's four corps commanders, and the institution of administrative reforms.

The latest provinces to get new chiefs are Gia Dinh, surrounding Saigon, and Bien Hoa, just north of the capital—both highly populated, wealthy and politically-important.

A source in the president's office said more province chiefs would be replaced shortly. He declined to say when or how many but suggested the move would come after completion of a five-week course for new province chiefs which ends next week.

Pope Replaces Hue Prelate

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—Pope Paul VI Saturday replaced Archbishop Pierre Martin Ngo Dinh Thuc, brother of the late South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem, as Archbishop of Hue.

Archbishop Thuc has been living in the Naples, Italy, area for the past four years. He was attending the Vatican's Ecumenical Council when his brother was assassinated Nov. 1, 1963.

The Pope named Msgr. Philippe Nguyen Kim Dien, 47, who had been serving as apostolic administrator of Hue, to replace Thuc.

The 70-year-old Thuc was named titular Archbishop of Bulla Regia, an honorary post.

The Vatican gave no reason for Archbishop Thuc's being replaced.

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
SGT David A. Johnson, Yuma, Ariz.
SP4 Billy D. McDougall, Pleasant Plains, Ark.
PFC Charles L. Bozeman, Little Rock, Ark.
SGT Roy L. Estrada, Lakeside, Calif.
SP4 Daniel F. Bellencourt Jr., San Diego, Calif.
PFC Terrence J. Bellomo, Santa Clara, Calif.
SP4 Juan J. Nazario, Bridgeport, Conn.
SSG Robert L. Bellamy, Greenville, Fla.
PFC Wayne L. Roberts, Jacksonville, Fla.
CPL Michel T. Wheeler, Emmet, Idaho.
SGT William E. Coffran, Chicago, Ill.
PFC John P. Nagy, East St. Louis, Ill.
CPL Michael L. Eberl, Greenfield, Ind.
SP4 Dick E. Cuff, Maxwell, Iowa.
PFC George D. Barrell, Reading, Kan.
PFC Isaac Blant, Wichita, Kan.
SSG Samuel R. Nixon, Hopkinsville, Ky.
SP4 Wince I. Overton Jr., Pineville, Ky.
PFC Thomas R. Ramey, Tamaulac, Ky.
SGT Charles D. Smith, District Heights, Md.
1LT John A. Fera, Danvers, Mass.
PFC James E. Fisher, Taylor, Mich.
PFC Larry V. Green, Detroit, Mich.
PFC Joseph E. Robinson, Sanford, Mich.
SP5 Bill W. Grant, Springfield, Mo.
SP4 Gary L. Huntin, Kansas City, Mo.
PFC James L. Henk, Swanton, Neb.
1LT Charles C. Asselta, Vineland, N.J.
2LT Frederick Y. Hollies, Lebanon, N.J.
SP4 Thomas J. Ptak, Highlands, N.J.
PFC Eutalia A. Roman, Paterson, N.J.
SGT Carl L. Merchant, Coriath, N.Y.
SP5 Dennis F. Moore, Brooklyn, N.Y.
CPL Edward E. Heil, Long Island City, N.Y.
SP4 William Goodheart, Brooklyn, N.Y.
PFC Robert W. Alwell, Cooperstown, N.Y.
PFC Patrick J. Tremblay, Conesus, N.Y.
CPT Larry W. Jones, Greensboro, N.C.
SGT Tommy D. Moba, Winston-Salem, N.C.
SGT Charles E. McGee, Fayetteville, N.C.
CPL Larry M. Roberson, Burlington, N.C.
PFC Billy D. Keenington, Charlotte, N.C.
1LT Charles R. Lovedahl, Wilmington, Ohio.
2LT Jeffrey G. Hamilton, Mansfield, Ohio.
SGT James A. Patton, Akron, Ohio.
SGT Farris L. Richardson, Cincinnati,

Ohio.
SP4 Edward A. Sharrock, Bucyrus, Ohio.
PFC William M. Saunders, Oklahoma City, Okla.
SSG Carl M. Stitely, Milton, Pa.
SGT Joseph J. Cassidy Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.
SGT C. W. Richard Williams, Reevesville, S.C.
CPL Theodore Belton, Ridgeway, S.C.
PFC Edgar Baker Jr., Clarksville, Tenn.
PFC James E. Bentley Jr., Memphis, Tenn.
PFC David W. Darry, Memphis, Tenn.
SGT Abelardo Vera, Brownsville, Texas.
CPL David A. Maddux, Houston, Texas.
PFC Eddie L. Ephraim, Brownwood, Texas.
SP4 Benjamin A. Jones, Parkersburg, W.Va.
CPL Clinton C. Wusterbarth, Manitowish, Wisc.
SP4 Brian S. Perlewitz, Milwaukee, Wisc.
Navy
HN John M. Kares, Neponset, Ill.
Marine Corps
SGT Robert Obann n III, San Bernardino, Calif.
LCPL Eddie D. Gant, Freedom, Calif.
LCPL Michael D. Kalb, Chico, Calif.
LCPL Joseph M. Romero, Long Beach, Calif.
PFC George A. Juarez, Pico Rivera, Calif.
PFC Vinnie S. Misa, Oceanide, Calif.
PFC John C. Seaman Jr., Spring Valley, Calif.
PFC Richard H. Woodward, Bakersfield, Calif.
PVT Carl Lyons, Los Angeles, Calif.
PFC Stephen R. Cunningham, Denver, Colo.
LCPL Kenneth M. Watkins, Washington, D.C.
PFC Marshall G. Schaffner, Cataldo, Idaho.
PFC David E. Jackson, Springfield, Ill.
CPL Tommy A. Walden, Hobart, Ind.
PFC Elvin W. Gese, Cumberland, Ind.
CPL Ronald J. Romero, Youngsville, La.
LCPL George F. Adams, Worcester, Mass.
LCPL David E. Gregoire, Malden, Mass.
PFC Edward F. Rogers, Roslindale, Mass.
PFC John E. White, Allston, Mass.
LCPL James P. Achterhoff, Muskegon, Mich.
PFC Elliott R. Smith, Luna Pier, Mich.
PFC Eugene C. Johnson, St. Paul, Minn.
LCPL McArthur Hamburg, Enterprise, Miss.
SSGT Garry E. King, Fairfax, Mo.
PFC Charles Oliver, Raytown, Mo.
PFC Charles E. Sutherland, St. Louis, Mo.
2LT George W. Coleman, Wildwood, N.J.
PFC Robert T. Ferrelli, Penns Grove, N.J.

PFC William L. Holland Jr., Orange, N.J.
PFC Wayne P. Reeves, Mt. Holly, N.J.
PFC Willie B. Lee, Scorra, N.M.
LCPL John P. Larkin, Port Chester, N.Y.
PFC Gregg E. Lavery, Syosset, N.Y.
PFC Daniel V. Michel, Astoria, N.Y.
LCPL William C. Roberts, Boone, N.C.
LCPL George L. Starks, Cincinnati, Ohio.
LCPL Gary D. Utz, Dayton, Ohio.
PFC Arthur L. Hawkins Jr., Cleveland, Ohio.
PFC Sydney Parks, Columbus, Ohio.
LCPL Randall L. McElreath, Midwest City, Okla.
LCPL Jimmy L. Delano, Portland, Ore.
LCPL David L. Brown, Ellwood City, Pa.
PFC Jody A. Cron, Nicholson, Pa.
LCPL John L. Bingley Jr., Charleston, S.C.
PFC Andrew Springs, Rock Hill, S.C.
PFC Ronald L. Wright, Chattanooga, Tenn.
SSGT Frank M. Ross Jr., Sour Lake, Texas.
LCPL Billy R. Bowen, Bonham, Texas.
PFC Carl E. Garza, Reliquis, Texas.
PFC Larry J. Rodgers, Ranger, Texas.
CPL David L. Lipscomb, Richmond, Va.
CPL Elliott L. Peters, Seattle, Wash.
PFC Dennis J. Zwirchitz, Abbotsford, Wisc.
Air Force
ATC Kenneth E. Baker Jr., Laporte, Texas.
Captain Larry J. Glanton, Bellevue, Wash.
DIED OF WOUNDS
Marine Corps
LCPL Ronnie C. Cureton, Kansas City, Mo.
CPL Gregory K. Arthur, Tulsa, Okla.
PFC Charles S. Walsh, Philadelphia, Pa.
MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE
Army
PFC Virgil E. Childers, Sumiton, Ala.
CPL James M. Jensen, Englewood, Colo.
SP4 James G. Blackshear, Starke, Fla.
PFC Roy McAlexander, Mt. Carmel, Ill.
SP4 Theodore D. Bernard, Mexico, Maine.
SP4 Alan R. Roberts, Livonia, Mich.
2LT Thomas G. Kofinski, North Minneapolis, Minn.
MAJ Henry G. Howcott, Neptune, N.J.
PFC Lawrence J. LeDonne, Ridgefield Park, N.J.
SP4 Jeffrey L. Peck, Bronx, N.Y.
PFC Alan G. Boretti, Bronx, N.Y.
1LT Gary N. Shy, Portsmouth, Ohio.
SGT William J. Weidinger, Bellevue, Ohio.
SGT Gary D. Reed, Butler, Pa.
CPL Sammie R. Sneed Jr., Waterloo, S.C.
SGT John A. Rickets, Tacoma Wash.
SGT Daniel L. Burr, Milwaukee, Wisc.

Marine Corps
SGT Kenneth P. Ehnis, Dearborn Heights, Mich.
CAPT Bill W. Deetz, Minneapolis, Minn.
LCPL James H. Smith Jr., North Las Vegas, Nev.
CAPT Lucien C. Tessier, Manchester, N.H.
LCPL James B. Farmer, Valle Crucis, N.C.
LCPL Benjamin F. Johnson III, San Antonio, Texas.
MISSING TO CAPTURED
Navy
LTJG Richard C. Clark
MISSING IN ACTION
Army
SGT Grady Gantt Jr.
SP4 Phillip J. Cayford Jr.
SP4 Franklin A. Sappingfield
SP4 Ruben N. Tockett
PVT Eugene Small
Marine Corps
SSGT George McClelland
SGT Michael O. Baker
LCPL Jerry L. Dodson
PFC Edward J. Ariz
PFC Michael J. Breitenhain
PFC Henry McDonald III
PFC Ronald L. Ridgeway
PFC Arnold J. Rivera
PFC Walter F. Skinner
Air Force
LTJG Theodore W. Guy
MAJOR Allen E. Fellows
MAJOR Donovan L. Lyon
1STLT Aubrey E. Stowers
DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION
Army
PFC Frank R. Mell Jr., Carleton, Mich.
PFC Charles E. Daniels, Long Island City, N.Y.
PFC Roger P. Keller, Conover, N.C.
WO Jeffrey J. Yarger, Edgerton, Ohio.
COLONEL Leonard D. Holder, San Antonio, Texas.
Marine Corps
PFC Benjamin F. Almaguer, Monmouth, Ill.
LCPL Chesley A. Story, Star, N.C.
LCPL Howard A. Strausbaugh, Tiffin, Ohio.
CPL Kenneth R. Williams Jr., Aberdeen, Wash.
MISSING TO DEAD—NON HOSTILE
Army
WO Ronald C. Fields, Fairborn, Ohio.
SP4 Richard R. Tesoro, Honolulu, Hawaii.
Navy
GR3 Ronald E. Rukunas, Chicago, Ill.
MISSING NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION
Army
MAJ Masaki Haitori
SP4 Ian J. Franks
Air Force
SGT William F. Anselmo
SGT Noel L. Rios
CORRECTION
PFC Samuel J. Frieson, USMC, name's status from died of wounds to died not as a result of hostile action.

1st Div. Marks 2nd Year in Viet

Marines' New Breed—A Mightier Force

DA NANG, Vietnam (ISO)—The top secret message from Washington to the commanding general, 1st Marine Div., at Camp Pendleton, Calif., summed it up in one word—Go!

This message was the signal that sent the 1st Marine Div. into combat in Vietnam two years ago this week.

On April 1, 1966, two months after the division's 25th birthday, Maj. Gen. Lewis J. Fields established a command post at Chu Lai, South Vietnam.

Once again the "Old Breed," whose exploits at Guadalcanal, Cape Gloucester, Peleliu, Okinawa and North China and from Pusan to the 38th Parallel in Korea fill volumes of our country's history books, was in the thick of another war.

To date the 1st Div. has conducted 123 major operations, with little or no rest between engagements with an elusive enemy.

According to the old timers, the 1st Div. Marines who carry the new fast-firing, lightweight M16 rifle into battle today are taller, stronger and as skilled at their profession as were their predecessors who blazed across the islands of the Pacific.

Marine air support, naval guns and the division's own 11th Marine Arty. Regt. are everywhere to deliver heavy fire support.

In their two years in Vietnam, 1st Marine Div. firepower has accounted for 18,621 North Vietnamese and VC confirmed kills. They have taken 3,018 prisoners, captured 3,986 individual weapons and 299 crew-served weapons.

On the other side of the ledger the war has claimed the lives of 1,976 enlisted 1st Marine Div. leathernecks and 74 officers. There have also been 16,639 wounded.

Still, many of the "New Old Breed" extend their tours in Vietnam to help do a job they feel will have a large bearing on future peace in the world. During 1967, 4,500 1st Div. Marines extended their enlistments for six months, and the first-term reenlistment rate is 15 per cent.

The Vietnam Marine, like his World War II and Korean counterpart, is lean and mean. His home hasn't changed. It's still a tent or hut or foxhole, or in



ARTILLERYMEN OF THE 11TH MARINES PROVIDE SUPPORTING FIRE AMID USED ROUNDS (USMC Photos)

many cases the dikes of a rice paddy.

But there are some changes that the old timers find hard to believe. First Div. Marines, not on patrol, operations or standing guard, can watch their favorite stateside television show on Armed Forces Television. They can enjoy fresh milk and ice cream in the 41 division mess halls that serve at least one hot meal a day.

To pin down the size and location of the division at any one time would keep an IBM computer humming.

Battalions have seesawed between divisions, winning battles for each other. For instance, the 1st Bn., 26th Marines (normally a 5th Div. unit) has been part of the 1st and 3rd Divs. During February, the 27th Marines, a 5th Div. unit, arrived to bolster the strength of the division beyond normal figures. The 27th assumed positions south of Da Nang, just vacated by the 5th Marines.

Traditional 1st Div. units like the 2nd and 3rd Bns. of the 5th Marines, were praised for their fighting performances on operations Hastings and Prairie, both 3rd Div. operations.

The position has steadily enlarged since the command post came ashore in 1966 and now reaches from Chu Lai to Hue, a distance of 96 miles.

By the end of April 1966, the 7th Marines were firmly in control of their area near Da Nang and had replaced the 9th Marines, who moved north to rejoin the 3rd Div.

On Oct. 1, 1966, Maj. Gen. Fields turned over command of the 1st Div. to Maj. Gen. H. Nickerson Jr. Ten days later the division split, leaving a subordinate element, Task Force X-Ray, at Chu Lai. The command post moved to a hill mass overlooking Da Nang. Task Force X-Ray was commanded by the assistant division commander, Brig. Gen. William A. Stiles. He was replaced March

24, 1967, by Brig. Gen. Foster C. LaHue.

In April, 1967, Task Force X-Ray was dissolved and Chu Lai-based Marines took over new areas of responsibility near Da Nang, relieving additional 3rd Div. units which had been under the control of the 1st Div.

On June 1, 1967, Maj. Gen. Donn J. Robertson took over the division. He served with it in Korea in 1954.

In October, 1967, the 5th Marines moved from Tam Ky, 25 miles south of Da Nang, to the outskirts of Da Nang, where they relieved the 1st Marines who moved north to the Demilitarized Zone and again came under control of the 3rd Div.

By December, 1967, it was time for another checker move. Task Force X-Ray was again formed, under the command of LaHue, and moved to Phu Bai.

During December, 1967, and January, the 5th and 1st Marine Regts. moved to the Phu

Bai area and came under control of Task Force X-Ray. Both took part in Hue operations in February.

Hue, one of the longest and fiercest operations the 1st Div. has taken part in, challenged the Marines to a new type of fighting—street-to-street, house-to-house and hand-to-hand. By the end of February the 1st Div. had secured the old imperial city and killed 1,929 enemy.

Even though 1st Div. Marines are tough fighters they are compassionate friends to the local populace when engaged in civic action programs. Each battalion is assigned a hamlet or group of hamlets. This job is done by repairing roads, helping to build schools, providing medical aid, protecting the farmers and generally becoming part of the community.

In 1967, 1st Div. Marines assisted the Vietnamese in constructing 33 school classrooms, 19 dispensaries and 48 wells.



A MARINE TURNS TO HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COMBAT IN THE FIERCE BATTLE FOR HUE



A POSTNATAL CALL BY MEDICAL SECTION PERSONNEL

U.S. Loses Second F111 Fighter in 3 Days

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Thursday on a mission against North Vietnam. There has been no word on its two-man crew.

The Defense Department said the two crewmen aboard the jet downed Saturday have been recovered, but declined to say where or how.

In Saigon, a U.S. military announcement said the plane went down after an "in-flight emergency."

The use of the words "in-flight emergency" was taken as meaning the plane suffered some type of malfunction and was not

shot down, but there was no official announcement.

The F111A has an "ejection capsule" cockpit. By pulling a wire, the crew can detonate explosive charges which eject the entire enclosed cockpit from the plane.

The cockpit parachutes to earth while the pilots remain inside. The capsule will float in case it comes down in water.

The F111As, Air Force version of the controversial TFX, flew their first combat missions Monday, striking storage areas in North Vietnam's southern panhandle. The nighttime strike in bad weather reportedly went off without a hitch.

The F111A is a sophisticated plane designed primarily for pinpoint bombing by radar in bad weather. It is equipped with a new "terrain-following" radar which enables it to fly at supersonic speeds only a few hundred feet above the ground.

The radar looks ahead and automatically makes the plane rise and drop with the contour of the land. The pilot does not touch the stick.

The radar has a "fail-safe" device designed to automatically lift the plane to a safe altitude if its electronic circuits fail.

The radar has been tested and found reliable on flights in the United States. But one question raised when the F111As went to Southeast Asia was whether the radar would work as well in the different geographical conditions there.

"Combat evaluation" — the testing of a plane and its weapons systems in actual combat — usually lasts about six weeks, after which a decision is made whether to continue using the craft. But the possibility was raised that the F111A might be grounded sooner.

1st Overseas Cuts Made

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Johnson announced Saturday a 12 per cent first-stage cutback of government employes overseas which he estimated would save up to \$22 million a year.

He said that additional reductions will be made later this year in every foreign country except Vietnam.

A White House statement said that of 22,757 Americans now employed abroad, 2,779 and their families will be brought back to the U.S. under the program.

Under the program, 3,177 of 26,293 foreign nationals employed by U.S. embassies will be let go.

VC to Free 2 American Women

TOKYO (AP)—The Viet Cong has decided to set free two American women held captive since the Communist attack on Hue in northern South Vietnam in the recent Tet offensive, Hanoi's Vietnam News Agency reported Sunday.

The agency identified the pair as Sandra Johnson, a member of "the so-called International Volunteers Group" and professor of English at the Dong Khanh Secondary Girl School, and Dr. Marjorie Nelson.

VNA said the women would be freed before Monday but did not say how and where.

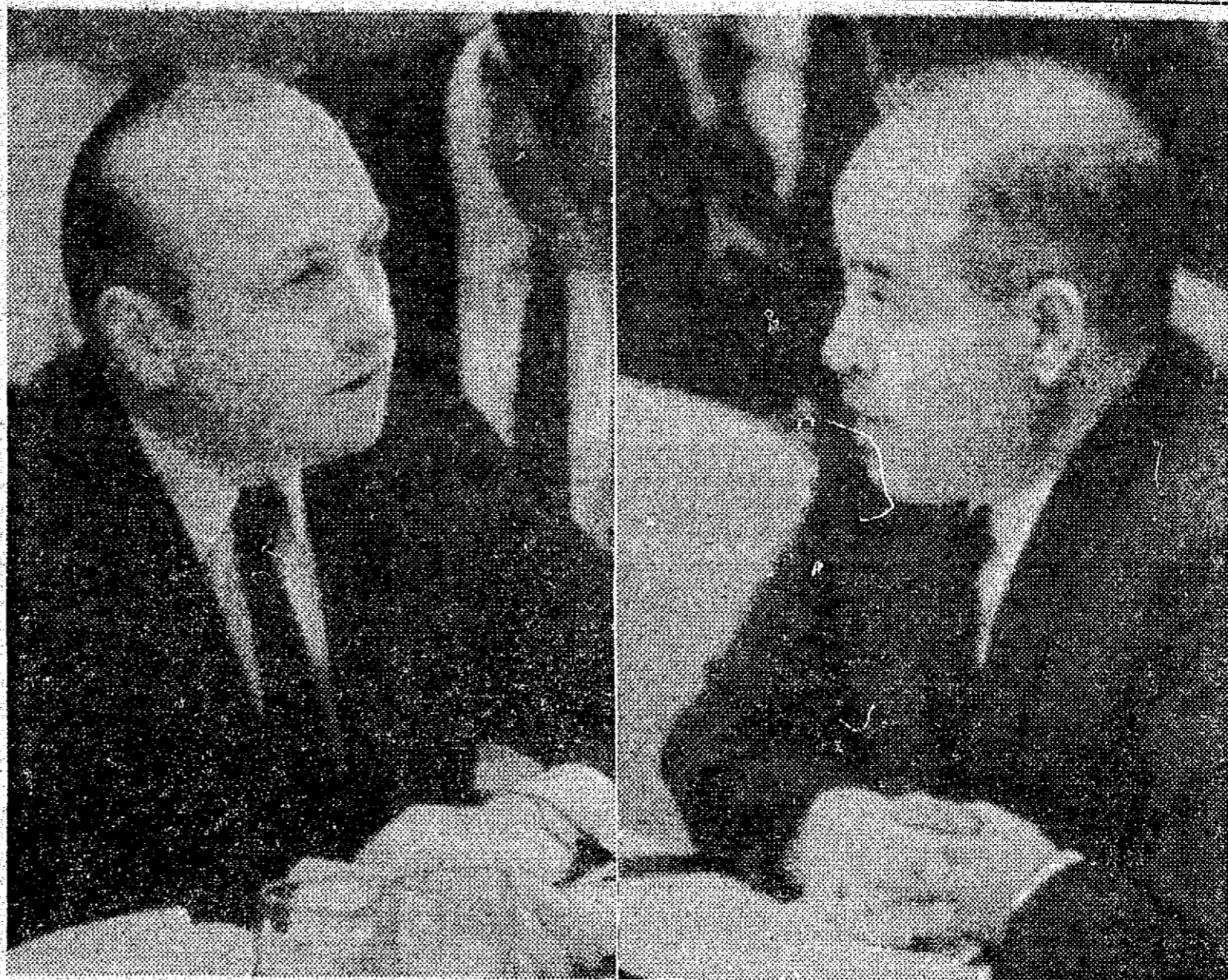
The VNA dispatch said the decision was announced in a communique issued by the People's Revolutionary Committee of the Thua Thien-Hue area on March 25 and distributed by the Viet Cong's official Gial Phong press agency. It said the communique was signed by Prof. Le Van Hao, president of the committee.

Miss Johnson had been in South Vietnam since last July. A teacher for the International Volunteer Services Agency, she was stationed near Hue.

Dr. Nelson was visiting her when they were captured Feb. 9.

VNA quoted the communique as saying "Proceeding from the traditional humanitarianism of the Vietnamese people and the leniency policy of the revolutionary power, and considering the attitude of the American women concerned, the People's Revolutionary Committee of Thua Thien-Hue decides to set them free before April 1st, 1968."

It added that the United States and the South Vietnamese government take full responsibility for ensuring their safety on their way back to their families.



Jordanian Ambassador Muhammed H. El-Farra (right) calls for arms embargo on Israel at emergency session of the U.N. Security Council. Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah (left) replies with a warning to the Arabs. (AP Radiophoto)

Mideast— Fires Hit Stores

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not expected to reconvene before Monday.

Secretary General U Thant reported to the council that he was unable to submit a "helpful report" on Friday's fighting because U.N. truce observers are not stationed along the Israel-Jordan sector.

"Largely because of the presence of U.N. observers," the report said, "the Security Council cease-fire resolutions are better served and maintained in the Suez Canal and Israel-Syria sectors than in the Israel-Jordan sectors."

U.S. Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, again deploring violence from any quarter in the Middle East, renewed his proposal that the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization station observers on the Israel-Jordan front.

This gained little support from Russia's Jacob A. Malik, who, with the Hungarian delegation, supported Jordan's call for sanctions against Israel, beginning with an arms embargo.

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Molotov cocktail between two rugs in a second floor show room and lit it. The arsonist fled and employes put out the fire quickly.

Uptown at Bloomingdale's, the fire department reported that a "Molotov cocktail com-

sisting of a can of gummed turpentine" was hurled into the fifth floor furniture department. Some drapes were set afire, but the blaze was put out with what was described as minor damage. No injuries or panic were reported.

At Gimbel's in the storied 34th Street shopping area, a spokesman said a fire broke out at 1:15 p.m. EST in the toy stockroom. Damage was described as "moderate." Employes put out the flames in about 10 minutes. The Gimbel's spokesman said he did not know the origin of the fire but said the stockroom was unlocked and easily accessible. No incendiary device was found.

At Macy's, next-door to Gimbel's, two young Negro boys, about 15 or 16-years-old were seen throwing a fire bomb into the furniture department but it failed to go off. Police said the bomb was a mayonnaise jar filled with turpentine with a handkerchief for a wick.

Plane Crashes In Playground

SAN JOSE, Calif. (UPI)—Thirty minutes before the plane crashed, some 1,100 children had been playing in the school yard. Their lives may have been spared by a recess bell.

The students filed back to their classrooms in the Clyde Fischer Elementary School Friday when the 1 p.m. bell sounded. Thirty minutes later, the flaming light plane pancaked over a fence and skidded through the playgrounds. All three occupants were killed.

They were William F. Weston, 27, an airline flight engineer from Santa Clara, his wife Betty, also 27, and their four-year-old daughter Jennifer. Friends said they left their infant son Billy at home and took off on a pleasure flight to a restaurant off Interstate 80 near Sacramento for lunch.

More Power Than Steering

TORONTO (UPI) — Ronald Baker, 16, blamed it on the power steering of his mother's new car and the judge believed him.

Magistrate Norman Gianelli acquitted the youth of a careless driving charge stemming from a series of accidents in which he rammed two parked cars, drove on sidewalks and lawns and broke off a light pole.

"Bad luck also might have had something to do with it," said Baker, who got his driver's license only 13 days before.

LBJ to Outline Viet Policy

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will give his views "on the entire fiscal policy."

He took the occasion to again urge a 10 per cent income tax surcharge as, he said, the best way to counter rising prices.

Johnson said a number of important meetings will be held next week designed to implement some of the decisions to be announced Sunday night.

Asked whether these meetings might take him to Honolulu for face-to-face talks with military commanders in the Pacific-Southeast Asia area, the chief executive replied he will be in Washington at least part of next week and if any meetings devel-

oped away from the capital, they would be announced.

While Vietnam dominated the news conference, a broad range of other topics also was discussed. Some examples:

—Johnson hopes if the

NEW YORK (UPI)—Republican presidential contender Richard M. Nixon has been knocked off the airwaves by President Johnson. Nixon cancelled a major radio speech on Vietnam scheduled for Sunday night when the President announced he would use both radio and television the same night for an address to the nation.

planned Poor People's March on Washington next month takes place, it would be conducted in peace and not spawn violence. At this season, he said,

the government must concern itself with dealing properly, adequately and appropriately with the variety of protest demonstrations of one kind or another that can be expected.

—The President has no plans for another summit meeting this year with Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin.

—He remained unwilling to discuss his possible candidacy for re-election, nor does he want to indicate when he might make known his decision, which he insisted has not been made.

—Johnson said he was disappointed but not surprised by French balking during Stockholm talks aimed at strengthening the international monetary system. He said it's clear France won't go along with the other nine non-Communist nations at the meeting.

Weather

Asian Weather Central
TOKYO AREA

Sunday Night: Fair; Low: 50
Monday: Fair; High: 65

TEMPERATURES

March 30

	H	L		H	L
Bangkok	93	81	Naha	73	64
Chitose	46	37	Saigon	91	79
Cucm	83	—	Seoul	54	37
Hazuke	59	41	Taipei	72	64
Manila	95	79	Tokyo	64	53
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Albany	76	45	Melbourne	70	57
Albuquerque	76	40	Memphis	82	59
Atlanta	78	54	Miami	74	69
Birmingham	79	50	Milwaukee	65	43
Bismarck	62	31	N. Orleans	74	57
Boise	70	38	NYC	76	44
Boston	55	40	N. Platte	70	33
Chicago	64	48	Okl. City	81	57
Cincinnati	79	55	Omaha	71	46
Cleveland	74	55	Paris	75	50
Denver	74	39	Phila.	78	45
Des Moines	67	44	Phoenix	90	49
Detroit	69	54	Pittsburgh	74	53
Duluth	56	34	Port. O.	51	44
Fairbanks	21	-4	Rapid City	71	34
Fort Worth	69	29	Reno	76	27
Hong Kong	67	62	Singapore	90	74
Honolulu	84	70	St. Louis	83	59
Houston	76	62	St. Paul	61	41
Indianapolis	76	57	Salt Lake	75	39
Jackville	82	52	S. Antonio	76	43
Jackson	86	76	San Diego	68	53
Kansas City	79	60	Sun. Fran.	78	59
Las Vegas	92	71	Seattle	53	43
London	65	45	Shreveport	78	60
L.A.	83	56	Sydney	83	67
Louisville	80	55	Tucson	85	52
			Wash.	82	51