



CYRUS VANCE

Will Discuss 'Threat'

JOHNSON SENDS VANCE TO ROK

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Special envoy Cyrus R. Vance has been dispatched to Seoul by President Johnson to discuss with President Chung Hee Park and other high officials "the grave threat" to South Korea.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman in Seoul confirmed Saturday that Vance had left Washington that day, Korea time, and was on his way. Neither the spokesman nor an official U.S. Information Service announcement gave any arrival time or specific schedule. It said only that he would confer with Park and other officials and added:

"The talks will deal with the grave threat to the Republic of Korea caused by the recent North Korean hostile acts against the Republic of Korea and the United States and means- (Continued on Back Page, Col. 2)

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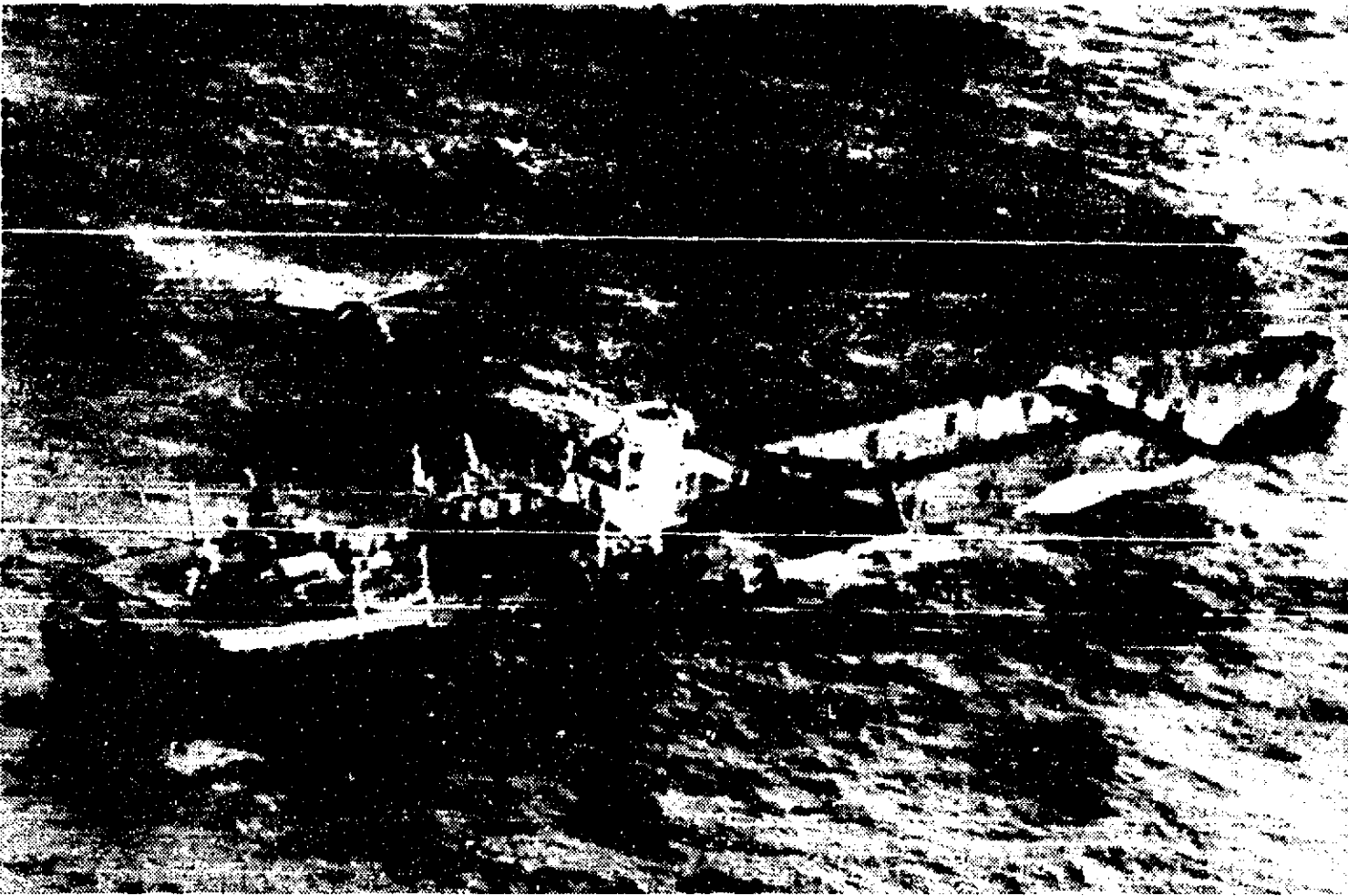
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6 Stay With Sinking Ship



AP Radiophoto

THREE COPTERS FROM CARRIER WASP RESCUE CREWMEN FROM SINKING FREIGHTER PEGASOS IN ATLANTIC.

PORTSMOUTH, Va. (UPI) — Twenty-eight crewmen aboard a sinking tanker abandoned ship Thursday but the captain and five other seamen stayed behind in a desperate effort to bring the shattered vessel through 20-foot waves and devastating winds to a safe harbor.

The skeleton crew battled to keep the S. S. Pegasus seaworthy about 250 miles off Cape Hatteras, N.C., the graveyard of ships. Water was pouring into the vessel's cracked hull as the (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)

New Hue Fighting Erupts; VC Still Hold Out in Saigon

SAIGON (AP)—Fresh fighting broke out in the old capital of Hue, field reports said Saturday, while U.S. and South Vietnamese forces again tried to clean out diehard Viet Cong elements in Saigon.

From Hue, 400 miles northeast of Saigon, Associated Press correspondent George McArthur reported that heavy shelling had resumed in the ancient walled part of the city called the

Citadel. For 11 days, South Vietnamese troops have been trying to drive out enemy forces that seized the Citadel when the Communists' general offensive was launched.

The intense street fighting had eased off briefly Friday, but picked up again as South Vietnamese troops and U.S. Marines continued their deadly hunt for the enemy through the rubble of the once proud city.

McArthur said renewed fighting also had erupted in a northern residential quarter of the city of more than 40,000 persons. The Marines were said to be heavily engaged near a main bridge that was blown up by the enemy earlier in the week. Initial reports said two Marines had been killed and 15 wounded in the fighting at the bridge.

In Saigon, elements of the (Continued on Back Page, Col. 3)

GI Tries To Hijack DC-6 in Viet

DA NANG, Vietnam (AP)—A U.S. Marine private in a black leather jacket with a cocked, .45-caliber pistol tried Friday to hijack a Pan American Airlines DC6 loaded with war-weary U.S. servicemen waiting to fly to Hong Kong, U.S. Air Force police said.

After 2 hours and 45 minutes, a message from a four-star general and tear gas, the copilot thwarted the effort with a bold move.

The man arrested by Air Force police was identified as Marine Pfc. William Lee Clark of the 1st Division's 1st Field Artillery Group. No charges have been filed and authorities withheld comment pending a full investigation.

The incident started at 1:30 p.m. after 83 servicemen were aboard the plane for their rest and recuperation flight to Hong Kong.

In the cockpit of the four-en- (Continued on Back Page, Col. 2)

Without Water Wings

LONDON (UPI)—A cartoon in the Daily Mirror shows two French fish reading a newspaper headlined "De Gaulle takes a trip by submarine." Says one fish to the other: "It's all right for him—if it sinks he can walk home."

Thieu Orders Partial Mobilization

SAIGON (AP) — President Nguyen Van Thieu Friday announced plans for increased mobilization to meet heavy Communist attacks in South Vietnam, including a freeze on military discharges, the recall of veterans and the drafting of 18 and 19-year-olds ahead of schedule.

Speaking to a joint session of the nation's House and Senate on his 101st day in office, Thieu said the Defense Ministry would carry out ahead of schedule a partial mobilization decree announced several months ago. He said:

"We will carry out the following measures: 1. Stop the granting of discharges except for reason of health; 2. Recall veterans with less than five-years service; 3. Call up youths made eligible by the partial mobilization decree sooner than originally scheduled."

"The following programs also will be carried out: 1. All officials under 45 will be given military training and will be armed. When need be they may be formed into popular defense units; 2. All students over 17 will be given military training while in school."

Under the partial mobilization decree, 19-year-olds were to become eligible for the draft on July 1 and 18-year-olds on Sept. 1.

Friday's announcement means they may begin to be called almost immediately.

In his first address to the legislature since the nationwide Communist attacks began last Jan. 30, Thieu said the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese would continue their broad offensive through 1968 because they are seeking military victories before they sit down to negotiate.

"Their military goal was to launch a general offensive to open the way for a general uprising . . . Politically, they sought to bring about a general uprising and a coalition government which they would dominate," Thieu said.

He added, "The enemy's offensive was divided into two stages. During the first stage they used special troops to attack a number of installations. During the second stage they were to have used captured radio stations and armed propaganda teams to incite the masses to demand peace and a coalition government."

19 U.S. Civilians Killed

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON — Nineteen American civilians are known dead as a result of fighting throughout South Vietnam since Jan. 29.

Pacific Architects and Engineers had eight fatalities, seven in the Saigon area. The company is under contract to provide repair and utility services to U.S. Forces.

Also in Saigon, one merchant seaman was killed, along with one employe of the RMK-BRJ construction combine.

Two USAID employes were reported killed in Hue, where six other Americans were reported missing.

One American woman of unknown status was killed in Vinh Long where the eighth Pacific Architects and Engineers employe was slain.

Six Americans were also reported missing in the Saigon area. An official spokesman refused to state whether they were members of the U.S. mission.

The death of six American missionaries at Ban Me Thout was reported earlier.

Thai Alert Called in Red Scare

BANGKOK (AP)—Thai authorities have ordered a full-scale military and police alert throughout the country.

Lt. Gen. Sayud Kerdpol, head of the Communist Suppression Operations Command said Friday the army and police had been ordered to stand by for possible Communist sabotage and terrorist raids against cities and government positions.

Sayud said that so far there had been no reports of Communist attacks.

Sayud's command is the nerve center for the Thai government offensive against the Communist terrorists who call themselves the Thailand Patriotic Front.

Sayud said his staff was on 24-hour duty and prepared to cope with an eventuality.

The Thai army in the past four months has committed six battalions of crack troops to the battle against terrorists in the border provinces of Thailand.

63 Air Strikes In Bad Weather

SAIGON (S&S)—U.S. air crews flew 63 missions over North Vietnam Thursday, as poor weather continued to hamper air operations.

Most targets were radar bombed and assessment of damage was limited.

B52's continued to hit enemy concentrations near Khe Sanh Friday. Seventeen secondary explosions ranging from two to six times the force of normal bomb bursts were reported in a raid on a staging area six miles west of the Marine outpost.

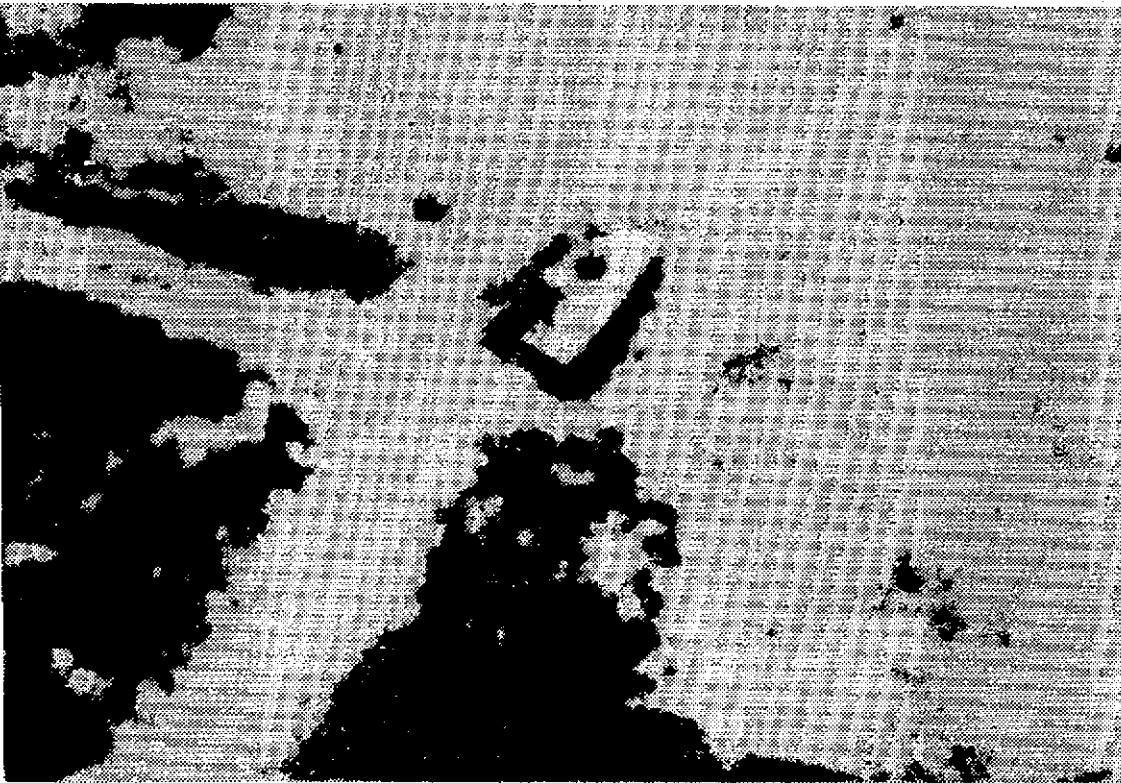
Thai Constitution OKd

BANGKOK (AP) — Thailand took another step toward full parliamentary democracy when the Constituent Assembly unanimously passed the third reading of Thailand's new Constitution.

Red Revolt Fails: Sihanouk

PINOM PENH, Cambodia (UPI) — Prince Norodom Sihanouk said Friday the Communist revolt in two Cambodian frontier provinces had been virtually put down by the armed forces.

He told a news conference that Communist rebels opposing his regime in Rattanakiri Province, bordering on Vietnam, and Battambang Province, adjacent to Thailand, had



Flight Spots Red Tank Near Khe Sanh

This Soviet-built tank was sighted Feb. 7 in the vicinity of Khe Sanh by Air Force reconnaissance pilots. North Vietnamese troops used tanks on Tuesday and Wednesday when they overran the Lang Vei Special Forces camp located west of Khe Sanh. (AP Radiophoto)

6,000 Refugees at Khe Sanh Flown Away From Outpost

SAIGON (AP) — American transport planes began evacuating to safety Friday thousands of Vietnamese and Laotian soldiers and civilians who descended on the U.S. Marine combat base at Khe Sanh after the fall of the Lang Vei Special Forces camp.

Big C130 transports started flying the 5,000 to 6,000 refugees to Da Nang to refugee centers.

They included about 2,000 Laotian civilians and some soldiers from a Laotian army battalion who escaped to Lang Vei last month after their post in

Laos was overrun by the North Vietnamese troops; local Brou mountain tribesmen, Vietnamese civilians and about 200 Vietnamese and Montagnard irregulars from the garrison of the Lang Vei Special Forces camp.

The horde of refugees streamed to the outer defensive wire of the Khe Sanh base late Wednesday and throughout Thursday, but the Marines refused to let them in and took away the weapons from the soldiers among them.

By Thursday afternoon, said

Brig. Gen. Winant Sidle, chief of information of the U.S. Command, "There was quite a mob of them along the defensive wire at Khe Sanh. There were Laotian soldiers, dependents of the soldiers, Brou tribesmen and others, including probably some from the Lang Vei camp where the fighting was. By 3 p.m. yesterday there were five to six thousand of them there. Who knew who they were?"

Sidle said Col. David Lownds, the Marine commander at the Khe Sanh base, "faced a remarkable problem with all those guys on his hands. Some of them were armed and there was no one there to sort out who they were. He made what I believe was a wise decision. He put them all in one spot and took away their arms. After all, it was possible there was some of the enemy among them."

"This morning (Friday) the Marines are sorting them out. They moved them into different groups and they gave back the arms to the Laotian soldiers and the Vietnamese irregulars. Now they are moving them out of Khe Sanh."

U. S. officials said they hoped to complete the evacuation by Saturday.

Rebuilding Keyed To Viet Ruins

SAIGON (AP) — Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker has ordered a full mobilization of U.S. Mission resources and manpower in support of the South Vietnamese government's efforts to rebuild areas caught in the recent fighting, the Mission announced Friday.

At the same time, President Nguyen Van Thieu told South Vietnam's House and Senate that preliminary figures show 3,071 civilians died in the fighting since Jan. 30. Another 8,000 have been wounded, he said.

Thieu said 22,000 homes have been destroyed, 9,000 in Saigon alone.

At least 350,000 refugees are living in official shelters set up since the fighting began. About 150,000 are in the Saigon area.

The government has set up a high-level National Recovery Committee which has budgeted 600 million piasters (\$5 million) for refugee relief and reconstruction of the damaged cities.

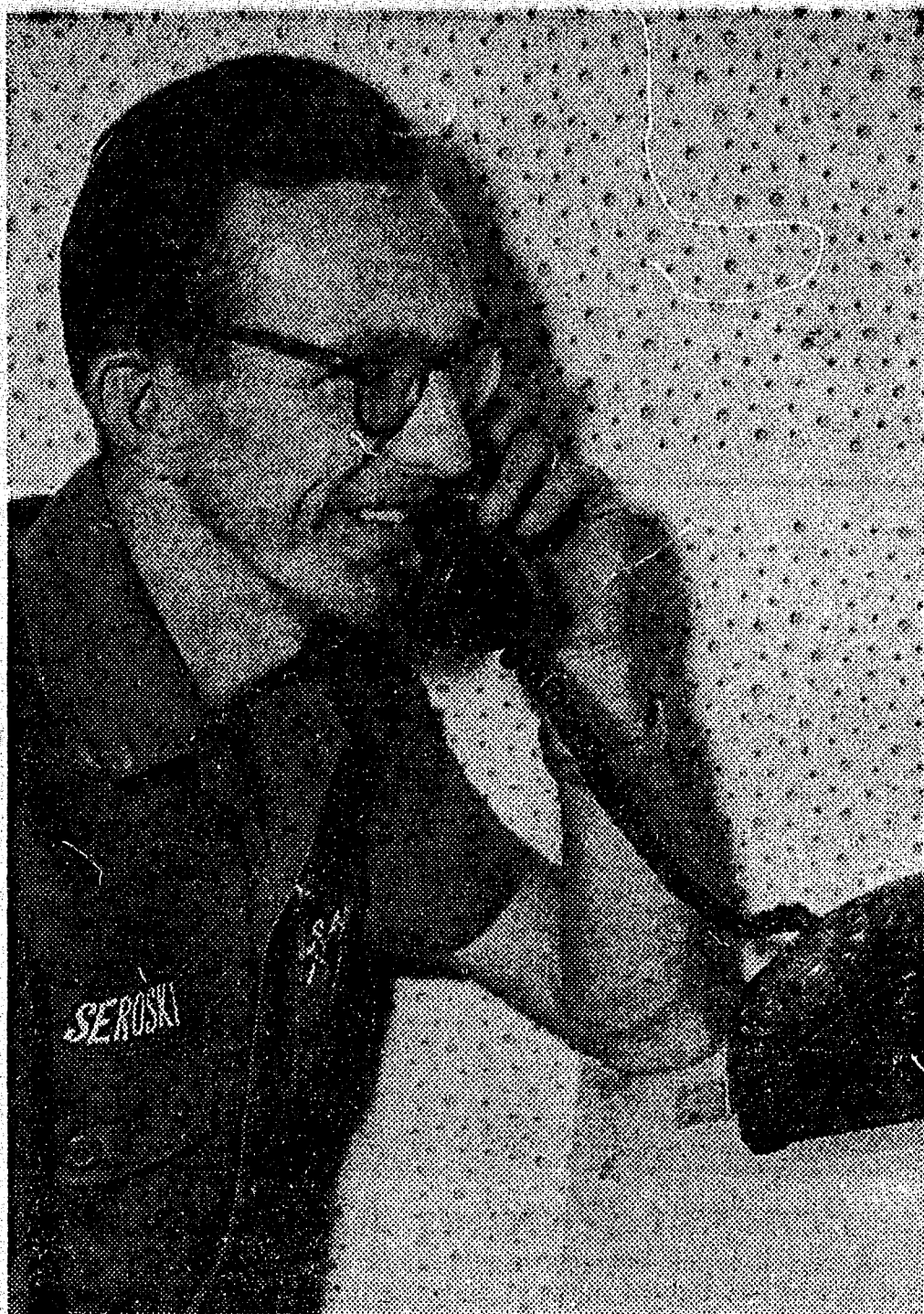
The mission announcement said the goals of the National Recovery program were to return Saigon, and the provincial and district towns which were attacked, to a "normal situation." It said high priority would be given to open and secure highways and communications lines, and to make special efforts to "develop a national spirit of unity in accomplishing recovery goals."

2 Viet Policemen Get Decorations

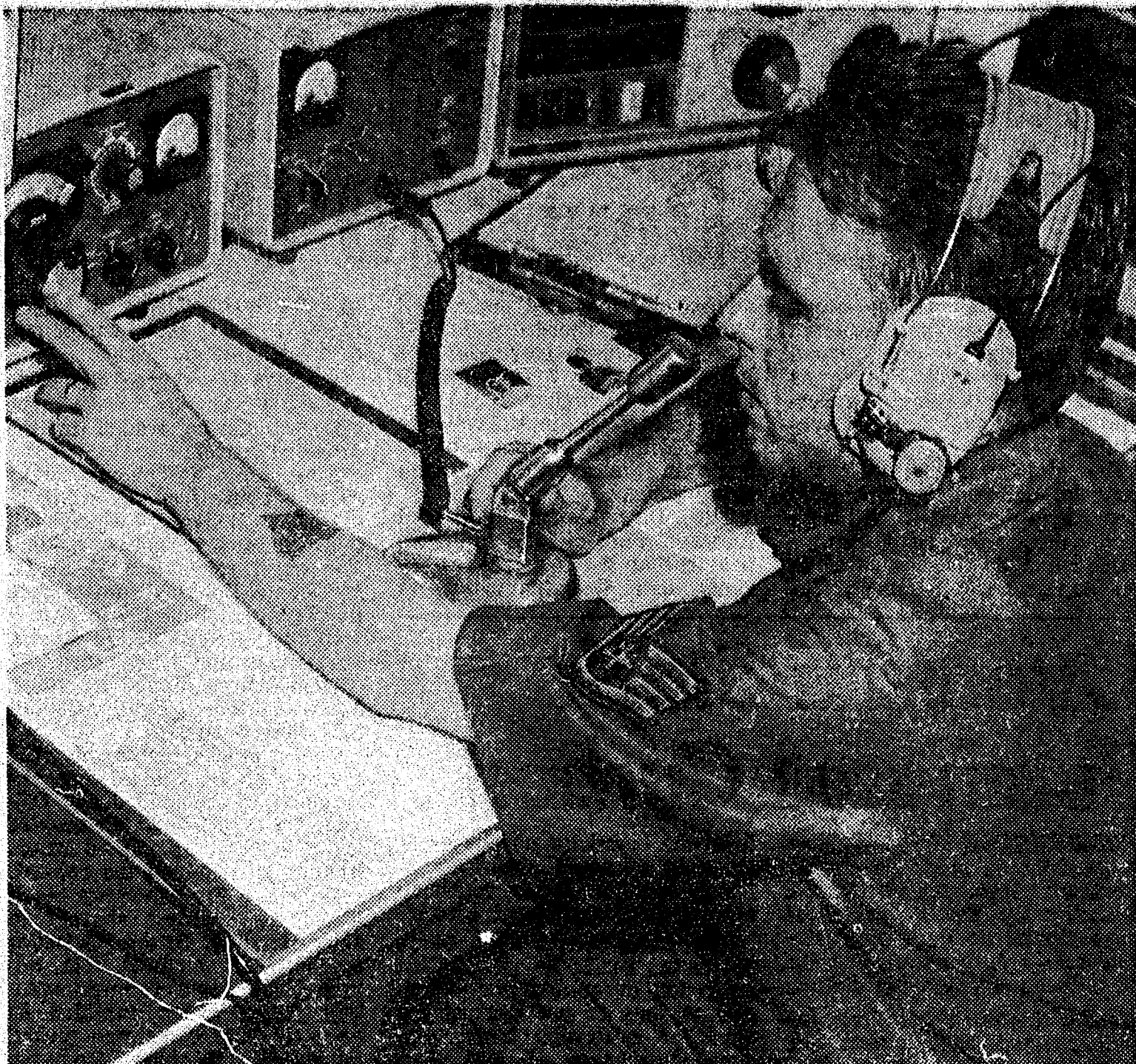
SAIGON (S&S) — Two Vietnamese National Field Force policemen were decorated for gallantry in Da Nang Friday.

They discovered two Viet Cong frogmen swimming to blow up the Dong Ha bridge, left their protected position under fire, and killed one of the frogmen.

They remained in exposed positions to protect the bridge.



T.Sgt. Norman S. Seroski demonstrates use of the Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) soundproof telephone booth at Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, for overseas calls. (USAF Photos)



S.Sgt. Michael D. Booton beams in a stateside station at the Takhli base. The MARS system functions as an auxiliary net for the military and handles morale and unofficial messages for military personnel. It provides training for airmen interested in amateur radio.

Reds Fail Twice To Stop Chopper

PHU BAI, Vietnam (IO)—A routine maintenance job at Khe Sanh turned into a hair-raising experience for several members of the Marine Medium Helicopter Sq. 364 maintenance shop.

While on a resupply mission to Hill 881, one of the squadron's CH-46D Sea Knights had taken a .50 cal. round through the main structure, damaging the chopper's transmission "mix box" and causing a loss of all transmission fluid. The pilot managed to land safely at the Khe Sanh air strip.

Maj. James R. Parsons, squadron maintenance officer; 1st Lt. Ronald B. Camper, maintenance control officer; SSgt. Richard E. Hess, squadron metalsmith, and Frank Tucci, a

Boeing aircraft tech rep, went to Khe Sanh prepared to strip the CH-46 to be airlifted back to Phu Bai.

After a check, they felt that if the two holes in the transmission could be patched, it would be possible to fly the Sea Knight out. The only problem was how to patch the holes, each about two inches long and an inch wide.

"Someone suggested that we make wooden plugs and hammer them into the holes," Parsons said, "... so we decided to give it a try."

With the plugs in, Cpl. Larry D. Steward, crew chief of the downed chopper, climbed up to pour in oil.

"About that time, a North Vietnamese mortarman decided to drop a few rounds in on us to make the job a little more interesting," said Camper, who had been opening the 26 one-quart cans and handing them to Steward.

It took the crew about 35 minutes to complete the job and get the chopper in the air.

During their flight back to Phu Bai, Hess stood on the rear loading ramp with a hammer, tapping the plugs back in each time one of them would vibrate loose.

10 Nominated For Awards

TAKHLI RTAFB, Vietnam (OI) — Ten 355th Tactical Fighter Wing maintenance personnel have been nominated for semi-annual 13th Air Force maintenance awards.

The nominees were selected from previous quarterly winners. If selected at 13th AF, the nominations will go forward to Pacific Air Forces, for possible submission to Headquarters Air Force.

The ten selected are: S. Sgt. Robert F. Jolly, 42nd Tactical Electronic Warfare Sq.; Sgt. Richard S. Downey, 41st Tactical Electronic Warfare Sq.; S. Sgt. Kenneth T. Willett, 355th Field Maintenance Sq.; S. Sgt. Robert C. McBroom, 355th Armaments and Electronics Maintenance Sq.; S. Sgt. Clayton K. MacKay, and Sgt. Bill L. Ponder, 355th Munitions Maintenance Sq.; S. Sgt. Wilbur H. St. Germain and Airmen 1.C.s Richard D. Marchetti, Thomas H. Willette and William E. Elkins, 354th Tactical Fighter Sq.

No Time To Wait For Cap

DA NANG, Vietnam (OSI) — "If you find my cap and lighter, bring them back to me, will you?"

The request from 1st Lt. Frank C. Wickersham III was passed to maintenance crews sent to recover his UH-34D helicopter which had been shot down.

Wickersham had been flying copilot with Marine Medium Helicopter Sq. 363 on a medevac mission. When an emergency mission was called into the "Lucky Red Lion" ready room he scrambled with his crew and headed south toward An Hoa.

"We took two rounds in the engine compartment," Wickersham said. "We lost power and couldn't take off."

As the pilot and co-pilot were securing the helicopter and shutting down power, another round crashed through the plexiglass and clipped Wickersham's chin.

"I got out of there as fast as I could and I guess during the rapid exit, I left my cap and lighter behind," he said.

Two hours later, the crew was picked up by another medevac chopper.

Outduels Grenade-Tossing Red With .45

DUC PHO, Vietnam (IO) — Spec. 4 Victor M. Jamoom, a team leader in the 2nd Platoon, D Co., 3rd Bn., 1st Inf., 11th Light Inf. Brigade, figures he's lucky to be alive. At least he won't challenge hand grenades with a .45 caliber pistol again.

Jamoom and the 2nd Platoon were on a search and clear operation about 15 miles northeast of here in the southern I Corps area, when 2nd Squad leader S. Sgt. Pinky McNeely spotted a man and woman running from the advancing troops.

They lost the fleeing VC in a

swamp, but while searching the area came across a Vietnamese hut and bunker. The hut was empty, but the bunker had a false wall which opened into a forked tunnel.

Jamoom grabbed a flashlight and a .45 pistol and started into the tunnel. The hole was so small he had to shed his helmet to squeeze into the entrance. About halfway through the tunnel he found some clothes and searched them for weapons or documents, but found none.

"I continued into the tunnel where the bunker section led

MARS—the Voice Link With States

TAKHLI RTAFB, Thailand (OI)—After months of separation, it takes a few seconds to regain the art of coherent conversation, especially from thousands of miles away. After the initial hesitancy, both parties are soon talking away more naturally. He from T a k h l i RTAFB and she from Green Creek Running Township, Okla.

Through what miracle is this feat accomplished? The Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) is the magical organization.

MARS was begun after World War II as an outgrowth of the prewar Army Amateur Radio System. It functions as an auxiliary communications net for the military, handles morale and unofficial messages for military personnel and provides training for airmen interested in amateur radio and provides

a personnel pool for possible use in the event of total mobilization.

How do Takhli RTAFB personnel take advantage of this base program? Simple. The MARS station is located on the north end of the NCO housing area in an antenna-filled field.

Anyone desiring to make a stateside call or a call to anywhere in the Far East need only go to the station and fill out a MARS Phone Patch Request. From that point all that is necessary is patience. The waiting period varies from short to long, depending on atmospheric conditions.

The station is open 24 hours every day with the exception of a cleanup period from 6 to 8 a.m. If contact to the states is being made, the station remains open.

For emergency calls, special procedures are used to insure quick action.

Part of the 1980th Communications Sq., the MARS station makes 500 phone patches a month on a first-come, first-served basis. The only cost is the distance from the station in the states to the number called, and is charged to the stateside phone.

General Viet-Bound

WASHINGTON (S&S) — Army Brig. Gen. William T. Bradley will be transferred to Vietnam about March 13, the Army has announced. No specific new assignment was given for Bradley, who is now with the Southwestern Army Eng. Div., Dallas, Tex.

off to the right," Jamoom said. "As I shined the light into the right section I saw a man just as he threw a hand grenade at me."

"I fired a shot at him but missed, and he threw another grenade at me. As I fired a second shot I remembered that I only had about two seconds before that first grenade went off. When I started backtracking I recall saying to myself, 'Don't stop! Make it to the top.'"

"I think that pile of clothes might have saved me," Jamoom said. "There wasn't room to

turn around in the passage, and I only got a few feet out when the grenade went off." With shrapnel whizzing around him, Jamoom emerged from the tunnel without a scratch.

When other members of the platoon began digging into the chamber, they found that Jamoom hadn't missed with his second shot. They also found the second grenade, which hadn't gone off.

Indian, Brazilian Planes Missing With 125 Aboard

Compiled From AP and UPI
Two military planes were missing Friday on different sides of the world.
An Indian Air Force transport was missing high over the Himalayas with 98 persons aboard and a Brazilian Air Force plane disappeared over the Amazon jungles with 27 aboard.
The Indian Air Force searched for its Russian-built AN12 which disappeared Wednesday on a return flight to Chandigarh, the

capital of Punjab and Haryana states, from Leh, an outpost on the Tibetan border.
The plane headed back from Chandigarh when bad weather prevented a landing at Leh.
Four army officers and one civilian were among the passengers on the plane.
The Air Force said bad weather hampered Friday's search.
Officials discounted speculation the plane might have gone down in Tibet, occupied by

Communist China. They said the plane probably crashed in the foothills of the Himalayas.
The Brazilian Air Force said its plane disappeared en route from Porto Velho, a river port in western Brazil, to Guarajirim near the Bolivian border. An intense search has failed to produce a trace of the twin-engine plane.
The plane carried six military crewmen and 21 local area residents traveling to Guarajirim.



South Vietnamese Police Chief Brig. Gen. Nguyen Ngoc Loan looks from a balcony at ruins in southwest Saigon where several blocks were destroyed during fighting Thursday night between ARVN Rangers and VC. (AP Radiophoto)

Ship—

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six insisted on staying aboard to await two tugs from New York and Bermuda.

The tug from Bermuda reached the sides of the battered tanker Friday joining Coast Guard cutter which was standing by to rescue the six men aboard if necessary.

The six are the captain, the first mate, two engineers, a radioman and an able-bodied seaman, the Coast Guard reported.

Fourteen crew members, including a woman, abandoned ship this afternoon in a lifeboat and boarded the merchant vessel Arquimedes which was given permission to leave for New York after standing by several hours. The woman was not identified but the Coast Guard said it was common for a woman to be a ship's purser.

The Coast Guard cutter Abscon arrived in late afternoon, freeing the Arquimedes to go. The cutter would take off the remaining six crewmen if the Pegasus started sinking.

Fourteen others abandoned ship late in the afternoon and were taken by five U.S. Navy helicopters to the British Cunard liner Franconia which headed for Bermuda.

The Pegasus, built in 1967 and flying the Liberian flag, was carrying fuel oil from St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, to New York City when 20-foot waves and 60 mile an hour winds began battering her Wednesday night.

Her engines went dead and the captain radioed the Coast Guard for help. He reported there were no injuries.

He messaged that the ship was taking on water through an "open crack" in the hull and there was flooding.

The Coast Guard dispatched a search and rescue plane from Elizabeth City, N.C., to circle above and keep in radio contact. The plane reported the storm was abating but the Pegasus was still being thrashed about in heavy waves and winds of 25 knots.

CORRECTION

A Page 1 story in editions dated Friday, Feb. 9, incorrectly gave the impression that the Pueblo incident was discussed during a meeting Feb. 7 at Panmunjom.

A Military Armistice Commission spokesman advises us that the topic did not come up. He said the talks were concerned solely with other matters, primarily the attempt by a 31-man North Korean assassination team on the life of President Chung Hee Park in Seoul.

Pacific Stars and Stripes apologizes for the error.

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LBJ Sends Vance

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ures being taken by our two governments to deal with the situation. In that context, Mr. Vance will discuss with President Park President Johnson's proposal to the Congress for an increase of \$100 million in military aid to the Republic of Korea."

Vance, former deputy assistant secretary of defense, mediated the Cyprus crisis last fall.

Meanwhile, a report that could not be verified said the crew of the Pueblo, seized by the North Koreans Jan. 23, had been moved to Kacsong, near the Communist side of the Demilitarized Zone. The Seoul Shin-a Ilbo, according to United Press International report, said

that the crewmen had been brought to the city after being publicly displayed in Pyongyang Thursday on North Korean Armed Forces Day. State Department Press Officer Robert J. McCloskey said in Washington he had nothing to confirm the report.

In Richmond, Va., according to a UPI report, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Arthur Goldberg told the Virginia Legislature that "nothing credible has come to light" that would disprove his contention that the seizure took place in international waters and this was illegal.

Jet Still Lost; Crew Named

SAS Korea Bureau
OSAN AB, Korea—The search for the missing U.S. Air Force RF-4C Phantom jet continued in the south-central portion of South Korea as U.S. and ROK Army and Air Force personnel scoured the countryside for the second straight night.

The reconnaissance aircraft was listed as missing Thursday afternoon when it failed to return to Osan AB from a routine training flight in the Taegu area.

(The 314th Air Div. information office identified the pilot of the missing plane as Capt. Robert Joseph Hanneken, of Alton, Ill., and the navigator as Capt. Donald Van Horn Lee of Castro Valley, Calif. Hanneken's wife, Donna Sue, lives at Kadena AB, Okinawa. Lee's wife, Lady C. S. T. Lee, lives in Ishikawa, Okinawa.)

Marine Tries to Hijack Plane

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gined plane were the pilot, John P. Jones, of New York City; copilot E.L. Archer, 30, of Beeville, Tex., and a flight engineer, Robert H. Clack, 26, of Midland, Mich.

While the engines were warming up, the trespasser in the leather jacket, blue jeans and boots shouted up to Archer from the runway. He asked where the plane was going. Archer said, and added he worked for a U.S. airline in Vietnam.

The next thing the crew knew, Archer said, the man was up front in the cockpit. He shut and bolted the door, cocked his pistol and kept it pointed at the flight engineer's head most of the time, Jones said. Archer quoted the man as saying, "I want to go to Hong Kong."

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199th Light Inf. Brigade Friday made a helicopter landing into the center of the city's race course, one of the sites of continued heavy fighting in the Chinese Cholon sector of the capital.

The infantrymen set up combat positions and were expected to move to aid government troops in digging out an estimated Viet Cong battalion—about 400 men—still fighting back in that area. In the early morning hours Saturday, heavy artillery barrages rumbled in that western part of the city.

There were other scattered pockets of resistance in the capital, and destruction, from the street fighting and from fires, continued to mount.

Saigon still was under a strict curfew, with all but official military movement barred after 7 p.m. Some small arms fire rattled in the deserted streets,

but no major incidents had been reported early Saturday.

The U.S. command Friday reported new sightings of Communist tanks and other vehicles along the Laotian border near the Marine fortress at Khe Sanh.

The U.S. command said a Marine air observer sighted four enemy tanks Thursday morning about six miles southwest of Khe Sanh. The model was not identified. U.S. fighter-bombers swept down on the armored column and the air observer reported that their bombs appeared to have disabled two of the tanks.

About the same time, headquarters said, 20 other "vehicles" were sighted in the vicinity of the abandoned Lao Bao prison, nine miles west-southwest of Khe Sanh, on Route 9, moving west. Fighter-bombers also raked this column and a forward air controller said two trucks were left burning. The

other vehicles were not further identified.

North Vietnamese infantrymen charged a hilltop position of U.S. Marines near Khe Sanh Thursday but were driven off after losing 124 men killed.

The Marines suffered 21 killed and 27 wounded in the battle for the hill two miles northwest of Khe Sanh, the U.S. command announced Friday.

Associated Press correspondent John Wheeler reported from Khe Sanh that the assaulting Communist soldiers slashed through the barbed wire defenses and had wrested half of the scarred hilltop from the Marines before a furious counter-attack forced them to retreat. One enemy soldier was captured.

(Pacific Stars & Stripes Vietnam bureau reported U.S. Army and Marine units killed 152 Reds four miles south of Da Nang Thursday.

(Troops of the 198th Light Inf. Brigade and Marines of the 3rd Marine Regt. lost 15 killed and 63 wounded in the battle.)

World Weather

USAF Weather Central
TOKYO AREA
Saturday night: Partly cloudy; Low 27
Sunday: Mostly cloudy; High 44

TEMPERATURES

Feb. 9					
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Bangkok	91	73	Saigon	87	74
Chitose	25	2	Seoul	30	12
Manila	84	66	Taipei	54	46
Naha	57	52	Tokyo	46	32
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Albany	71	11	NYC	36	22
Albuquerque	60	33	N. Platte	48	12
Amorillo	51	23	Okla. City	50	26
Atlanta	41	27	Omaha	45	15
Birmingham	39	26	Paris	48	41
Bismarck	30	09	Phila.	39	29
Boise	48	23	Phoenix	74	44
Boston	31	20	Pittsburgh	38	21
Chicago	35	28	Port. O.	58	29
Cincinnati	35	29	Pop. City	41	24
Cleveland	30	25	Reno	56	26
Denver	42	23	Richmond	44	35
Des Moines	47	23	Singapore	89	72
Detroit	31	23	St. Louis	33	25
Duluth	28	11	St. Paul	31	04
Hong Kong	51	42	Suit. Lane	44	22
Honolulu	82	72	S. Antonio	57	31
Jakarta	88	73	San Diego	64	51
K. Lumpur	90	71	San Fran.	54	50
London	43	26	Seattle	55	33
Melbourne	64	56	Shreveport	52	26
Milwaukee	35	21	Sydney	81	65
Moscow	14	01	Tucson	75	50
N. Orleans	51	32	Wash.	45	33