

Peace Offer Still Stands, LBJ Says

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Johnson said Monday night that despite the Communist offensive in Vietnam, his San Antonio formula offer for peace talks still stands and "we would meet them tomorrow."

Johnson discussed Vietnam, dissent at home and unrest in the cities in a wide-ranging 75-minute question and answer session with a group of 11 college students.

Johnson said that in seeking peace in Vietnam, "we have gone just as far as decent and honorable people can go."

But he said he stands behind his 1967 offer to halt the bombing of North Vietnam and talk promptly if the Communists indicated this would be productive.

But, addressing the Communists in effect, he added: "We don't want you to take advantage like you did during the Tet."

If Hanoi is interested, Johnson said, it wouldn't have to change a "could" to a "will" or indulge in any other semantical niceties in stating its position.

As an example, he went on, all they would have to do "is drop a line and say Geneva is the place and tomorrow is the day."

Johnson said Hanoi's answer (Continued on Back Page, Col. 2)

Vance, Park Talk In Seoul

SEOUL — Presidential envoy Cyrus R. Vance called on South Korean President Chung Hee Park at his Blue House mansion Monday to discuss Korean security, the Jan. 21 North Korean commando raid on Seoul and the Pueblo incident.

At the three-hour meeting, Park and Vance exchanged views on "the basic positions of the two governments concerning Korean security" which came into question following the two recent provocations by North Korea, presidential spokesman Bum Shik Shin said.

Shin did not elaborate. Vance delivered a letter from President Johnson to the Korean chief executive, Shin said.

Vance was accompanied by Ambassador William Porter and Gen. Charles Bonesteel III, commander of the United Nations Command.

Korean government leaders attending the meeting included Prime Minister H Kwon Chung, Foreign Minister Kyu Ilah Choi, Defense Minister Sung Eun Kim and Central Intelligence (Continued on Back Page, Col. 3)

Surprise Boomerangs

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Two masked thugs who tried to hold up 20-year-old Chuck McKenzie did too thorough a job of surprising him.

When McKenzie arrived at the bank to make a night deposit of \$1,700, two men told him to hand over the money. The startled McKenzie threw up his hands. The money sack which he had been holding kept going up—it landed on the bank roof. The robbers fled without the money.

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Marines Block Off Reds With Hue River Assault



SAIGON (UPI) — American Marines Monday staged an amphibious assault across the Perfume River in Hue to cut off supply and escape routes for Communist troops still clinging to the old walled city.

The battle-weary Marines used assault boats to cross the northern half of the old imperial capital. Communist sappers blew up the two main bridges linking the city early in the fighting.

Although the 500 Marines were unopposed in their crossing, a fleet of patrol boats, landing craft and a mine sweeper downstream fought a 25-minute battle with Communists entrenched on the southeastern shore.

The Marines planned to team up with troops of the South Vietnamese 1st Div who have been fighting the Communists (Continued on Back Page, Col. 3)

Bum Chooses To Stay One

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "I'd rather stay at the bottom of the barrel. I'm not ready yet to go over to the other side."

With these words, bearded, tattered Clint Wescott, 51, who says he's been on the bum for 15 years, refused \$19,219.

"Hand me a dollar," he said. "I'll take it—buy a little drink, a little smoke. But I don't want the nineteen thousand."

"I just don't want the money."

The money belongs to Wescott, who sleeps in weeds in a vacant downtown lot and lives with his friends "One-eyed Jack," "Big Swede," and "The Missing Man."

His current assets are 44 cents, he says.

The money is from the foreclosure sale in 1961 of a gas station in Burnt Hills, N.Y., near Schenectady, that Wescott abandoned in 1933 when he headed (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)

LBJ Pays Nation's Tribute to Lincoln

President Johnson bows before the statue of Abraham Lincoln after placing a wreath in the Lincoln Memorial in Washington in observance of Lincoln's birthday. The President likened

Civil War difficulties to those of today. "Lincoln stuck it out, sad but steady," he said. "So will we. In Lincoln's spirit we will achieve a just and a lasting peace." (AP Radiophoto)

A Quiet Man's Own War With VC

By SPEC. 5 RAY BELFORD
S&S Staff Correspondent

SAIGON — Danh Riem is typical of thousands of Vietnamese in Saigon.

He is a quiet, unassuming man. A working man dedicated to scratching out a meager living for his wife and children.

Now he is homeless. He has lost all his possessions and one of his five children.

He is a marked man.

He works for Americans.

On Feb. 2, three days after the Communist Tet offensive began in Saigon, Danh was in his home.

As he looked out that morning he saw a group of Viet Cong approaching, led by an informer wearing the black hood of an executioner.

The band passed by Danh's house and turned in at the home of a Vietnamese police official. They went inside the house and dragged the frightened policeman and another Vietnamese government official into the street and killed them. Danh watched.

The man in the hood turned, looked toward Danh's house and started forward.

Danh knew he was next. He knew that someone whom he had lived around and associated with—maybe even a trusted friend—was a Communist and knew that he worked for Americans.

Danh gathered up his wife and children and fled to the home of his second wife to hide.

Danh and his family had escaped the executioner, but his sorrows were just beginning.

That night, a flare, either dropped or fired by Allied soldiers in the area, fell into his second house. The building was engulfed in flames and one of Danh's daughters perished in the blaze.

After the fire died down, only a small section of the house still stood. Danh gathered his family into what remained of the shelter and continued to hide. They remained there, huddled together, frightened until the Viet Cong were driven out.

It was then Danh learned that his other home had been destroyed by Allied air strikes.

Even though most of Danh's losses were at the hands of Vietnamese and American forces fighting the Viet Cong, he does not blame them for what has happened to him.

The flare that dropped on his house was an accident, Danh said. The air strikes on his other home and neighborhood were necessary, he said.

"The VC use my house, my friend's house to fight Vietnamese soldiers," he said.

Though Danh has lost almost everything he owned, he is still hopeful of the future.

He trusts the Thieu-Ky regime and believes that they will help him and thousands more like him build new homes.

"I believe what Thieu says. I have to wait and see if they help me," he said.

Danh was back on his job Monday. He is still working for Americans, but he is still afraid of the VC.

He is also reluctant to go back to his old neighborhood. Afraid that one of the people he might meet will be the man in the mask.

More Troops - Thieu

MY THO, Vietnam (AP) — President Nguyen Van Thieu said Monday more U.S. troops are needed to hasten victory in the Vietnam war.

"We can hold them (the Communists)," Thieu said, "but to end the war faster is another matter."

There are now more than 500,000 U.S. soldiers in South Vietnam.

Thieu said the recent series of Communist attacks on South Vietnam's major population centers shows that one Viet Cong battalion in a city "demands at least five times as many troops on our side to destroy them."

"They can do that because they have no responsibilities, they don't have to protect roads, bridges and outposts and they don't have to worry about hurting people," Thieu said of the Communists.

Thieu made his comments during a helicopter tour of four Mekong Delta cities hit by the Communist attacks.

Thieu said the Communists might launch a second wave of attacks against South Vietnamese cities.

Casualties

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

KILLED IN ACTION

- Army**
 Col. Andrew J. Daniel, Demopolis, Ala.
 SP4 Glen O. Ervin, Placerville, Calif.
 Pfc. Lester G. Yarbrough, Kingsland, Fla.
 2Lt. Sam H. Galloway, Vidalia, Ga.
 SP4 John S. Ambrosini, Lockport, Ill.
 Col. Carl Dingus, Marion, Ind.
 SFC James L. Wages, Hopkinsville, Ky.
 Pfc. John L. Nielson, Takoma Park, Md.
 Sgt. Michael A. Grieve, Hazel Park, Mich.
 Sgt. John B. Thomas, Detroit, Mich.
 SP4 Donald M. Redics, Detroit, Mich.
 LTC Bernard D. Thompson Jr., Minneapolis, Minn.
 SP4 David L. Parker, Aiden, Minn.
 SP1 Thomas A. Badger, Arnold, Mo.
 SP5 Joseph V. Marrone, New York City.
 Col. Ghaleb A. Abdullatif, New York City.
 SP4 John F. Kuiper, New York City.
 Pfc. Robert M. Finnegan, New Hyde Park, N.Y.
 Pfc. William K. Marcin, Herkimer, N.Y.
 Cpl. James E. Walsh, West Chester, Ohio.
 SP4 Lucian P. Wells, Oregonia, Ohio.
 SP4 Curtis T. Gay, McKeesport, Pa.
 SP4 John P. Braga Jr., Newport, R.I.
 MSGt. Phillip R. Chasson, Clarksville, Tenn.
 Sgt. Jimmie Patten, El Paso, Tex.
 Sgt. Robert B. Stafford, Copperas Cove, Tex.
 Pfc. Ivan D. Homsley, Irving, Tex.
 1Lt. Stephen B. Murden, Mount Vernon, Wash.
 SP4 Robert E. Lochridge, Tacoma, Wash.
 SP4 Rex A. Bowyer, Belington, W.Va.
 Sgt. Charles W. Behrens, Two Rivers, Wis.
 Pfc. Juan B. Morales-Mercado, Bayamon, P.R.

Navy

- AZ1 Richard L. Wendel, Flint, Mich.
Marine Corps
 Cpl. John W. Winter, Brewton, Ala.
 Pfc. David W. Crory, Texarkana, Ark.
 Pfc. Johnny Medina, Edgewater, Colo.
 LCol. Raymond J. Michalewski, Chicago, Ill.
 Pvt. Rudolph V. Gistaro, Chicago, Ill.
 2Lt. Henry H. Persons, Fort Wayne, Ind.
 Pfc. Steven L. Smith, Fort Wayne, Ind.
 LCol. John D. Evans, Lynn, Mass.
 Maj. Walter M. Murphy, Staten Island, N.Y.
 2Lt. Nicholas A. Lia, Staten Island, N.Y.
 Cpl. Kenneth Borowicz, Buffalo, N.Y.
 LCol. Roger E. Kelly, Kenmore, N.Y.
 GYSgt. Wayne L. Sapp, Maysville, N.C.
 Pfc. James R. Goltz, Eugene, Ore.
 LCol. Robert L. Shafer, Elizabethton, Tenn.
 Pfc. Carl W. Dorries, Dallas, Tex.
 Cpl. Robert E. Hall, Lynchburg, Va.

MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE

- 1Lt. William L. Busby, Valley Station, Ky.
MISSING IN ACTION
Army
 WO John H. Cannon
Air Force
 Capt. Carl W. Lasiter
 1Lt. Robert J. Edgar
 1Lt. William T. Potter
DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION
Army
 SP4 Kenneth E. Kuspiel, Clark, N.J.
Marine Corps
 Sgt. John D. K. Maclean, Somerville, Mass.
Air Force
 Sgt. Timothy R. Hammond, Marysville, Calif.



Cagey Way to Play Ball at Khe Sanh

Protected by earth walls and bunkers, U.S. Marines keep fit with a game on a makeshift basketball court at Khe Sanh. The wall keeps the Marines out of sight of North Vietnamese machine-gunners and snipers. (AP Radiophoto)

Weather Cuts Air Strikes

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON — Overcast skies again limited strikes against North Vietnam Sunday and prevented accurate assessment of damage in the 75 missions flown.

Keo airfield, 38 miles northeast of Hanoi, was hit for the second straight day, by F4 Phantoms from the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing.

Other Air Force crews bombed the Yen Bai airfield and storage area 7 miles northwest of the capital.

Navy and Marine pilots hit lines of communications and truck convoys in the southern panhandle and enemy positions north of the DMZ near Con Thien and Gio Linh.

Thai Terrorists Kill 6, Wound 20

BANGKOK (AP) — Thai Communist terrorists killed six government troops and wounded 20 others in well-staged ambushes during the past week, Thai Prime Minister Thanom Kittikachorn said Monday.

Thanom, giving his weekly summary of Communist activity in Thailand, said most of the men were killed in the northern province of Nan.

Three battalions of government troops have been battling a well-armed terrorist unit in the jungle-covered mountains of Nan for more than two months.

The Thai government has brought up artillery and tanks and used Air Force jets for

strikes against the elusive Communist force.

The most serious ambush took place last Monday when a patrol of the mountain cavalry was hit with withering fire from automatic weapons.

Four government troops were killed and five wounded. Five cavalry horses, among the last such units in the world, were also killed.

A second government patrol sent in two hours later after the Communist force fell into a second ambush. One soldier was killed and 14 wounded in the ambush.

Casualties inflicted on the terrorists were not known. No terrorist bodies were found.

2 Koreans Executed

SAIGON (AP) — The bodies of two Koreans executed by the Viet Cong in Saigon last Wednesday were recovered Sunday by Vietnamese police.

The police removed the bodies of Park Noyul, 31, an information officer at the Korean embassy, and Kim Kyung Koo, 44, business representative of the English Language Korean Times, from a mass grave in the Le Van Duyet cemetery.

The bodies were claimed by officials of the Korean embassy.

The two Koreans reportedly were riding in a jeep near Saigon's racetrack with a Vietnamese civilian when they were stopped by several Viet Cong and taken away.

MPs Lead Assault On Saigon Terrorists



S&S
PFC. PAUL V. HEALEY

By S.SGT. GERARD FORKEN
S&S Staff Correspondent

SAIGON — "American Embassy under fire!" "BOQ 3 under fire!" "MP patrol under fire at Phu Thu Race Track!" Time: 3 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 31.

Place: The 716th MP Bn. Headquarters — nerve center of U.S. Military Police activity in Saigon — as it was besieged by a score of distress calls from many far-flung areas in the city.

As the calls mounted, MPs headed every which way to where the action was.

Pfc. Paul V. Healey of Holbrook, Mass., dropped 10 Reds in six hours of battling outside the American, Korean and Philippine Embassies.

The strapping 20-year-old was one of the first to reach the American Embassy, after winning a grenade-tossing contest with a desperate VC outside the Philippine Embassy.

Healey blasted the chain off the gate, and, shoulder-to-shoulder with Sgt. John H. Shook of Newton, N.C., entered the Embassy grounds.

Scurrying across the lawn —

M16 in one hand, captured AK47 in the other — the New Englander engaged the assassins, gunning down nine before the last of the 19-man suicide squad was killed.

Later, Healey admitted that the 2½ hours he spent inside the Embassy grounds "seemed like a lifetime." His only complaint was with his flak jacket. "It must have weighed a thousand pounds," he said. "Sure tore my back up!"

Healey, who earned the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star during 10 months as an MP with the 101st Airborne Div., before extending for duty with the 716th, stated in all seriousness: "I never want to hear the term, Saigon warrior, used again!"

Meanwhile, Sgt. Robert L. Morrison of Tidouste, Penn., was leading a dozen stalwarts to check out a "lost patrol" last heard from in the Phu Thu Race Track area.

"When we reached the intersection," recalled the quiet-spoken NCO, "we spotted three deserted vehicles. One was burning, while two bodies lay along side a jeep.

"Four or five figures were standing by a fourth vehicle. We called to them to identify themselves, but they took off running. We dropped three of them."

The 25-year-old sergeant then told of hearing an agonized voice calling for help. The wounded man was in one of the jeeps and later identified as a Filipino.

"Every time we attempted to get to him," said Morrison, "the VC raked us with machine gun fire. And as we dived for cover, they jeered us . . . inviting us to come and get our buddy. They spoke pretty good English."

When the Americans finally made it to the jeep after eight hours, the Filipino was dead.

As dawn approached, the enemy fire increased. MP reinforcements were hit with rockets, claymore and automatic fire, killing one and wounding two.

Sgt. Morrison and his men occupied a six-story hotel close to the intersection, where they could best keep the enemy at bay.

"Then a chopper landed right on top of the building," said Morrison, "and two officers from the 199th Light Inf. Brigade stepped out and told us one of their mechanized units was on the way. We were all happy to see those APCs roll by minutes later."

What great attraction did the Race Track area hold for the Communists? Morrison, a veteran of 26 months with the 716th in Saigon, feels that the Reds were after the two ARVN compounds in the immediate area. "Getting there when we did, probably wrecked their plans," he said.

And while countless firefights erupted throughout the metropolis, 16 MPs sped to their death off Vo Tanh St.

"A patrol called in to say BOQ 3 was under attack," said Spec. 4 Odell N. Conyers of Philadelphia.

The 21-year-old Philadelphian related how 25 of his buddies boarded a 2½-ton truck en route to BOQ 3.

Taking every precaution, the MPs elected to approach the troubled spot from a sidestreet. Within 75 yards of the BOQ, the truck was hit by rockets and claymores which had been set up in a nearby graveyard and along the street.

Sixteen American Military Policemen died on the spot, the rest were wounded, as were several others who went to their rescue.

For 18 hours, the Reds held fast. For 18 hours, MPs tried in vain to reach their dead and badly wounded buddies.

"When I arrived on the scene," said Conyers, "I was shocked by the sight of the truck, and wondered how anyone could have survived such a terrible thing."

BOQ 3 was little the worse for the 18-hour battle which raged outside . . . nor was the ARVN compound directly across the street.

The Communists kept up their city-wide terror attacks. But wherever the distress signals came from, the American military policemen answered with lightning speed and effectiveness, helping to crush a die-hard enemy.

Elite Viet Troops Destroy 878 Reds

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON — South Vietnamese airborne troops killed at least 878 Reds in five major cities throughout the republic on Jan. 31.

The elite government soldiers sustained light casualties, capturing 29 of the enemy along with 91 crew-served and 398 individual weapons.

The initial action was triggered when a special Viet Cong commando platoon forcibly entered Saigon's radio station at 3:30 a.m. Two companies of the 1st Bn. were rushed to the scene where they killed the 14 man enemy unit.

At 5 a.m., two companies of the 8th Bn. battled a large enemy force outside the western perimeter of Tan Son Nhut Air Base, saving the Vietnamese Joint General Staff Headquarters at the base from being overrun.

Meanwhile, the two other companies of the 8th Bn. were joined by members of the 6th Bn. as they counterattacked enemy forces rocketing the base from the southwest.

As this fierce action continued throughout the day, the airborne headquarter's mortar platoon and U.S. Army gunships supported the Maroon Berets and eventually crushed the Reds on both fronts, killing 259 and capturing nine. Forty-six crew-served and 216 individual weapons were seized in the day-long battle.

The newly-formed 11th Bn. near Vung Tau came under

Communist attack in the early morning hours. The Reds were driven off by government paratroopers. Eighty Viet Cong bodies were left behind along with four crew-served and 34 individual weapons.

At 11 a.m., in the northern provincial capital of Hue, elements of the 2nd and 7th Bn. killed 275 and captured 5 of the enemy.

The 5th Bn. battled an enemy battalion at Da Nang, killing 50 and capturing two.

When North Vietnamese soldiers attacked Quang Tri, the 9th Bn. repulsed the superior-sized enemy force, killing 200 and capturing 12.

The fighting in the five cities claimed 114 airborne troopers' lives. In the 24 hour period the South Vietnamese paratroopers had killed almost one-fourth of the total enemy soldiers they killed in all of 1967. Two battalions of the division commanded by Maj. Gen. Du Quoz Dong, the 7th and 8th, have received the U.S. Presidential Unit Citation for past actions of valor.

Cameraman Wounded

SAIGON (AP) — Dana Stone, an American photographer for United Press International, was slightly wounded while covering street fighting in the northern city of Hue, he was treated at the scene by a Marine medic and continued photographing the action.



Rockets, Chinese Style

WO Charles D. Evans (left), of Michigan City, Ind., and 1st Lt. James D. Seymour, of Starke, Fla., intelligence agents with the 4th Inf. Div.'s 4th Military Intelligence Det., look over a Chinese 122mm rocket launcher found by the division during an operation northwest of Pleiku. (USA)

Shells Fail To Hit Crowded Hole

Reds Drive GI Into 'Lucky' Bunker

DAK TO, Vietnam (IO)—First Lt. Roger Fleming, of Westlake, Fla., considers himself awfully lucky.

A platoon leader with Co. C, 1st Bn., 8th Inf., he was recently waiting impatiently at the battalion's old firebase named "Dog Bone" for a ride to the new battalion location which was almost completed.

"I was standing by the helipad, hoping that I'd be able to get out on the next chopper," Fleming said, "when the rounds started in."

North Vietnamese soldiers striking with 75mm recoilless rifle fire, hit the almost-vacant firebase. "I think they were trying to destroy the artillery fire direction center," Fleming recalled.

"I grabbed my steel pot and

started hunting real quick for a bunker to crawl into," the platoon leader continued, "and found one. Although there were eight men in it, I squeezed in anyway."

Fleming's bunker was flanked by two other sand-bagged fortifications. "I guess we were just lucky as hell," Fleming said, "because the bunkers on each side of us took direct hits and a tree stump four feet away

was hit and completely destroyed."

Within seconds, a battery of 155mm howitzers was in action, pouring rounds into the suspected enemy location.

"After 16 rounds, the NVA broke off the attack," added Fleming, "and I got a chopper out as fast as I could. There were no casualties but a lot of lucky guys there."

Seabee Benefit Aids Orphanages

DA NANG, Vietnam (PAO)—Seabees from U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Bn. 128 donated over \$250 at a benefit show presented by the "Soul Survivors" in the Enlisted Men's "Tiki Hut" Club at Camp Faulkner, Da Nang East.

The money was given to the China Beach Protestant and the Sacred Heart Catholic Orphanages to be used for clothing, books, medicine, building materials and other necessities.

Utilitiesman 2C. Tom E. Utterback made arrangements with the group to play at no charge for the benefit. The "Soul Survivors" featured music ranging from classical to the more popular "soul" music.

Watson Commands

DA NANG, Vietnam (OI) — Col. Paul C. Watson, 49, Columbus, Ga., recently assumed command of the 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, Da Nang AB, replacing Col. Clifford H. Meier, 47, Sarasota, Fla., who will assume the duties of wing vice commander until his departure for Shaw AFB, S.C.

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Father Groppi Put on Probation, Fined in Protest

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (AP) — The Rev. James E. Groppi, the white Roman Catholic priest who has guided Milwaukee's open housing demonstrations since they began last August, was fined \$500 and put on two years' probation Monday on a charge of resisting arrest.

County Judge F. Ryan Duffy Jr. first sentenced Father Groppi to six months in the House of Correction, then stayed the sentence and imposed probation.

He told the priest that should he be arrested again during the period of probation, the jail term would be reinstated.

Father Groppi was convicted by a jury last Friday of resisting arrest during an attempted march last August. The demonstration, held during a brief period when Milwaukee Mayor Henry Maier attempted to ban such activities by proclamation, ended in a melee with police. More than 100 persons were arrested, including the priest.

In an impromptu news conference after the sentencing, Father Groppi said he was not surprised.

"The system is racist," he said. "The judge belongs to the Eagles Club. He has a racist calendar in his chambers."

Judge Duffy is a member of the Eagles Club, which restricts membership to Caucasians. He has an Eagles Club calendar in his chambers.

The priest noted that a prosecutor had quoted from Abraham Lincoln in demanding a jail sentence, and was reminded that Monday was Lincoln's birthday.



FATHER GROPPY

Abel Quits ADA Over McCarthy Peace

PITTSBURGH (AP) — I. W. Abel, president of the United Steelworkers Union, resigned Monday from the board of the Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) over the group's endorsement of peace candidate Sen. Eugene McCarthy for president.

"The board's reputation of President Johnson on the basis of a single issue in a time of national concern and commitment, while ignoring the President's overall record of accomplishment in areas of traditional concern to ADA, is unwarranted, unrealistic, shortsighted and ignores the realities of the present political situation," said Abel's resignation.

The ADA endorsed the Minnesota Democrat by a 65-47 vote of its national board Saturday in Washington.

It was the first time in 20 years that the ADA has failed to endorse an incumbent Democratic president.

The action was reportedly against stiff opposition from organized labor.

Peace

(Continued From Page 1) to his earlier offer of the San Antonio formula was the assault on 44 South Vietnamese cities and 24 U.S. bases "on a sacred day" — the Vietnamese new year.

"Yet we would meet them tomorrow," he added, "but we're not going to surrender."

The college students who met with Johnson in the White House living quarters were members of the National Board of Choice 68, a nationwide collegiate presidential preference primary to be held on more than 100 campuses April 24.

Sinatra Suffers Virus Pneumonia

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Singer Frank Sinatra was confined to his room Monday at the Fontainebleau Hotel, in Miami Beach, Fla., after doctors diagnosed that he was suffering from virus pneumonia, a spokesman here reported.

Sinatra's Miami physician, Dr. Ralph Robbins, said the singer's condition was "fair."

Bum Wants to Stay One, Refuses \$19,219

(Continued From Page 1) west. The \$15,124 sale price plus interest are in two bank accounts.

A law firm, appointed by the New York Supreme Court to handle the case, has searched for Wescott since 1961.

Two weeks ago, Wescott told newsmen of his friends and

their home in an undeveloped area a few blocks from the county courthouse.

In Burnt Hills, attorney John P. Brown read the story. Brown phoned the Los Angeles Times and told of the money owed Wescott.

Said Brown: "Finding Clinton is a great relief. The sooner I hand over the money to him, the better I will like it." He said Wescott had been a popular resident of the town and had built



U.S. presidential envoy Cyrus Vance (right), Hee Park as he arrives for consultations at the presidential mansion in Seoul. (AP Radiophoto)

Vance, Park Confer in Seoul

(Continued From Page 1) Agency Director Hyung Wook Kim.

Earlier Monday morning, Vance and his party called on Foreign Minister Choi and Prime Minister Chung at their offices.

Meanwhile, in the 2nd U.S. Inf. Div. sector of the DMZ, at least four North Korean Com-

munist agents were spotted around 1 a.m., Monday, north of the security fence and repelled in a brief exchange of gunfire, the UNC announced.

No casualties were reported on either side.

In Washington, according to Associated Press, the State Department indicated there would

be an early conclusion to the U.S.-South Korea consultations.

At the same time, U.S. officials were cool to South Korean suggestions that the United Nations Command ease its control over South Korean military units.

The UNC is prepared and will deal with North Korean incursions into South Korea, officials stressed.

The State Department spokesman had no word on efforts to gain release of the 82 survivors of the Pueblo crew. There has been no agreement as yet for a date or time for a Military Armistice Commission meeting.

The captain of the Pueblo was reported Tuesday to have said that his family "should not worry too much."

Cmdr. Lloyd M. Bucher made the statement in a purported second "confession" distributed by Pyongyang's Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) and monitored in Tokyo.

Reds Blocked Off in Hue

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In Hue for nearly two weeks. About 500 Viet Cong and North Vietnamese troops are still held up in the city.

Most of the heavy action in Vietnam Monday took place in the northern First Corps area.

Communist troops fired a heavy barrage of rockets and mortars against the Marine bastion of Khe Sanh, near the Demilitarized Zone and the Laos border.

About five miles west-southwest of encircled Khe Sanh, carrier based Navy jets destroyed another Communist tank—the 10th since the Communist armor made its first appearance in the Vietnam War last week.

The tanks were used to overrun the Special Forces camp at Lang Vei, four miles south of Khe Sanh. Loss of Lang Vei now permits Communist troops

to bring supplies and reinforcements by truck to within a short distance of Khe Sanh.

More than 2,000 Communist troops have been killed in the Hue fighting in two weeks, U.S. and Vietnamese sources said. But they retained enough strength to launch heavy mortar and rocket fire against both the 1st Div. Headquarters compound and the U.S. 1st Air Cav. Div.

In Saigon, the Communist Lunar New Year offensive seemed to have run out of steam with only scattered engagements reported on the outskirts.

Paraguay Election

ASUNCION, Paraguay (UPI) — President Alfredo Stroessner has won re-election to a fourth straight term in the first contested presidential election in Paraguay in nearly 30 years.

World Weather

USAF Weather Control			
TOKYO AREA			
Tuesday: Fair; Low near 50		High 58	
Wednesday: Fair; High 48		Low 38	
TEMPERATURES			
Feb. 12			
	H	L	M L
Bangkok	90	83	Naha 66 50
Chitose	25	3	Seigon 90 75
Guam	81	74	Seoul 28 19
Honolulu	43	27	Taipei 60 48
Manila	87	85	Tokyo 46 40
By United Press International			
Albany	17	04	Louisville 74 09
Albuquerque	57	29	Memphis 74 60
Amarillo	55	21	Mobile 32 21
Atlanta	28	25	Miami 70 54
Birmingham	37	26	Milwaukee 17 01
Bismarck	16	10	Moscow 18 09
Boise	49	23	NYC 20 08
Boston	19	09	N. Platte 47 20
Chicago	22	07	Okla. City 37 19
Cincinnati	22	07	Omaha 24 01
Cleveland	16	06	Paris 43 36
Denver	55	20	Phila. 23 10
Des Moines	21	01	Phoenix 68 53
Detroit	19	05	Pittsburgh 14 02
Duluth	08	-12	Port. U. 51 26
Fairbanks	19	03	Rapid City 45 16
Fargo	13	-01	Rego 50 38
Fort Worth	46	30	Richmond 32 08
Hong Kong	59	48	Singapore 86 74
Honolulu	77	73	St. Louis 25 08
Houston	60	52	St. Paul 11 09
Indianapolis	20	05	Salt Lake 68 52
Jackville	66	46	S. Antonio 59 51
Jackson	87	72	San Diego 43 31
Juneau	31	25	San Fran. 41 48
Kansas City	30	09	S. S. Marie 05 03
K. Lumpur	93	78	Seattle 54 30
Las Vegas	58	38	Shreveport 50 32
Little Rock	37	21	Sydney 80 70
London	41	37	Tucson 67 49
L.A.	61	50	Wash. 28 12