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84 Die as Plane Explodes, Crashes in Texas Storm

DAWSON, Tex. (AP) — A Braniff International Electra exploded while flying in a rain-storm Friday, scattering bodies and wreckage over a half-mile square area.

Braniff said there were 84 persons aboard—79 passengers and five crew members. No survivors were found at the scene.

The plane fell about one mile east of this small central Texas farm community. Dawson is about 25 miles southeast of Corsicana and about 90 miles south of Dallas.

The flight was Braniff 352 en route from Houston to Dallas. It was due in Dallas at 4:58 p.m., and was to have gone on to Tulsa, Fort Smith, Little Rock and Memphis.

Jerry Strader, publisher of the Corsicana Sun, was one of the first at the scene.

"I saw no survivors, no bodies intact," he said. "At least 50 per cent of the bodies appeared to be burned."

"The pieces of the plane were just fragmentary. The largest piece I saw was just a portion of the landing gear."

Strader said he found what appeared to be an engineer's flight plan and turned it over to a Texas Department of Public Safety officer.

"You couldn't tell whether it was a plane crash or a train wreck—pieces of wreckage were so small," Strader said.

Rain fell heavily as ambulance drivers and other rescue workers picked up pieces of bodies and wrapped them in sheets.

Witnesses said the plane ex-

ploded in the air and plummeted through the storm like a ball of fire.

Dean Montgomery saw the plane blow up as he drove with his wife and two children about two miles east of Dawson.

He said the plane exploded

once and then a second time.

An Electra is a four-engine turbo prop plane, meaning that it uses a combination of jet engines and propellers.

Braniff lost one Electra previously, in 1959, when an airliner

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UPI Radiophoto

PRESIDENT JOHNSON ANNOUNCES PEACE TALKS WILL BE HELD IN PARIS.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The United States and North Vietnam agreed Friday to meet in Paris late next week to start discussing conditions for possible Vietnam peace talks.

President Johnson announced at a nationally televised and broadcast news conference: "I have sent a message informing Hanoi that the day of May 10 and the site of Paris are acceptable to the United States."

The President's statement came shortly over an hour after a Hanoi Radio broadcast proposed Paris as "an appropriate venue for the formal bilateral talks." The North Vietnamese broadcast said talks should begin "on May 10 or a few days later."

In Paris, the South Vietnamese consulate said representatives of their government "will sit in on" the talks.

Johnson told newsmen he was informed of Hanoi's willingness to meet in Paris "about one o'clock this morning."

"As all of you know, we have sought a place for these conversations in which all of the parties would receive fair and impartial treatment," Johnson said. "France is a country where all countries should expect such treatment."

The President expressed "hope that this agreement on initial contact will prove a step forward and can represent a mutual and a serious movement by all parties toward peace in Southeast Asia."

"I must, however, sound a cautionary note," Johnson said. "This is only the very first step, and there are many, many

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hazards and difficulties ahead.

"I assume that each side would present its viewpoint in these contacts."

"I have never felt that it was useful for public officials to confuse delicate negotiations by detailing personal views or suggestions, or elaborating on positions in advance."

The President promised that the United States will "continue in close consultation at all stages with our allies." He noted that all of them have representation in the French capital.

Paris is also an adequate location from the North Vietnamese point of view. Hanoi maintains a mission there, headed by a senior diplomat, Mai Van Bo, and Communist China is also represented in Paris.

In Paris, the South Vietnamese consulate said Consul

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Ike Doing Well

MARCH AFB, Calif. (AP)—Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, hospitalized Monday after a mild heart attack, is feeling well enough to do some reading. A condition report Friday said he is in excellent spirits.

Celtics Win

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (UPI)—The Boston Celtics recaptured the National Basketball Association championship Thursday night with a 124-109 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers. Details on Page 17.

By The Associated Press

Three middle-aged men, two in the United States and one in London, fought to survive Friday night after heart transplants—the second, third and fourth in a week. All three were reported doing well.

Transplants were performed Friday in Houston, Tex., and

London, following by less than 24 hours a transplant operation in Stanford, Calif. A heart transplant was performed in Paris Saturday, but the patient died Tuesday.

In Houston, doctors said that Everett Claire Thomas, 47, an accountant from Phoenix, Ariz., was "doing fine" after receiving

the heart of Mrs. Charles L. Martin III, 15, who died of a gunshot wound to the brain. Surgeons said Thomas was awake three hours after the operation and that he had shown no sign of rejecting the new heart.

Doctors in London did not identify the recipient of the heart in Britain's first trans-

plant operation except to say the patient was a man of 45. Newspapers identified the donor as Patrick Ryan, 26, a building worker who was killed in an accident. The doctors said the patient's condition was "entirely satisfactory."

The third patient, Joseph Ri-

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New Heart Transplants in Texas, U.K.

Huge Red Force Tangles With Marines at DMZ

SAIGON (UPI)—U.S. Marines battling for control of a strategic river were beaten back by a huge North Vietnamese force in fighting so close Leathernecks used Communist weapons when their ammunition ran out, it was learned Friday.

The battle centered around the village of Dai Do, about 1½ miles northeast of the big Marine supply base at Dong Ha, the key outpost in the allied line of defense just south of the Demilitarized Zone.

At stake in the fighting was the free flow of supply traffic from the coast to Don Ha on the Cua Viet River.

U.S. Pilot Reports MIG Kill

S&S Vietnam Bureau
SAIGON — A U.S. Navy F4 Phantom pilot reported shooting down a Communist MIG21 over the Gulf of Tonkin Thursday near the 20th Parallel.

If the report is confirmed, it would be the first time one of the North Vietnamese fighters has been downed in the Gulf, patrolled by U.S. Navy aircraft carriers on Yankee Station.

The U.S. command in Saigon said the downing was still unconfirmed and was being reported based on the pilot's report.

A command spokesman said he did not have details on the incident.

If the MIG kill is confirmed, it would be the 111th Communist fighter downed over North Vietnam by U.S. warplanes.

Poor weather over North Vietnam Thursday limited U.S. pilots to 92 missions north of the DMZ as they continued to concentrate on Communist supply lines below the 20th Parallel limit placed by President Johnson on April 1.

Tet Homeless Total 821,246

SAIGON (UPI) — Some 821,246 South Vietnamese civilians were left homeless after the Viet Cong Tet offensive, the U.S. mission reported Friday.

The mission said 301,208 persons have resettled, bringing to 520,038 the current total of Tet refugees in the 44 provinces.

Some 181,192 refugees are in temporary camps, while the others are being cared for by relatives and friends, the mission said.

2 Merchant Ships Hit By VC in Saigon River

SAIGON (AP) — Viet Cong gunners firing rockets and automatic weapons have hit two merchant ships on consecutive days — Thursday and Friday — at nearly the same spot on the Saigon River southeast of the capital, the U.S. Navy disclosed Friday.

Damage was said to have been light to both vessels, and no casualties were reported in either incident.

In four days of fighting, U.S. spokesmen reported 661 North Vietnamese killed in the area, compared to 39 Americans killed and 238 wounded.

The battle was triggered Tuesday morning when a U.S. Navy LCU supply boat on the river was hit by Communist RPGs (rocket propelled grenades) fired from the northern bank. Three sailors were killed and six wounded, according to UPI photographer Nick Wheeler.

A Marine platoon was sent to investigate and met heavy resistance from a large North Vietnamese force entrenched in bunkers at Dai Do. By Wednesday, the Leathernecks had brought in a battalion under fire.

A company sent across the river on amtracks was hit with heavy automatic weapons fire and RPGs as they hit the northern bank. Seven were killed and 14 were wounded within minutes of the landing.

"We ran low on ammo and had to scratch for our lives. I guess I scratched harder than the rest of them," said a machine gunner, Pfc. William Huey of New Orleans.

Huey said that a group of Marines caught on the northern side of the river ran out of ammunition and was forced to pick up AK47s from dead Communists to fight their way to safety.

Each time the Marines would fight their way into the village, the North Vietnamese would pound them with artillery and counterattack under the protective blanket of the shelling, driving the Americans back to the river bank.

There was hand-to-hand fighting at several points, Wheeler said.

By Thursday night, the Marines had pulled back to a small portion on the southern edge of Dai Do because there were not enough Marines left to hold the entire village.

The Marines were reinforced Friday and the battle was reportedly continuing.

The Navy said Friday's attack was made on the 338-foot Navy merchant ship *Fentress* 15 miles southeast of Saigon.

In the attack Thursday 12.5 miles southeast of Saigon, the *Del Sol*, a merchant ship under contract to the U.S. Navy, was hit by rocket and automatic weapons fire.

The Navy said both vessels continued up the river to Saigon. No further details concerning the two ships were available here.



Red Terror Blast Kills 3 in Saigon

Rescue workers search through rubble, looking for survivors after a terrorist explosion ripped the headquarters of the World University Ser-

vice, located next to the Vietnamese and American radio and television station in Saigon. Three Vietnamese were killed. (AP Radiophoto)

U.S. Lists 2,096 Planes, 1,608 Copters Lost in Viet

SAIGON (AP) — U.S. military headquarters reported Friday that 2,096 planes and 1,608 helicopters have been lost in the war in North and South Vietnam.

In one of its periodic reports on aircraft losses, the U.S. Command said 831 planes and nine helicopters went down over North Vietnam since bombing of the North started in February, 1965. The helicopters all were lost on rescue missions to pick up downed pilots.

The Command said 251 planes

have been lost in combat in South Vietnam and 659 helicopters shot down in the South, including those downed in the recent U.S. drive in the A Shau Valley.

In another category, 1,014 planes and 940 helicopters have been lost during the war in both North and South Vietnam. This category includes losses to non-hostile action such as mechanical failures and other accidental losses or support aircraft such as cargo and transport planes and helicopters.

ROKs Find Cache Of 32,300 Rounds

SAIGON (AP) — Soldiers of South Korea's White Horse Div. Thursday found an arms cache containing 32,300 rounds of ammunition while on a sweep near the coastal town of Tuy Hoa, Korean spokesmen reported.

No fighting occurred as the troops made the discovery, but other White Horse units killed six enemy Thursday in the vicinity of Van Ninh and Nha Trang.

No Korean casualties were reported in the actions, the spokesmen said.

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
SP4 Victor A. Mohr, Montevallo, Ala.
Cpt. John H. South, Hot Springs, Ark.
SP5 Kenneth E. Kotyluk, Sacramento, Calif.
SP4 Jay D. Richter, Pasadena, Calif.
SP4 Robert E. Lea, Campbell, Calif.
SP4 Ronald J. Walber, Nevada City, Calif.
SP4 Gary A. Stading, Orange, Calif.
Col. Ronald N. Wanbaugh, Torrance, Calif.
Pfc. Ronald H. Chilcott, Pico Rivera, Calif.
Cpl. David P. Speath, Hartford, Conn.
Sgt. John A. Franklin, Pompano Beach, Fla.
Pfc. Earl P. Summersill, Apopka, Fla.
Pfc. Robert E. Terrell, Starke, Fla.
Ssg. Steve A. Hardina, Augusta, Ga.
SP4 George R. Bennett, Fitzgerald, Ga.
Sgt. Stanley A. Bullis, Savannah, Ill.
Sgt. Phillip W. Grindol, Decatur, Ill.
Pfc. William D. Moadin, Morton Grove, Ill.
Pfc. Terry W. Shoif, Charleston, Ill.
SP4 Ronald J. Colone, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Sgt. Roy A. Lamon, Liberal, Kan.
Pfc. Jackie D. Walker, Junction City, Kan.
SP4 Billy R. Foster, Monticello, Ky.
Cpl. Donald M. Guflick, Nantjeboy, Md.
SP4 Thomas E. Raubalt, Wyandotte, Mich.
SP4 Michael J. Cox, Detroit, Mich.
SP4 Patrick J. Graham, Minneapolis, Minn.
Pfc. Dennis W. Hoff, Minneapolis, Minn.
Pfc. Eric Ficklin, Morton, Miss.
Pfc. Jerry B. Truitt, Novinger, Mo.
Sgt. Russell F. Deitchler, Billings, Mont.
SP4 James R. Campbell, Trenton, Neb.
Pfc. Andrew P. Corbin, Fort Dix, N.J.
Pfc. James W. Terry, Pleasantville, N.J.
Ssg. Clark E. Barlow, Glens Falls, N.Y.
SP4 Edward J. Zewert Jr., Arverne, N.Y.
SP4 Felix Vazquez Jr., Island City, N.Y.
Pfc. Michael Cacciuto, Brentwood, N.Y.
Pfc. Michael T. Evans, Wadesboro, N.C.
Pfc. Lane K. Hargraves, Mount Olive, N.C.
Pfc. Carmello Ange, Broadview Heights, Ohio.
SP4 George B. Allison, Chelsea, Okla.
Pfc. Paul D. Boyett, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Sgt. Raymond J. Smith, Philadelphia, Pa.
SP4 Jack Billing, Philadelphia, Pa.
Cpl. William Rauber, Wheeland, Pa.
Cpl. Harry L. Sowell Jr., Kershaw, S.C.
Pfc. Claude H. Covington, Hodges, S.C.
Pfc. Paul B. Creighton, Memphis, Tenn.
Ssg. John M. Weatherford, Mesquite, Tex.
1Lt. Peter F. Donnell, Falls Church, Va.
SP4 Gary Loduga, Milwaukee, Wis.

SP4 Luis A. Ortiz-Perez, Ponce, Puerto Rico.

Navy

HM3 Bernard J. Newhouse, Saint Johns, Mich.
WO Jesse L. Samford, St. Louis, Mo.
GMG1 Arthur C. Williams Jr., Norfolk, Va.

Marine Corps

Cpl. Don E. Davis, Cabot, Ark.
LCpl. James C. Smith, Lake Village, Ark.
Sgt. Leslie P. Hagara, Claremont, Calif.
Pfc. Roger A. Boomsma, Arcadia, Calif.
Cpl. James L. Turner, Pueblo, Colo.
LCpl. Kevin P. Beauchamp, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
LCpl. Frank R. Simmons, Decatur, Ga.
Pfc. John L. Coleman, Indianapolis, Ind.
Pfc. Richard J. Rudd Jr., Keokuk, Iowa.
Pfc. Irving D. Barrows, Derluder, La.
Pfc. Gary A. Chabert, Metairie, La.
Pfc. Michael W. Orash, Baltimore, Md.
LCpl. Thomas J. Worley Jr., Detroit, Mich.
Cpl. John S. Wiseman, Saint Louis, Mo.
Pfc. Charles J. Rachen, White Plains, N.Y.
SSgt. Seth L. West Jr., Kinston, N.C.
LCpl. Jerry R. Nichols, Windham, Ohio.
Pfc. Herman A. Hesselschwarz, Defiance, Ohio.
Pfc. Ronald C. Kearsley, Sandusky, Ohio.
LCpl. Michael G. Turner, Portland, Ore.
Cpl. Lawrence J. Snyder, Rochester, Pa.
Pfc. John M. Vaughn, Erie, Pa.
Pfc. Neil H. Exum, Providence, R.I.
LCpl. Alexander Chisolm, Charleston, S.C.
Pfc. James P. Clarke, Premon, Tex.
LCpl. Ydefonso Sola-Maldonado, Caguas, Puerto Rico.

Air Force

Capt. James J. McKinstry Jr., Alameda, Calif.
TSgt. Russell R. Fyan, Muskegon, Mich.
Sgt. Daniel J. O'Connor, St. Paul, Minn.
A1C Kenneth L. Johnson, West Point, Neb.
Maj. John L. McDaniel, Graham, N.C.
Maj. Lilburn R. Stow, Tulsa, Okla.
SSgt. Beryl S. Blaylock, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

DIED OF WOUNDS

Marine Corps
LCpl. Arthur W. Romero, Springs, Colo.
LCpl. Dennis R. Sietsema, Calumet Park, Ill.
GYSgt. Daniel Perry, Wilmington, N.C.

MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE

Army
SP5 Daniel F. Sandoval, Huron, Calif.
SP4 Frank L. Freedle, Fort Ord, Calif.
Pfc. Michael G. Lipsius, Milpitas, Calif.
SP5 Janis Miculs, Grosse Point Park, Mich.
Cpl. Timothy G. Robinson, Hoyt Lakes, Minn.
WO Willis W. Smith Jr., Decatur, Miss.
Sgt. Wesley W. Sperling, Arlington, Neb.

1Lt. Dennis E. Painter, Tiffin, Ohio.
SP4 Oren B. McCarrroll, Columbus, Ohio.
Pfc. Michael D. Newland, Lima, Ohio.
Cpt. David A. Peters, Lawton, Okla.
WO Herbert R. Hayashida, Lawton, Okla.
SP4 John R. Brooks, Pittsburgh, Pa.
WO Paul L. Larson, Everett, Wash.
SP5 James A. Pemberton, Raleigh, W.Va.

Marine Corps

Capt. Lawrence Himmer, Fallbrook, Calif.
Cpl. Roy D. Hurlbert, Wheatridge, Colo.
Cpl. David G. Redenius, Plymouth, Ill.
Cpl. Robert F. Owens, Monroe City, Ind.
Cpl. Alfred L. Leblanc, Ponchatoula, La.
LCpl. William C. Medeiros, New Bedford, Mass.
LCpl. Hugh E. Schavellin, Norma, N.J.
Sgt. Robert Rice, Flushing, N.Y.
Pfc. Robert D. Cicio, Farmingdale, N.Y.
Pfc. Jerry A. Sweet, Valatie, N.Y.
LCpl. Daniel K. Christian, Vadsforth, Ohio.
Pfc. Jack L. Hinkle, Lyons, Ohio.
Pfc. Gale E. Craun, Portland, Ore.
Pfc. Danny R. Kilgore, Myrtle Point, Ore.
LCpl. Terry J. Rampulla, Easton, Pa.
Cpl. Nathaniel E. L. Jackson, Georgetown, S.C.
Pfc. Marvin G. Rush, Memphis, Tenn.
Cpl. William C. Averliffe, Dallas, Tex.
1Lt. Michael P. Hayden, Falls Church, Va.

MISSING IN ACTION

Army
1Lt. Kenneth G. Spencer
WO Ervin J. Hoyt
SP5 Buford G. Johnson
SP5 Dale L. Lambert
SP5 Bolen P. McGee
SP4 William R. Dennis
SP4 Michael P. Makcuk
Pfc. Kenneth H. Delp
Pfc. Linden D. Eiler, Jr.
Pfc. Jesus Martinez
Pfc. Jerry D. McManus
Pfc. Thomas E. Tongret

Navy

HN Charles B. Boynton Jr.
Air Force
Lt. Col. John S. Finlay, III
Lt. Col. Edwin D. Palmgren
1Lt. Wesley L. Rumble

DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

Army
SP5 Thomas J. Davis, Placerville, Calif.
SP4 William R. Jennett, Lafayette, Ind.
Sgt. Ronald Oglesby, Philadelphia, Pa.
Navy
PH3 Christopher P. Battaglia, Burbank, Calif.
Marine Corps
Pfc. Brook R. Schramm, San Carlos, Calif.
Cpl. Edward C. Root, Topeka, Kan.
LCpl. Steve Davis, Hallsville, Mo.
Cpl. James P. Cawley, Scranton, Pa.
1Lt. Robert C. Kimmel, Martinsburg, W.Va.

Aussie Chaplain Puts His Heart Into Helping

By SGT. ROGER A. NEUMANN
S&S Vietnam Bureau

PHAN RANG, Vietnam—They call him "Father Pat." His war is the "other" war in Vietnam, the fight against poverty and ignorance.

Father Pat McCormick, Royal Australian Air Force chaplain at Phan Rang AB, holds the rank of squadron leader with the No. 2 Canberra jet bomber squadron, but a sign on his door reads: "Pat McCormick, OIC, Vatican City Enterprises."

Father Pat makes a daily run into the city outside the base to tend to one of his many civic action projects. He usually manages a visit to the nearby village of Tan Tai, where two sisters of the Order of the Immaculate Heart of Mary run an orphanage.

The orphanage cares for more than 50 children, aged from two days to 16 years.

"It is tremendously hard, and the sisters are doing a magnificent job," says Father Pat.

The orphanage is the priest's favorite project. The men of his squadron have followed his lead, visiting the home when they have time and offering medical assistance when possible.

They have donated medical supplies, clothing, food, milk and toilet articles. Most of the clothing has come from wives of airmen at the Richmond base in New South Wales, Australia. The women conduct clothing drives and send the items to their husbands.

When Father Pat decided the children needed more toys, he contacted the RAAF base at Butterworth. Soon swings, a seesaw and other toys arrived. The youngsters have also received bicycles, scooters and wagons.

His greatest love is for the very young. You cannot visit the orphanage with him without seeing the nursery. There, the babies rest on cots, some sleeping, some crying and kicking. One boy has both feet missing.

"He's such a beautiful child," says Father Pat.

The priest was trained at Pope Pius XIII Seminary in Banyo, near Brisbane, and was ordained in 1954. He has been an RAAF chaplain for eight years.

Father Pat hasn't forgotten the fight against aggression.

Whenever he goes to town, he carries a pistol and takes an armed guard.

"I can get shot just as easily as anyone else on the base," he says. "It seems pretty safe in town now, but you never know."

Camp Building Project

CAMP HASKINS, DA NANG, Vietnam (PAO) — Construction near Da Nang of a large camp complex for the Force Logistics Command (FLC) Maintenance Bn. has been assigned to Mobile Construction Bn. 62.

The project is the first of any great size for the battalion since its arrival in Vietnam in late January. Up until now, MCB 62 has been occupied with relatively small projects throughout the Da Nang area.

Preliminary surveying has started at the project site, and earth-moving is to begin soon. Once under way, work on the Maintenance Bn. camp will occupy most of the men in the battalion for the rest of its Vietnam deployment.

Cmdr. William J. Richeson, commanding officer of MCB 62, says the project will become the primary task for both Charlie and Delta Cos., with assistance from Bravo Co.

Details may be detached from time to time to work on small projects in other areas, Richeson says, but then they will return to work on the new camp.

The major part of the project will be construction of 18 pre-engineered steel (Butler) buildings measuring 40 by 100 feet. These will house transportation maintenance shops for the FLC unit.

There will also be a 1,000-man mess hall, complete medical and dental facilities and buildings to house administrative offices. More than 50 huts will be built as living quarters for the battalion officers and men.

Enlisted men's clubs, a tennis court, a softball field and a swimming pool are included in the project.

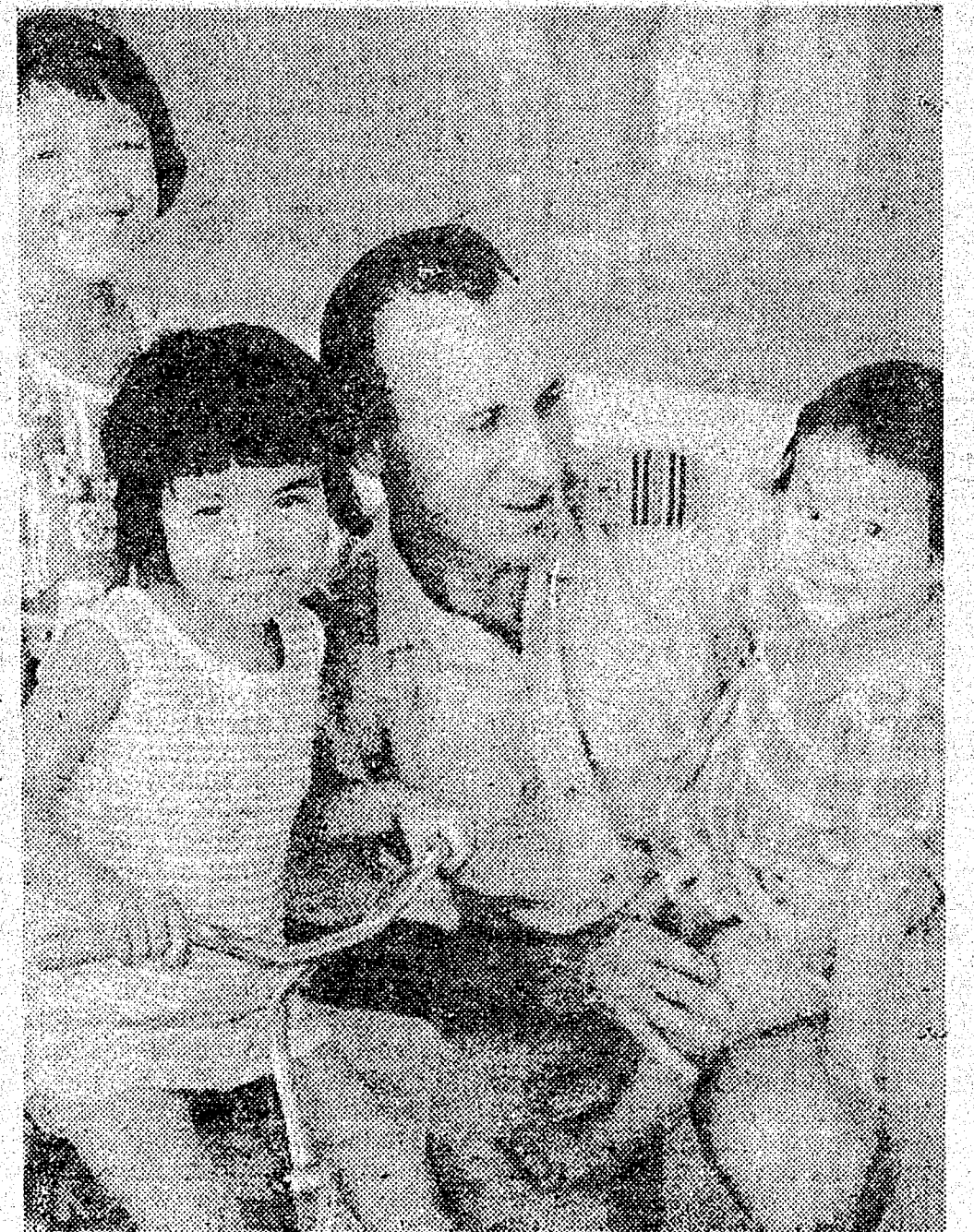
3 Viets Saved From Buffalo

CU CHI, Vietnam (IO) — A 25th Inf. Div. lieutenant on his first day in the field saved several Vietnamese children when he shot a rampaging water buffalo.

First Lt. Sylvain L. White, of Vine Grove, Ky., killed the beast during a 2nd Bn., 14th Inf., 2nd Brigade sweep during Operation Toan Thang.

"I saw three children running down the street being chased by an enraged buffalo. After everyone was out of the way, I pumped six rounds into it," White said.

The platoon medic, Pfc. John R. Stwinger, of Rochester, N.Y., treated one child for minor injuries.



FATHER PAT McCORMICK, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CHAPLAIN, VISITS FRIENDS AT AN ORPHANAGE.

Pleiku Chapel's Interior Spans the Globe

PLEIKU, Vietnam (IO)—The teakwood pews and church windows came from Taiwan. A leprosarium in Qui Nhon, Vietnam, supplied the rust-red floor tiles. The pine exterior was shipped from the northern forests of the United States. The bell was airlifted from Shreveport, La.

Thus from all over the world came the materials to build the 52nd Arty. Group's new chapel, which stands near the peak of Artillery Hill, Pleiku. It is one of more than 100 houses of wor-

ship built by American servicemen in Vietnam.

Designed to fill the need of "providing adequate worship facilities for the men of the 52nd Artillery," the small church became a project which involved all the unit's troops.

Construction began in October, 1967, from plans drawn by the 299th Eng. Bn. The concrete foundation was mixed and poured by the enlisted men and officers of the 52nd Arty.

By December the structure began to take form. Only the sheet metal roofing had yet to

be added to the A-shaped frame. First services were held on Christmas Eve, with the congregation sitting on crude wooden benches.

Furnishing the interior proved to be as challenging as erecting the building itself, since suitable materials were scarce. The two Group chaplains, Maj. Luther McCullin of Ringold, La., and Capt. Herbert Turner of Savannah, Ga., resorted to letter writing, telephoning and travel. The scope of their activities is indicated by the variety of

places from which furnishings came.

The troops who man the guns of the artillery unit were kept informed of the chaplains' progress — giving each man a share of feeling of accomplishment.

Through their church, the men of the 52nd Arty. are supporting construction of the Pleiku Leprosy Clinic and the Evangelical Medical Clinic, which treat the Vietnamese and Montagnard tribesmen in the Pleiku area.

McCullin's letters to business firms and organizations in the U.S. have resulted in a steady stream of antibiotics, drugs, bandages, vitamins and other medical supplies for the clinics.

Surgery Ends in Smiles

Viet Villager Offers a Helping Finger

CUA VIET, Vietnam (ISO) — An anonymous finger recently reached out from a Vietnamese crowd to assist a U.S. medical officer performing minor surgery on a small Vietnamese boy.

Navy Lt. Paul Grotenhuis of Sheboygan Falls, Wis., medical officer with the 1st Amphibian Tractor Bn., was offered the finger during a medical civic action program (Medcap) visit to a small resettlement island

in the Cua Viet River in Quang Tri Province.

"The Medcap had concluded, and most of the men were back aboard ship when a small child was brought to me with a gash on his foot," recalled Dr. Grotenhuis. The youngster had cut his foot on a tin can.

Examining the boy's foot, Dr. Grotenhuis saw it would require minor surgery.

"I had just made the last suture when one of the villagers stuck his hand out towards the boy's foot. I looked up and

realized that he wanted to offer the use of his finger for me to tie the surgical knot," Dr. Grotenhuis said.

Smiling, the doctor thanked the man, and all of the villagers smiled with him.

Members of the 1st Amtrac Bn. perform weekly Medcaps on the island which serves as home for some 2,500 refugees.

The villagers were ousted five months ago from their home village of My Loc by the North Vietnamese and have resettled on the Cua Viet.

Phuoc Ly Village Honors Marine

DA NANG, Vietnam (ISO)—After 10 months of working with the villagers of Phuoc Ly hamlet, Marine 1st Lt. Charles Vogt, civil affairs officer of the 1st Recon. Bn., attended the culmination of his efforts — dedication of the hamlet's first and only school.

Vogt, 23, (of Oconomowoc, Wis.), was presented a hand-lacquered plaque from the villagers.

VC Blast Saigon TV Studios

Boiler Blast Kills 2

SAIGON (AP)—Viet Cong terrorists used a taxi loaded with explosives to blast allied television studios and a student center in downtown Saigon Friday, six hours before the North Vietnamese government agreed to Paris as the site for preliminary peace talks.

The explosion killed three Vietnamese, wounded 30 others, including five Americans.

Paris—

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General Ngo Tan Canh will be an "observer" at the talks.

There was no immediate confirmation from other sources.

Canh will be joined by other officials from Saigon, expected to arrive in Paris next week, according to Tran Thah Quan, assistant consul and press spokesman of the consulate.

The statement from the South Vietnamese consulate came as a major surprise since most observers had predicted Hanoi would not accept a preliminary conference where Saigon was represented.

Quan said the consulate here received news of the impending talks in a cable from Saigon before the official announcement was made by Washington and Hanoi.

In the same cable, he added, Canh was designated to sit in as an observer for Saigon.

"We are waiting for further details from Saigon," Quan said when asked about the South Vietnamese officials who will be coming to Paris.

Quan refused to specify the character of the South Vietnamese role as an "observer," but said, "Our representative will sit in at the same table" with the Americans and North Vietnamese.

He said he expected to have further details about the South Vietnamese role in the talks "early next week."

It triggered a fresh wave of nervousness among military and police units in Saigon, already on the alert because of reports the Viet Cong are preparing to invade the capital again.

Most of the Vietnamese victims of the blast were young girls in the building of the church-sponsored World University Service. The Americans were walking along the sidewalk near the main studios of the South Vietnamese government television station.

The government station apparently was the terrorist's prime target, but the force from an estimated 120 pounds of TNT also smashed windows and collapsed a ceiling in the adjacent U.S. Armed Forces television station.

The two-story university center was destroyed. The roof of the government television station was knocked loose, some of its partitions blown down and wires ripped out.

Both the government and the U.S. military stations, which were not on the air at the time, began their evening broadcasts on schedule. The South Vietnamese program opened with films of the damage.

Police began an investigation to determine how the terrorists succeeded in getting the dynamite-packed vehicle past guards around the stations. The taxi had been backed into a driveway between the student center and the government station.

Airliner—

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er crashed near Buffalo, Tex., 50 miles southeast of Dawson.

A Braniff spokesman said the plane made its normal 4:30 p.m. departure from Houston and there was no indication of trouble until an air traffic controller at Great Southwest International Airport in Fort Worth said it disappeared from his radar scope at 4:51 p.m. Apparently there were no radio conversations between the pilot and traffic controllers, the Braniff spokesman said.

Would Bar Jailers

COQUILLE, Ore. (AP) — In Coquille, Dist. Atty. Robert Brasch wants the county commissioners to fire all but two of the jailers at the Coos County jail. The district attorney charged in a report that prisoners were allowed to roam the streets to do personal shopping or look for jobs.



South Vietnamese firemen carry wounded civilians down ladder in Saigon after an explosion rocked the building in which they were working. Related photo on Page 6. (UPI Radiophoto)

Ordered to Reduce, Teacher Disappears

LARKSPUR, Calif. (UPI) — A 212-pound high school gym teacher, who faced dismissal because of being overweight, disappeared Thursday before she was due to testify before a state hearing officer.

Elizabeth R. Blodgett, 41, left behind a note to her attorney which said, "I can no longer bear this constant strain . . . I am a very ordinary human being."

Marin County sheriff's deputies immediately initiated a statewide search for the woman. A check of her home in the sea-coast town of Marshall turned up the note to her attorney, A.

Leonard Bjorklund Jr., of Sausalito.

She had been told by Redwood High School Principal Donald Kreps that her contract would not be renewed because she was "a living hypocrisy of the subject she is teaching."

Miss Blodgett then requested the hearing and was scheduled to testify Thursday before hearing officer Paul A. Winton to conclude three days of testimony on her contract renewal.

Miss Blodgett's note also said, "It becomes clear that there is to be little or no consideration given to the thyroid problem of such indefinite dimensions."

She contended that a thyroid condition was the cause of her overweight, and said she had been under the care of Dr. Wendell H. Butler, who prescribed daily doses of thyroid extract. She had dropped in weight from 253 to 212 pounds since beginning the treatment.

Husband Fed Up

CHICAGO (UPI) — Ralph Grady, 28, was granted a divorce after telling the judge he suffered a nervous breakdown doing the housework his wife would not do. Grady said that after a day's work managing a drugstore he had to come home and clean house, wash dishes and serve when company came.



Mrs. Kathleen Martin's heart was transplanted into Everett Claire Thomas after she died of a gunshot wound in Houston. (AP Radiophoto)

2 New Heart Transplants

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zor, 40, a carpenter, was reported in fair condition in Stanford, Calif., after Thursday's transplant, but doctors warned he still faces a critical period. They said the transplanted heart—taken from Rudy F. Anderson, 45, of San Carlos, Calif., who died of a brain hemorrhage—was beating normally and that Rizer's blood pressure was normal. The transplant was the

second such operation at the Stanford University Medical Center.

The Houston operation, performed at the Baylor University College of Medicine, was different from other transplants in that it was performed without massive blood transfusions. The surgical team, headed by Dr. Denton A. Cooley, performed the operation in three hours.

The London transplant team was headed by Dr. Donald Ross, of South Africa, a former colleague of Dr. Christian Barnard who performed the world's first

heart transplant. The donor was rushed across London in an ambulance to King's Hospital where the transplant was performed.

The London operation was the world's 10th heart transplant.

In Stanford, Dr. Robert Shumway, who headed the transplant team, said "The patient still faces a critical period ahead." Doctors said Rizer continued to need respirator assistance in breathing, but said that resulted from a lung condition brought on by his long-standing heart disease.

BALTIMORE, Md. (AP)—Two men were killed and 23 persons were injured Friday as a boiler exploded in the steam generating plant of a Bethlehem Steel Co. plant.

The force of the blast hurtled the metal roof of the three-story building hundreds of yards away to a parking lot.

All four sides of the building fell away. Two other boilers remained intact. Four 100-foot-tall stacks remained standing.

Company police identified the dead, both employes of Riggs-Distler Co., an electrical contracting firm, as Richard A. Carter, 62, of Baltimore, and Henry R. Listman Jr., 34, of Pasadena, Md.

Fires broke out immediately in the plant and in cars parked nearby but they were controlled quickly.

The explosion at 1:25 p.m. showered the Sparrows Point area with steel debris. Windows were broken in nearby homes, an elementary school and cars parked on the company parking lot.

Five of the injured who were residents of the area, including two young girls, were taken to City Hospitals. Another 18 persons were treated for minor injuries at the dispensary of the huge steel plant east of the city.

State Police, Baltimore County police and National Guardsmen joined Bethlehem Steel police in searching the plant and nearby homes for injured or dead.

Mrs. Nina Hand, secretary to the principal at the Sparrows Point Elementary School, said none of the pupils was hurt.

"We took them all to the auditorium because of the huge amount of dust that blew in after the explosion," she said, adding the blast "rolled in like a large thunderclap — it was very, very loud."

Come and Get It

NICE, France (UPI)—A resident of this French Riviera city was delighted when police told him they had discovered his white Mercedes Benz, stolen Feb. 3. But he was at the same time puzzled about how to recover the \$6,000 automobile. Interpol agents found it in Mexico.

Weather

Asian Weather Central

TOKYO AREA

Saturday Night: Clear; Low: 48

Sunday: Partly Cloudy; High: 72

TEMPERATURES

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Bangkok	90	76	Naha	75	62
Chitose	57	50	Saig'n	91	75
Guam	90	74	Seoul	63	48
Itazuke	66	50	Taipei	84	62
Manila	75	79	Tokyo	86	62
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Albany	55	41	Melbourne	58	46
Albuquerque	80	46	Memphis	85	58
Amarillo	89	50	Miami	88	67
Atlanta	81	53	Milwaukee	81	35
Birmingham	83	51	Moscow	59	50
Bismarck	64	43	N. Orleans	78	51
Boise	69	36	NYC	67	43
Boston	66	49	N. Platte	86	40
Chicago	86	46	Okl. City	85	56
Cincinnati	79	43	Omaha	88	61
Cleveland	69	30	Paris	59	46
Denver	76	42	Phila.	66	41
Des Moines	87	55	Phoenix	90	63
Detroit	75	34	Pittsburgh	62	38
Duluth	71	38	Port., O.	78	34
Fairbanks	53	29	Rapid City	65	46
Fargo	73	44	Reno	77	30
Fort Worth	85	62	Singapore	86	75
Hong Kong	85	72	St. Louis	90	51
Honolulu	84	71	St. Paul	81	57
Houston	82	65	Salt Lake	73	47
Ind'polls	83	44	S. Antonio	89	59
Jack'ville	89	59	San Diego	69	60
Jakarta	97	77	San Fran.	60	50
Kansas City	91	62	Seattle	65	43
K. Lumpur	93	73	Shreveport	83	56
Las Vegas	91	61	Sydney	70	43
London	57	49	Tucson	85	59
L.A.	70	59	Wash.	77	46
Louisville	82	53			