

U.S. Civilians Returning To Work in Da Nang

DA NANG, Vietnam (AP) — Americans who evacuated Da Nang city last Saturday because of the possible danger of civil war, began returning Monday after getting assurances from the Da Nang authorities that they would not be harmed.

"We need the Americans here to help us," said Mayor Nguyen Van Man, as construction workers and U.S. advisers began returning to the city.

About 500 U.S. civilians and 500 military personnel were evacuated on Saturday. They were expected to return Monday.

Mayor Man said, "the struggle has gone beyond the military now. It has entered the political. Everyone knows that in this First Corps region, all the people and the military want a civilian government as soon as possible.

"We will work to this end. We

need the Americans to help us," Man said.

Roadblocks thrown up on main city streets and the roads leading to the Da Nang air base were being lifted Monday morning. The air of tension in this northern capital lowered considerably on Sunday when it was learned that the central government had begun moving Vietnamese marines out of the air base.

They had been sent to Da Nang to bring the rebel authorities to heel, but they didn't leave the base.

Man said he was still mayor of Da Nang, even though Premier Nguyen Cao Ky had named a replacement. "No one has informed me I am fired," he said Monday.

The mayor indicated that the government had decided against trying to wrest Da Nang back to central government control by force.

Malaysia Installs Sultan as 4th King



KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (UPI)—Sultan Ismail Nasiruddin Shah, 59, a scholarly looking former civil servant, was installed Monday as Malaysia's fourth king.

Standing on the fifth tier of the royal dais, the sultan took the state kris, a dagger with scalloped cutting edges, and touched the blade to his forehead just above his horn-rimmed glasses at the climax of a colorful, centuries-old ceremony.

The gesture marked his assumption of the powers and authority of the Malaysian monarch.

The new king has been the sultan of the east coast state of Trengganu since 1949. He was elected king Aug. 19, 1965, by his fellow state rulers, and will serve a five-year term in keeping with Malaysia's constitution.

His official title is the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong, or paramount ruler, but he is referred to locally as the king or "the agong."

Some 500 guests in tailcoats, formal dresses or Malay robes watched the ceremony, conducted in the Tengku Abdul Rahman Hall.

Attendants holding yellow umbrellas and spears stood on either side of the hall.

The guests included Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer, the British high commissioner of Malaysia and director of operations from 1951 to 1954, when the tide was turned during the bloody communist rebellion.

Sultan Ismail Nasiruddin Shah arrives at a hall in Kuala Lumpur to be installed as Malaysia's king. (UPI Radiophoto)

2 Units Help Saigon Police

SAIGON (AP)—Two battalions of Vietnamese airborne troops have played a leading role for more than a week in dealing with violent street demonstrations in Saigon.

They have been ordered into the streets to help out riot police and the white-uniformed national police who normally maintain order in the city.

The airborne troops are among the most mobile in the Vietnamese military forces. Along with ranger battalions, they often are rushed from place to place in the country when the military situation requires. One of the two battalions normally is stationed at Tan Son Nhut Airport.

No troops, other than the two airborne battalions, have been moved into the city.

Mule Mascot Lacks Priority

LANDER, Wyo. (UPI) — The Army has turned down "Sagebrush Sally" for duty in Vietnam with the 1st Air Cav. Div.

Sally, a Wyoming mule was to replace "Maggie," another mule shot by an Army sentry when she did not answer his challenge.

But the Wyoming Air National Guard said it could airlift only priority cargo to Vietnam, and a mule wouldn't qualify.

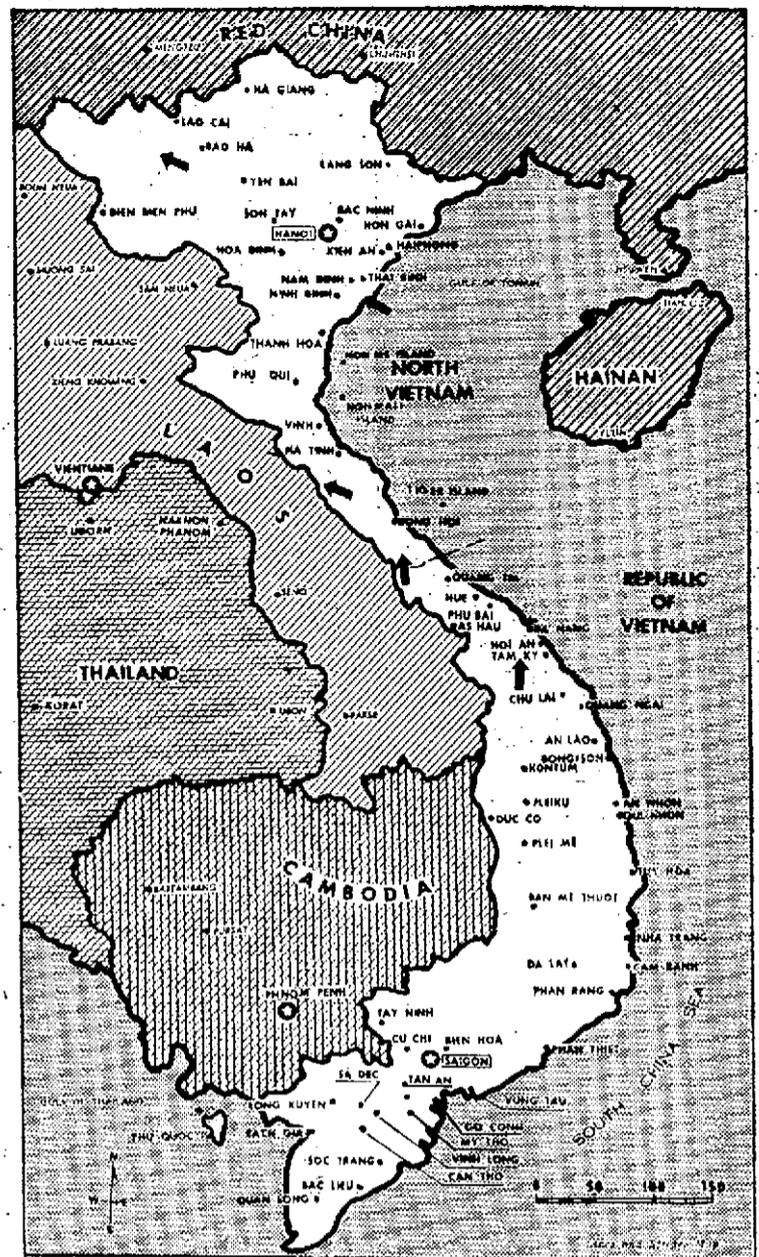
Vietniks at LBJ Ranch

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (UPI) — About 90 persons stood silently for three hours in the hot sun near President Johnson's LBJ Ranch Sunday conducting what they called a "peace vigil" against America's policy in Vietnam.

New Navy Boats Join Drive on VC Sabotage

By JOHN K. BAKER, S&S Vietnam Bureau Chief

SAIGON—Two new Navy patrol boats (PBR), are high-speed 31-foot fiber glass boats with water-jet propulsion systems. The Marine drive and the patrol boat follow-up are aimed at halting Viet Cong sabotage along the Long Tao and another major channel to the west, the Soirap River. The two waterways carry nearly all the shipping between the ocean and the capital.



Action in Vietnam

Air Force helicopters rescued five men from an Army Caribou aircraft which crashed southwest of Da Nang. Major air strikes on north Vietnam are indicated by arrows.

R.P. House Votes Troops for Vietnam

MANILA (AP) — The Philippines House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly Monday night to send troops to the Republic of Vietnam.

The House voted 81-7 in favor

Army Orders New Brigade

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The United States Army will activate a new brigade with a strength of 3,815 men at Fort Benning, Ga., in June as part of its Vietnam buildup, it was announced Monday.

The unit will be designated the 199th Inf. Brigade. The Army said, "Basic combat and advanced individual as well as unit training will be conducted by the brigade at Fort Benning."

of the action after seven hours of discussion and speeches.

The bill appropriates \$8.8 million to finance the sending of a 2,000-man combat engineer battalion to South Vietnam to carry out road building and civic action work.

Having cleared the House on its third and final reading, the bill now goes to the Senate for final approval.

Congressmen said privately they expected the bill would win quick support in the Senate.

President Ferdinand E. Marcos talked to congressional leaders early Monday to insure passage of the bill.

He had said publicly that Filipino troops will be in Vietnam by June.

\$6,000 Stolen From S&S Office

SAIGON (S&S)—Military police late Monday were still investigating the theft of a safe containing \$6,000 from Pacific Stars and Stripes' circulation office here.

Five thugs broke into the office at 4 a.m. Monday, bound the guard and fled with the safe in a Stripes' circulation truck parked in the front yard.

The money lost was mostly in military script and Vietnamese piasters, according to area circulation manager Barry Freed.

MPs have reported no sign of the black and white panel truck and no significant progress in their investigation.

Vietnam Casualties

WASHINGTON (S&S)—The Defense Department has announced the following casualties in Vietnam:

KILLED IN ACTION

- SP4 Jack A. Smith Bay Minette, Ala.
- PFC John E. Little, Holt, Ala.
- PFC Paul D. Rodrigues, Longmont, Colo.
- SP4 Charlie Reed Jr., Woodville, Miss.
- PFC Barney M. Giles, Bloxi, Miss.
- PFC Bernard Barrios, West New York, N.J.
- PFC Scott T. Welborn, Salisbury, N.C.

240,000 on Duty In Vietnam

SAIGON (S&S) — There were 240,000 U.S. servicemen in the Republic of Vietnam as of April 7, a military spokesman reported Monday.

Of the total, there were 146,600 Army, 48,600 Marine, 32,200 Air Force and 12,600 Navy. The Navy figure includes 450 Coast Guard personnel.

- Pvt. Frederick A. Wentz, Barborton, Ohio.
- SP4 Daniel J. Mack, Marion, S.C.
- SP4 James L. Slade Jr., Cuero, Tex.
- PFC Dou R. Johnson, Waco, Tex.
- PFC Robert A. Kreuziger, Horton, Wis.
- SSgt. Terry R. McLean, Cristobal, Canal Zone.
- Marine Corps**
- Lance Cpl. William D. Hasty, Birmingham, Ala.
- PFC Jack D. Gilbert, Limon, Cal.
- Lance Cpl. Donald W. Young, Baltimore, Md.
- Cpl. William T. Johnson, Camp Lejeune, N.C.
- PFC Joe F. Liberio, Houston, Tex.
- PFC Weldon D. Moss, Ethel, Wyo.

FROM MISSING TO KILLED IN ACTION

- Army
- Sgt. Paul R. Hattabaugh, Rensselaer, Ind.
- MISSING IN ACTION**
- Marine Corps
- Pvt. James W. Brown.
- PFC Tommy L. White.
- DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION**
- Army
- Sgt. Harold W. Lowther, Bastrop, La.
- PFC Lawrence McCrea, Shreveport, La.
- SSgt. Cleveland Foster, Brooklyn, N.Y.
- PFC Leonard C. Hauserman, husband of Mrs. Chong Sun Hauserman, Tongluchon, Korea; Father: Raymond Hauserman, Youngstown, Ohio.
- Marine Corps
- Lance Cpl. Michael R. Cuneen, Walton, N.Y.