

Marine Gen. Krulak Will Retire

WASHINGTON (AP)— A senior Marine general whose star rose under former Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara has put in for retirement.

He is Lt. Gen. Victor H. Krulak, passed over for Marine commandant and considered a leading contender for two other top posts until they were filled earlier this month by others.

The White House said President Johnson is nominating Krulak for permanent rank of lieutenant general when he retires about June 1.

For the last four years, Krulak has commanded Fleet Marine Forces in the Pacific with headquarters in Honolulu.

Krulak, 55, came to McNamara's attention while serving as a specialist on counterinsurgency under the Joint Chief of Staff.

It was reported President John F. Kennedy also was impressed with Krulak, who is credited with a major role in developing clear-and-hold tactics used by the Marines in Vietnam until major North Vietnamese (Continued on Back Page, Col. 3)

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GOLDBERG QUILTS; LBJ NAMES BALL

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson announced Thursday the resignation of Arthur J. Goldberg as U.S. representative to the United Nations and said he will be replaced by former Undersecretary of State George W. Ball.

Johnson summoned reporters to his office for a brief news conference at which he said he had accepted Goldberg's resignation "with regret."

At the United Nations in New York, Goldberg said he had resigned because he believed that by this action he could best further his objective of ending the Vietnam war.

Goldberg told a news conference he had not yet decided on his future plans.

He praised President Johnson's March 31 announcement of a partial halt in the bombing of North Vietnam. The President's action, he said, had opened the door to peace, and it must not be permitted to close.

He said that he had worked for the cause of peace in Vietnam during the two years and nine months he served as head of the U.S. delegation and that he would continue to do so.

"I have resigned in the belief that I can best further these objectives in private life," he said.

Goldberg stated that he had no intention to take part in the presidential campaign. He said he had given up active politics when he became a justice on the Supreme Court bench.

He acknowledged that there had been differences of opinion within the government, but he asserted that "this was not the motivating reason behind my decision."

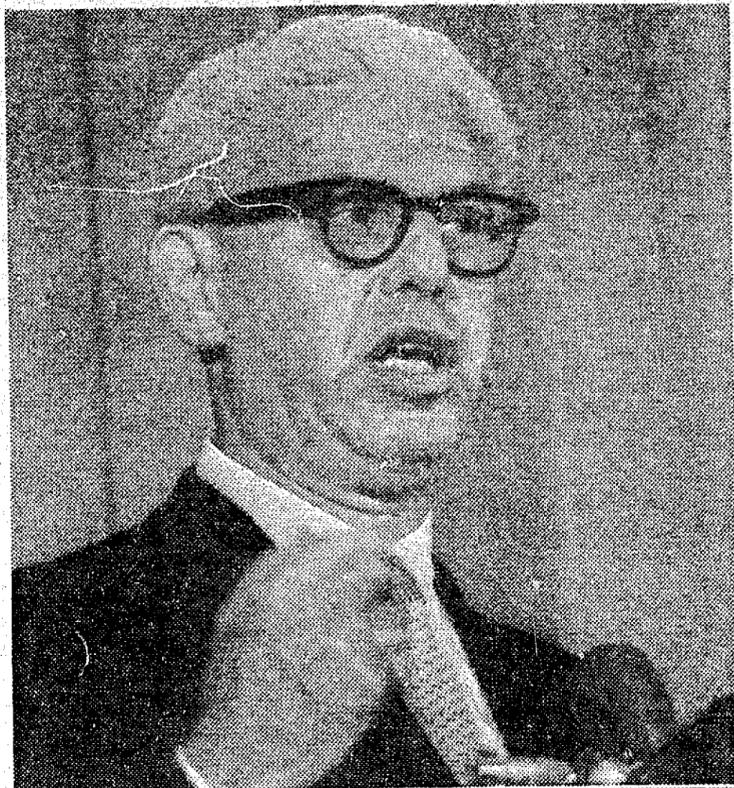
Asked whether he would be free as a private citizen to criticize government policy, he said:

"As a private citizen I will be free to comment in any way that will further the cause of peace and I shall do so."

He said that talk of his joining a law firm was speculation, but that "in all probability I will return to the practice of law."

Before going to the United Nations, Goldberg had been secretary of labor and an associate justice of the Supreme Court.

The President said the ambassador is leaving government service for personal reasons. He did not enumerate them but Goldberg's plan to leave has (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)



Ambassador to the U.N. Arthur J. Goldberg addresses the General Assembly before he announced his resignation. He will be succeeded by George Ball, former under-secretary of state.

I'll Help Demos: Johnson

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Johnson Thursday ruled out being an "uninterested bystander" in the coming election campaign because "the record of this administration" must be defended. According to those present at a closed meeting of aides to Democratic congressmen, Johnson also said that he planned to teach at the University of Texas when he leaves the White House.

Johnson paid a nostalgic visit to the Cannon House Office Building on Capitol Hill for a meeting of the aides who are members of a so-called "Burro Club." It was 35 years ago that Johnson, then secretary to a Texas congressman, was elected head of a similar organization of aides who called their group "The Little Congress."

"We have a crucial election ahead of us this year," Johnson told the group Thursday. "You all know about my announcement (not to run again) but this does not mean that I am going (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)

Postmen? Stamp Them Honest

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — Through snow and rain, heat and gloom of night and even temptation, the mail goes through.

Charlie Womack stapled a \$20 bill in plain view to a crude postcard made of cardboard and mailed it to a local friend, Jim Sanders.

The money was delivered safely on the same day it was mailed.

Hanoi Aid, U.S. Envoy Talk in Laos

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The State Department reported that U.S. Ambassador to Laos William H. Sullivan conferred Thursday with the North Vietnamese representative there but "no agreement has been reached" on a site for preliminary peace talks.

Press Officer Robert J. McCloskey said Sullivan saw North Vietnamese Charge d'Affaires Nguyen Chan at the latter's official residence. He declined to disclose any details of the meeting.

Other official sources, however, said the meeting was at (Continued on Back Page, Col. 2)

Pooch Puts Pal In the Pokey

DETROIT (AP) — Police investigating a clothing store burglary Wednesday were told the burglar had fled, leaving his dog behind.

They told the animal, "Go home" and followed him to a dwelling where they allegedly found the dog's owner, J. C. Ealey Jr., with some of the loot. Ealey was booked on a breaking and entering charge.

One Blinded, Wounded and Blessed GI

By SPEC. 4
DOUGLAS HARRELL
PHUOC VINH, Vietnam (IO)
— A group of NVA regulars surrounded the badly wounded young American paratrooper down on his knees, hands folded, silently praying. They touched his head and hands lightly, and began talking among themselves.

"Suddenly I became aware that they were leaving. I knew they had been talking about me," said 19-year-old Sgt. Robert Deitch of Philadelphia. "When they saw my wounds and blindness, and that I was praying, I guess they figured I was no threat and nearly dead anyway."

The seemingly endless night for Deitch and three other men

from D Co., 3rd Bn. (Abn), 187th Inf. began as the point element discovered a reinforced battalion base camp of the Viet Cong's Dong Nai Regiment.

Heavy fire was exchanged with both sides taking casualties at the outset of the battle. A hasty perimeter was set up to cover the wounded and direct fire into the larger size enemy force.

Deitch volunteered to be the point man for a squad to secure a badly needed landing zone to evacuate the wounded by helicopters.

As the squad hurried through the jungle, a claymore mine exploded to his right, throwing him to the ground and wounding him in both legs.

Automatic fire from AK-47s

began coming in. The paratroopers behind Deitch fired long bursts from their M16s covering him as Deitch clawed at the ground in search for cover.

"I pulled the pins from three grenades and tossed them right into a Viet Cong position," he said.

Realizing they could not reach the landing zone — the enemy seemed to be everywhere — he threw his remaining two grenades to cover himself and crawled back in the direction of his company's perimeter.

But an enemy grenade exploded in front of him, wounding him in the face and hands. The flash temporarily blinded him. He crawled to the position where the enemy soldiers had come upon him.

As the NVA left him praying, Deitch struggled to get off the main trail. He had moved a very short distance when he felt the cold muzzle of a rifle against his head.

"Who are you?" an American voice said quietly.

Deitch recognized the voice of a lieutenant.

"It's me sir, Sergeant Deitch."

There were two other wounded men nearby, along with the officer who had halted him. They all lay in silence with Viet Cong and NVA moving around them.

A radio telephone operator called their company commander and told him of the situation.

"They're all around us sir, don't try to get out here. You'll never make it," said Pfc. Cal-

vin W. Heath, Putnam, Conn.

"Stay where you are, turn the radio off and we'll do our best to get out there to you at dawn," barked Capt. Paul Bucha of Hinsdale, Ill.

The first thing the small group heard as dawn broke was someone moving toward them, firing ahead to clear the area.

"We didn't know who was shooting at the time," Deitch said.

The next voice he heard was that of his first sergeant.

"Wounded men — get some stretchers over here quickly," shouted First Sergeant Austin A. Harjo, Clarksville, Tenn. He had led the search party looking for his wounded paratroopers.

They were safe.

VC Plan to Attack, Police Warn Saigon

SAIGON (AP) — South Vietnam's National Police Directorate warned the three million people of Saigon Thursday that the Viet Cong were planning another attack on the capital.

A communique from the di-

rectorate was the first official warning to the population, although the army earlier put on full alert all its forces in the 11 provinces surrounding Saigon.

The alert and newspaper reports have caused a tenseness in the city not noticed since Communist troops were pushed back from South Vietnam's population centers after the Tet offensive three months ago.

"The Viet Cong are now employing all means to transport arms and explosives into Saigon, this with the goal of provoking troubles and outbursts of violence among the population, and to assure to the North Vietnamese Communists a favorable position in forthcoming negotiations," the communique said.

It continued: "The Viet Cong are preparing to recommence on the capital the terrorist acts which they perpetrated during Tet: criminal arson, massacre and so on."

It ordered citizens to abstain from large gatherings, lock their doors at night and admit no one but police or military authorities, and alert police to any person acting with suspicion.

People also were directed not to circulate rumors "which can only benefit the Communists."

U.S. Death Toll Dips

SAIGON (AP) — U.S. and enemy casualties in the Vietnam war dropped last week, the American Command reported Thursday, while the number of South Vietnamese Government troops killed increased.

In its weekly summary, the U.S. Command said 287 Americans were killed in action last week as compared with 363 a week earlier.

There were 1,458 U.S. soldiers wounded last week, down more than 1,000 from the 2,694 of the previous week. Of the wounded in the reporting period, 736 were hospitalized, the command said.

South Vietnamese headquarters said government forces lost 380 men killed last week, a sharp rise from the 293 a week earlier.

Vietnam Casualties

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

- KILLED IN ACTION**
Army
- Sgt. Mark O. Charette, Anchorage, Alaska
 - 1SG Alan R. Haugen, Grass Valley, Calif.
 - Sgt. Benito B. Rodriguez, Freedom, Calif.
 - Sp4 Daniel Guardado, Santa Ana, Calif.
 - Sgt. Richard L. Fahrnbruch, La Parte, Colo.
 - Pfc. Alfred D. Smith Jr., Washington, D.C.
 - SSG Dale W. Parker, Bradenton, Fla.
 - Cpl. Paul D. Flournoy, Quincy, Fla.
 - Cpl. Oranzo Gemmati, Chicago, Ill.
 - Sp5 Glenn A. Westphal, Michigan City, Ind.
 - SSG Samuel L. Davis, Salina, Kan.
 - Sgt. Jerry W. Shain, Cromwell, Ky.
 - Maj. Ralph C. Wight Jr., Aberdeen, Md.
 - Sp4 Robert L. Caswell, Pontiac, Mich.
 - Pfc. David L. Williams, Lake Crystal, Minn.
 - Pfc. Elbert B. Walker, North Platte, Neb.
 - Pfc. Robert J. Moore, Morristown, N.J.
 - Sp4 Ivan R. Febo-Betancourt, Bronx, N.Y.
 - SSG Fred Young, Greensboro, N.C.
 - SSG Donald L. Wall, Garner, N.C.
 - Cpl. Franklin O. Leggett, Fayetteville, N.C.
 - Pfc. William F. Brown, Cleveland, Ohio.
 - SSG Joseph S. Nilka, Philadelphia, Pa.
 - Sgt. Robert B. Kerchner, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 - Sp4 Gregory R. Kelly, North East, Pa.
 - Pfc. James E. Siffes, Uniondale, Pa.
 - Pfc. Victor E. Kidd, Bedford, Pa.
 - Pfc. Wayne Boyd, Jackson, S.C.
 - Pfc. Willie Shelton, Chattanooga, Tenn.
 - Pfc. Sylvester Beauregard, Bolivar, Tenn.
 - Cpl. Dalton M. Estlin, Waco, Tex.

- Sp4 Larry R. Creecy, Hurst, Tex.
- Pfc. David W. Chambers, Dallas, Tex.
- Pfc. Cephus Griffin Jr., Dallas, Tex.
- Pfc. Thomas P. Visker, Warden, Wash.
- Sp4 Eduardo Aranda-Santos, Bayamon, Puerto Rico.
- Marine Corps**
- LCpl. Ervin L. Rush, Sacramento, Calif.
- LCpl. Larry E. Darden, Orlando, Fla.
- Pfc. Douglas R. Harp, Evansville, Ind.
- Cpl. Andrew Z. Bucior, Perth Amboy, N.J.
- Capt. Walter C. Jones III, Garden City, N.Y.
- Pfc. Robert Gonzalez, Bronx, N.Y.
- Pfc. Edward L. Towstee, Akron, Ohio.
- Pfc. Bernard L. Gaines, Jersey Shore, Pa.
- DIED OF WOUNDS**
Marine Corps
- Pfc. Michael J. Cain, Denver, Colo.
- LCpl. Walter M. Ostapchuk, Columbia Station, Ohio.
- LCpl. Willard M. Robinson, Philadelphia, Pa.
- MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE**
Army
- WO Franklin D. Audilet, Tucson, Ariz.
- Pfc. Bernard M. Richardson, Washington, D.C.
- SSG David C. Thomas, Selma, Ind.
- Sgt. Marvin E. Penry, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Sp4 George E. Edden, Avon, Mont.
- MISSING IN ACTION**
Army
- Capt. Walter J. Bernreuther
- Sgt. Wesley W. Sperling
- Sp4 Frederick E. Love
- Marine Corps**
- Pfc. James C. Thomas
- DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION**
Army
- Sp4 Bradley E. Clark, Newark, N.J.
- Pfc. Charles P. Scarano, Cortland, N.Y.
- Cpl. Lawrence T. Friday, Stanley, N.C.
- Marine Corps**
- LCpl. Armond P. Lesage, Miami, Fla.
- CORRECTION**
- Sgt. Alan R. Cuynton, USA, change name to read: Sgt. Alan R. Guymon, Lomita, Calif.



Man With His Hands Full

Carrying an M60 machine gun over his shoulder and an extra canteen in his other hand, a 1st Air Cav. trooper strides over a hilltop near Khe Sanh. (AP Radiophoto)

Retail Prices Up Again in Saigon

SAIGON (AP) — For the third week in a row, retail prices in Saigon went up last week. U.S. economists again warned of the danger of major inflation later this year.

A weekly food price list compiled by the economists showed retail food items were up two per cent.

Food prices have risen six per cent in the last month and nonfood prices four per cent. Food prices have climbed an average of 12 per cent since the Tet offensive.

Can Tho U. to Open

SAIGON (AP)—Can Tho University, severely damaged during the Tet offensive, will reopen Monday, officials said Thursday.

Viet Leaders' Wives Attend First-Aid Class

SAIGON (UPI) — The wives of Vietnam's president, vice president and prime minister gathered at the Presidential Palace Thursday for first-aid classes. The classes are being given to all Vietnamese women civil servants.

Under the instructions of a Vietnamese Army lieutenant in President Thieu's palace living quarters the women bandaged arms and heads, tied slings and splints and watched a film on artificial respiration.

The class was one of a series of eight two-and-a-half-hour lessons to be given at the palace. The women included the wives of most of Vietnam's cabinet ministers.

Mrs. Thieu, the president's

wife, said she thought it was an important "example to the women of Vietnam to show what they could do."

Factory Workers To Learn to Fight

SAIGON (AP) — South Vietnam's Defense Ministry will begin giving military training to 8,000 industrial workers next month, the Minister of Labor says.

Minister Pho Ba Long said Wednesday the training will allow workers to defend their own factories against Viet Cong attack and free the regular army for battlefield duty.

2 Foil Heist Of Cigarettes

SAIGON (IO)—While delivering a shipment of PX cigarettes by semi-trailer from the Tien Sha deepwater pier to the Da Nang Area Exchange Depot, Nguyen Hy, a Navy cargo driver, saw in his mirror that his rig was being boarded "wild west style" by two would-be hijackers on a motorcycle.

In quick succession the modern-day outlaws were on the truck, cut the fiberboard sheathing from the pallet load, and pulled out two cases (120 cartons) of cigarettes. The startled driver brought the 10-ton tractor-trailer rig to a screeching halt.

Nearby, Tran An Kim, a security guard from Camp Tien Sha, Naval Support Activity (NSA), saw the commotion and fired his carbine at the "cowboys" who dropped the cigarettes and fled minus their loot.

Corpsmen Capture 3 POWs

CAMP CARROLL, Vietnam (ISO)—Two Navy corpsmen on a sweep with the 2nd Bn., 9th Marines, brought in three North Vietnamese Army soldiers to earn bonus R&Rs for themselves.

Hospitalmen Owen A. Larson of Fontana, Wis., and James W. Marcum, of Anaheim, Calif., each nabbed a wounded enemy, treated them and turned them in northwest of Camp Carroll.

Less than a week later, Marcum repeated the deed in the same general area.

"I was moving through some heavy brush when I saw the body," Marcum said, describing his first catch. "I thought he was dead until he blinked."

"It scared me, I backed off, drew my pistol and called to some Marines to cover me."

Marcum first checked the enemy soldier for weapons and then treated his wounds. The Communist soldier was unarmed except for several grenades scattered nearby.

As Marcum was giving first aid, Larson spotted another body lying nearby.

Larson discovered he too was alive. The NVA soldier was quickly treated for a flesh wound in the leg.

"He never resisted and he never said a word," Larson said.

Four days later, while sweeping in the same area with the battalion, Marcum spotted what appeared to be a blood trail.

He followed the trail into the bush to find his second NVA.

"I found him lying on his back and could see that he was still breathing," Marcum said.

"He had been hit in the knee. All the time I was working on him, we talked back and forth, though neither of us understood the other," he said.

Take Legal Aid Into 11 Areas

Navy Lawyers Ensure Rights in Viet

SAIGON (PAO)—In the Navy, there are many occupations. Some are common, others are unusual. One of the most unusual naval professions is that of naval lawyer in Vietnam—a roving lawyer who brings justice into the field.

These lawyers of Naval Support Activity Saigon, with their side arms and black leather brief cases, constantly travel to the 11 widely scattered detachments of NSA to render legal assistance and to uphold individual rights.

The NSA Legal Offices are located in the NAVSUPPORT

Saigon headquarters building on Phan Dinh Phung Street in downtown Saigon. These are the offices of the Judge Advocate of the Command, Cmdr. R. B. Newton, and his staff, consisting of two veteran lawyers, Lt. Richard C. Failla, who is licensed to practice in New York, and Lt. Todd J. Reuling, who is licensed to practice in Michigan, plus five court reporters.

All these men are called upon frequently to travel at any time, to any place, throughout the II, III & IV Corps areas of Vietnam to give legal assistance, such as holding investigations con-

cerning government matters or administering to legal cases.

The primary job of the NSA Legal Office, in addition to military justice matters, is to insure that all personnel have access to qualified attorneys in the handling of their personal affairs. This includes both command and individual legal assistance, the supervision of U.S. government interests, convening courts-martial and field boards, settling all personal and foreign claims, plus handling legal administration processing for the command—a difficult and unending job.

Generally speaking, COMNAV-SUPPORT Saigon acts as the convening authority for most special courts-martial involving naval matters in the II, III, and IV Corps areas. The fact that the naval forces are spread over such a large geographical area causes situations not ordinarily encountered elsewhere in the Navy.

Probably the most difficult job in the legal office is placed upon the court reporters. Often working under adverse conditions, they must record, verbatim, the testimonies of the entire trial with precision and accuracy.

Mastering the court reporting skill requires graduating from the U.S. Naval School of Justice at Newport, R.I. There the student is taught all phases of court reporting and the aspects of military justice.

After the court reporter records the trial, he then types the court manuscript which he must be certain is correct and accurate. This manuscript often averages from 150 to 500 pages.

The manuscript is then submitted to the Judge Advocate and appropriate commanding officers for review and judgment. The records will be reviewed for accuracy and impartiality toward the accused. From there the trial manuscript is forwarded to the Commander, Naval Forces Vietnam Legal Office, for final review. Copies of the transcript will be retained in Vietnam and others forwarded to the Judge Advocate General's Office in Washington for possible further review.

Naval Support Activity Saigon's Legal Office also handles all non-judicial punishment for the command, as well as assistance, advice and the handling of powers of attorney, wills, income tax, personal claims, voting, indebtedness, marriage licenses, divorces, sale of personal effects and other administrative matters.



Loading Up With Enemy Rockets

Paratroopers of the 101st Airborne Div.'s 2nd Brigade load a helicopter with enemy 122mm rockets captured north of Phu Bai. The only place the chopper could land for the troops from A Co., 1st Bn. (Abn), 501st Inf., was over a lagoon off the Song Bo River. (USA)

'Davy' Meets Real McCoy

SAIGON (UPI) — Davy Crockett appeared in the flesh here to actor Fess Parker.

"Mr. Parker, I'm Davy Crockett," the young soldier said as he stepped up to the man who played Davy Crockett on television for a number of years.

The soldier was David H. Crockett of Miami, a member of B Co., 4th Inf. Div., 4th Aviation Bn.

S. Viet Due Vaccine

BUENOS AIRES (AP) — Argentina is sending 20,000 units of anti-cholera vaccine to South Vietnam, it was announced Monday.

Army Shortens PCS Leave

S&S Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Army has announced a change in leave policy aimed at cutting the time soldiers spend in going from one assignment to another, including changes from one overseas command to another, within commands and to the U.S.

The new policy, which goes into effect May 1, encourages commanders to see that officers and enlisted men take short leaves more often and not wait until their leave coincides with a Permanent Change of Station (PCS).

No one will lose accrued leave, the Army emphasized.

To cut down on the loss of

operational manpower the following has been directed:

—On PCS orders within the U.S. and within overseas commands, leave will be charged to the losing unit where it is earned. No leave will be charged or authorized by the change of station orders. At the present time 15 days is normally authorized. In exceptional cases leave will still be granted by the losing unit commander.

—Up to 30 days of leave will be approved in the future for those going PCS between the U.S. and overseas commands and on intertheater transfers from Europe, the Canal Zone, and Alaska to short-tour areas

like Vietnam and South Korea and from short-tour areas to other assignments. Under present policy up to 60 days leave is authorized, but an Army survey found that soldiers as a rule only take 29 days.

—Reenlistment leave is cut from 90 to 30 days.

A maximum of 30 days continues for emergency, special leave from Vietnam and ordinary leave for compassionate reasons. No changes have been made in the present trainee leave policy either. Trainees attending Vietnam-oriented basic combat training or advanced individual training (BCT/AIT) courses will be authorized up to 15 days of embarkation (POR) leave and graduates who are assigned to a state-side unit and later alerted for overseas will get an additional 15 days of POR leave.

Soldiers stationed in Vietnam and South Korea who are transferred to other Pacific sub-commands will be authorized 30 days leave in PCS orders.

Extensions or exceptions may be authorized by the losing commander in individual cases based on justified circumstances, the Army pointed out.

Tapes Span Language Gaps in Quan Loi

LAI KHE, Vietnam (IO)—A new technique has been developed by the 1st Inf. Div. psychological operations personnel to solve a language problem.

A tri-language tape to communicate with villagers in the Quan Loi area contains a seal and assembly message broadcast in Vietnamese, Cambodian and the Steing dialect of Montagnard. The tri-language broadcast insures complete understanding of directions given to villagers

by soldiers who must seal local villages in search of Viet Cong.

The tape was developed by 1st Lt. Dale Drage and S. Sgt. Russell Davis of the 6th Psyop Bn. in coordination with Binh Long Province representatives. The 6th Psyop Bn., based at Bien Hoa, places field teams in direct support of combat elements of the Big Red One.

According to Davis, of Fort Worth, Tex., "This tape satisfies a need for better communica-

tions with the diversified population which lives in the colorful rubber country surrounding the 1st Brigade's base camp."

The tapes are for use by all units in III Corps Tactical Zone.

One tape informs the people of rewards for information leading to the Viet Cong and that the Allied soldiers intend to help them.

Another tells the primitive villagers not to be afraid of air-

planes defoliating trees in the area, explaining that defoliation is necessary to expose VC hiding places.

The final tape appeals to the Montagnards to help the Americans help them.

The development broadens the capabilities of all units in the III Corps Tactical Zone to communicate with these minority groups and inform them of the objectives of the South Vietnamese government.

Red Stronghold in A Shau Under Major Viet Attack

SAIGON (UPI) — South Vietnamese troops have launched the first major allied offensive of the war against North Vietnamese forces in the heavily defended A Shau valley, government spokesmen said Thursday.

Spokesmen said a battalion of South Vietnamese paratroopers swept into the jungled Communist sanctuary a week ago to challenge the estimated 10,000 North Vietnamese troops using the 25-mile-long valley as a supply route into northern provinces of South Vietnam.

There was no immediate report of heavy fighting, but intelligence sources describe the area as better defended than some sections of North Vietnam. The North Vietnamese defenses include numerous tanks and radar-controlled anti-aircraft guns.

The operation, called Lam Son (green mountain) 216, was the first major allied maneuver

into the area. It was also the first time allied troops have entered the region since the Communists overran a U.S. Special Forces camp at A Shau in March 1966.

Since then, the North Vietnamese have used bulldozers to build all-weather roads making the three-to-five-mile wide valley a supply link between Laos and seven northern provinces in South Vietnam. One of the roads, Highway 547, crosses the breadth of the nation to coastal Highway 1 south of Hue.

Government spokesman described Lam Son 216 as a "large-scale operation." But the only reported action occurred Wednesday about 16 miles southwest of Hue. South

Vietnamese paratroopers in the area destroyed 10 three-quarter-ton Communist trucks and seized 330 pounds of TNT, spokesmen said.

U.S. military spokesmen reported that heavy fighting around the Saigon area eased off Wednesday. But American infantrymen reported killing 33 Communists in a four-hour battle 30 miles northeast of the capital. Eight U.S. soldiers were killed, spokesmen said.

Meanwhile, the Tulane Victory, a 491-foot U.S. transport ship, was hit Thursday by four rounds of Viet Cong rocket grenade fire on the Saigon River 60 miles south of the capital, spokesmen said damage was minor and no one was hurt.

Let Doomed Son Die, Parents Ask

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. (AP) — Doctors are keeping Robert Snyder, 13, alive with a machine that pumps air to his lungs.

The boy's parents are asking them to let their son die. His father, Warren Snyder, said: "It would be so much better if he were allowed to die."

The boy and two friends were tunneling through the sandy soil of a drainage ditch Monday afternoon when it collapsed.

The others escaped unhurt but Robert was trapped under 300 pounds of earth for a half-hour before rescuers freed him. Firemen said his nose and throat were clogged with dirt and, as they rushed him to the hospital, they used tubes to get oxygen to his lungs.

Dr. Lawrence Lewin said even four minutes without oxygen would be enough to cause brain damage. He said:

"From a medical point of view, the boy has no chance of recovering consciousness."

Dr. Lewin and two neurologists say the boy's brain has been severely damaged and that he has no chance of breathing without the machine.

The Snyders received a \$600 bill for the first two days of their son's treatment. Snyder said his insurance "won't begin to cover the cost."

Dr. Lewin said the cost to keep the boy alive would be "astronomical" and estimated it would average \$200 a day. He said Robert could possibly linger in his comatose state for six months or more.

Johnson—

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to be an uninterested bystander."

When Johnson announced March 31 that he would not be a candidate for re-election he said he felt the President should not become involved in personal partisan politics.

White House staff members have since said this did not mean Johnson would remove himself entirely from the political arena, but his statement Thursday was the first indication by the President he would become involved in the election campaign.

Johnson alluded almost casually to his future plans as he recalled that in 1959 when he was the Senate Democratic leader he wrote an article for a student publication, The Texan Quarterly of the University of Texas "where I will be teaching shortly." He did not elaborate further.

Speaking in Chicago Wednesday night, the President, in his first political appearance since he relinquished ambitions for re-election, dedicated himself to "winning the peace" and laughed off thoughts that he might change his mind about the presidency.

Before a shouting, laughing \$100-a-plate audience, Johnson joshed, "I never realized withdrawal pains could be so pleasant", and told his fellow Democrats "I used to be in politics myself."

Goldberg—

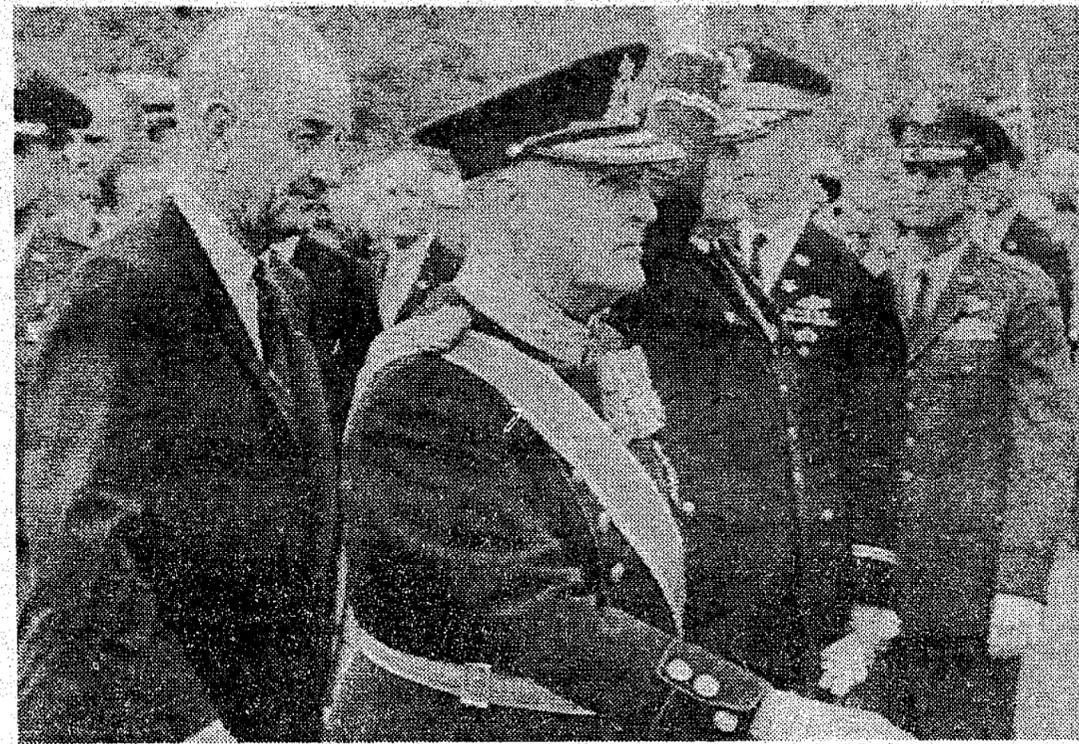
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been widely reported since early this year.

Johnson said Ball probably will take over in early June after Goldberg handles "certain matters now under way."

Both Goldberg and Ball originally entered federal service as appointees of the late President John F. Kennedy.

Ball was the No. 2 man at the State Department for a long period and was often regarded as more "dovish" on Vietnam than Secretary of State Dean Rusk.

Johnson described Ball as "a distinguished public servant" and added that "he serves me unofficially in many advisory capacities at the present time."



LBJ Greets Norway's King Olav

King Olav V of Norway leads way as he and President Johnson begin honor guard review at White House welcoming ceremonies for the king

Thursday. The king is in Washington for a two-day state visit and a 17-day tour of the U.S. The President pledged continued U.S. interest in European affairs in greeting the king. (AP Radiophoto)

Hanoi—

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the Hanoi representative's request, and that he did not provide any answer of a formal nature to the U.S. notes of April 11 and April 18 suggesting 15 proposed sites.

McCloskey — beyond confirming that a meeting took place but there was no agreement yet on site—answered all other questions about the Vietnam diplomatic situation with a strong "no comment."

The Hanoi-Washington deadlock continues as tight as ever, officials said.

At one point, McCloskey was asked, "Where do we go from here?"

"No comment," he replied.

Quake Cracks Walls in Calif.

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — A sharp earthquake just before noon Thursday broke windows and cracked some walls in Santa Rosa. No injuries or major damages were reported.

The University of California seismology office estimated the shock at 4.8—moderate—on the Richter scale of intensity. It placed the epicenter about 10 miles southeast of Santa Rosa.

Krulak to Retire

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incursions changed the character of the war.

Although Krulak was considered at one time the leading contender for Marine commandant, Johnson chose Gen. Leonard F. Chapman Jr. last December.

Johnson made his announcement five days after McNamara's intention to leave the Pentagon was made public. Krulak reportedly was McNamara's first choice.

In subsequent months, sources said Krulak was a leading candidate to become commander in chief of all Pacific forces—a job that would have meant promotion to full general. He also was mentioned as possible deputy to the U.S. commander in Vietnam, also a four star post.

But on April 10 Johnson named Adm. John S. McCain Jr. to become commander in chief of the Pacific and Army Gen. Andrew Goodpaster for the deputy position in Saigon.

Krulak, a native of Denver, Colo. is said by some sources to be planning to retire to San Diego, Calif.

The Pentagon said his succes-



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or as commanding general of Pacific Fleet Marine Forces will be Lt. Gen. Henry W. Buse, 56, a native of Ridley Park, Pa. Buse now is chief of staff at Marine headquarters.

Assassins Miss in Algiers

ALGIERS (AP) — President Houari Boumediene escaped an assassination attempt outside the government palace Thursday as would-be killers raked his car with machine gun fire.

Boumediene, seated in the car, was cut on the upper lip by flying glass. Doctors said he could continue "normal activities."

Soldiers and presidential bodyguards killed two of the would-be assassins, sources said. There were unconfirmed reports that a guard also had been killed in the shooting.

Boumediene's chauffeur was wounded in the right shoulder.

The would-be assassins made their move as Boumediene was leaving the palace after a cabinet meeting.

A heavy guard was immediately thrown up around the palace.

Clash at Jordan River

AMMAN, Jordan (AP)—Three Israeli trucks were destroyed and a number of Israeli soldiers injured in a 50-minute clash between Israeli and Jordanian troops on the east bank of the River Jordan Thursday, according to a Jordanian Army spokesman.

Weather

Asian Weather Central
TOKYO AREA
Friday Night: Fair to Cloudy; Low: 52
Saturday: Fair to Cloudy; High: 70

TEMPERATURES			
April 25			
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Bangkok	91	77	75 66
Chitose	43	37	91 79
Guam	80	77	64 52
Hazuke	75	54	88 64
Manila	94	74	66 48
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Albany	56	45	54 43
Albuquerque	65	31	73 57
Amarillo	75	36	66 45
Atlanta	66	52	82 75
Birmingham	69	49	39 35
Bismarck	51	21	59 46
Boise	60	36	68 58
Boston	59	43	55 46
Chicago	41	36	65 23
Cincinnati	52	44	72 28
Cleveland	51	42	53 31
Denver	59	29	66 47
Des Moines	58	31	64 45
Detroit	50	42	85 48
Duluth	31	25	59 46
Fairbanks	48	28	56 35
Fort Worth	48	25	60 26
Hong Kong	74	42	69 34
Honolulu	80	70	87 76
Houston	86	74	56 34
Indianapolis	74	54	44 38
Jackville	47	40	42
Jakarta	92	68	72 53
Kansas City	94	77	63 50
Kuala Lumpur	78	45	53 43
Las Vegas	90	73	74 45
London	78	45	70 56
L.A.	65	50	81 49
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