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Switch Fifth Heart

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NEW YORK — Louis Block, 58, operator of a Bronx television and record shop, on Tuesday became the fifth person in the world to undergo a heart transplant operation.

The transplant was completed in its ninth hour and the patient was in "reasonably satisfactory" condition, the chief surgeon reported.

The operation was performed at Maimonides Medical Center in New York. Dr. Adrian Kantrowitz, world-famed heart surgeon who attempted the world's second heart transplant Dec. 6 and failed, headed the surgical team.

Hospital Administrator Peter Baglio said the heart donor was a 29-year-old woman transferred to Maimonides with "irreversible brain stem damage."

He said Block was suffering from "terminal heart failure"

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when he entered the hospital.

A neighbor of Block's said he had worked until three weeks ago but his heart was "very bad" and an operation was necessary.

Block was a lieutenant with the New York City Fire Department who retired in 1958. Since then he had operated his shop.

Last month, Kantrowitz transferred the heart of a two-day-old Philadelphia boy, who had died of a brain defect, to the chest of a 2½ week-old Brooklyn boy, but the child lived less than seven hours.

Three days before, South African surgeons had transplanted a healthy heart into the chest of grocer Louis Washkansky in the first such operation in history. He died 18 days later of pneumonia.

Since then, retired dentist Philip Blaiberg has undergone successful transplant surgery in South Africa Jan. 1 and retired steelworker Mike Kasperak got a new heart in Palo Alto, Calif., (Continued on Back Page, Col. 4)

Karate Champ Gets 1st Lesson

SHALDON, England (UPI)—Karate, said Barry Corden, is easy. All you need is muscles, and no training.

With an ear-splitting "Kee-yai," the traditional cry of the karate champ, he brought his brawny hand down hard on a two-inch wooden plank.

Then he kept on screaming—his arm fractured in two places — as the ambulance carried him off to a hospital.

'Lucky 7th' Surveyor Lands Safely on Moon



AP Radiophoto

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—The seventh and last of the amazingly successful Surveyor lunar probe series landed gently Tuesday in the most rugged area yet visited in the U.S. moon exploration program.

Moments after touchdown, the three-legged spacecraft, carrying a camera and soil-sampling instruments on the series' first exclusively scientific mission, radioed that all was well.

Computers had given Surveyor 7 at best a 43 per cent chance of success.

Pictures of the crater-pocked highlands area near the south-central edge of the lunar disk were expected soon.

Flight controllers at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory cheered jubilantly at word that the craft had found a safe landing spot on the boulder-strewn shoulders of the crater Tycho.

"The signals are quite normal at this stage," a spokesman said a few minutes after touchdown.

The "lucky 7th" is the final unmanned U.S. moon probe.

Earlier Surveyors had found four safe equatorial sites for (Continued on Back Page, Col. 5)

FIREMEN HELP MAN DOWN LADDER FROM THIRD STORY DURING BROOKLYN FIRE

Brooklyn Tenement Fire In -1 Degree Cold Kills 13

NEW YORK (AP) — Flames raced through a Brooklyn tenement in the predawn hours Tuesday, forcing scores of persons to flee in below-zero cold and leaving 13 dead. All but one member of two families perished.

Dead in the city's worst fire since 46 died aboard an aircraft carrier in 1960 were Mrs. Modesta Diaz and her five children, aged 3 months to 9 years; Francisco and Juanita Mojica and their four children, aged 4 to 9 years, and 85-year-old Victoria Moreno, the grandmother of the Mojica children.

Francisco Diaz, 29, the only surviving member of his family, said he was watching television

with his children when he saw smoke flowing under the door of his second-floor apartment. In minutes the building was engulfed in flames, he said.

Firemen battled the five-alarm fire for 4½ hours before

getting it under control. The flames were fueled by paper cartons on the first floor of the five-story building.

When he saw the smoke, Diaz said, he ran upstairs to the top. (Continued on Back Page, Col. 2)

March Draft Highest in 17 Months

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon called Tuesday for 39,000 men to be drafted in March, the highest military manpower request in 17 months.

The March request, placed with the Selective Service System, is the highest since Octo-

ber 1966 when the Pentagon sought 49,200 inductees.

Other draft quotas this year included January's 34,000 and February's 23,300. Monthly draft calls are based on planned increases in the military system and varying replacement needs.

The Pentagon said the March

draft quota "supports currently approved force levels and will assure a timely flow of replacements for men completing their terms of service."

The March inductees will go into the Army as they have for the past 23 months.

BULLETIN

SAIGON (AP) — Communist forces crept into an American airfield in the central highlands under the cover of darkness Wednesday, blew up several airplanes and left seven Americans dead and 25 wounded. Eleven Communist troops were killed in the attack on Kontum Airfield, about 275 miles northeast of Saigon, U.S. headquarters said. Some of the enemy were killed by explosions from their own satchel charges.

Tables Have Turned in Delta, Top Aide Says

By DON PRATT
S&S Vietnam Bureau Chief

SAIGON — South Vietnamese government forces today hold the upper hand in the heavily populated southernmost provinces of the country, according to the top U.S. military adviser in that area.

Brig. Gen. William R. Desobry is closing out 2½ years as senior adviser to Vietnamese forces in the southernmost provinces. In tracing progress in the area since his arrival in August, 1965, Desobry says:

—The war in the IV Corps zone remained essentially one between Vietnamese govern-

ment forces and Viet Cong units.

—U.S. troop strength in the Mekong Delta is now in proper balance, and he foresees no appreciable increase.

—The fighting capability of the Viet Cong has decreased in spite of improved weaponry and no significant decrease in troop strength.

—One to two more years will result in a "quite favorable" military situation in the zone.

Desobry summed up what has happened in the Delta and other areas of the IV Corps during his tour this way:

1965—Vietnamese forces on

the defensive, but holding their own.

1966—Vietnamese forces gaining the initiative and taking the offensive.

1967 — The beginning of a meaningful pacification-revolutionary development program, while offensive operations continue.

He predicted remarkable gains in the pacification program in 1968.

While the war over much of the country has swung to confrontations between North Vietnamese units and U.S. troops, Americans in the Delta are still in advisory or support roles.

Primary support comes from U.S. aviation units, principally the 13th Combat Aviation Bn.

The Riverine force of the 2nd Brigade, 9th Inf. Div. and Navy river patrol boats are supporting the Vietnamese 7th Div. in the critical area south of Saigon.

U.S. troop increases, Desobry said, are not feasible for lack of bases which could logistically support American units.

No North Vietnamese units are operating in the Delta, according to Desobry. Further, there has been little evidence of North Vietnamese replacements being used to fill the

ranks of Viet Cong main force units, although there is evidence of cadres and technicians being infiltrated from the North.

Viet Cong units, he said, are now better armed and supplied, but their capability to use their weaponry has declined.

VC recruitment has become more difficult, and many VC soldiers are now 13 or 14-years-old, with little or no training. Most are pressed into service and fight with less verve. The Viet Cong are also being forced to upgrade provincial and local guerrillas into main force units and make them fight farther away from home.

2,868 Dead Reds Highest Toll Ever

SAIGON (UPI)—Communists battled American and Vietnamese troops in Saigon's backyard Monday and Tuesday.

Viet Cong attacks on the U.S. 9th Inf. Div. south of Saigon and a series of nine assaults on U.S. and Vietnamese posts were the biggest in a rash of scattered fights which left 244 Communists dead throughout the country.

At the same time, government spokesmen announced Tuesday that Allied troops last week killed 2,868 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops, a record for a single week in the war.

The costly New Year's offensive around South Vietnam produced a Communist death toll that exceeded the previous one-week high of 2,783 in the week ending March 25, 1967, U.S. officials said.

South Vietnamese forces last week suffered 263 killed, U.S. casualties were to be announced Thursday, spokesmen said.

Continuing the offensive that started even before the New Year's truce ended, the Communists sent some 600 rounds of mortar fire hurtling into a U.S. 25th Inf. Div. outpost 15 miles west-northwest of Saigon Monday, officials reported.

The Viet Cong stormed the province capital of Hau Nghia, killing at least four civilians, nine policemen and three former Viet Cong before they could

VC Grenades Hurt 14 Police

SAIGON (AP) — Fourteen South Vietnamese police were wounded Tuesday night by grenades thrown into a police station compound in Cholon, the predominantly Chinese sector of Saigon. Four of the officers were reported seriously hurt.

Vietnamese police sources said the incident, blamed on two Viet Cong terrorists, occurred as the policemen were mustered for evening roll call. Two grenades were thrown into the group by two men riding on a motorbike. The throwers escaped into nearby traffic.

Police also reported that two VC terrorists shot to death a 28-year-old tailor Tuesday, then pinned a death sentence to the body accusing the man of working for the national police. The assassins shot the man, Nguyen Van Vay, with a pistol after invading his home in Cholon.

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be driven back. Officials said they lost at least 19 troops in the fighting.

Monday night and early Tuesday, the Reds struck four more times with a total of about 65 rounds of mortar fire against Vietnamese outposts in the Trang Bang area about 31 miles northwest of Saigon.

Almost simultaneously, a 600-man Communist force ran into the U.S. 9th Inf. Div. about 19 miles south of the capital.

What started out as a platoon-against-platoon skirmish wound up during the night as a near fullscale brigade action, U.S. authorities reported.

The Americans rushed reinforcements to the beleaguered platoon and tried to close a trap around the Reds.

The VC, however, battled back, killing at least 23 Americans, wounding 31 and shooting down three helicopters before they broke contact and vanished.

They left behind 27 of their own dead, spokesmen said Tuesday.

At the other end of the country, inland from South Vietnam's northern coast, troopers of the U.S. 1st Air Cav. Div. and the 196th Light Inf. Brigade kept up their running fight with an estimated three regiments of the North Vietnamese 2nd Div.

During the past two days, UPI photographer Bill Hall reported, cavalymen have killed at least 143 Communists in bitter fighting at the western end of the Que Son Valley. The 196th has accounted for another 191 in the Hiep Duc Valley branching off the Que Son.

The Que Son fighting has raged practically since the first of the year, leaving about 1,000 Communists dead.

No Invitation To Visit Thieu

SAIGON (UPI) — President Nguyen Van Thieu's office Tuesday issued a communique saying the Vietnamese chief of state has to date "not received an invitation to visit the United States from President Johnson."

However, the communique did not deny reports that Thieu planned to visit America sometime this year as disclosed over the weekend by informed sources.

Ted Concludes Tour

SAIGON (UPI) — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., returned to Saigon Tuesday from an eight-day tour of refugee camps and civilian hospitals in South Vietnam.



Tough, but Oh So Gentle

Two battle-hardened 1st Cav. Div. troopers tenderly carry a Vietnamese infant across a flooded mountain stream. The child was a member of a group of Vietnamese families that had asked to be resettled in an area safe from communist attacks. A special 1st Cav. Div. force provided security for refugees during the move in the Que San Valley area.

U.S. Casualty Rate Up Despite Prediction

NEW YORK (AP) — The casualty rate among U.S. troops in South Vietnam climbed significantly in 1967 over 1966. It increased both in the over-all total and on a percentage basis, despite a prediction the percentage rate would decline.

A comparative survey showed Tuesday that troop strength, greatly augmented during the year, averaged 448,200 against the 1966 average of 299,281. Casualties in 1967 totaled 9,353 killed and 62,004 wounded, a

percentage of 15.9. The percentage killed was 2.08, wounded 13.8.

Total casualties in 1966 were 5,008 killed and 30,093 wounded, or 11.7 per cent of the average number of men engaged. The percentage killed was 1.66 per cent, wounded 10.05.

Henry Cabot Lodge, then U.S. ambassador to South Vietnam, predicted last January the percentage of casualties would drop during 1967.

ROKs Capture 84 Communists

SAIGON (AP)—South Korean troops have killed 304 enemy in a major operation east of the Phu Cat mountains in Binh Dinh Province, Korean spokesmen reported Tuesday.

The operation, called Fierce Tiger Nine, began Dec. 17 and still is going on, the spokesmen said, with 14 companies from

the Tiger Div. "moving through enemy strongholds."

In addition to 304 killed, they said, 84 prisoners have been captured and 130 individual and 19 crew served weapons seized. Korean casualties were termed light.

The operation is taking place north of the coastal city of Qui

Newsweek Man Ousted

SAIGON (UPI)—Everett Martin, Newsweek Magazine's Saigon bureau chief, was ordered by South Vietnamese authorities to leave Vietnam Wednesday, Martin said.

The expulsion order came after Martin had received word over the weekend that he would be allowed to stay in Vietnam despite earlier expulsion threats issued by the Saigon government.

Pro-government Vietnamese newspapers have been demanding the expulsion of Martin and fellow Newsweek correspondent Martin Perton Perry because of articles they wrote last year criticizing the Vietnamese government and army.

Major Red Push Likely

SAIGON (AP)—Despite massive American bombardments and ground operations, U.S. Marine officers said Tuesday they figure North Vietnam is capable of launching another major offensive against South Vietnam's northern frontier.

A new Communist drive is considered likely in the 1st Corps area this spring with dissipation of the northeast monsoon storm clouds now blanketing the frontier.

Sizable units of the enemy operating in the five northern provinces and others across the DMZ are considered in Da Nang, the marine headquarters, to pose the new threat.

"Here in the 1st Corps we are fighting two wars, the conventional DMZ war and the rice paddy war," a marine officer said at Da Nang Tuesday.

With 25,000 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops reported in the two northernmost provinces, Quang Tri and Thua Thien, it appears likely the Marines will move soon to reinforce those provinces with additional maneuver battalions. These are highly mobile units.

"The enemy has placed emphasis on the north and has seen fit to concentrate large numbers of combat troops in the DMZ area," a senior marine officer said.

Nhon, and about 280 miles north-east of Saigon.

In a message Tuesday, General Cao Van Vien, South Vietnamese chief of the joint general staff, congratulated the Korean forces on the conduct of the operation, noting it has inflicted "heavy casualties" on the enemy under arduous conditions.



When Red Snipers Start Shooting

Troops of the 1st Air Cav. Div., on a sweep near Chu Lai, run for cover (left photo) as they are fired on by snipers. The U.S. were stripping a downed helicopter of weapons and ammo. At right, Lt. John Toler, of St. Charles, Mo., calls for artillery support to clear out the snipers. (UPI Radiophotos)

Scout Dog Noses Out Viet Reds

DONG HA, Vietnam (ISO)—“Before we depart, Taddy will have to smell each one of us,” explained Cpl. R.E. Lajoie, Kingston, R.I.

The patrol members looked at each other with one thought. It shouldn't happen to a dog.

But it did. A squad was about to depart on a recon patrol, and Taddy, a two-year-old German shepherd scout dog, and his handler, Lajoie, were going along.

Lajoie explained that by recognizing the scent of the patrol, Taddy could distinguish any foreign scent—possibly an enemy.

Lajoie and Taddy were one of three scout dog teams arriving late that morning at Cua Viet in Quang Tri province, home of the 1st Amphibian Tractor Bn. The teams had travelled from Da Nang by transport plane, truck and landing craft.

The patrol searching nearby villages was using a scout dog to detect arms and food caches or an enemy ambush.

Taddy was positioned at the point of the patrol commanded by Sgt. R.L. Kovic, Massapequa, N.Y.

As they neared a village, Lajoie felt Taddy's tension rise.

Scout dog handlers are trained to recognize a dog's reaction in the situation. “You can tell the way a dog sets his head and ears if he senses something,” he said. “Also a dog will raise up on his front toes when he believes he's really on to something. By staying alert for these signals, a handler can interpret what the dog sees or smells.”

As it turned out, the patrol was successful, bagging two fleeing suspects.

Guiding the Bombers

Aids Bombers' Viet Strikes

SAIGON (OI)—High above the Gulf of Siam, giant B52 Stratofortress bomber crews streak toward their rendezvous with enemy targets in South Vietnam.

The Stratofortresses are unseen and unheard during their flight along the coastline except for the “eyes” of the reporting and control center at Duong Dong Air Station—the newest forward air control post assisting in Vietnam operations.

Located on Phu Quoc Island, off the coast of the southwestern most point of South Viet-

nam, the center provides radar advisory and flight following services for the B52s during their flight toward bomb-strike missions against enemy positions on the mainland of South Vietnam.

Manned by members of Det. 1, 619th Tactical Control Sq., Duong Dong became fully operational in mid-August. A group from the 5th Tactical Control Group erected the site in less than two months.

Equipped with complex radar scopes and communications gear, the center also provides

advisory flight following services to other aircraft in the Gulf of Siam area. This includes keeping aircraft clear of one another and providing weather reports and other information.

“During the first month of operations, we handled radar advisory and flight following information for about 70 of all types of aircraft,” said Air Force CWO Jesse A. Burnette, 44, Gallipolis, Ohio, senior director. “The number has increased to 367, in September, 592 in October and hit 705 in November.”

The center has the capability for air defense operations. Information on unidentified aircraft can be passed directly to the Tan Son Nhut Air Base Paris Control and Reporting Center, radar and communications hub of all air defense and tactical aircraft operations in Vietnam.

Although the island is 17 miles from the closest point of the South Vietnamese mainland, the Viet Cong haven't forgotten about it. Enemy forces are active. Vietnamese soldiers and U.S. Army Special Forces maintain the security of the area.

At Duong Dong itself, a group of Air Force security police, on temporary duty from the 377th Security Police Squadron at Tan Son Nhut, guard the perimeters.

Maj. Iveren B. Hughes, detachment commander, was at Duong Dong from the start of construction. “We've come a long way since then,” he said. “The 5th Group did a fine job building the site and setting up equipment. When we took over operation of the site, the equipment was in excellent condition. Some of the original group stayed on until we received permanent replacements.”

Navy Landing Ship Transports (LST) carried the building materials to the Navy installation at An Tori, located on the other side of the island.

Improvements to living and operational facilities continue. Detachment members built a permanent-type dining hall and living quarters, and semi-permanent structure with wood floors and canvas-tent tops are being renovated.

“The biggest job now is to add a few more conveniences on a self-help basis,” said Senior MSgt. Hamilton P. Swillinger, 41, Charleston, W. Va., communications electronics officer. “Everyone does their share.”

Engineer Doubles As Village Medic

POLEI KRONG, Vietnam (IO)—A member of an eight-man crew operating a 5-float M4T6 raft across the Krong Poko River near here recently used his medical skill to give emergency first aid to two Montagnard tribesmen.

Spec. 4 Carl E. Horne, Carmen, Okla., 509th Eng. Co., 937th Eng. Group had just returned from transporting supplies and bridge parts to a construction site across the river when he received a call for help from villagers.

Horne, a school trained medic, had treated Montagnards daily at his bunker on the bank of the Krong Poko so the villagers knew where to come in an emergency.

Tribesmen led Horne to two Montagnards suffering from

shrapnel wounds, inflicted by Viet Cong mortars at the village of Polei Krong.

Lacking proper instruments to remove metal fragments, he succeeded in checking bleeding until the wounds could be treated by a doctor. Both men recovered from their injuries.

Horne, who has treated numerous infections and diseases, said, “It almost got so that I was doing more doctoring than working on the raft.”

Patients lined up outside his bunker for treatment every morning and he ran out of the small supply of medication and bandages he had brought with him.

“I hated to see them turned away,” he said, so he hitched a ride to Polei Kleng where he replenished his supplies from a Special Forces medic.

VC Goof on Booby Trap

LANDING ZONE ROSS, Vietnam (IO)—Second Lt. George D. Ring, a 3rd Brigade, 1st Air Cav. Div. platoon leader, was walking along a trail near Que Son when the ground beneath his feet seemed to give way.

A second later, Ring had become one of a handful of men who have stepped on a booby-trapped 105mm howitzer round and lived to tell about it.

“The VC had dug a hole for the shell, covered it with a cross-hatch of thin bamboo strips, put a piece of poncho over that, and then covered it with dirt,” Ring explained.

“But while they'd been covering it up, a few grains of dirt had worked in between the tripwire and the mechanism they were using to detonate the shell. The wire hit the sand and slid around the detonating mechanism.”

Ring became the luck charm of C Co., 2nd Bn., 12th Cav., for a long time afterwards.

Elephants No Joke to Paratroopers

PHAN RANG, Vietnam (IO)—A family of irate elephants forced a platoon of 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Div., troopers up trees recently during Operation Klamath Falls.

The men of the 2nd platoon, A Co., 2nd Bn. (Abn), 502nd Inf., were in a perimeter defense on a thickly-wooded mountainside when they encountered the pachyderms.

“The pitch-black night was enough to unravel our nerves,” said Spec. 4 Lee R. Jones, Detroit. “But when those four-footed bulldozers came crashing through the jungle, we really got jumpy.”

Jones radioed Lt. Leonard Anderson of Bauxite, Ark.

“Yes, we know,” Anderson told Jones. “Everybody's awake and listening.”

The elephants came lumbering down the mountain—directly towards the paratroopers.

“They seemed only a few yards away when they stopped,” said Jones. “I guess they smelled our scent.”

A screeching trumpet pierced the stillness. Within seconds the entire platoon took to the trees.

“It wasn't a moment too

soon,” Jones said. The elephants charged through our perimeter. They made a shambles of our camp.”

“Soon they faded away,” he continued, “and the all-clear signal was given.”

The paratroopers cautiously slid down from their lofty sanctuaries. Then the roar of a tiger made them consider scrambling back up.

200,000th Round

DONG TAM, Vietnam (IO)—Col. Bert A. David, commanding officer of the 2nd Brigade, 9th Inf. Div., recently fired the 200,000th round of Biry., 3d Bn., 34th Arty., in ceremonies at this 9th Div. base camp in the Mekong Delta.

Aussie Party Taps Gorton; Premiership Seen Certain

CANBERRA (AP) — Sen. John Grey Gorton was elected leader of the Liberal Party Tuesday and was virtually certain to be sworn in as Australia's new prime minister, probably on Wednesday.

Gorton, 56, leader of the government in the Senate, was favored to succeed caretaker Prime Minister John McEwen, who has been in office for three weeks following the disappearance of Prime Minister Harold Holt in the surf at Portsea, Victoria.

Gorton's election is unlikely to mean any change in Australia's foreign policy, especially in such major matters as involvement in Vietnam, which is the policy of the government rather than that of the leader.

The Liberal Party leader was elected at a closed meeting of 81 Liberal Party members of the House of Representatives and the Senate after a period of intense lobbying that began Dec. 17, the day Holt was swept to death at Portsea. The meeting continued until Tuesday morning.

The four candidates were:

Gorton, 56, government leader in the Senate and minister for education and science.

Paul Meernaa Caedwalla Hasluck, 62, minister for external affairs.

Leslie Harry Ernest Bury, 54, minister for labor and national service.

Billy McKie Snedden, 41, minister for immigration.

Deputy to Holt as leader of the Liberal Party, William McMahon, 59, the federal treasurer, did not stand for election as leader.

McEwen had said his Country Party would not serve in a ministry headed by McMahon which could have broken up the coalition—the Liberals have only 60 seats in a house of 124.

Gorton was elected in the second ballot in a head-to-head fight with Hasluck. Bury and Snedden were reported to have polled equal votes in the first ballot.

It was the first time in the Liberal Party's history that the position of leader had been contested.

The voting was all over in 25 minutes.

Gorton is now expected to resign from the Senate and seek election to the lower house by contesting the blue ribbon seat of Higgins, in Victoria, which Holt held. This by-election is likely to be held within six weeks.

Gorton said he is not yet prime minister, "but I want to talk to you, if I may make that presumption, as if I were the prime minister of Australia," and went on "tomorrow I have no doubt that we will continue in this country as we should — arguments perhaps quite bitter arguments, as to goals, as to differing priorities in different fields of national endeavor."

'Calling All Cars' to TV

Haverhill, England (UPI) — A householder whose television set broke down telephoned the 999 emergency service and asked for the police. "I regard this as an emergency," he said. Commented a police spokesman, "if this sort of nonsense were to spread, it could threaten the whole 999 system."

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John Grey Gorton and his American-born wife, Bettina, smile at their home in Canberra after Gorton's election as leader of Australia's Liberal Party, a position which virtually assures his succession to the office of prime minister. (UPI Radiophoto)

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floor flat of Mojica, his brother-in-law.

The Mojica family, he said, was huddled in the smoke-filled hallway.

Diaz said he tried to open a window, but panicky children and their elders barred the way.

Diaz said he shouted to the Mojica family to follow him as he ran to the roof of the burning structure. When he saw no sign of them, he said, he jumped to safety to the roof of an adjoining building.

Diaz, a Puerto Rican, spoke to newsmen through an interpreter.

The fire marked the worst New York City fire disaster since 46 died in a blaze aboard the aircraft carrier Constellation at the New York Navy Yard in Brooklyn on Dec. 19, 1950. Twelve firemen were killed in a blaze in October, 1966.

Quick action by police and firemen saved other tenants. Patrolman Ralph Sorrentino, one of the first on the scene, said he ran to the alley in the rear where men and women on the second floor began throwing children to him.

He said he caught at least 20 children but missed others. "It was so difficult stumbling through the ice and darkness." One woman who jumped fell on him, he said.

A man and a woman perched on a third-floor ledge against a blazing backdrop were plucked to safety by firemen with the aid of a ladder.

Police said 14 firemen, two policemen and 15 civilians were treated for a variety of injuries at Greenpoint Hospital.

The temperature stood at a record low of 2 degrees for the day when the fire broke out about 12:30 a.m. and fell to 1 degree below zero later. Neighbors threw blankets out of windows to the evacuees.

Some 195 firemen crunched along in ankle-high ice as they used some 39 pieces of equipment to fight the blaze. Firemen said flames at the outset were so fierce they could not enter the building.

The fire department said the blaze apparently started in the ground floor paper carton factory and spread swiftly upward through the tenement which was home for 24 families.

Your Skirt Is Real Cute, Sam

NEW YORK (UPI)—A leading American Department store spiced its seasonal showing of men's fashions Tuesday by offering a skirt suit for \$3,500.

"In two years time no modern-dressed man's wardrobe will be complete without a skirt suit or at least a kilt," Gerry

Golden, fashion director of Hess's of Allentown, Pa., told an audience of trouser-wearing reporters.

"You've got to be kidding," said a cigar-chewing newsman as male models swept by in ankle-length skirted Moroccan kaftans, a \$2,000 leopard jump suit, gold gladiator bikinis for

Heart Man's Wife 'Can't Even Talk'

NEW YORK (UPI)—Mrs. Helen Block, the wife of the latest heart transplant recipient, worked in the family radio shop Tuesday, awaiting word of the historic operation on her husband.

Mrs. Block, 55, said her husband Louis Block, 58, entered Maimonides Hospital Dec. 16. She said she learned a week ago that her husband would undergo a heart transplant.

"But it wasn't until I called the hospital this afternoon that they told me he was being operated on," Mrs. Block said.

She said her husband, a retired fireman, suffered a heart attack nine years ago and has had "difficulty breathing ever since."

She said she was told last Tuesday by Dr. Adrian Kantrowitz, the surgeon who performed the operation, that her husband would undergo the transplant.

"I can't even talk," she told a reporter. "I want to know what's happening at the hospital. I don't know whether I should go there or wait here."

Mrs. Block said she last spoke to her husband by telephone Monday night.



LOUIS BLOCK
Heart Recipient



DR. ADRIAN KANTROWITZ
Transplant Surgeon

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last Saturday. Kasperak's condition is critical but he showed slight improvement Tuesday.

"Gastro-intestinal bleeding has stopped and liver and kidney functions have slightly improved," a midmorning hospital bulletin on Kasperak said.

The retired steelworker, 54, slept during the night after a visit by his wife, Ferne, and was awake and alert in the morning, doctors at Palo Alto-Stanford Medical Center reported.

Kasperak's condition was described as satisfactory from the time he was wheeled from the operating room until Monday morning. Then doctors discovered bleeding from his stomach and intestines. His condition became critical.

He received an emergency transfusion of six pints of fresh blood. Fluids were injected through the peritoneal cavity, which contains the abdominal organs, to wash out impurities in the blood.

A bulletin on Dr. Blaiberg issued by Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town said:

His "condition continues to improve day by day. There are no untoward signs or symptoms whatever. He may be allowed to sit in a chair soon, but at present he is still only allowed to sit up in bed with his feet resting on a chair. His appetite is good and he is allowed within reason to eat whatever he specifically asks for."

"He is still on immuno-suppressive drugs but no cobalt treatment has been found necessary."

Surveyor—

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astronaut landings, expected to start next year.

Surveyor 7, launched Sunday from Cape Kennedy, Fla., ended its quarter-million-mile voyage by firing braking rockets 50 miles above the lunar surface. These slowed its 6,006-m.p.h. plunge to 3 m.p.h. 13 feet above the surface and it settled gently on its shock-absorbing legs.

The landing weight of the 10-foot-tall skeletal craft was 630 pounds.

World Weather

USAF Weather Central

TOKYO AREA

Wednesday Night: Partly Cloudy; Low 30s

Thursday: Cloudy, rain; High 50s

TEMPERATURES

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Bangkok	88	68	Naha	59	45
Cairo	30	9	Suigon	50	68
Canton	81	74	Seoul	34	19
Hanoi	40	35	Taipei	61	46
Manila	82	72	Tokyo	45	25

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Albany	-3	-9	Louisville	19	01
Albuquerque	40	26	Melbourne	95	61
Amarillo	43	20	Memphis	33	12
Anchorage	17	04	Miami	73	69
Atlanta	40	17	Milwaukee	12	-13
Birmingham	48	20	Moscow	11	-15
Bismarck	03	-12	NYC	44	34
Boise	35	25	N. Orleans	23	-3
Boston	05	-1	NYC	19	-1
Chicago	14	01	Oklahoma City	26	15
Cincinnati	16	-10	Omaha	26	04
Cleveland	10	-10	Paris	45	32
Denver	49	12	Phila.	18	08
Des Moines	19	01	Phoenix	63	40
Detroit	08	-8	Pittsburgh	19	-9
Duluth	08	-29	Port., O.	42	32
Fairbanks	20	05	Rapid City	31	-6
Fort Worth	11	04	Reno	40	11
Honolulu	67	57	Richmond	29	08
Houston	60	64	Singapore	78	73
Indianapolis	34	29	St. Louis	14	01
Jakarta	91	74	St. Paul	15	-2
Kansas City	24	06	Salt Lake	28	02
Kuala Lumpur	87	71	S. Antonio	32	25
Las Vegas	48	24	Son Diego	62	41
Little Rock	22	13	Sun Fran.	42	41
London	36	20	S. S. Marie	-10	-28
			Seattle	43	36
			Shreveport	29	15
			Sydney	75	65
			Tucson	60	42
			Wash.	20	08