

90th Congress Opens—Slowly

WASHINGTON (AP)—The 90th Congress began its second session at a slow, low-key pace Monday as House Speaker John W. McCormack, D-Mass., issued a hurry-up plea, setting an Aug. 1 adjournment goal for members to go home to politick.

In this election year, the session is expected to erupt frequently with political fireworks as the legislators struggle with the frustrations of Vietnam, the budget and economy, taxes, and crime on the streets.

And right off, the Senate faced the prospects of a filibuster over civil rights proposals when they are taken up on Thursday.

On this snowy day, however, there was little of the excitement that usually occurs at the start of a new Congress, where many new members are sworn in. The same faces are back this year and the off-year drabness was even more marked because the 1967 session didn't end until mid-December.

It took a slow, 22-minute roll call for the Senate to muster a quorum of its 100 members, 56, five more than necessary to do business. The tally showed 34 of the 64 Democrats and 10 of the 36 Republicans absent.

The House had less than 100 of its 433 members present at the start but a quorum call managed to muster 288. The meeting lasted an hour and 10 minutes before the House quit until noon Tuesday.

The Senate session was even shorter, 53 minutes with adjournment until 8 p.m. Wednesday.

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Ambush Backfires On Reds

By RAY BELFORD
S&S Staff Correspondent

SAIGON—U.S. armored personnel carriers and tanks fought their way out of a Communist ambush Monday, killing at least 24 Reds.

The Reds sprang the ambush on three armored personnel carriers traveling a short distance ahead of a U.S. resupply convoy 14 miles northwest of Kontum City.

The APCs were hit with small arms, automatic weapons and rocket grenade fire.

The APCs, from the 2nd Bn., 1st Cav. Regt., attached to the 4th Inf. Div., were joined by two tanks and a helicopter fire team in a counterattack against the Reds.

A company of infantrymen from the 4th Inf. Div. was flown by helicopters to the battle and the enemy fled, leaving at least 24 of their dead behind.

U.S. officials said the convoy had left Kontum City headed northwest along Highway 14 to a forward support base, earlier in the morning.

The site of the ambush was (Continued on Back Page, Col. 3)

Fast With an Alibi

MITCHELLVILLE, Iowa (AP)—A woman has been charged with speeding after a Highway Patrol airplane clocked her car at 112 miles-an-hour. The woman told a patrolman she was late for work as a school bus driver.



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QUAKE HITS SICILY; 300 FEARED DEAD



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EARTHQUAKE REFUGEES FROM GIBELLINA, SICILY, WAIT EVACUATION VEHICLES.

PALERMO, Sicily (UPI) — Killer earthquakes hit the poverty-ridden, snow-covered western tip of Sicily Monday, claiming the heaviest quake death toll on the island in 60 years.

The Italian state television network estimated the toll at "about 300" dead and 1,000 injured.

Some Italian newspapers said the death toll in the barren clay hills between Palermo and Trapani may be as high as 500.

Tens of thousands camped in freezing weather outside flattened villages. Injured men, women and children were rushed to hospitals by the hundreds.

The series of quakes, which began with comparatively light tremors Sunday and hit a fearful climax Monday, was the worst since Dec. 28, 1908, when Italy's biggest recorded earthquake claimed an estimated 75,000 lives in Messina, Sicily, and on the Italian mainland.

The Rome Observatory said the heaviest shock measured nine on the 12-degree Mercalli scale. The center of the quake was not exactly pinpointed, but it was believed to have been in the Mediterranean just off Sicily's west coast.

Montevago, the worst hit village, reported an estimated 200 dead out of a population of 3,000. (Continued on Back Page, Col. 3)

The Good Car 'Nonesuch'

WATERVILLE, Maine (UPI) — Callahan Richard McCarthy applied in October for personalized 1968 Maine automobile registration plates.

He wanted his initials, CRM, and indicated so where the application said "first choice." The form asked for a second choice, and McCarthy wrote "none."

Gleaming new mustard yellow plates arrived last week. They read "NONE."

Supreme Court OKs Merger Of Pennsy, New York Central

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Supreme Court gave a final go-ahead today to the long-disputed merger of the Pennsylvania and New York Central Railroads, which now can combine into the world's largest private rail operation.

In upholding approval of the merger by the Interstate

Commerce Commission (ICC), the court also sanctioned a number of subsidiary actions including:

—Absorption of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad by the new Penn-Central operation.

—An order that the Norfolk & Western system take in three

small lines which will be strongly affected financially by the merger. The three so-called "small lines" are the Erie-Lackawanna, the Delaware & Hudson and the Boston & Maine.

In other actions, the court:

—Ruled that a Texas loyalty (Continued on Back Page, Col. 2)

Government Claims 2 Downed

N. Viet Planes Bomb Laos Village

VIENTIANE, Laos (UPI) — Laotian forces shot down two North Vietnamese planes near the Laotian village of Muong Yut, 200 miles northeast of here, the government announced Monday.

The government also announced, in a communique read to reporters by Finance Minister Sisouk Na Champassak, right-hand man of Premier Souvanna Phouma, that there had been a

serious attack on Nam Bac, a government strong point 60 miles north of the Royal Capital at Luang Prabang.

The communique also stated that two aircraft at Luang Prabang airport had been damaged by machinegun fire during a Pathet Lao raid there last night.

The communique did not say anything about the fate of government troops at Nam Bac.

It did state that the attack was

made by five battalions of Pathet Lao and two regiments of North Vietnamese troops, as well as elements of a North Vietnamese division on its way through Laos to South Vietnam.

The communique said the attack on Luang Prabang airfield was connected with that on Nam Bac, and was an effort by the communists to put out of action an airfield from which T28 fighter bombers fly in support of the Nam Bac position.

The communique said on Jan. 12 four North Vietnamese airplanes attacked Muong Yut, 15 miles west of Sam Neua. These four planes flew from the east at a very low altitude and strafed and bombed Muong Yut, causing four civilian dead and wounding many.

Among the four planes, two were shot down by machineguns and two were able to escape. The downed planes were Antonov-2s, or so-called Colts.

MIG Downs F105

S&S VIETNAM BUREAU

SAIGON—An Air Force F105 was shot down in a dog fight with a Communist MIG21 over the Communist country Sunday. The pilot is listed as missing.

Meanwhile, poor weather continued to hamper U.S. air strikes, limiting Sunday's air action to 83 missions.

The plane was the 786th U.S. warplane lost over North Vietnam in the war and was the 38th downed by a MIG. U.S. pilots have shot 103 MIGs out of the sky in air battles over North Vietnam in the war.

Most of the raids Sunday were against Communist supply lines and gun positions.

In the day's most significant raid, Air Force F105s flew radar-directed strikes against the Yen Bai airfield and storage area 78 miles northwest of Hanoi.

Other F105s radar bombed a railroad yard 94 miles northwest of the Communist capital on the northwest rail link with China.

Air Force B52 bombers flew three missions against Communist targets Monday. Two strikes hit suspected enemy positions 20 and 22 miles northwest of Khe Sanh near the DMZ. The other mission hit the enemy 88 miles north of Saigon.

Lone Copter Provides Shield for Troops

Soldiers of the 2nd Bn., 27th Inf. "Wolfhounds" move from a landing zone toward a wooded area under the cover of a smoke

screen provided by a helicopter. They were taking part in the 25th Inf. Div's Operation Saratoga. (USA Photo by Spec. 4 Joe Carey)

Channel Silt Plagues Shipping at Haiphong

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Communists are being forced to rely heavily on small ships to supply North Vietnam because silt is choking channels and waterways leading into the major port of Haiphong, U.S. intelligence sources say.

They said this means the Communists must use many more vessels than previously.

In peacetime, the approaches to Haiphong were kept open for big ships by constant dredging of the approaches.

But the sources said Sunday the Communists apparently are having increasing difficulty carrying out the necessary amount of dredging. They gave no reason for this except to cite "wartime conditions."

"Sifting has become a real problem," one expert said. "Haiphong is a bad harbor to get into."

"You see very few of the bigger ships going in these days. North Vietnam needs small ships."

Vessels up to 10,000 tons used to be common sights in the Haiphong harbor, the sources said, but now ships in the 5,000-6,000 ton range and smaller are needed to haul petroleum, food and other cargo to support the Communist war effort.

Statistics on merchant ship arrivals in North Vietnam show Soviet vessels called there 185 times in 1967—more than twice as many times as in 1965 and an increase of 63 times over 1966.

Experts said this was traceable in part to the requirement for smaller ships as well as an increase in Soviet aid to North Vietnam.

Normally secret shipping statistics, made public by Rep. Charles Chamberlain, R-Mich., show the number of non-Communist ship arrivals rose slightly last year. The 1967 total reached 78 arrivals, an increase of 4 over 1966 but still well down from the peak of 401 in 1964.

The United States has applied steady pressure against allies and other non-Communist countries in an effort to cut off this source of shipping to North Vietnam.

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 Robert L. Hill, Atlanta, Ala.
SP4 Bobby R. Rodgers, Hollywood, Ala.
Pfc. Arthur J. Earles, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
Pfc. Garry G. Prince, Birmingham, Ala.
Sgt. Terry W. Birmingham, Trumann, Ark.
Pfc. Ronnie E. Ballard, Warm Springs, Ark.
Pfc. Clarence Robinson, Helena, Ark.
2Lt. George M. Wisham Jr., Bakersfield, Calif.
Sgt. Meredith A. Gabriel, San Diego, Calif.
Sgt. Nathaniel R. Rose, Los Angeles, Calif.
Cpl. Gene R. Kunz, Murphys, Calif.
SP4 Gregory E. Cox, Pleasant Hill, Calif.
SP4 William J. Desilets, Long Beach, Calif.
SP4 Jack W. Mc Kinnon Jr., Truckee, Calif.
SP4 James W. Roy III, Oroville, Calif.
Pfc. Walter J. Peters, Indio, Calif.
Pfc. Renny D. School, Marysville, Calif.
Pfc. Michael F. Walker, Chico, Calif.
Cpt. Frederick L. Manly, Lamar, Colo.
Cpl. James A. Balley, Rydell, Ga.
SP4 Billy W. Gober, Monroe, Ga.
SP4 Eddie H. Holland, Chickamauga, Ga.
SP4 Kenneth J. Takemoto, Waialua, Hawaii.
Pfc. Reginald W. Y. Chun, Honolulu, Hawaii.
Pfc. Ralph L. Rotter, Lewiston, Idaho.
Sgt. Donald W. Burnman, Collinsville, Ill.
Cpl. Jerry W. Wickam, Leaf River, Ill.
Pfc. John P. Johnson, Berwyn, Ill.
Pfc. John M. Lindner, East St. Louis, Ill.
SFC Richard E. Devore, Charlestown, Ind.
Pfc. Richard E. Wolfe, Princeton, Ind.
Pfc. Dennis D. Daufremont, Riverside, Iowa.
Pfc. Paul R. Striepe, Holstein, Iowa.
Pfc. James D. Osenbaugh, Hutchinson, Kan.
SP4 Robert L. Campbell, Lancaster, Ky.
SP4 Lowell Johnson, Melvin, Ky.
Pfc. Eugene F. Sweet Jr., Leesville, La.
Pfc. Norman E. Colosanti, Portland, Maine.
Cpl. James B. Hall, Rockville, Md.
Sgt. David L. Simon, Brookline, Mass.
Cpl. Eric R. Fassitt, Dorchester, Mass.
SP4 Daniel E. Rodrigues, Somerset, Mass.
SP4 Frank E. Smyek, Detroit, Mich.
Pfc. Robert L. Cline, Warren, Mich.
Pfc. Freddie R. Cox, Saginaw, Mich.
Pfc. Wayne H. Kelman, Minneapolis, Minn.
Pfc. Robert W. Sorenson, Duluth, Minn.
Pvt. Roger W. Larcher, Eveleth, Minn.
SP4 Wayne S. Bates, Paris, Mo.
Pfc. Michael R. Baker, St. Louis, Mo.

1Lt. James F. Fuhrman, Larimore, Mont.
Pfc. Thomas J. Skavuril, Omaha, Neb.
Sgt. Richard L. Long, Glen Rock, N.J.
Sgt. Dwight F. Rand, Somerville, N.J.
2Lt. John W. Beckert, Albuquerque, N.M.

2Lt. Francis P. Rybak, Camillus, N.Y.
Cpl. George J. Williams, New York City.
SP4 Robert V. Vinscowski, Putnam Valley, N.Y.

Pfc. Richard E. Show, Delhi, N.Y.
SP4 Curtis L. Kennedy, Rocky Mount, N.C.

SP4 Larry H. Mc Loughlin, Garner, N.C.

Pfc. Odell Stokes Jr., Newton, N.C.

Pfc. Able C. Stroud III, Wilmington, N.C.

Cpl. Michael F. Meyhoff, Center, N.C.

Sgt. Clarence M. Adams, Cleveland, Ohio.

Cpl. Floyd P. Skaggs, Springfield, Ohio.

SP4 Theodore Taylor Jr., Dayton, Ohio.

Pfc. William E. Stalner, Columbus, Ohio.

Sgt. Gay G. Stayton, Alturas, Okla.

Cpl. Billy G. Jeni, Vinita, Okla.

Maj. Alonso R. Teal, Wayne, Pa.

Cpt. David L. Chaney, Marcus Hook, Pa.

Pfc. Harry R. Bartholomew, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Pfc. John M. Galata, Greensburg, Pa.

Pfc. Bruce J. Moran, Duquesne, Pa.

Pfc. Jordan E. Runney, Columbia, S.C.

1Lt. Peter A. Zanga, Corpus Christi, Tex.

Pfc. Bobby F. Holman, Dallas, Tex.

Pfc. James L. Scherer, Victoria, Tex.

Pvt. Frank O. Taboada, San Antonio, Tex.

Sgt. Charles T. Cooke, Covington, Va.

Pfc. James J. Lind, Oshkosh, Wis.

Pfc. Samuel Rivera-Fernandez, Caguas, P.R.

Marine Corps

Pfc. Fred E. Andrews, Urbana, Ark.

Cpl. John G. Turk, Lemont, Calif.

Pfc. Terry D. Pitts, Bakersfield, Calif.

Cpl. Robert W. Doyle, Wilmington, Del.

Cpl. Richard W. B. Fox Jr., Washington, D.C.

Cpl. Claude Darden Jr., Washington, D.C.

Sgt. Francis G. Houdashelt, Pensacola, Fla.

Cpl. James H. Clay, Apalachicola, Fla.

Cpl. Richard H. Frost, Holmes Beach, Fla.

LCpl. Wesley J. Mc Kinney, Tampa, Fla.

LCpl. Ivan A. Ort, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Pfc. Bruce R. Harris, Columbus, Ind.

LCpl. Gerald P. Gauthier, Saint Martinville, La.

Cpl. Milton C. Wydra, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

LCpl. Henry E. Schanck, Redwood Falls, Minn.

Pfc. James W. Miller, Fridley, Minn.

Cpl. Andy A. Cabrera, Las Cruces, N.M.

LCpl. Harold E. Hager, Lovington, N.M.

LCpl. Ferdinand W. Glessing Jr., Port Byron, N.Y.

Pfc. Robert C. Henderson, Geneseo, N.Y.

Pfc. Arthur J. Withers, Hyde Park, N.Y.

LCpl. Charles Briscoe, Cleveland, Ohio.

Cpl. Carl E. Hixson, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sgt. Thomas D. O'Connor, Allendale, S.C.

Pfc. Joseph Smalls, Oakley, S.C.

Sgt. Donald F. Webb, Portsmouth, Va.

DIED OF WOUNDS Marine Corps

Pfc. Daniel J. Johnson, Westfield, Mass.
Sgt. George F. Flanagan, Nashua, N.H.

MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE Army

SSg. Juan A. Guzman, Artesia, Calif.
Sgt. Tommy G. Stover, Inglewood, Calif.
Cpl. Darwin E. Ray, East Highlands, Calif.

Sgt. Jerry L. Smith, Newnan, Ga.
Sgt. John M. Brumm, Jonesboro, Ill.

Cpl. Thomas McCray, Hopkinsville, Ky.

Sgt. Ronald D. Goulet, Garden City, Mich.

Sgt. Paul H. Villarosa, Yucatan City, Mex.

Cpl. Melford W. West, Fulton, Miss.

Cpl. Bobby J. Winkler, St. Joseph, Mo.

Sgt. Morgan E. Stewart, Mayhill, N.M.

Cpl. Stanley H. Cooler, Burton, S.C.

Cpl. Allen B. Glines, Layton, Utah.

MISSING IN ACTION Army

Sgt. John T. Gallagher, Jr.
Sgt. Kenneth B. Berry.

SP5 Ernest F. Briggs Jr.

SP4 David M. Clavier.

SP4 Ennis E. Crow.

SP4 Robert Lewis III.

SP4 James D. Williamson.

Pfc. Houston C. Box Jr.

Pfc. Robert W. Renaud.

Pfc. Victor D. Tomczyk.

Navy

LCdr. James R. Dennison.

U.S. Terence H. Hanley.

Ptl. Henry H. Herrin Jr.

Air Force

Major James C. Hartney.

Captain Samuel Fantele III.

Captain William E. Jones.

DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

Army

SP4 Ronald R. Watson, Santa Ana, Calif.

Pfc. Robert G. Snoot, Sacramento, Calif.

SP4 Larry A. Diefenbach, Aurora, Ind.

Sgt. Mike A. Moksin, Waynesville, Mo.

WO William T. Jacobus, Trenton, N.J.

SP4 Robert C. Gillen, Putnam Valley, N.Y.

SP5 Larry I. Briggs, Fayetteville, N.C.

SP4 Fred M. Wren, Charlotte, N.C.

Pvt. Bobbie J. Mounts, Monmouth, Ore.

SP4 William D. Dowd, Richland, Wash.

Marine Corps

Cpl. Steve S. Schnack, San Bernardino, Calif.

Air Force

Sgt. Clifton P. Pierce, Tacoma, Wash.

MISSING TO DEAD—NON HOSTILE Army

WO Jonathan P. Shaffer, Sonoma, Calif.

WO William C. Cheney, Rome, N.Y.

WO Milton W. Smith, Reedsport, Ore.

Pfc. William D. Holland, Electra, Tex.

MISSING NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

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Troops of the 3rd Bn., 32nd Inf., 7th Inf. Div., return to Camp Hovey aboard a truck after three and a half months of duty in the DMZ. The 7th

Inf. Div. Band welcomes them. The Badger Bn. helped 2nd Inf. Div. units along the Demilitarized Zone during their tour of duty. (USA)

Red Cross Willing to Aid Exiles

GENEVA (AP)—The International Red Cross Committee (ICRC) is willing to consider helping with the evacuation of Koreans forcibly transported to Soviet-held Sakhalin Island at the end of World War II, Red Cross sources said Monday.

But any Red Cross intervention would require the approval of all interested governments including the Soviet Union, the sources said. There would also have to be stringent safeguards to prevent anyone being evacuated against his will.

A South Korean parliamentary delegation including former Foreign Minister Yihyung Chyung was received for 90 minutes Monday morning by ICRC president Samuel Gonard to discuss the plight of the Koreans in Sakhalin.

The delegation, also comprising assemblymen Ji Chul Cha and Chung Yul Kim, told Gonard some 7,000 Koreans were eager to return home from Sakhalin. The Soviet Union is prepared to allow them to leave, but not directly for South Korea which has no relations with Moscow.

Gonard promised the group he would consider a request made by all interested parties.

Badgers Wind Up Tour Along DMZ

CAMP CASEY, Korea (IO)—Happiness for the men of the 3rd Bn., 32nd Inf., 7th Inf. Div., is returning to Camp Hovey after spending 3½ months on the DMZ.

As the 7th Div. Band played, Maj. Gen. William A. Enemark, division commander, welcomed the troops of the 3rd Bn. home as they passed under the "Welcome Home, Badgers" banner.

The battalion spent its time on the DMZ helping the 2nd Inf. Div. They occupied a segment of the DMZ which required full-time efforts from everyone.

U.S. Pushes Wheat Sale

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman Monday announced a U.S. trade team will leave Friday on a three-week mission to promote wheat sales to Japan, Korea, the Philippines, and Taiwan.

The countries to be visited bought about 120 million bushels of U.S. wheat for cash last year, accounting for 27 per cent of U.S. commercial wheat sales.

Japan, leading agricultural export customer of the United States, is No. 1 dollar market for wheat. In 1967 it took 52 per cent of its wheat, 150 million dollars worth from the United States.

Manning the guard towers, defensive positions and patrols kept them busy. Their free time was at a minimum. None of the comforts of home prevailed.

The time spent on the line was a climax to all previous training for the men. Supplementing regular training, the 3rd Bn. participated in special Counter-guerrilla Warfare tactics training in addition to familiarization courses on the firing of individual crew-served weapons.

The battalion was continually harassed by North Korean propaganda speeches broadcast over loudspeakers.

Time passed fast for the 3rd Bn. on the DMZ.

Sgt. James D. Jackson, C Co. 81mm mortar section leader, said, "Hours seemed like minutes and weeks seemed like days. We were always on the go. Sometimes we would lose track of what day it was."

Maj. Gerald L. Murphy, executive officer, 3rd Bn., added, "The men were able to put into use the many hours of training they had received. They played their operations to the hilt. It was a great challenge for every man and, likewise, very rewarding. The men could actually see how their efforts helped the mission as a whole."

Lt. Col. Wilbur F. Price, 3rd Bn. commander, praised the men of his command. "Everyone conducted themselves superbly. The discipline and morale was splendid. I am very proud of the men and officers."

Infiltration Threat Bars Boost in Viet Force: Park

S&S Korea Bureau

SEOUL—North Korea's "mischievous attempts" to infiltrate Communist agents into the South make it impossible to increase the 48,000 Republic of Korea combat troops now fighting in Vietnam, ROK President Chung Hee Park said Monday at a special Blue House news conference.

The conference, Park's first since his inauguration last July as the ROK's sixth president, was substituted for the president's annual State-of-the-Nation message, which could not be read before the National Assembly since last year's session ended Dec. 29, and reconvention is not in sight for this year.

Predicting a sharp increase this year in infiltration from

Communist North Korea, Park said the country is well-prepared to crush any attempt to start a guerrilla war in South Korea.

Counter-infiltration strategy was streamlined at a security conference held at the 1st ROK Army Headquarters in Wonju Jan. 6, he said.

At the Wonju conference, largest since the birth of the republic in 1948, more than 160 of the nation's top civic and military leaders discussed ways of coping with stepped-up infiltration from the North, he noted.

For more effective counter-infiltration operations, Park emphasized the need of a civil defense system which calls for participation of all male Koreans between the ages of 20 and 40. The civil defense bill is now

pending before the National Assembly.

Commenting on the aspects of the Vietnam war, Park said he thinks the allied nations have no other alternative but to continue applying military pressure on North Vietnam to bring it to the table for peace talks.

Park said he foresees no significant change in the Vietnam war until November because Hanoi would not come to the negotiation table before the U.S. presidential election.

Military leaders, Park said, believe Hanoi's warring capability will be exhausted this year.

"Most of North Vietnamese troops taken prisoner or defecting to the allied forces are no more than 13 or 14 years old, indicating a manpower drain on

6 Mountaineers Stranded Atop Peak in Blizzard

S&S Korea Bureau

SEOUL — A two-man, four-woman mountain-climbing team is believed to be stranded atop a 4,900-foot mountain on Cheju Island where blizzards and 60 m.p.h. winds have been reported, police said Tuesday.

The mountaineers, from Seoul's Ewha Woman's University, have been exposed to the extreme weather since Sunday, a spokesman said.

Accompanied by three guides, one of them a woman, they were climbing on Mt. Halla Sunday when the storm hit the area, the spokesman said.

The woman guide returned to Cheju City Monday and reported the situation to police, officers said. The guide said the team carried four days' provisions and took shelter in a tent.

Police said rescuers were sent but could not reach the mountaintop because of the blizzard.

The mountaineers were identified as Prof. Chang Hwan Lee, 41; Prof. Kun Won Kim, 44, member of the Korea Alpinist Club; and Kyong Ok Chang, Wan Sook Chin and Chung Sook Chung, all girl students of the university. The guides were not identified.

ROK to Try NCO in Taxi Death

S&S Korea Bureau

SEOUL—An American soldier has been charged with murder after allegedly driving a taxi through a group of Koreans in Paju Village Jan. 1, the Korean Ministry of Justice informed 8th Army Monday.

According to police, S. Sgt. David O. Foreman, 21, allegedly stopped a taxi and drove it through a ring of villagers, killing one of them, after a fight with a drunken Korean man who insulted Foreman's Korean wife.

The dead man was identified as Song Han Yun, 39.

Foreman, of B Co., 3rd Bn., 23rd Inf., 2nd Inf. Div., is from Muncie, Ind. He served a previous tour in Korea from June, 1965, to July, 1966.

The Justice Ministry told 8th Army it will exercise jurisdiction over Foreman and that he is charged with murder by "malicious operation of a vehicle."

Bill Considers Wartime Controls

SEOUL (S&S)—Republic of Korea commanders will be given authority to use their own discretion in destroying military supplies and equipment in wartime and emergency situations if a bill to be submitted to the ROK National Assembly is approved.

The cabinet announced Wednesday that the bill would be submitted and was designed to manage and control military supplies more effectively in wartime situations.

Raid Nets Bogus Bills

MANILA (UPI)—Philippine and American agents have seized \$10,000 worth of counterfeit U.S. currency in a raid on a nightclub in Angeles City, outside Clark AB.

The raid was staged Sunday night on a tip furnished by a U.S. airman stationed at the base.

He told U.S. Air Force officials he was given 19 counterfeit U.S. \$10 bills by the club manager.

Later, he was offered larger quantities to be passed at the base at 20 cents to the dollar.

The counterfeit bills were in \$5 and \$10 denominations, the same type U.S. officials said has been turning up in the tills of clubs and base exchanges at Clark.

Suharto to Visit Europe

AMSTERDAM (AP)—General Suharto, Indonesia's acting president, will visit France, West Germany and the Netherlands in the middle of April, Dutch radio station NCRV reported.

by investing \$1.2 billion in domestic capital and \$400 million in foreign capital;

—Add 460,000 kilowatts to the nation's electricity output now estimated at 1.37 million kilowatts, and build an atomic power plant by 1974;

—Build superhighways to weave across South Korea, develop port facilities and expand railroads;

—Increase exports this year to \$500 million, an increase of \$130 million;

The press conference, from which foreign reporters were barred for lack of space, was attended by some 40 Korean newsmen.

16 Scots Die as Record Winds Hit Britain

GLASGOW, Scotland (UPI)—Hurricane force winds of record strength hit Britain Monday like a sledgehammer. Police in Glasgow said the death and devastation was as bad as the blitz of World War II.

At least 16 persons died in Scotland, police said. Falling debris killed a man and wife in Edinburgh, two persons in Greenock and nine in worst-hit Glasgow, where nearly 150 were injured. Another three men drowned when a dredger sank off Greenock.

Winds of 134 m.p.h. at Great Dun Fell in Westmorland broke all records in England, the meteorological office said.

In Glasgow, tenement buildings collapsed, 400 persons were left homeless, and rail and air services ceased for hours in the worst storm in memory.

In one section of Glasgow, police and firemen worked frantically to free two girls, aged 10 and 3, and their mothers, buried in tons of debris when a chimney crashed through their apartment building.

The west of Scotland, including Glasgow, was blacked out for about five hours when the gale blew down power lines.

Ambulances threaded their way through streets in Glasgow and Greenock littered with debris and collapsed houses. "It's like the blitz," a police spokesman said. "We've never had a day like it. This is the worst."

Hundreds of roads in England, Scotland and Wales were blocked by fallen trees, debris and flooding from the sharp weekend thaw when temperatures shot up by 20 degrees from freezing level and melted a thick blanket of last week's snow.

Ireland counted the cost of one of its worst storms in years with a number of people injured. Many roads were blocked by trees and fallen power lines.

Four tugs and a Royal Air Force Shackleton plane went to the aid of the British drilling rig Sea Quest with a crew of 41 which snapped five of her nine anchors in very rough weather 91 miles out in the North Sea. The skipper raised the other anchors to avoid losing them and set the rig adrift. Helicopters lifted off 14 of the crew.

Two new vessels in the Clydebank shipyards were blown from their moorings. The 101,000-ton tanker Regent Westminster broke adrift on the river Tyne in England and grounded across the river, but was not believed to be badly damaged.

The dead in Glasgow included a 5-year-old girl and a Malaysian nurse, Mrs. Janet Kua, 27. Most of the victims were asleep when chimney stacks tumbled through roofs and killed them.

More than 450 persons were evacuated in Glasgow when a crane fell against an apartment block.

The gales brought down trees and masonry across Britain.

"It has been a night of complete devastation," a Royal Automobile Club spokesman said. "Dozens and dozens of roads are blocked, too numerous to mention."



Trains clog the central station in Copenhagen, Denmark, as low temperatures and heavy snow snarled railroad schedules. Drifts

stranded tourists in Swiss resorts, where deep snow and rising temperatures raised fears of avalanches. (AP Radiophoto)

Court—

(Continued From Page 1) oath for state employees is unconstitutional.

Let stand the state trespass conviction of 28 University of Michigan students and faculty members who conducted a 1965 sit-in at Ann Arbor Selective Service headquarters to protest the Vietnam war.

Refused to take up a Connecticut professor's challenge of the constitutionality of police roadblocks to check registrations and drivers' licenses.

Agreed to rule on the constitutionality of a New York law allowing the use of state funds in loaning text books to private and parochial schools.

Affirmed a lower court ruling which held that the drawings of Massachusetts congressional districts were validly carried out by the state legislature.

Agreed to rule whether it was constitutional to extend the federal minimum wage law to 1.6 million employees of public schools and public hospitals.

Refused to order the release on bail of imprisoned Army Capt. Howard B. Levy while he is appealing his court-martial conviction for having refused to train medical aides for Vietnam war service.

Turned down another appeal by Morton Sobell, convicted with atom spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg 16 years ago.

The Supreme Court ruling in the rail case in general upheld the main points of the ICC actions on the merger.

Earthquake Batters Sicily

(Continued From Page 1) Gibellina, with 6,000 inhabitants, reported about 40 dead and 150 missing. Authorities said they didn't know if their missing had fled to the countryside or were buried under the rubble.

In Montevago, Gibellina and Santa Margherita di Belice only one house in 10 was left intact. Heavy damage was reported in

other communities, including 60 houses destroyed in Camporeale and 70 in Roccamena.

Peasants awakened in the night fled into the snow-covered countryside in freezing temperatures. Palermo and Trapani were just above freezing, but it was far colder in the hills.

There was no shelter for

Red Ambush Backfires

(Continued From Page 1) along a twisting, mountainous road with thick jungle on both sides, according to a military spokesman.

U.S. casualties were 13 wounded. U.S. officials said the armored vehicles received light damage.

Meanwhile, a company of Vietnamese APCs, supported by U.S. artillery and air strikes, killed 76 North Vietnamese in a battle that was still raging at nightfall:

The battle started when the APCs, sweeping an area nine miles northeast of Bong Son in Binh Dinh province, came under heavy automatic and small arms fire shortly before noon.

Armed helicopters from the 1st Air Cav. Div. flew through heavy salvos of enemy automatic weapons fire as they attacked the communist positions with machine gun and rocket fire in support of the Vietnamese troops.

The Reds continued to pour

fire into the Vietnamese APC company and brought up anti-tank rockets in an effort to knock out the Vietnamese armor.

The APCs formed a tight perimeter and called for more helicopter and artillery support as the enemy fire poured in from the north and south.

Air strikes and artillery bombardment continued until dark when minigun firing AC47 Dragonships took over the air support.

In addition to the 76 enemy bodies found on the battlefield, the Vietnamese troops picked up numerous weapons.

One U.S. adviser was wounded in the battle. Government casualties were said to be light.

Congress—

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TOKYO AREA

TEMPERATURES	
Jan. 15	
H	L
Bangkok	82 70
Chitose	30 7
Gum	81 75
Itazuke	51 35
Manila	84 69
Naha	51 45
Saigon	85 72
Seoul	19 7
Taipei	55 45
Tokyo	47 30

dozens of miles around. Village after village was a pile of rubble.

The Italian government flew in tents and blankets and moved injured and children by truck to distant communities spared by the quakes.

Palermo, a city of 550,000, emptied in a matter of minutes when the heaviest shock awakened residents in beds "rocking like boats in rough seas."

Hundreds of thousands fled by foot or car to the countryside, parks and other open spaces. Traffic at 4 a.m. was as heavy as at rush hours.

Most stayed in the open until evening as lighter shocks continued to rock the island.

Scientists said the shocks apparently were caused by layers of rock shifting deep underground, probably on the bottom of the Mediterranean.

Party-Line Hog Blocks Fire Alert

NASHVILLE, Mich. (UPI)—Noah Keith and his family were away from home when their house caught fire.

But their neighbor, Wesley Friend, heard an explosion and saw the flames.

Friend went to his telephone to call the fire department. The party line was in use.

The unidentified man using the phone refused to give up the line. It took Friend almost 10 minutes before he could place a call to the fire department.

By the time firemen arrived, the two-story frame home was

blazing out of control and could not be saved.

Michigan Bell Telephone Co. Sunday launched an investigation to attempt to learn the identity of the obstinate caller. Michigan law requires anyone talking on a party line to immediately end the call when told life or property is endangered.