

Korea Crisis

MORE UNITS ALERTED

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Marines Kill 151 N. Viets



While mortar and artillery shells explode around them, U.S. Marines scramble for safety in a bunker at Khe Sanh base in Vietnam, not far from where 151 Reds were killed in a battle Saturday. Another Picture, Page 6. (S&S Radiophoto by John Olson)

SAIGON (AP) — U.S. Marines killed 151 Communists in a 2½-hour battle with entrenched North Vietnamese troops northeast of the Marine combat base of Khe Sanh, the U.S. command reported Sunday.

A spokesman said 19 Marines were killed and 90 wounded. The Marines were trying to clear the only road link with their main bases Saturday when the fighting broke out about seven miles south of the demilitarized zone.

Three companies of the 4th Regt. ran head-on into the heavily armed North Vietnamese only one mile from Camp Car. (Continued on Back Page, Col. 3)

French Sub Lost Off Toulon; Hope Fades for Israel's Dakar

TOULON, France (UPI) — A French submarine was reported missing in the western Mediterranean Sunday even while ships and planes pressed a search for an Israeli submarine which disappeared Thursday in the eastern Mediterranean.

The French Navy's 1,040-ton Minerve was last reported 20 miles off Toulon, cruising in deep waters. It was reported missing with its crew of six officers and 48 enlisted men when it failed to return to the French

naval base here Saturday night as scheduled.

Searchers spotted an oil slick in the search area late Sunday but doubted it had come from the missing Minerve.

Off Cyprus, hope was fading fast for the 1,500-ton Israeli submarine Dakar which vanished Thursday with 69 crewmen aboard. The Dakar was southwest of Cyprus in 6,000-foot deep waters when it last made contact.

Neither the Dakar nor the Mi-

nerve sent distress signals before they disappeared. And the air and sea searchers have thus far found no debris or other signs of either of the missing submarines.

Their last known positions were more than 1,000 miles apart at opposite ends of the Mediterranean and there was no apparent link between the two disappearances.

The Minerve had been on exercises off Toulon, the Dakar (Continued on Back Page, Col. 4)

The Pentagon said Sunday more military units have been alerted for possible movement because of the Korea crisis.

At the same time, the top U.S. Air Force commander in Korea said two squadrons of jets rushed to that country from Okinawa last week are combat alert and ready to be scrambled on a moment's notice.

The Pentagon's terse announcement gave no details about units alerted because of the crisis and did not say whether the units are stationed in the U.S. or Far East.

The announcement was prompted by a newspaper story

North Korean commando chief slain in South Korea. Other stories on Korea crisis, Page 5.

that a squadron of F-105 Thunderchief fighter-bombers had left Nellis AFB, Nev., for Korea.

The Defense Department refused comment on the story as it did on reports that the aircraft carrier Yorktown may have joined the nuclear carrier (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)

Hint Swap Proposal On Pueblo

Compiled From AP and UPI

North Korea may be willing to swap the intelligence ship Pueblo and her crew for North Koreans held for spying and terrorism in South Korea, the Washington Post and Baltimore Sun reported Saturday.

The reports came from correspondents for the two newspapers in New Delhi where Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin is meeting with Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Both reports gave as sources for the stories un-named "well-placed" and "responsible" Soviet officials.

Meanwhile, North Korean Vice President Kang Ryang Wuk, during a brief stopover in Syria, was quoted by the state. (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)

Pueblo Officer's Mother Dies

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Mrs. Kathryn Murphy, 67, of Martinez, Calif., mother of the executive officer of the captured Navy intelligence ship Pueblo, died in a San Francisco hospital Friday without knowledge her son was a prisoner in North Korea.

The son, Lt. Edward R. Murphy, 30, a native Californian, joined the Navy in 1960 and was commissioned after attending officers' training school at Newport, R.I.

Bombers Again Pummel Reds in Khe Sanh Area

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON — U.S. fighter-bombers Saturday continued to pound Communist forces in the northwestern corner of South Vietnam with some of the heaviest strikes of the war.

U.S. officials in Saigon said Marine, Navy, and Air Force pilots flew 363 sorties in support of Operation Scotland in the Khe Sanh area.

Air Force B52s also dropped tons of explosives on enemy positions during two raids Saturday night and early Sunday

morning in support of the operation.

Officials said crew members from one B52 raid on Friday saw 22 secondary explosions ranging from two to nine times the size of a normal bomb burst.

U.S. Air Force radar-guided F105 Thunderchiefs flew through thick cloud cover to pound the Hoa Lac airfield, 20 miles west of Hanoi, and the Yen Bai airfield, 78 miles northwest of the capital city.

Heavy cloud cover and rain limited U.S. warplanes to 65

missions north of the 17th parallel Saturday.

Air Force pilots reported they demolished two spans of a highway bridge 4 miles south of Dong Hoi.

Navy A6 Intruders heavily damaged a transshipment point 35 miles southwest of Haiphong.

The Vinh Loc railroad and highway bridge, 37 miles southwest of Thanh Hoa, was hit by A4 Skyhawk pilots from the carrier Ticonderoga, but pilots said smoke and dust prevented a damage assessment.

Hanoi Identifies Pilots It Will Free

TOKYO (AP) — Three American pilots whom North Vietnam has decided to set free were identified Monday by Hanoi's official news agency.

The Vietnam News Agency (VNA), monitored here, identified them as:

1) John David Black, captain, service number FR 55113, Tennessee.

2) Norris Miller Overly, ma-

for, service number FR 45067, West Virginia.

3) David Paul Matheny, ensign, service number 710089, Indiana.

North Vietnam announced Saturday it has decided to release the three pilots captured in North Vietnam who "had shown a repentant attitude during the period of detention."

It added the three were being freed in connection with the lunar New Year.

A brief Hanoi dispatch identified the three but did not say when and where they would be released.

The three will be the first American airmen to be set free by the North.

The Viet Cong released 3 American servicemen captured in South Vietnam through Cambodia last October.

Meanwhile, in South Vietnam the Communists released 14 South Vietnamese military prisoners Sunday to mark the lunar New Year as fighting subsided across the country.

The prisoners turned up at a government district headquarters in Quang Nam Province in the center of the northern First Military Corps area as the week-long truce declared by the Viet Cong to mark Tet entered its second day.

A government spokesman said the prisoners included 13 officers and an enlisted man. He said he had no other details of their release. It is traditional for both sides to release prisoners during the Tet season, the most important Vietnamese holiday of the year.

Thai Held As Spy for Red China

BANGKOK (UPI) — Thai military police have arrested a former Pathet Lao officer on suspicion of spying for Communist China, it was reported Sunday.

Military sources said Boonsong Saetia, a Thai, was arrested last Thursday in the Communist-infiltrated Toongchang district in Nan Province, about 450 miles north of Bangkok.

Police also seized documents in Vietnamese, a radio receiver and other items which indicated Boonsong was a spy.

Preliminary questioning revealed that Boonsong had lived in Communist China for 12 years. He also served as a captain in the pro-Communist Pathet Lao army.

Police said he fled to Thailand to escape execution after breaking a Pathet Lao regulation.

Neutralized Vietnam Urged by Fulbright

WASHINGTON (UPI) — All powers involved in Southeast Asia should work out a general agreement to neutralize Vietnam, Sen. J. William Fulbright,

Saigon GIs Under Curfew for Tet

SAIGON (AP) — The U.S. command has imposed a curfew on all American military personnel in the Saigon area during the week-long lunar new year (Tet) celebration, it was announced Sunday.

Personnel, unless on official business, are restricted to their bases from 7 p.m. Monday until 4 a.m. Friday.

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Thieu Pins Medals On Wounded

SAIGON (AP) — President Nguyen Van Thieu pointed to a roomful of mutilated South Vietnamese soldiers Sunday and challenged "all those who are calling for us to halt bombings to come and see this."

Thieu made a tour of the Cong Hoa Military Hospital and awarded medals to soldiers wounded in the line of duty. The president toured several wards at the hospital.

"As a veteran of 20 years' military service, I'm very familiar with all of this," Thieu, a former army general, commented to a newsmen. "But when I see these men, many of them hurt so badly, I, like all the rest of the people in Vietnam, think of the continued aggression from the Communists."



Leap for Life at Khe Sanh
A U.S. Marine leaps across boxes and gear to a bunker as North Vietnamese fire an artillery volley into the Khe Sanh base. (S&S Radiophoto by John Olsen)

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
55Sgt. Murray W. Van Lone Jr., Benton, Ark.
SP4 Randolph R. Jones, Bakersfield, Calif.
SP5 Ronald G. Campbell, Pompano Beach, Fla.
Pfc. Donald L. Glover, Pelham, Ga.
Cpl. Solomon Kalua Jr., Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii.
SP4 Casimiro Villon, Poina, Hawaii.
Pfc. Randall B. Anderson, Oak Park, Ill.
Cpl. Charles E. Wuerthenberger, Logansport, Ind.
SP4 Leslie D. Matheff, Kokomo, Ind.
SP4 Ronald G. Pahl, Michigan City, Ind.
Pfc. Jack J. Kupferer, Terre Haute, Ind.
MSGT. Roosevelt Jones, Louisville, Ky.
Sgt. David A. Jameson, Providence, Ky.
2Lt. William D. Oraway, Baldwinville, Mass.
Cpl. Theodore F. Johnson, Bridgewater, Mass.
SP4 Byron S. Johnson, Lunenburg, Mass.
Sgt. James A. Tilley, Dearborn, Mich.
Sgt. Gordon D. Yntema, Holland, Mich.
SP4 Larry S. Semenjuk, Detroit, Mich.
Sgt. Daniel P. McLaughlin Jr., St. Paul, Minn.
Sgt. Ronald H. Derenburger, Miles City, Mont.
Sgt. Joseph Gerwatowski, Jersey City, N.J.
SP4 Edward Kublisky, Paterson, N.J.
Pfc. Michael P. Halpin, Nutley, N.J.
SP4 Jose B. Herrera, Las Vegas, N.M.
SP4 George H. Nunez, Picacho, N.M.
Cpl. Juan C. Castellanos, New York City.
Cpl. Donald A. Coffin, Little Falls, N.Y.
Cpl. Kerry R. F. Geddes, Levittown, N.Y.
Cpl. Lawrence M. Jennings, Ulica, N.Y.
SP4 Michael J. Dunn, Olcott, N.Y.
SFC Herley Ayer Jr., Hickory, N.C.
SP4 Thomas L. Whitehead, Tulsa, Okla.
Pfc. James W. Parham, Portland, Ore.
1Lt. Norman E. Fine Jr., Lewisburg, Pa.
Sgt. Theodore K. Kaleikini Jr., Levittown, Pa.
SP4 Timothy M. Nafe, Strausstown, Pa.
Pfc. Kenneth R. Belsar, McClellandtown, Pa.
Pfc. Willie Duran, Philadelphia, Pa.
Pfc. James A. Morrison, Irwin, Pa.
Pfc. Gene D. Hicks, Providence, R.I.
SP4 Robert E. Butler, Memphis, Tenn.
Pfc. John A. Rogers, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Pfc. Virgil R. Rice, Austin, Tex.
55Sgt. Vaughn M. Angell, Salt Lake City, Utah.
SP4 Fred J. Pinsonault, Roy, Utah.

Pfc. Edward O. Spencer, Culpeper, Va.
Pfc. Ronald L. Stroemer, Auburn, Wash.
Navy
1Cdr. Robert E. Condon, Coronado, Calif.
HM3 Robert L. Tracy, Wilmington, Del.
HN Jeffrey S. Aker, Covington, Ky.
HM3 Cecil D. Bell Jr., Corn, Okla.
Marine Corps
Pvt. Fred W. Mangusson, Ardmore, Ala.
2Lt. John P. Marken Jr., Escandido, Calif.
Pfc. Michael Kane, Canoga Park, Calif.
Pfc. William O. Saunders Jr., Delevan, Calif.
Pfc. Samuel Bruce Jr., Jacksonville, Fla.
Cpl. Roger L. Wilson, Elgin, Ill.
Pfc. James A. Collins, Broadwell, Ill.
Pfc. John S. Kmiec, Chicago, Ill.
Pvt. Paul M. Roberts, South Bend, Ind.
Pfc. Arthur D. Singleton, Valley Station, Ky.
2Lt. Thomas D. Brindley, St. Paul, Minn.
Pfc. Carl R. Davis, Manchester, Mo.
Pfc. Tyrone Brown, Newark, N.J.
2Lt. Thomas J. Hoare Jr., Bellerose, N.Y.
LCpl. Craig W. Handley, Cape Vincent, N.Y.
Pfc. Donald Bowen, Selden, N.Y.
Pfc. Joseph L. Long, Kingston, N.Y.
Pfc. Theodore O'Brien, New York City.
Cpl. Lewis J. Parker, Jacksonville, N.C.
Cpl. Russell L. Wilcox, Waynesfield, Ohio.
LCpl. William P. Burgeon, Columbus, Ohio.
LCpl. Robert M. McConnell, Mansfield, Ohio.
Pfc. Robert L. Stolz, Akron, Ohio.
Pfc. Rudolph J. Bielek Jr., McKeesport, Pa.
LCpl. William R. Stall, Midland, Tex.
LCpl. Charles T. White, Dallas, Tex.
Pfc. Bruce A. Morrison, Poughney, Va.
DIED OF WOUNDS
Air Force
Maj. Pollard H. Mercer Jr., Alexandria, La.
MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE
Army
Pfc. Timothy Lambert, Denver, Colo.
Pfc. Jackie W. Hall, Norman Park, Ga.
Pfc. Morris C. Pickett, Boston, Ga.
SP4 John H. Wrisberg III, Clear Lake, Iowa.
Sgt. Harry L. Watkins Jr., Hagerstown, Md.
Sgt. Steven Solari, South Amboy, N.J.
55Sgt. Robert L. Hutchison, Fayetteville, N.C.
Pfc. Johnny Williams, Durham, N.C.
Pfc. Larry E. Herbert, Gloucester, Ohio.
Pfc. Alex J. Hernandez, Bowling Green, Ohio.
Pfc. Ronald L. Rickard, Ashabuta, Ohio.
SP4 Robert J. Moore, Halfield, Pa.
55Sgt. Harold E. Stanton, Clarksville, Tenn.
Pfc. David C. Dally, Tacoma, Wash.
MISSING IN ACTION
Army
2Lt. Peter L. Wood.

SP5 Bobby K. Allen.
SP4 Robert L. Burrell.
SP4 David A. De Caste.
SP4 Anthony J. Henderson.
SP4 Paul W. Robinson.
Pfc. James H. Bass Jr.
Pfc. William E. Brunn.
Pfc. William S. Calhoun.
Pfc. William D. Johnson.
Pfc. Johnny W. Lindsey.
Pfc. Gerald A. O'Toole.
Pfc. Franklin E. Sellers.
Marine Corps
Maj. Hobarri M. Wallace Jr.
Capt. Patrick P. Murray.
Air Force
Capt. Tilden S. Halley.
1Lt. James A. Ketterer.
DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION
Army
WO James A. Johanson, Pasadena, Calif.
Cpl. Charles W. Wallace Jr., Jupiter, Fla.
Sgt. Ronald Baker, Indian Head, Md.
MSGT. Raymond A. Gignac, Malden, Mass.
SP4 Donald D. Wlekapalan, Taylor, Mich.
SP4 Joseph F. De Crosta, Franklin Lakes, N.J.
SP4 Michael Yoworsky, Somerset, N.J.
Pfc. James F. Wright, Memphis Tenn.
MSGT. Bert H. Hinson, San Antonio, Tex.
Marine Corps
Cpl. Peter Fletcher, Hudson, N.H.
MISSING TO DEAD—NON HOSTILE
Army
SFC Donald L. Chaney, Fayetteville, N.C.
SP4 David L. French, Canton, Ohio.
WO William H. Carroll, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.
MISSING NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION
Army
SP4 William T. Hartman.
Pfc. Bert D. Laffer.
CORRECTIONS
SP4 William L. Brown, USA, Delete from list, not a Vietnam casualty.
SP4 Ronald R. Watson, USA, Change status from died not as a result of hostile action to killed in action.
Times at 75 Cents
NEW YORK (UPI) — The New York Times has announced a 25 per cent price increase for copies of its Sunday edition circulating outside the New York City area. The price of the Sunday edition for out of town readers jumped from 60 to 75 cents.

Promotion Quotas In Air Force Soar

S&S Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON — More than 29,500 enlisted men and women in the Air Force will be eligible for promotion in February, according to an announcement by the Air Force.

Although no promotions are authorized to E-5, this still comes to the highest monthly quota since the new system went into effect in July, 1967. The reason for the increase is due to the 23,801 authorizations to E-4. In the past E-4 quotas have

been averaging only about 6,500 a month.

The following is a breakdown of the other grades: to E-9, 142; E-8, 304; E-7, 1,806; E-6, 2,370.

At the same time the Air Force also said the date of rank eligibility cut-off for promotion to E-5 is changed for the FY 69-1 cycle from Dec. 1, 1966, to Feb. 1, 1967.

The change was directed to bring airmen promoted to E-4 on Feb. 1 into the eligibility zone and give them a chance for advancement as early as possible.

Cinder Block Booby Trap

DONG HA, Vietnam (ISO) — What appeared to be an ordinary cinder block used in construction was a cleverly-disguised Viet Cong bomb.

It was found by Vietnamese Regional Forces in the Quang Tri area.

"The block could be placed in a bridge or building by a workman," said 1st Lt. Arthur J. Seaman of Pittsfield, Mass., explosive ordnance officer at Dong Ha. "All that was needed was a detonator cap."

Thais Plan Army Revamp to Meet Guerrilla Threat

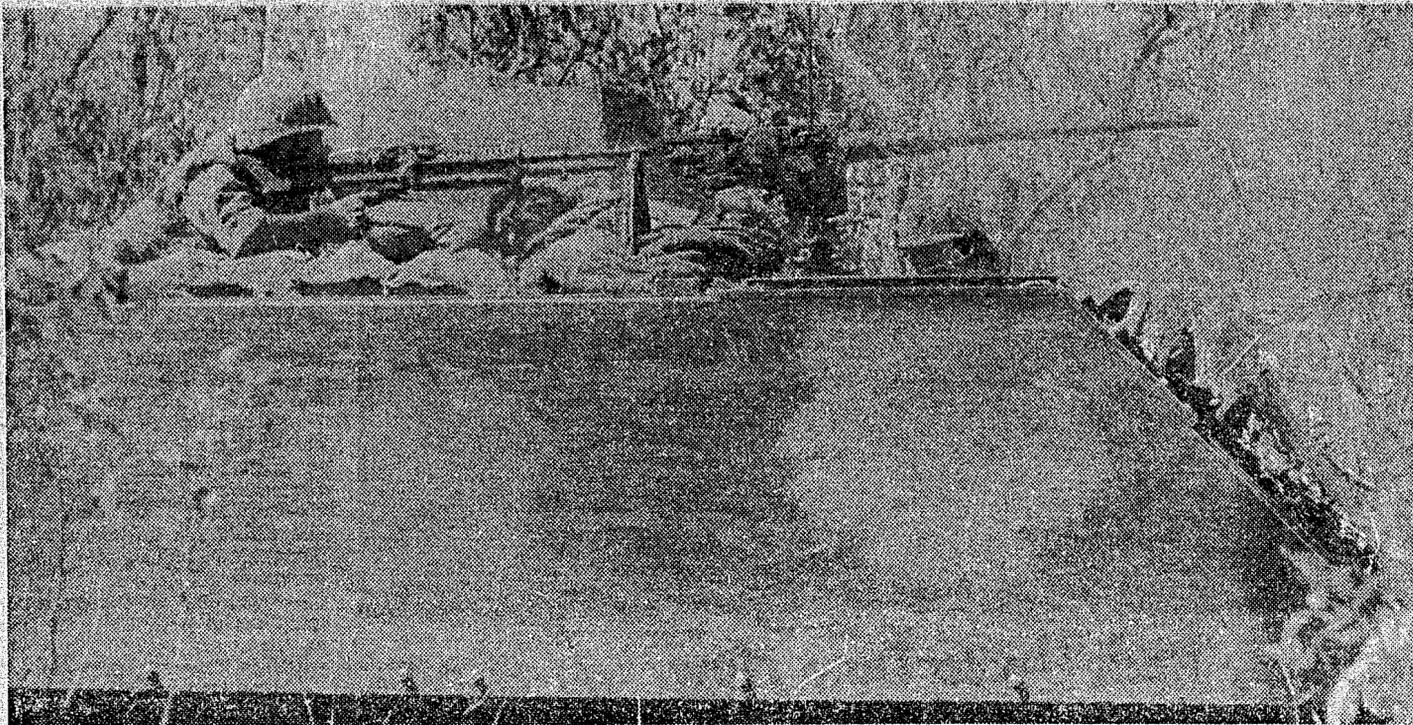
BANGKOK (AP)—The Thai government is planning sweeping changes in its army to make it more effective against Communist guerrillas operating in remote areas of northeast Thailand, Gen. Praphas Charusathien said.

Praphas, interior minister, deputy prime minister and commander in chief of the army, said the army would be completely "streamlined" and given an air wing.

Speaking in a television broadcast marking the 10th anniversary of the Thai army's television station, Praphas said Thailand's participation in the Vietnam war and the growing offensive against terrorists in Thailand had pointed up the need for more mobility.

The army will be reorganized along the lines of the regiment now serving in Vietnam, with each regiment having its own support artillery and helicopter units, he said.

Troops will be given special warfare and counter-insurgency training, and special engineering battalions will be organized to carry out civic action and construction work in the countryside, he explained.



Trooper Lets Loose on VC Position

From atop his armored personnel carrier, a 25th Inf. Div. trooper pours machine-gun fire into a Viet Cong position in War

Zone C, north of Saigon. The APC crewman was a member of the 2nd Bn., 22nd Inf. (USA Photo by Pfc. Richard Dills)

Navy Acts to Cut Foreign Spending

By Public Affairs Office
 The Navy has issued a new directive designed to cut American spending in Asia and asked for ideas from the fleet on new ways to protect the dollar.

The moves are in line with President Johnson's call for austerity to stem the U.S. gold drain.

A message sent out by Adm. John Hyland, commander-in-chief, Pacific Fleet, urges an "exhaustive effort" to cut spending by American servicemen in Asia. The admiral advised that servicemen on ships be advised aboard ship to curtail their spending in foreign ports.

The message noted that servicemen should be advised to make maximum use of on-base recreational facilities at foreign ports, and that greater emphasis should be placed on buying American goods in overseas exchanges.

The message also urged commanders to use U.S.-owned foreign currency reserves for government purchases.

It also pointed out that certain accounting errors by pay offices may make the balance of payments drain appear more serious than it really is.

According to the report, some military pay offices are reporting that they are paying out more than is actually being disbursed overseas. These figures just show gross pay, and do not report large amounts being returned to the U.S. by

servicemen through bond purchases, the 10 per cent overseas savings plan, and allotments to dependents and U.S. financial institutions in the United States.

According to the message, "All units must be alert to insure that pay coding is accurate so that the balance of payments will not reflect an excessive inaccuracy."

Hyland's message also requested that recommendations to improve the balance of payments situation be forwarded to Pacific Fleet headquarters through the military chain of command.

All That Glitters Isn't 'Ambush'

CAMP ENARI, Vietnam (IO) — A recent reconnaissance mission led a patrol from Troop D, 1st Sq., 10th Cav., to what appeared to be a deserted Viet Cong ambush site with more than a dozen rifles, machine guns and mortars.

But closer inspection revealed that the set-up was phony.

The "ambush site" was an elaborate VC "classroom" equipped with hand-carved wooden "training aids" patterned after such weapons as the AK-47 rifle, the U.S. carbine, M-14 and M-16 rifles, the Browning automatic rifle with tripod and Chicom grenade and mortar tubes. Straw dummies were at the weapons to simulate a VC ambush.

Platoon Aids Viet Civilians

CHU LAI, Vietnam (IO)—The Americal Div.'s 6th Civil Affairs Platoon went into the home moving business when Ly Tin district officials in Quang Tin province asked for help.

The people of Ky Chanh, about three miles north of Ly Tin district headquarters, asked for government security from VC harassment and intimidation. Their selection of the Chu Lai New Life hamlet left government officials with a moving problem.

The Americal Div. offered assistance and the Civil Affairs platoon moved pots, pans, food, pets, children, clothing and tons of personal belongings.

Squadron Cited for Valor

LAI KHE, Vietnam (IO) — Combat action against the 9th VC Division has earned for the 1st Sq., 4th Cav., the highest unit award for valor, the Presidential Unit Citation.

Gen. William C. Westmoreland, commander of Allied forces in Vietnam, attached the emblematic white and blue streamers of the award to the colors of the 1st Inf. Div. cavalry squadron.

The action cited occurred in June and July, 1966, and included the particularly vicious bat-

tle on June 8 at Ap Tau O, where three battalions of the 272nd VC Regiment ambushed an armored column south of Quan Loi. After the last tank in the column took a hit from a command-detonated mine, the attackers attempted to overrun the column, but lost 105 men.

On June 30, Highway 13 was again the scene of a bloody defeat for the enemy by the 1st Sq., 4th Cav. North of Quan Loi and moving toward Loc Ninh, Troops B and C made contact with a large enemy force and engaged them in what would become known as the battle of Srok Dong. The enemy lost 270

men, 15 others were detained and 23 crew-served weapons captured.

On July 5, 1966, the enemy again attempted to ambush the cavalrymen. This time they lost 239 during what became known as the Battle of Minh Thanh Road.

During the award presentation at "Quarterhorse" Headquarters at Phu Loi, Westmoreland said, "The operations were professionally conducted . . . the results speak for themselves and I can assure you that this squadron has earned the recognition that you have just been given."

Promotion Policy Eased

S&S Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON — The Army announced a new policy to break one of the enlisted promotion bottlenecks that has been bothering soldiers for many years.

The problem involves the recurring overstrength in certain military occupational specialties (MOS) which result each month in a promotion freeze order for thousands of enlisted men, even though they are running at a record level for most men world-wide. The freeze is necessary, the Army says, to keep the MOS-grade structure in balance.

A recent cable to major commands directed commanders to take two actions to cut the MOS overstrength.

One thing commanders will do is review all the records of those who have a frozen MOS, but are not actually serving in the specialty. If reclassification or redesignation is appropriate, the Army says, action should be taken to change their primary specialty.

The Army also wants soldiers whose MOS and grade appear frequently on the freeze list to be given priority consideration in going to MOS-producing courses at service schools so they can enter new career fields where promotions are faster.

They Knead Dough

PLEIKU, Vietnam (OI)—The 243rd Field Service Co. bakery turns out more than five tons of fresh bread daily. The bakery in the Central Highlands serves support units in the local area and soldiers of the 4th Inf. Div. at Dak To. The field bakery is a unit of the Qui Nhon Support Command.

More U.S. Units Alerted in Pueblo Crisis

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Enterprise now steaming off the Korea coast.

The announcement was one of the few statements made by the Pentagon in a six-day period following the seizure of the intelligence ship Pueblo by North Korea.

The statement said, "The

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controlled radio as saying his country was "bent on severely punishing" the crew of the Pueblo.

The Baltimore Sun correspondent in New Delhi said his Soviet source "reiterated that his country was trying privately to obtain a solution to the crisis, despite its refusal to agree publicly to such a mediatory role."

It was believed that in any possible swap the North Koreans would demand return of any soldiers captured in the recent attempt to assassinate South Korean President Chung Hee Park.

The Sun said that Kosygin reportedly told Mrs. Gandhi it was possible there had been a "genuine mistake" in the Pueblo incident or there might have been "deliberate straying" by the ship.

The Washington Post correspondent said his Soviet source made it clear "Kosygin is anxious to lower temperatures over the seizure of the Pueblo."

He said the source also indicated "Moscow is in touch with North Korea despite Washington's assertion that the Russians have twice rejected U.S. requests for help in releasing the ship."

The Sun said Soviet efforts to get North Korea to release the ship in exchange for an admission of guilt and perhaps a fine have apparently failed.

The U.S. Embassy in New Delhi said it has had no contact over the incident either with members of Kosygin's party or resident Soviet diplomats.

But correspondents said there were indications the Soviets might regard such a meeting as useful.

They reported the Soviets were gathering information on what both sides were willing to give up or offer in order to reach a peaceful settlement.

The North Korean vice president, during his one-hour stop-over in Damascus on the way from Moscow to Iraq, reportedly said his country bitterly opposes debate in the U.N. on the Pueblo issue.

North Korea "strongly rejects and totally opposes" Security Council debate on the issue which is designed to "camouflage espionage activities against our country," Damascus Radio quoted Kang as saying.

Pack of Matches Helps 5 Lost Skiers Survive

PAROWAN, Utah (AP) — Woodlore and a single pack of matches helped a commercial airline pilot and four Explorer Scouts survive Saturday night atop a mountain in a snowstorm in southwestern Utah.

The five were lost while skiing on the 11,300-foot mountain, Sunday, just after dawn, the Las Vegas, Nev., group made their way to a road some five miles from the ski resort where they had been vacationing.

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United States is taking certain precautionary measures to strengthen our forces and to reinforce our tactical air capabilities for the current situation."

A Pentagon spokesman said names of air units and numbers of planes in any possible move are military secrets. But he added that the unit alert covers "aircraft, ships or bodies."

Brig. Gen. John W. Harrell, commander 314th Air Div. and U.S. Air Force Korea, said Sunday that the Air Force "is prepared to meet anything that may arise" as the result of the crisis.

Harrell spoke at Osan AB where two squadrons of jets were stationed after the Pentagon announced Thursday they had been shifted from Okinawa.

Harrell has under his direct operational command the Republic of Korea Air Force that includes three squadrons of F-3 Freedom Fighters and seven squadrons of all-weather F-86 fighters.

North Korea reportedly has some 450 operational planes of the Russian-made MIG-15 and 17 variety. It is not known if they have any of the newer MIG-21s.

Meanwhile at the United Nations in New York both the Soviet Union and the United States were reported willing Sunday to let the U.N. Security Council invite both North and South Korea to join its debate on North Korea's seizure of the U.S. intelligence ship Pueblo.

"Neither big power has any inclination" to raise the question of Korean participation, one council diplomat said. "But on the other hand, as I understand it, neither would be opposed to it."

Neither of the Koreas is a U.N. member. But the charter says any non-member involved in a dispute being considered by the council "shall be invited to participate, without vote, in the discussion."

One western delegate expressed belief that invitations to both Koreas were "a possibility at some stage" of the present debate, which started Friday. South Korea already has a permanent observer at the United Nations.

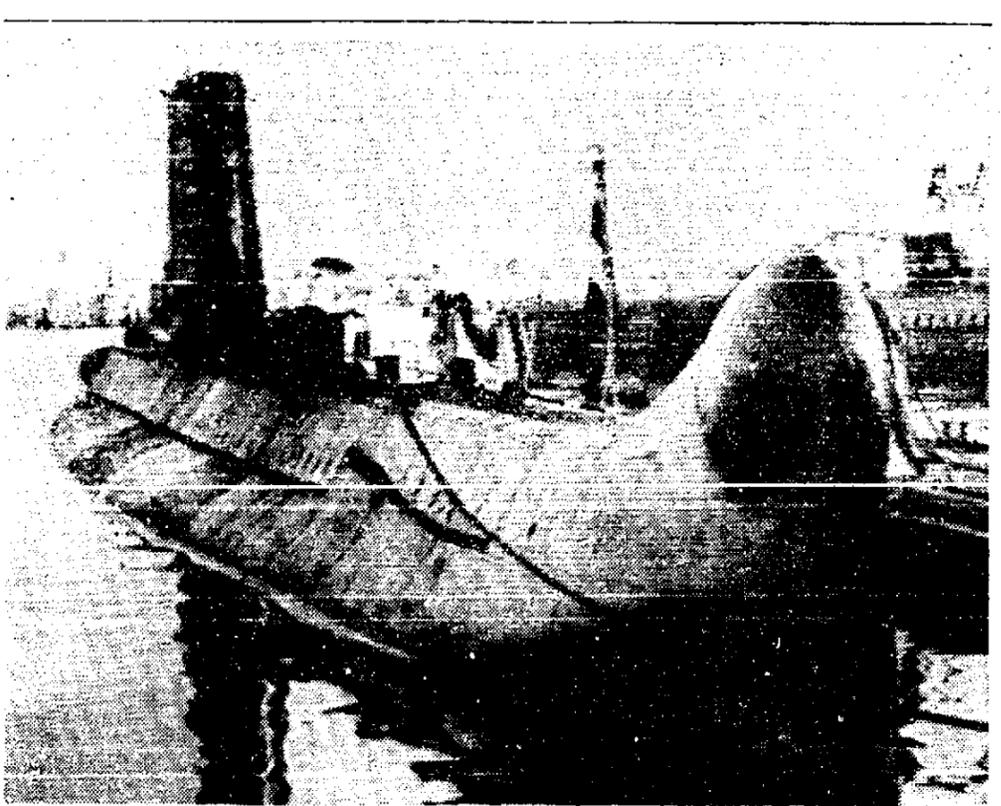
In the Far East, Communist China Sunday gave its official "resolute support" to North Korea's seizure of the Pueblo and warned the United States against "a new war adventure."

In its first official reaction to the Pueblo incident, the Red Chinese government said in a statement that "the Chinese government and people firmly support the just stand of the Korean government and people in countering U.S. imperialism's flagrant provocation."

A large search party of ski patrolmen, local residents and motorized ski sleds searched for the missing skiers as they fought to keep a small bonfire going in a storm which left 10 inches of snow.

Pilot Bud Kuball 38, was skiing alone Saturday and took a wrong trail when he met the Scouts. The Scouts were Phillip Goodrich, 19, Bruce Hirschi, Kyle Nelson and Jayson Robinson, all 16.

None suffered any ill effects from their night on the mountain.



The French submarine Minerve, shown here Sunday. The ship was on an exercise 20 miles off Toulon, France, was reported missing Toulon when it disappeared. (UPI Radiophoto)

Away, Away From It All

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Under a dirt cliff two blocks from the Civic Center lives Clint Wescott as he has for 10 years.

The thousands of cars which speed by daily don't bother him.

His home is a broken-down chair, an old mattress and lots of big rocks on which to sit. He sleeps under newspapers.

"It's a great life," he says. "It's just the way I like it. I couldn't stand starin' at four walls."

When friends drop by with food, the bearded Wescott eats. He hasn't used a telephone since he took over the spot on Bunker Hill, overlooking the Civic Center, in 1957.

No mail has come for him in those 10 years—"Ain't got no address, that's why," grins Wescott.

Marines—

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roll, a major marine artillery base that also controls a portion of Hwy. 5.

Fighter bombers and helicopter gunships helped break up the North Vietnamese formation, the U.S. command said.

Meanwhile, at Khe Sanh itself, Associated Press Photographer Richard Merron reported enemy shells still were falling on the marine combat base late Sunday. He said three rocket rounds hit the airstrip just as a transport plane was taking off, causing some damage to the runway.

(Meanwhile, UPI reported, a Vietnamese airborne battalion reported 122 Viet Cong were killed in a battle in the central highlands near Dak To.

(Government spokesmen said the paratroopers also seized a number of documents and ammunition. The sweep was still under way Sunday.)

Tito in Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — President Tito of Yugoslavia has arrived here for a three-day state and four-day private visit to Ethiopia as guest of Emperor Haile Selassie.

French Sub Lost

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on her way to Israel after refitting in England.

Navy officials said they feared the Minerve had been crushed in waters too deep for her hull to withstand. Cmdr. Emile Beauford said the six-year-old vessel could go down safely to depths of 1,700 feet.

The area where the Minerve was last reported ranges to 8,200 feet in depth.

Officials said the Minerve had enough reserve oxygen to supply its officers and crew for 100 hours.

The French Navy sent its largest aircraft carrier, the 27,307-ton Clemenceau, to join three destroyers, seven patrol boats, 10 tugs, a squadron of minesweepers, helicopters and planes to look for the Minerve.

They did not ask U.S., British, or Soviet fleets in the Mediterranean for help. But merchant-

men and other ships in the area were asked to be on watch.

American, British, and Greek warships and planes had joined with the Israelis in the hunt for the Dakar. An Israeli spokesman said the Russians were not asked for assistance.

The wives and families of the missing Israeli seamen maintained an around-the-clock vigil at Navy operations headquarters in Haifa. Some of the wives were English girls who married Israeli sailors in the months the Dakar was being refitted in Portsmouth after Israel bought the 25-year-old submarine from Britain.

The Minerve is one of an 11-ship Daphne class of light, fast submarines France has been building since 1959. It is powered by conventional diesel engines and has 12 torpedo tubes. It was completed in 1964.

2-Valve Heart Graft Is the First in History

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — A double homograft heart valve transplant, believed to be the first ever on a human, was performed at Johannesburg General Hospital last Tuesday, a hospital announcement said Sunday night.

During the 7½-hour operation the mitral and aortic valves were replaced with the homograft which was obtained from the tissue bank, the announcement said.

The hospital said the patient was an adult white woman but gave no other personal details about her.

The woman is in satisfactory condition.

The hospital announcement said the operation was performed by a team of doctors associated with the department of cardio-thoracic surgery and Johannesburg's University of the Witwatersrand.

The announcement came exactly eight weeks after the world's first human heart trans-

plant was performed by Prof. Christian Barnard in Cape Town.

None of the Johannesburg doctors was named in Sunday night's announcement.

World Weather

USAF Weather Center
TOKYO AREA
Monday Night: Cloudy, rain; Low 24
Tuesday: Mostly fair; High 48

TEMPERATURES
Jan. 28

	H	L		H	L
Bangkok	89	74	Naha	77	59
Chitose	21	0	Seigon	90	66
Guam	82	—	Seoul	37	16
Honolulu	52	34	Taipei	70	52
Manila	86	70	Tokyo	44	30
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Aibony	37	24	L.A.	56	52
Anchorage	24	22	Melbourne	82	72
Atlanta	56	30	Memphis	64	51
Boston	46	25	Miami	71	53
Chicago	42	34	Moscow	21	14
Cincinnati	55	35	N. Orleans	68	52
Cleveland	44	28	NYC	46	53
Denver	43	28	Paris	48	41
Detroit	36	31	Phila.	50	27
Fort Worth	64	61	Phoenix	46	49
Hong Kong	71	57	Singapore	26	73
Honolulu	74	71	St. Louis	63	43
Houston	72	63	Salt Lake	47	40
Kansas City	55	47	San Fran.	46	40
K. Lumpur	91	68	Sydney	85	62
London	43	30	Wash.	52	25