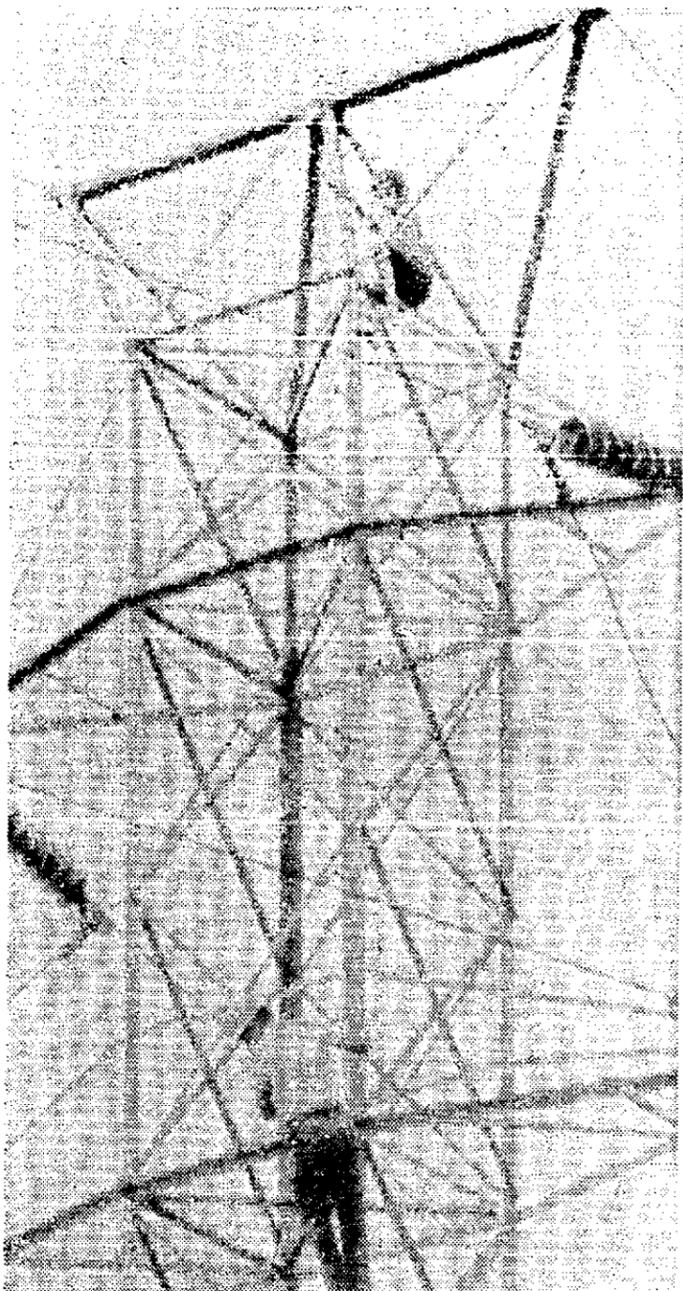


Lineman Talks Girl Off Tower



Curt Ward, power company line superintendent, climbs an 86-foot steel tower supporting high voltage lines to persuade Patsy York, 11, to come down. (AP Radiophoto)

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP)—A husky power line official led a distraught 11-year-old girl down from her perch atop a high voltage, 86-foot tower Thursday to climax a drama witnessed by hundreds.

"She was scared," said 39-year-old Curtis Ward. "I told her I had a little girl about her age, and that I would worry about her if I had to leave her up there."

The girl, curly-haired Patsy York, had run away from a children's home on the outskirts of Greenville an hour before. Barefoot, she crossed an open field and climbed the tower which carries Duke Power Co.'s high voltage lines into the industrial city.

Sheriff's deputies and others had tried to coax her down, but with each entreaty she inched further up the tower near the heavy stands of lines that could have killed her instantly. Ward, line superintendent for Duke Power in the Greenville area, said

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Heavy Rains, Floods Kill 6 in Texas

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Texas counted six deaths, many closed roads, a train derailment and washed out bridges Friday from turbulent weather that brought up to a foot of rain and tornadoes by the dozen.

Flash flooding Thursday and Friday temporarily crippled at least five cities and the excess water sent many creeks and rivers out of their banks.

Houston underwent a cloud-burst of two inches in 45 minutes about noon, flooding police headquarters and rising into

basement quarters in City Hall.

A tornado touched down at Rockport, near Corpus Christi on the Gulf of Mexico coast, taking the roofs off three cabanas. Numerous tornadoes were sighted around Corpus Christi but caused light damage. Another destroyed a roof at Midland in far West Texas.

Floods closed at least 22 roads in areas from far West Texas to the Louisiana line. The swirling water destroyed several bridges around Athens in East Texas and one near Midland.

Not far away from Athens, rains sent an embankment sliding onto the Cotton Belt railroad line, derailing the engine and 25 cars of a freight train. All the cars but one were empty. No one was hurt.

A rain of 13 inches fell near Corpus Christi Thursday, and another of 11 inches occurred in the vicinity. Corsicana, near Dallas, reported 11 inches overnight, flooding about 36 homes.

Dying in floods or from other weather-related causes were: Hubert D. Neighbors, 46, of

Lubbock, drowned when his car was swept away at Midland.

Debbie Doughty, 14, and Rafael Galvan III, 17, were pinned against a storm sewer grating and drowned at Corpus Christi.

Robert R. Van Dine, 38, killed in a highway accident in East Texas during a heavy rain.

Mrs. Maude Bailey, 65, of Quannah killed in a traffic accident in a heavy rain at Wichita Falls.

Virginia Turner, 19, killed in a collision on a rain-slicked street near the Texas Tech campus at Lubbock.

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U.S. Hopeful

Talks in Paris To Start Monday

PARIS (AP)—U.S. and North Vietnamese negotiators broke through a potential barrier of technical problems Friday and agreed to open preliminary peace talks at 10:30 a.m. Monday.

The accord boosted hopes of U.S. officials that serious negotiations on ending the war in Southeast Asia may become possible.

Ambassador Cyrus Vance, deputy chief of the U.S. delegation, said the first meeting here between representatives of the Washington and Hanoi governments had been conducted in a good climate.

Another session on arrangements was to be held Saturday between Vance and Col. Ha Van Lau, number two man of the North Vietnamese negotiating team.

But both made clear after Friday's session that the accord on the full-scale gathering Monday is firm.

That will bring together Ambassador W. Averell Harriman, President Johnson's top negotiator, and President Ho Chi

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Vicar Favors Togetherness

BOREHAM WOOD, England (AP)—Recipe for a happy marriage: 40 years in a double bed.

That's the advice given to engaged couples by the Rev. John Rigby, vicar of All Saints church in this Hertfordshire town.

"There is plenty of time for single beds after 40 years of marriage," the Anglican vicar told a group of teen-agers Thursday.

"You may be glad of single beds by then."

Last VC Stronghold Pounded in Saigon

SAIGON (AP)—U.S. bombers and artillery rained tons of explosives Friday on the Viet Cong's last big stronghold in Saigon, devastating a narrow row of homes, shanties and small shops along a half-mile stretch on the southern limits of the capital.

"I have three companies out there and all three are getting fire fight now," said Lt. Col. Tony De Luca, commander of a battalion from the U.S. 9th Inf. Div. sweeping the area.

"We are going to wipe out that area," said De Luca, as he called for airstrikes and a rolling artillery barrage.

The civilian population had already fled the area when heavy fighting broke out earlier in the week, swelling the ranks of the homeless to more than 90,000.

De Luca's battalion clashed repeatedly Friday with snipers and rocket-firing Viet Cong still menacing Saigon in the sixth consecutive day of fighting around the capital.

The American infantrymen were driving the Viet Cong south away from the city, and reported killing nearly 500 over the last three days.

De Luca estimated that the remnants of a Viet Cong battalion—which on paper runs between 400 and 500 men, although most are understrength—were holed up in the area

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Poles Deny Russ Peril Czechs

PRAGUE (UPI) — Prague Radio said Friday that Soviet troop movements in Poland were ordinary Warsaw Pact maneuvers and denounced as a "political provocation" foreign press reports that the movements could be a "war of nerves" against the new Czech reform regime.

While Czechs celebrated their national Liberation Day, the radio beamed abroad an announcement that "there are regular maneuvers taking place in southern Poland by the armies of the Warsaw Pact countries." It said "the Czech government had been informed beforehand.

"Czech political circles consider that by reporting these maneuvers as a military advance against Czechoslovakia, (Continued on Back Page, Col. 5)

Mother Speeds Her Way to Gift

ROBINSON, III. (UPI) — Defense attorney C. T. Cox defended his wife Thursday on charges she drove 68 miles an hour in a 40-mile-an-hour zone in nearby Trimble. He lost.

With a flourish, Cox pulled out his checkbook and paid a \$20 fine and \$5 court costs—as her Mother's Day gift.

Reds Using MIGs In Panhandle; Phantom Downed

SAIGON (AP)—The U.S. Military Command disclosed Friday that North Vietnamese MIG interceptors are operating south of the 20th Parallel for the first time in the Vietnam war.

A spokesman said a MIG21 shot down an American F4 Phantom jet last Tuesday in the area just north of Vinh, a city in the southern panhandle of North Vietnam, about 145 miles north of the Demilitarized Zone. The Phantom previously had been announced as lost to unknown causes.

Until now, the enemy MIGs had always operated in the Hanoi and Haiphong areas and north of these two major cities, well above the 20th Parallel.

This is the northern bombing boundary which President Johnson decreed for American bombers when he ordered a curtailed bombing of North Vietnam March 31 in a bid for peace talks.

The 20th Parallel is 70 miles south of Hanoi and 60 miles south of Haiphong.

Since President Johnson's curtailed bombing order, American planes have stayed below the 19th Parallel but have intensified their bombing of the southern end of North Vietnam.

In all probability, this intensification accounts for the appearance of MIG interceptors below the 20th Parallel.

The U.S. spokesman said other MIGs have been sighted below the 20th parallel in the Vinh area but that there have been no aerial encounters.

Ho Exhorts VC to Push U.S. Out

TOKYO (AP) — North Vietnam's President Ho Chi Minh speaking Thursday on the eve of U.S.-Hanoi peace talks, called on the Viet Cong to "win yet bigger victories" and said peace in Vietnam will not come until the Americans have "brought home all their troops."

"Our people love peace very much," he wrote Nguyen Huu Tho, president of the National Front for Liberation, the Viet Cong's political apparatus. "But there cannot be genuine peace unless there is independence and freedom. Peace will come directly after the U.S. imperialists have put an end to their war of aggression in Vietnam, brought home all their troops, and let the Vietnamese people decide themselves their own destiny."

Ho made no direct reference to the opening of peace talks in Paris Friday, but said:

"The U.S. imperialists at present are losing heavily in Vietnam, and are caught in isolation and confusion, both in the world and at home, yet they keep acting very obdurately and cunningly. They are talking of 'peace' negotiation while stepping up the war."

Merchant Ship Hit

SAIGON (AP) — The U.S. merchant ship Fairland was hit by enemy rocket fire Friday on the Saigon River about 30 miles southeast of the capital, but was only lightly damaged, U.S. military spokesmen said. No casualties were reported aboard the 469-foot vessel.



Armor Poised in Saigon Streets

A Vietnamese Ranger looks down on a contingent of American tanks and armored personnel carriers called into Saigon to help quell Viet Cong attacks in the city. (AP Radiophoto)

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 James E. White, Flomaton, Ala.
Pfc. Earnest L. Mason Jr., Emelle, Ala.
Pfc. Danny R. West, Ft. Smith, Ark.
SSgt. Richard A. Brown, Santa Clara, Calif.
Sgt. Herman Jackson, San Bernardino, Calif.
SP5 Brian G. Hughes, Whittier, Calif.
SP4 Michael L. Alford, Redlands, Calif.
SP4 Gary L. Young, Norwalk, Calif.
Cpl. Raymond G. Mendibles, Norwalk, Calif.
Cpl. Paul L. Abraham, Santa Ana, Calif.
Pfc. William P. Townsend Jr., Reseda, Calif.
Pfc. Robert A. Romo, Rialto, Calif.
Pfc. Warren F. Nickel Jr., Watsonville, Calif.
Pvt. Eusebio Salls, San Jose, Calif.
Pfc. Robert L. Williams, Washington, D.C.
Sgt. David G. Ledgerwood, Deftona, Fla.
Pfc. Richard W. Powell Jr., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
Pfc. Michael J. Massey, Columbus, Ga.
Sgt. Joseph T. Kovaloff, Honolulu, Hawaii.
Cpl. Anthony R. Bellamy, Boise, Idaho.
Sgt. Reginald Baker, Chicago, Ill.
Pfc. Lucky G. White, Collinsville, Ill.
Pfc. James S. Hadley Jr., Chicago, Ill.
Pfc. Herald L. Delaney, Streator, Ill.
Pfc. James R. Sauthey, Peoria, Ill.
SP4 Richard T. Mills, Anderson, Ind.
Pfc. Lorenzo Stegall, Hammond, Ind.
Cpl. Jimmy R. Moore, Shreveport, La.
SSgt. John M. Durham, Grand Ledge, Mich.
SP4 David A. Stremler, Charlotte, Mich.
Cpl. Harley J. Jenks, Sumner, Mich.
Pfc. James A. Hering, Detroit, Mich.
Pfc. David V. Whinnery, Ravenna, Mich.
Pfc. Charles W. Kinney, River Rouge, Mich.
SSgt. Jay L. Lieberman, Duluth, Minn.
SP5 Elmer D. Hill, Laurel, Miss.
Sgt. Thomas E. Bonderer, Chillicothe, Mo.
Cpl. Jackie G. Montgomery, Cabool, Mo.
2Lt. David L. Barber, Denton, Mont.
Pfc. Barry W. Van Horn, Lincoln, Neb.
Pfc. Daniel W. Daley, Elizabeth, N.J.
Sgt. William J. Morse, Glen Cove, N.Y.
SP4 Robert T. Madel, Mt. Vernon, N.Y.
SP4 Luis R. Munoz, Bronx, N.Y.
SP4 Gary W. Wisnier, Buffalo, N.Y.
SP4 Thomas S. Cook, Hamilton, N.Y.
Cpl. Leroy Johnson, South Ozone Park, N.Y.
Cpl. Richard M. Gallery, Amherst, N.Y.
Cpl. Stephen R. White, Waterloo, N.Y.
Pfc. Gaspar Orlando, Ozone Park, N.Y.
Sfc. Leroy N. Wright, Spring Lake, N.C.
MEgt. Sherman J. Hussey, Fayetteville, N.C.
Pfc. Huriel L. Moore, Plymouth, N.C.
Sgt. Derold D. Klein, Raleigh, N.D.
SSgt. Samuel H. Bonfant, Uhrichsville, Ohio.
Sgt. Charles J. Behn Jr., Marion, Ohio.
Cpl. Paul L. Yost, Vinton, Ohio.
SP5 Howard J. Spear, Columbus, Ohio.
Cpl. Grover W. Boston, Coweta, Okla.
Cpl. Edwin G. Gallindo, Yukon, Okla.
Pfc. Gerald L. Parsons, Del City, Okla.
Sgt. Paul M. Nance Jr., Harrisburg, Pa.
Sgt. Robert P. Johnston, Lock Haven, Pa.

SP4 David T. Barnes, Allentown, Pa.
Pfc. William A. Thomas Jr., Haverstown, Pa.
Pfc. Joseph F. Lodise Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.
Pfc. William L. Hill, Garretson, S.D.
2Lt. Robert G. Price, Church Hill, Tenn.
SP4 Donald E. Nipper, Knoxville, Tenn.
1Lt. James D. Molpus, Longview, Tex.
1Lt. Jack A. Whetsel Jr., McAllen, Tex.
WO Larry S. McKibben, Houston, Tex.
Sfc. Joe J. Mask, El Paso, Tex.
Cpl. Edmond A. Jablonsky Jr., Austin, Tex.
Cpl. Holland I. Langham, Tyler, Tex.
Pfc. John R. Neary II, Odessa, Tex.
Pfc. Adolfo M. Perez, Corpus Christi, Tex.
Pfc. Earnest W. Brown, Corsicana, Tex.
Pfc. Antonio Garcia, Laredo, Tex.
SSgt. Lloyd W. Peele Jr., Portsmouth, Va.
Sgt. Lonnie A. Brooks, Bassett, Va.
Sgt. Roger H. Sparks, Bellingham, Wash.
Sgt. Thomas O. Reyna, Lynden, Wash.
Pfc. Clifford E. Tyson, Tacoma, Wash.
Pfc. Billy K. Ford, Mount Carbon, W.Va.
Cpl. Richard L. Endicott, Casper, Wyo.
SP4 Pedro A. Maymi-Martinez, Carolina, Puerto Rico.

Navy

1Lt. Carl Kollmeyer, San Diego, Calif.
HM3 Gary S. Caywood, Chico, Calif.
HM3 Robert A. Engelsen, Blue Island, Ill.
HM3 Robert A. Vinton Jr., Shaker Heights, Ohio.
RM2 Walter A. Cicchiani, Butler, Pa.

Marine Corps

Cpl. Ronald D. Lovelady, Cullman, Ala.
LCpl. Leonard Carabeo, Bisbee, Ariz.
Cpl. Paul A. Harrison, Huttig, Ark.
Sgt. Elmer J. Perry Jr., Anaheim, Calif.
Sgt. Howard M. Thompson, Long Beach, Calif.
Cpl. Thomas E. Diefenderfer, Mountain View, Calif.
LCpl. Richard C. Gonzales, Los Angeles, Calif.
LCpl. David P. Zimmerman, Temple City, Calif.
Pfc. Willie C. Clark, Los Angeles, Calif.
Pfc. Adam S. Najjar, Palm Springs, Calif.
Pfc. Kevin R. Cassell, Denver, Colo.
SSgt. Dan R. Youmans, Jacksonville, Fla.
LCpl. Wallace B. Foard Jr., De Land, Fla.
LCpl. Michael B. O'Connor, Winter Haven, Fla.
Cpl. Cecil M. Haigler, Albany, Ga.
LCpl. Ronnie J. Jones, Macon, Ga.
Cpl. Joseph C. Pickett Jr., Chicago, Ill.
LCpl. Soren Prip, Graystake, Ill.
LCpl. John E. Pasquantonio, Franklin, Mass.
LCpl. Joseph J. Brady, Three Rivers, Mich.
2Lt. John G. Spindler, University City, Mo.
Pfc. William H. Hancock II, Yutan, Neb.
Cpl. David R. Rogers, Las Vegas, Nev.
Cpl. Raymond E. Stanley, Manchester, N.H.
LCpl. Giancarlo Lucchesi, Buffalo, N.Y.
LCpl. Felix Ocasio, Bronx, N.Y.
LCpl. Humberto Reyes, New York, N.Y.
Cpl. Jeryl L. Watkins, Loveland, Ohio.
Pfc. Dennis R. Mason, Cushing, Okla.
Pfc. Paul A. Youngman, Portland, Ore.
Cpl. William E. Heilman, York, Pa.
Cpl. Richard W. Kanonczyk, Erie, Pa.
Pfc. Philip G. Franklin, Seneca, Pa.
Maj. Joseph M. Loughran Jr., Charleston, S.C.

SSgt. James W. Barton, Teague, Tex.
MgySgt. Gerald W. Flegle, Woodbridge, Va.
Sgt. Elbert E. Cox Jr., Chesapeake, Va.
2Lt. John M. Odell, Seattle, Wash.

Air Force

A1C Roy L. Lede, San Francisco, Calif.
1Lt. Barry L. Brown, Duquoin, Ill.
Sgt. Douglas J. Cradeur, Sulphur, La.
SSgt. James E. Bowman, North Charleston, S.C.
1Lt. Leslie E. Harris, San Angelo, Tex.

DIED OF WOUNDS

Marine Corps
Cpl. Roland R. Lafond, East Hartford, Conn.
Pfc. William F. Grekela, Flint, Mich.
Pfc. Thomas G. Idle, Bellevue, Ohio.
LCpl. Foster E. Hill, Pittsburg, Okla.

MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE

Army
Sgt. Dennis R. Thorpe, Fullerton, Calif.
Sgt. Young D. Ogletree, Columbus, Ga.
Cpl. Dennis S. Totcoff, Chicago, Ill.
Pfc. Joe A. Wittkop, East Duluth, Minn.
Pfc. Ronald J. Campbell, Philadelphia, Pa.
Pfc. Henry T. Curtis II, Culpeper, Va.

MISSING IN ACTION

Army
1Lt. Larry C. Bolyard
1Lt. Donald D. Randall Jr.
Sgt. Eldon A. Baker
Sgt. Lawrence J. Englander
Sgt. Gary L. Mack
Sgt. Vernon W. Nix III
SP5 Donald P. Gervais
Cpl. Jimmy R. Clark
SP4 Ernest Burton
SP4 Richard H. Naley
SP4 Johnnie G. Reid
SP4 Amel D. Royalty
SP4 Edward M. Shelton Jr.
Pfc. Michael F. Campbell
Pfc. William P. Flynn
Pfc. Marcello C. Garza Jr.
Pfc. Leon G. Hamilton Jr.
Pfc. William J. Hughes
Pfc. Paul C. King Jr.
Pfc. Edward L. Munson

Marine Corps

1Lt. Robert D. Avery
1Lt. Thomas D. Clem

MISSING TO CAPTURED

Air Force
Maj. James H. Metz

DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION

Army
SP4 James R. Bowden, Macon, Ga.
SP4 Bernard M. Pellegrino, New York, N.Y.
Pfc. Mark J. Roman, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
SSgt. Jerry W. Bryan, Swanton, Ohio.
SP4 Allen D. Rowles, Ansonville, Pa.
Sgt. John R. D'Agostino Jr., Great Bay, Wis.

Marine Corps
Sgt. Gerald A. Gransbury, Los Angeles, Calif.
Cpl. Walter J. Dancer, St. Paul, Minn.
Cpl. William I. Inman, Chardon, Ohio.
LCpl. James L. Bosheers, Leoma, Tenn.

Air Force
Maj. Richard W. Wackerfuss, Blytheville, Ark.

MISSING TO DEAD — NON HOSTILE
Army
Pfc. Wilfred Draper, Chino, Ariz.
CWO James B. Crckett, Albany, Ga.
SP5 William C. De Weese, Brookston, Ind.
SP5 Michael P. Stiles, Lebanon, Ky.

Navy
SA Donald R. Schafer, Millwaukie, Ore.

82nd Airborne Brigade Permanent in Vietnam

S&S Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON — The 4,000-man 3rd Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Div., which went to Vietnam in mid-February on a temporary change of station basis, has been assigned as a permanent part of U.S. Forces in Vietnam, according to the Defense Department.

Men who were in the brigade when it went to Vietnam will be returned home by mid-August, unless they volunteer to complete a normal tour starting from the day they first arrived in the combat zone, the Army said.

Those returning, who have

not previously completed a Vietnam tour or are otherwise eligible, will be available to go back to Vietnam or anywhere else in the world under current reassignment policies, the Army pointed out. This means they could return to Vietnam a short time after they arrive at Fort Bragg, N.C., home of the 82nd.

First priority to return HOME will go to those who have been back from a previous Vietnam tour less than a year before the brigade's latest deployment. Those who have served six months or less in the U.S. before the deployment will be returned by the end of the month. There are about 1,350 in these categories. So far more than 700 have returned.

One for Our Side in the Thinking Man's War

DONG TAM, Vietnam (AP)—In Vietnam, a couple of hundred healthy men out in the middle of a field usually means a battle.

The little white-shirted peasant figures spread out across the dry paddyfields, all moved intently in the same direction, hastening their steps as the American helicopter swept low.

In his command helicopter, Col. Hank Emerson was exuberant. True, the motley band appeared unarmed but in the delta where Viet Cong are hidden in myriad bamboo stands, that meant nothing.

He radioed for troops and helicopters.

Gunship helicopters quickly flashed in, riding herd like sheepdogs and firing short bursts on the flanks of the men now scurrying for treelines. Sweating GIs began to drop ahead and behind under orders not to shoot unless fired upon.

By midmorning 113 "detainees" were squatting in the dust outside the barbed wire of a 9th Inf. Div. camp in the steaming delta. An Army Medic treated one who appeared to have an old shrapnel wound. South Vietnamese interrogators began to lead the men one by one into the back of a battered truck with an old blanket draped over the end for privacy.

The detainees gave mainly the same tale. They were fleeing from some kind of expected attack. The very cohesiveness of their replies raised hopes that perhaps the division had bagged a Viet Cong replacement company on the move—an unheard-of feat.

Disappointment was quick.

Within 24 hours interrogation teams had identified seven of the men as Viet Cong soldiers and 29 as civilian offenders, men with improper papers or dodging the draft or fleeing civil charges. But

the remaining 77 were classified as just ordinary civilians, and the chief of their district showed up to vouch for them.

A year ago the 77 men would simply have been turned loose to make their way home as best they could, doubtless embittered by their experience. Nowadays, the Army is more experienced in the complications of Vietnam's twisted war.

Before turning the men loose, Brig. Gen. William Knowlton, the soft-spoken assistant commander of the 9th Div., called in a special South Vietnamese psychological warfare team from nearby My Tho.

Knowlton, 47, feels desperately the need to reach South Vietnam's impassive peasantry. That night the psy-war team of five soldier actors and two young girls put on a spirited show of songs and dances. Most popular was a skit in which

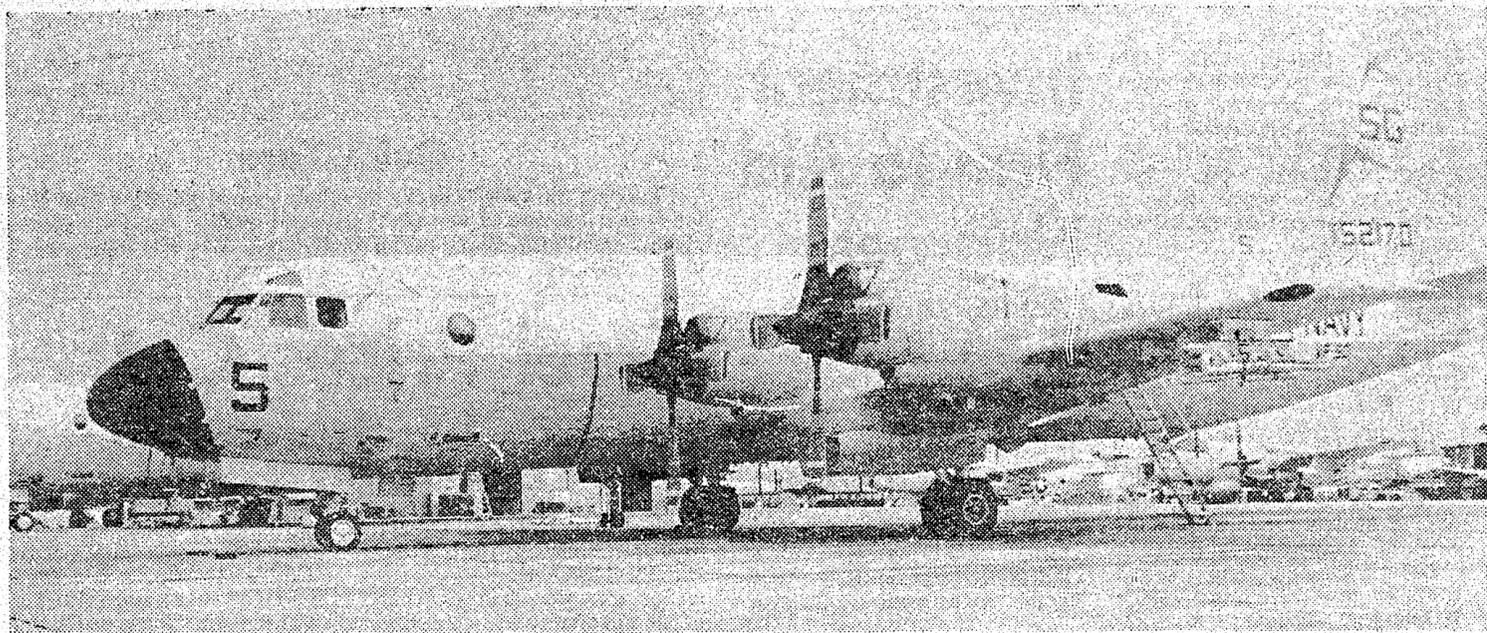
the country bumpkin outwitted the city slicker Viet Cong for the hand of the maiden.

The show was ostensibly directed solely at the 77 civilians. It was held within sight, however, of the seven bonafide Viet Cong and the 29 assorted civil offenders.

"It was a pretty lively night in the prisoner compound," Knowlton smiled. "It got everybody back in a good mood and even the Viet Cong were applauding."

The next day the 77 were placed on trucks and driven home, each given a small package with a toothbrush and soap and a small sum of money.

And so within 48 hours the men were back home. Nobody was quite satisfied, but Knowlton felt that a plus had been gained instead of the minus that previously resulted from most such incident—which can happen often in Vietnam.



A U.S. Navy P3 Orion, the Navy's newest patrol aircraft, is parked on the runway at the Naval Air Facility at Cam Ranh Bay.

The planes are being used on Operation Market Time, designed to halt infiltration of supplies. (USN)

New Navy Plane Joins Viet Patrol

CAM RANH BAY, Vietnam (PAO)—The U.S. Navy's newest patrol aircraft, the P3 Orion, is now patrolling the northern coastline of South Vietnam from the Naval Air Facility here.

The planes of Patrol Sq. 50 (VP50) arrived here April 27 and a day later were searching the South China Sea for vessels trying to infiltrate supplies to the Communists.

This was the first time that a P3 squadron had flown from South Vietnam in support of Operation Market Time a series of anti-infiltration air and surface patrols conducted by the Navy along the coast.

It also marked the first time that the VP50 crewmen have flown a land-based plane since its commissioning 18 years ago.

VP50 flew Vietnam patrols in P5M2s last year, but after the squadron returned to the States, all Navy air patrols from Cam Ranh Bay had been conducted by P2 Neptunes, the plane flown by VP42 squadron here.

Both the P2 and P3 are anti-submarine warfare planes, said Navy Cmdr. Owen A. Kidd, commanding officer of VP-50.

The P3, the Navy's version of the Lockheed Electra, is a newer plane with improvements over the P2, including larger fuselage for crew comfort and four Allison turboprop engines which give the plane speeds in excess of 450 miles per hour.

The plane is usually flown with only three engines allowing it to use less fuel and remain on patrol longer.

The P2s usually patrol for six to eight hours, while the P3s remain on station from 10 to 12 hours. The planes leave the Naval Air Facility here several times a day covering the patrol area day and night.

When radar screens spot a vessel, the plane heads in its direction to investigate. Information about the ship is relayed to Naval headquarters.

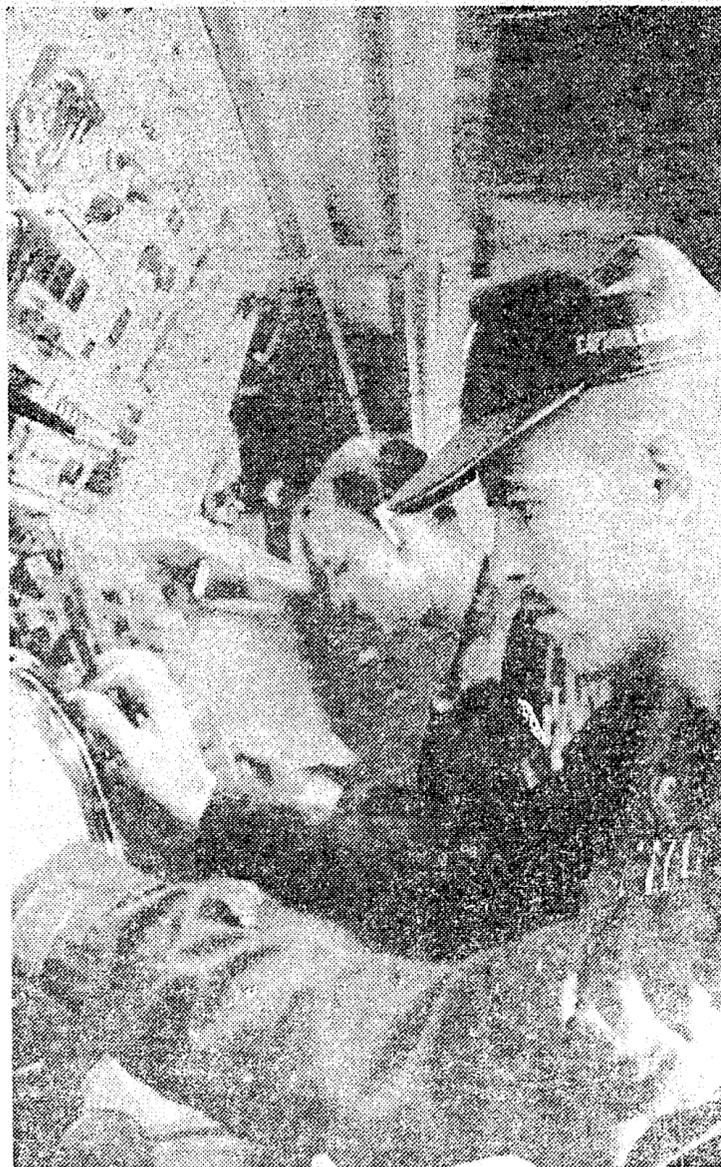
This is the way the Navy knew North Vietnam was trying to sneak supplies into South Vietnam on four trawlers March 1. Three of them were sunk by surface craft, and the fourth turned back.

Although P3s are new to Vietnam, about 50 per cent of their crews were here last year doing the same job in other planes.

Most of the Navy's patrol squadrons spend six months in Southeast Asia before rotating. Both VP50 and VP42 are based in Sangley Point in the Philippines, and the crew of four officers and eight enlisted men of each plane return there every two weeks for 10 days of plane maintenance and crew rest.

Patrol Sq. 50's home port is Moffett Field NAS, Calif., while VP42's base is Whidbey Island NAS.

Cmdr. Richard H. Eckert commands VP42.



Lt. Tim Myers, of Everett, Wash., watches the radar screen aboard a P3 Orion patrol aircraft over the South China Sea. In the background is Lt. (j.g.) John General, of Levittown, N.Y. (USN)

Signal Unit Builds A Chapel

DA NANG, Vietnam (IO) — The men of the 37th Signal Bn. here recently dedicated a chapel they built and furnished by themselves.

The chapel also is used as a theater, classroom and, during alerts, as an aid station and evacuation point. Included in the building are a tape listening room where men of the 37th can hear or record tape letters from home, and a private prayer chapel.

Battalion Chaplain (Capt.) John A. O'Connor of Buffalo, N.Y., said the building is a multi-purpose one.

"It's for both the physical and spiritual welfare of the men," he said.

Men of the battalion have also built a bell tower beside the chapel entrance. At present two small bells are hung in the tower, but Chaplain O'Connor said a permanent set of bells is expected from the U.S. by Memorial Day.

"The building is a memorial by the men of the battalion to those men of the 37th who have died at Da Nang, Hoi An, Khe Sanh, Duc Pho and Quang Ngai," the chaplain said.

Until recently, the 37th was the only 1st Signal Brigade unit operating in the I Corps Tactical Zone of Vietnam.

4 Generals Viet-Bound

WASHINGTON (S&S) — The Army has announced the forthcoming transfers of five senior officers between the U.S. and South Vietnam in the next few months.

Maj. Gen. Charles M. Duke, USARV engineer, will join the North Atlantic Div. Engineers in New York in mid-July.

Going to Vietnam are: Maj. Gens. Walter B. Richardson, training center commander at Ft. Gordon Ga., in late August; Ellis W. Williamson, infantry training center commander at Ft. Polk, La., in late July; Edward P. Smith, director of operations at Strike Command, MacDill AB, Tampa, Fla., in mid-June; and Joseph M. Heiser Jr., with the Army staff at the Pentagon, in early August.

Long Weekends

House Approves Holidays Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill that would provide for the observance of four national holidays on Mondays was approved Thursday night by the House.

The bill, which must still be acted on by the Senate, would move Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day and Veterans Day to Monday and create a new holiday, Columbus Day.

Backed strongly by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the travel industry, the bill was bit-

terly opposed by some members as an uprooting of the nation's history and traditions.

Under the legislation Washington's Birthday would be observed on the third Monday in February, Memorial Day on the last Monday in May, Columbus Day on the second Monday in October and Veterans Day on the fourth Monday in October.

The new dates, applying only to federal employees and the District of Columbia, would take effect on Jan. 1, 1971 in order to give states time to enact conforming legislation.

The chief argument used by proponents of the bill was that it would cut down on absenteeism that results when a holiday falls on a Tuesday or Thursday and workers take unofficial four-day weekends.

Saigon—

(Continued From Page 1) sisting largely of two-story stucco homes and shanties.

An AP correspondent reported from the scene that De Luca's men are pushing south from the canal, pressing the enemy out of the built-up area and toward the paddies.

Earlier in the day, rocket-firing helicopter gunships raked the enemy positions relentlessly. Viet Cong antiaircraft gunners downed a Cobra gunship, the latest model helicopter which

SAIGON (AP)—One round of enemy rocket fire slammed into the heart of Saigon at daybreak Saturday, killing one Vietnamese civilian and wounding 15. The shell struck near the downtown offices terminal of the government-operated airline, Air Vietnam.

fires rockets and Gatling-guns. The two crewmen aboard, badly hurt, were saved by a supply helicopter which flew through heavy fire to pluck them to safety.

Intelligence sources said allied troops had virtually crushed, at least for the time being, the latest Viet Cong ground threat to Saigon.

The U.S. Command reported nearly 3,000 enemy killed around the capital since Sunday. Sources said elements of 19 enemy battalions pushing toward Saigon had been intercepted during the past week with heavy losses.

U.S. intelligence sources said elements of six other mixed Viet Cong and North Vietnamese battalions had been identified in the fighting in the immediate area of Saigon. But the sources said some of the battalion elements were only company-sized units. Some of the battalions reportedly were down to only 150 men from the normal 420 to 500.

Shoots Driver Of Moving Bus

LEXINGTON, N.C. (UPI) — A gunman shot and killed a passenger bus driver Friday as the vehicle hurtled along an interstate highway. Another passenger grabbed the wheel and prevented a wreck.

The unidentified gunman, who critically wounded another man aboard the bus, began shooting as the Miami-bound bus sped along Interstate 85 near Lexington.

An unidentified passenger vaulted into the driver's seat after the shooting and wrestled with the wheel as the bus swerved across the superhighway.

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Girl—

(Continued From Page 1) the child had gone all the way to the top of the tower when he arrived.

"I started up after her," he said. "Every five feet or so she would tell me she'd jump if I came any further. I continued to talk to her, easing upward all the time."

"I told her I had a little girl about her age. She told me to get down and leave her alone. I said I couldn't, that I'd worry about her if I had to leave her up there."

"She seemed to calm down, she quit crying. I stopped about five feet from the top and talked to her. I told her she was a pretty little girl. She said, 'No I'm not, I'm a tomboy.'"

"Then she said she'd come down if all the other people would go away. I pointed to the fire truck and asked if she'd like to ride on that. She said she would."

"She said for me to go first, but I told her to hold on to me. She got between my arms and we came down."

"Then, when she went over to the fire truck, she suddenly stopped and turned around. She looked at me, then ran over and put her arms around my neck. She held on as tight as she could. It made me glad I could help."

Ward said the child told him her parents were separated and she had been living at the children's home for about a month.

2 Trapped Miners Join 13 Mates, Await Rescue

HOMINY FALLS, W.Va. (UPI)—Two entombed coal miners made a dramatic link-up with 13 other men trapped deep inside a partially flooded mine shaft Friday to await rescue which officials said was only hours away.

At the same time, a state official virtually ruled out any chance 10 other miners imprisoned in the shaft would be brought out alive.

"They didn't have a chance," said Elmer C. Workman, state mines director. "They were in the area where the flooding occurred."

C. E. Richardson, president of the mine, predicted the 15 men would be rescued soon. He said



Averell Harriman (left), chief U.S. negotiator at preliminary talks with the North Vietnamese in Paris, is greeted by French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville. (AP Radiophoto)

Paris Peace Talks Will Open Monday

(Continued From Page 1) Minh's special envoy for these talks, Xuan Thuy.

The meeting Friday was in the International Conference Center suggested by France last week.

The session lasted an hour and 45 minutes. When it was over at 4:45 p.m. Lau and his advisers left first, and Vance and his associates then departed. Each informally told newsmen of the decision to start the preliminary talks Monday. Then the U.S. Embassy here issued a statement under Vance's name.

It said: "Representatives of the two parties met from 3 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. today to discuss procedures to be followed by the two delegations in the future. We will continue these discussions tomorrow."

"The parties have agreed that on next Monday the full delegations representing the two parties will meet."

Vance did not spell out the procedural problems still to be discussed, but officials said

earlier that such matters as translation arrangements, arrival schedules, and seating of delegations would surely come up.

A diplomat familiar with Friday's proceedings said he understood the atmosphere was not too bad and that Vance and Ha Van Lau shook hands when they met.

The agenda problem is potentially a barrier to progress in the next few days. North Vietnam says the only purpose of the preliminary talks is to settle the matter of ending all U.S. attacks on North Vietnamese territory; then other issues can be raised. But the U.S. wants to know whether North Vietnam will scale down its military operations to justify a total bomb halt.

In another development, it was reported that the North Vietnamese are unhappy with their hotel, the Lutetia, on the left bank of the Seine, feeling that it does not carry sufficient prestige for their purposes. It is said they would have preferred to lease a French chateau as a status symbol.

A North Vietnamese spokesman said that there had been a good atmosphere at Friday's meeting, and that there were few questions left to be decided.

'Mom of Year' Against Minis

NEW YORK (AP) — A Polish-born woman from North Dakota with 18 children was named Thursday as the "1968 Mother of the Year."

She is Elizabeth Grossman Bodine, 70, who does not approve of miniskirts or hippies and thinks too much freedom is not good for children.

"I think it's better when they had chores," Mrs. Bodine told a news conference.

Mrs. Bodine received her award at a candlelight ceremony in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. She was one of 49 entries from all the states except Hawaii.

N. Viets Seen in Thailand

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thailand's Prime Minister Thanom Kittikachorn said Friday there are an estimated 3,000 North Vietnamese Communist agents operating in north and northeast Thailand, seeking to subvert and recruit hill tribesmen.

He told a news conference that some Chinese Communist agents have been identified from documents they were carrying when killed in clashes with Thai government forces.

Thanom confirmed that reports of night helicopter flights settling North Vietnamese agents into the north and northeastern regions of the country had originated with local authorities in the area.

Thanom estimated about 2,000 agents had come directly from North Vietnam or from the neighboring Pathet Lao forces in Laos. He said these forces are being used by Hanoi for infiltration in the northeastern region.

Prague—

(Continued From Page 1) Western propaganda is indulging in a political provocation."

In the absence of any official announcement of the date of the scheduled Warsaw Pact maneuvers, informed sources had believed the military activity could have been Soviet pressure against the revolutionary Czech regime.

Reform leader Alexander Dubcek pledged to 100,000 cheering citizens to carry on his new program for "socially just" communism in Czechoslovakia.

Dubcek spoke at a rally where the Czechs, instead of facing an intervening Red Army, celebrated the arrival of Soviet tanks in Prague 23 years ago when Russia liberated the nation from Nazi Germany.

The day, changed from Liberation Day to Czech-Soviet Friendship Day to please the nervous Soviet Union, is observed here as the end of World War II.

(In Warsaw, diplomatic and other Western sources said the sighting of Soviet troops, including tanks, moving south of Krakow near the Czech border Wednesday set off panic buying of sugar, flour and other commodities Thursday in Krakow.)

Weather

Asian Weather Central

TOKYO AREA

Saturday Night: Cloudy; Low: 50

Sunday: Cloudy with Rain; High: 60s

TEMPERATURES

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Bangkok	93	77	Naha	77
Chilose	59	30	Saigon	95
Guam	87	78	Seoul	73
Itazuke	77	61	Taipei	88
Manila	95	75	Tokyo	68
	H	L	H	
Albany	72	47	Melbourne	65
Albuquerque	73	48	Memphis	76
Amarillo	56	50	Miami	77
Atlanta	75	51	Milwaukee	60
Birmingham	79	64	Moscow	78
Bismarck	61	32	N. Orleans	81
Boise	80	48	NYC	76
Boston	73	46	N. Platte	65
Chicago	61	56	Okla. City	64
Cincinnati	68	56	Omaha	63
Cleveland	71	59	Paris	66
Denver	57	44	Phila.	77
Des Moines	57	44	Phoenix	91
Detroit	74	58	Pittsburgh	66
Duluth	62	38	Port., O.	72
Fairbanks	55	32	Rapid City	64
Fargo	65	35	Reno	71
Fort Worth	73	64	Singapore	90
Hong Kong	87	74	St. Louis	71
Honolulu	80	70	St. Paul	59
Houston	78	73	Salt Lake	75
Indianapolis	70	53	S. Antonio	84
Jackville	81	68	San Diego	68
Jakarta	93	75	San Fran.	56
Kansas City	67	48	Seattle	73
K. Lumpur	90	76	Shreveport	77
Las Vegas	86	62	Sydney	75
London	57	49	Tucson	82
L.A.	67	57	Wash.	80
Louisville	77	62		