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Two Americans Held in South Viet Nam Saved

Saigon, South Viet Nam—Two U.S. Army sergeants captured by the Communists three weeks ago were rescued early today by South Vietnamese soldiers, the South Viet Nam government said today.

The two men, both reported in good condition, are Sgt. 1. C. Francis Quinn, Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Sgt. George E. Groom, St. Joseph, Mo., members of the elite U.S. special forces who have been training government troops in their fight to crush widespread Communist guerrilla activity.

While the South Vietnamese government said the two men were "rescued," the Defense Department in Washington said they were "returned to the control" of the U.S. Army.

This could mean they were rescued by a friendly force, or it could mean they were released by the Reds. The Defense Department could not clarify its statement on the basis of information it had available.

Quinn and Groom were captured when Communist Viet Cong guerrillas swept out of the jungles and attacked a village, where they and two other American soldiers were training civilian militia volunteers.

The other two Americans were slain by their Red captors.

U.S. Army spokesmen said the two men were taken from the place where they were recovered to a U.S. special forces camp near Danang this morning.

Col. G. B. Layton, Washington, Iowa, chief of the U.S. special forces in South Viet Nam, said he had "never" expected the men to be rescued. Layton said he was "tremendously surprised" by the news that Groom and Quinn had been taken from the Viet Cong by the South Vietnamese forces.

He said he was overjoyed by the news, but could scarcely believe it until he actually saw the men at the Saigon airport.

Woodworkers To Seek Wage Boost

Portland—The International Brotherhood of Woodworkers of America (IWA) said Monday the union will seek a "substantial wage increase" this spring.

Members of the union, one of the two big lumber unions in the Northwest, now work at hourly rates ranging from a base of \$2.09 plus benefits to more than \$4.

Harvey R. Nelson of Portland, chairman of the regional IWA negotiating committee, said the union will not seek increases of 50 cents an hour, as urged by some locals.

"But we are not talking about two and one-half or five cents an hour either," he said. The IWA contract requests for wage adjustments June 1. The IWA requested meetings on the wage question to start May 16.

Hillsboro Man Air Crash Victim

Redmond—A Guilford Wikander, 40, co-owner of Wik's Air Service at Hillsboro, was injured fatally in the crash of a Cessna 172 plane at Blue Lake air strip northwest of here.

Three other persons were injured. Wikander suffered multiple injuries in the crash and died early today at a Redmond hospital.

Kenneth Lovegren, 36, Eugene, was listed in serious condition with back injuries. Don Standberg, 30, and his daughter, Karla, 5, of Beaverton, were released after treatment for minor injuries. Wikander was a World War II aviation cadet and later an Army aviator. Survivors include his widow, Betty, and five children.

Group of Sponsors For Salvation Army Fund Drive Planned

A citizens' committee of sponsors for the forthcoming Salvation Army Building fund campaign will be organized at a dinner meeting Monday, May 7, according to Richard Hensley, general chairman of the fund appeal.

The no-host dinner will be held at the Rogue Valley Country club at 6 p.m. Reservations may be made in advance, if desired, by telephoning the campaign headquarters at Spring 3-7798.

Some 300 Jackson county community leaders have been invited to attend the event. Architect's plans for the new building, to be located at Beatty and Edwards sts., will be shown.

O. D. Martin, Salvation Army advisory board chairman, said the meeting will be for informational purposes only.

Hensley stressed that the building fund campaign to raise a minimum of \$137,185 is necessary due to the condemnation of The Army's present headquarters and the serious water damage to the Transient shelter on Crews rd.

A new citadel for housing administrative, welfare, youth and adult group activities, and religious services will be built at the site of Beatty and Edwards sts. The former Seventh-day Adventist church on the property will be remodeled for youth activities, classrooms and an auditorium. Two new buildings will be constructed, according to Sr. Capt. William Ricken, commanding officer of the Medford Corps.

Extensive repairs were necessary in January at the Transient shelter due to water pipes bursting in the attic which damaged the inside walls and floor tiles.

Captain Ricken said all new floor coverings had to be installed and inside walls of the building repainted. Repairs were completed so that the shelter would not have to be closed, he explained, but now costs must be paid through the campaign. The loss was not covered by insurance, he noted.

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Bids Opened for MHS Grandstand; Under Advisement

Bids to construct a 4,000-seat grandstand at the Medford High school football field have been taken under advisement by the senior high school stadium bid committee, Chairman R. H. (Bud) Parsons has announced.

Three offers to construct the stand were opened by the committee yesterday with Graff and James Contractors, Medford, apparent low bidder. Parsons said that a decision on the bids will be made as soon as possible.

Graff and James made a base bid of \$90,897 with an alternate of \$2,000 to be added if seat riser width is increased from 30 to 32 inches. M. O. Bassonette, Medford, bid \$94,750 basic with an added \$12,000 with wider seat risers.

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145 Persons Hurt In Nine States; Floods Reported

School Roof Falls Killing Young Boy

By United Press International
Killer tornadoes and hurricane-force winds slashed through sections of nine states Monday and early today, claiming at least eight lives and injuring 145 persons.

Illinois had five dead. Michigan listed one fatality and Indiana reported two.

Illinois had at least 50 persons injured. Indiana had at least 43 persons injured. 40 of them in South Bend. Michigan reported 25 injuries. Five were hurt in Ohio and one at Fenton, Mo. Kentucky had 18 injuries. Arkansas had three.

Flash Floods Reported
Tornadoes also raked Texas and damaging winds hit western Pennsylvania. Flash floods were reported in St. Louis, Mo., suburbs.

Collapse of a school roof at Springfield, Ill., killed a 12-year-old boy. A similar accident at Sheldon, Ill., injured a teacher and two students.

An elderly man suffered a fatal heart attack when an unconfirmed tornado skipped through West Frankfort, Ill. A young stone mason was struck and killed by a falling grain elevator at Frankfort, Ind.

Two persons were killed when an advertising sign came crashing through the roof of a Rantoul, Ill., supermarket Monday. A workman died when a wind toppled a chimney at a Pontiac, Ill., stone works. An elderly woman guest lost her life when a hotel roof caved in at Pontiac, Mich.

A man who was dashing to shelter from the South Bend, Ind., storm darted in front of a car and was killed. Authorities at Springfield, Ill., credited principal John Cault with averting a major tragedy at the McClelland School, where Gary Keller, 12, was killed when the roof of the three-story brick building collapsed. Cault held most of the 375 children in the basement cafeteria until just before the storm struck. "I thought a plane had hit the school," Cault said.

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MOTHER OF YEAR—Gov. Mark Hatfield is shown presenting the Oregon Mother of the Year award to Mrs. Peter J. Kirsch, wife of a retired Maupin rancher, at ceremonies in his office at Salem Monday. Mrs. Kirsch, 72, will compete with other state mothers of the year in New York later this month for national honors. (UPI)

Justice Brand Asks People To Look To Stars in Ceremony

"Look to the stars," Retired Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court James T. Brand urged people attending the annual Law Day ceremonies in Jackson county circuit court this morning.

The retired chief justice and judge at the war criminal trials in Nurnberg, Germany, indicated the "stars" were the ideals of law and order, justice, freedom and peace.

Brand noted there are two forces in conflict: that of law and order which is attempting to gain "peace in our time," and that of the Soviet Union bent on world domination.

May 1 or "May Day" is a fitting time to have Law Day since it is the anniversary of Communism celebrated with a parade of troops and weapons in the Red Square in Moscow, the retired chief justice said.

"We must go back to Plato for the basis of international law," Brand stated. "But, it was not Plato or Aristotle, the Greek philosophers, but a

president of the United States who pointed out, 'Man does not make law, he only discovers it.'"

The United States cannot obtain peace by throwing down its arms before the robber nations of the world, Brand said, but must rely on armed forces to establish the rule of law and order. Foundations for peace must be built first, he said.

Master of Ceremonies
Harry Skerry, Ashland lawyer, acted as master of ceremonies. Circuit Judges James M. Main and Edward C. Kelly presided over Law Day with the retired chief justice and District Court Judge L. L. Sawyer sitting on the bench with them.

Eugene Piazza, Medford lawyer, presented a certificate of merit from the Oregon bar association and a \$25 check from the Jackson County Bar association to Miss Mary Clare Stuart, 2650 Beall lane, Central Point, Crater High school senior, for her editorial on the theme of Law Day. This was the third year in a row that a Crater High school student has won the award, it was pointed out.

George Rhoter, Medford lawyer who is celebrating his 50th anniversary of law practice this year, pinned a corsage on Mrs. Brand. Paul Haviland, Medford lawyer, introduced Retired Justice Brand.

Her fourth grade class at West Salem Elementary school is studying state government. So she sat down and wrote Gov. Mark Hatfield, inviting him to address the class as a government expert.

The governor accepted, but school officials were a bit stunned when Hatfield's office called to set up the date and time.

Susan forgot to tell her teacher and her parents that she was writing to the governor.

Hatfield will address an assembly of the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades at 2:30 p.m. Thursday.

Kennedy, AMA Fail To Agree On Medical Plan

Washington—President Kennedy and leaders of the American Medical Association conferred for nearly an hour today without resolving their impasse over Kennedy's plan to extend medical care to the aged under social security.

The doctors emerged from the President's office still flatly opposed to his plan, which they contend amounts to socialized medicine.

According to Kennedy's secretary of health, education and welfare, Abraham Ribicoff, the President remained equally convinced that his proposal is best and will be enacted by congress. Ribicoff attended the session.

Support Said Decreasing
"We told him in no uncertain terms that we don't believe that," said Dr. Leonard W. Larson, Bismarck, N.D., AMA president.

"That is not our intelligence—we have