

# U.S. Jet Planes Bomb Again



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### Jordan Proclaims His Innocence in Murder

By DAN WALTERS  
Theodore Jordan, who spent nearly half of his life in prison for a murder he says he did not commit, Monday made the first of a series of court appearances he hopes will set him free.

Klamath County Circuit Judge I. Orth Sisemore Monday granted a prosecution motion for a continuance in the trial of Jordan for the 23-year-old slaying of Southern Pacific Railroad sleeping car steward F. T. Sullivan.

Judge Sisemore re-set Jordan's trial for April 26. Jordan was brought to Klamath County by the sheriff's office from the state prison, Salem, for the court appearance. It was decided Monday that Jordan will remain here rather than return to the prison, where he suffers from a heart ailment.

Jordan was convicted of the slaying murder in 1932 and served 22 years in prison. The 54-year-old Jordan told the reporter in an exclusive interview that a confession, the prime piece of evidence against him 33 years ago, was beaten out of him by police officers.

Jordan's Klamath Falls attorney, David R. Vandenberg, said he believes the confession will be thrown out in the April trial.

Jordan categorically denied the slaying.

"I didn't commit the crime. I don't know the man," Jordan said.

Jordan said his intention in the trial is to clear his name. "I took half of my life in prison," he said.

Jordan said he was arrested as a suspect in the slaying outside the home of his aunt, Mrs. Callie Timms, in Klamath Falls. He said he had come to Klamath Falls from Oakland and was in the lumber industry.

Vandenberg said the defense will present a number of witnesses to prove Jordan innocent.

DA Argues  
Dist. Atty. Sam A. McKee argued for the continuance before Judge Sisemore. He said his office has been seeking the whereabouts of 45 witnesses who testified in the original trial and that more than half of these are dead.

McKee cited the difficulty of those locating live witnesses and officially determining the defense's position.

Defense Agrees  
"Vandenberg told Judge Sisemore he would agree to a continuance to give him more time to obtain witnesses and evidence."

Jordan was granted the next trial last November by a Marion County circuit judge, who threw out Jordan's confession.

Jordan originally was sentenced to hang for the murder, but his sentence later was commuted to life imprisonment. He was released on parole in 1954 and returned to prison for parole violation a year ago.

His new lawyer was sought by the state public defender's office on post-conviction relief.



CONCERNED PRESIDENT — President John F. Kennedy is shown through the rain-plattered window of his limousine Sunday as he leaves St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Earlier, the President met with the Security Council on the latest crisis in Viet Nam. UPI Telephone

### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
The big news today is that it comes from Southeast Asia, where communist guerrillas staged a sneak raid yesterday on a U.S. Army camp in South Viet Nam, killing seven Americans and wounding 109 others.

In retaliation for the raid, 49 U.S. Navy jets rained bombs and rockets on Communist bases in North Viet Nam.

At the same time that he ordered the retaliatory attack, President Johnson directed the orderly withdrawal of American dependents from South Viet Nam.

In the order for the withdrawal of dependents was the equivalent of getting the women and children out of the fighting area.

He added: "It has become clear that the Hanoi (Communist) headquarters in North Viet Nam has undertaken a more aggressive course of action against both South Vietnamese and American installations and against Americans who are in South Viet Nam assisting the people of that country to defend their freedom."

"We have no choice now but to clear the decks and make absolutely clear our determination to back South Viet Nam in its fight to maintain its independence."

Having done all this—that is to say, having gone finally on the offensive—President Johnson took diplomatic steps to assure the Soviet Union (whose premier is now visiting in North Viet Nam) that the U.S. seeks no EXTENSION of the war.

In this particular incident, he made it clear, we were simply retaliating against the communist Viet Cong, who started the shooting.

The big question: What will the Russians do about it?

Will they back the Chinese communists to the hilt?

Or will they find a way to stay neutral in the ruckus that seems to be coming up?

At the moment, it's impossible to say.

The nub of the situation is whether the Russians will back the Chinese communists to the limit or whether they will find a way to stay out of it.

Time will tell.

### LBJ Seeking New Laws On Pollution

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson asked Congress today for new federal powers to check air and water pollution, which he said were growing menaces to public health.

The Chief Executive proposed changes to allow federal officials to prevent or curtail pollution where it occurs and set standards to curb water pollution.

Johnson also proposed a wide range of measures to beautify cities and rural areas, eliminate the automobile junkyard eyesores and establish more federal recreation areas.

"The stream of modern change is threatening to blight and diminish in a few decades what has been cherished and protected for generations," the President said in a conservation message to Congress.

Outlining a series of measures to encourage preservation of natural attractions, he said: "This means that beauty must not be just a holiday treat but a part of our daily life. It is announced plans to call a White House conference on natural beauty in mid-May to propose new ideas for enhancing America's beauty. Laurence Rockefeller, a conservation member of the Rockefeller family, will be the chairman.

Johnson devoted a good part of his message to what he called the rapid increase in pollution of air and water.

"Every major river system now polluted and air pollution widespread that even the White House is being dirtied with soot," the President said.

Johnson announced plans to call the heads of federal agencies to improve ways to cut down pollution caused by government activities. Steps already have been taken to make sure that cars bought by the federal government meet minimum standards for exhaust systems, he said.

### Flooded Property Owners Back Study On High Water

Engineers for the Pacific Power and Light Company and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are studying the feasibility of widening the Klamath River at that point, Fred Lawrence, chairman of the Upper Klamath River Emergency Flood Control Committee, told an assembly of some 50 ranchers at a meeting in the Midland Recreation Hall last night.

The meeting was called so flood victims could learn of the committee's progress in seeking help for the removal of flood waters that have backed up from the Klamath River at Keno, inundating 10,000 acres of farm land and causing more than \$1 million in property damage.

Lawrence said the power company engineers would be assisted by engineers from the Morrison-Knudson Construction Company and estimated that the study would be completed in about 10 days.

He stated that "the purpose of the committee at this time is to remove the water from the Basin; flood control and its future will have to wait."

"No one knows, w h o (PPL, Army engineers, Morrison-Knudson) will do the job, but we do know it will be done," Lawrence emphasized.

Teams Due  
Teams from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers were in Klamath County earlier this year to observe dikes and levees with a view to establishing flood control projects, but they were not concerned with the Klamath River "backup" at that time. However, other teams will arrive there within the next few days to study this special problem, Lawrence said.

The committee chairman stated that he would be in contact with the various teams during their stay here and would report on the results of the study when they become available.

Other than Lawrence, those comprising the Upper Klamath River Emergency Flood Control Committee are Lt. Col. Fred Beyer, Don Gray, Claude Kerns and Richard Baldwin.

### PP&L Retains Firm For Water Studies

Pacific Power and Light Co. was joined Monday by others headed by George Beard, assistant chief engineer, and Phil Humphrey, power superintendent, from Portland, and Robert Beyer, Madison.

The PP&L manager said the studies by both the company and M&K, which is the world's largest construction firm, specializing in earthworks and hydraulic developments, are investigating the feasibility of a number of alternate proposals for handling the unprecedented volume of water that flowed from the Upper Klamath Lake Reclamation officials. It is announced at that time the study was in progress.

Sam Ritchey, PP&L's district manager, reported the field group was still here and

### Royal Pair Visit Sudan

KHARTOUM, The Sudan (UPI)—A crowd of cheering Sudanese welcomed Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, the British monarch arrived here for a four-day state visit.

There had been fears that the queen's arrival, a spokesman for the queen had conceded there was "a possible danger to her life."

But when the queen's airplane touched down on a flight from Ethiopia, an estimated 50,000 Sudanese greeted her. Crowds lined the streets along the route of the queen's motorcade from the airport to downtown Khartoum.

### Red China Warns U.S.

TOKYO (UPI)—Communist leaders today warned they would stand idly by while "U.S. imperialists" extend the war in South Viet Nam to Communist territory.

The warning came in a statement by senior Gen. Lo Juching, vice premier and chief of the general staff of the Chinese army.

His statement was transmitted by the official New China News Agency. Lo said that "the Chinese people absolutely will not stand idly before the U.S. imperialists' aggressive action of extending the war to the Viet Nam Democratic (Communist) Republic."

"We will do our utmost to support the Vietnamese people's struggle against U.S. imperialist aggression," Lo said.

### Directors Plan Meet

City Superintendent of Schools Ray Hunsaker is scheduled to discuss the United School District bill at a Klamath Union High School directors meeting Monday night.

Hunsaker plans to testify Tuesday afternoon before the Senate Education Committee on the bill, which would convert Klamath Union High School District into a unified school district capable of educating students in grades one through 12.

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### Pre-dawn Sneak Attack Fired Viet Crisis

PLEIKU, South Viet Nam (UPI)—Communist Viet Cong guerrillas sneaked through the base defenses at Holloway Airfield to plant explosives at the walls of U.S. billets where American soldiers were sleeping.

Eight Americans were killed and 126 others wounded in Sunday's attack.

Only 12 Vietnamese guards were on duty when the Viet Cong got past the security guard to place explosives around the walls of the U.S. barracks.

The infiltrators, about 120 in number, were discovered by an alert sentry who started shooting, scattering the Viet Cong before they could attach many of the snatch explosives to the billets.

The toll of lives lost was the heaviest the Communists have ever taken in a single attack during the Vietnamese war.

Half of the 82 Vietnamese guards supposed to protect the base were absent from their posts when the Reds struck simultaneously at parked helicopters and barracks filled with sleeping airmen at 2 a.m.

Their absence has not been explained.

Destroy 25 Aircraft  
During the half-hour attack, the Communists destroyed or damaged more than 25 U.S. aircraft, including helicopters, observation planes and a transport.

U.S. presidential envoy George Bundy and Lt. Gen. Nguyen Khanh, South Viet Nam's military "strong man," flew here to inspect the damage a few hours after the attack.

About eight hours after the attack on the airfield, the Communists waylaid a supply column on a road just east of here, wounding one American Army man and eight Vietnamese.

The Pleiku airfield was attacked by about 100 Viet Cong, who broke through the perimeter-manned security perimeter after a mortar barrage and placed dynamite charges on parked aircraft.

At the same time, 30 or 40 guerrillas cut their way through the barbed-wire fence surrounding the barracks on the north edge of the field. They employed mortar to pour fire into the troop quarters at a distance of 100 yards, and patriots amounted to point-blank range.

Mortar fire and dynamite charges damaged 32 buildings in the housing area.

The commander of one of the two U.S. Army aviation companies operating from the field was among the casualties. He was flown to a U.S. Army hospital for treatment of mortar wounds.

The Americans launched a flare-throwing helicopter within seven minutes of the attack, but it was not until after dawn that helicopters from Pleiku located the enemy in the woods about six miles northeast of the base.

The helicopters were under the command of Lt. Col. Joseph Ulanski of Stamford, Conn., 37-year-old operations adviser of South Viet Nam's 1st Air Cavalry Division. He was in a pillock near the barracks "apparently didn't see much of anything,"

### SP Train Derailed

BANKS, Ore. (UPI)—South Ore. Pacific officials blamed a derailed freight train for the derailment of 13 cars and a diesel engine near here Saturday.

Ten cars of the freight train overturned. They were derailed behind the engine.

Earl Hemmingsway of Milwaukee, a brakeman, suffered a slight cut over his eye.

### Weather

Klamath Falls, Klamath and Lakeview  
—Cloudy with a few brief showers early today. Partly clearing, mostly fair on Tuesday. Low tonight 23 — 24. High Tuesday 34-35. Daily weather outlook:  
Toughly yesterday 44  
Low this morning 21  
High today 31  
Low today 23  
High today 34  
Low today 24  
High today 34  
Same period last year 2.41

### North Vietnamese Points Blasted By Aircraft For Second Straight Day

SAIGON (UPI)—American and South Vietnamese aircraft today blasted military bases in North Viet Nam for the second day.

South Vietnamese strongman Lt. Gen. Nguyen Khanh said "70 per cent of the objectives were destroyed" in the strike against Vinh Linh today.

Khanh said 24 Vietnamese skyraider fighters — bombers — bombed and strafed the military installations a short distance beyond the border of North Viet Nam with the support of American aircraft.

He said "a number of smoke columns and fires were seen in the area of the objectives."

The U.S. Embassy confirmed Khanh's report, but refused to give any specific details about the part played by the American planes.

A statement issued by the U.S. Embassy said only: "In furtherance of the action announced yesterday by the acting prime minister and the U.S. ambassador, it was made known that military action was taken today by Vietnamese and U.S. aircraft against other military installations in North Viet Nam.

The seriousness with which the U.S. government viewed the situation was underlined by orders for the immediate withdrawal of 1,819 American dependents from South Viet Nam. Wives and children hurriedly packed belongings for the evacuation which will begin Monday.

Communist North Viet Nam claimed 10 "U.S. planes" were shot down during the raids Sunday and today. A communique broadcast by the Red Viet Nam attack were made in three targets in Communist territory — Dong Hoi, Vinh Linh and Quang Binh province.

The United States admitted the loss of one plane in the raid on Vinh Linh. The other South Vietnamese plane was reported shot down today.

Forty-nine American jets attacked a Communist troop staging area at Dong Hoi Sunday in retaliation for a Viet Cong attack on a U.S. base that left eight Americans dead and 126 wounded. It was the worst defeat suffered by American forces in the years-long history of the Vietnamese war against the Communist guerrillas.

Khanh said one of the skyraiders was shot down today.

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### President Issues Strong Warning On U.S. Strength

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Warning against any "miscellaneous" at America's borders, President Johnson said today the United States will "answer any threat, pay any price" to defend its freedom.

The fast-moving events here a strong resemblance to the strike and counter-strike sequence last August when Red torpedos boats twice attacked U.S. destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin.

This time, however, there was a big difference. This time American lives were lost and "provocation" occurred, not in the fog-shrouded waters of the South China Sea, but at U.S. military bases on land.

curly Council meeting, he conferred with acting Secretary of State George W. Ball, brother, William P. Bundy, assistant secretary of state for Southeast Asia.

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### Russ Warn About U.S. Air Attack

MOSCOW (UPI)—The Soviets warned today that U.S. retaliatory bombing raids against Communist North Viet Nam could have the "most serious consequences."

The Soviet government newspaper Izvestia, in the first major Soviet reaction to the U.S. raids, branded the "barbaric and aggressive" action as a "gross act of aggression."

The U.S. Embassy prepared for possible protest demonstrations as a result of the strikes Sunday against military installations in North Viet Nam in retaliation to guerrilla attacks on the U.S. base at Pleiku.

A senior Chinese Communist military leader in Peking said Red China would not stand idly by while "U.S. imperialists" extended the war in South Viet Nam.

Izvestia did not say what action the Kremlin would take in the wake of Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin's pledge that Russia would go to the aid of North Viet Nam in the event of aggression by "U.S. imperialists."

Earlier, the Soviet Communist party newspaper Pravda announced the U.S. raids as "brzen military provocation."

Pravda published a North Vietnamese account of the raid, claiming that four American planes were downed and "many" killed by anti-aircraft defenses.

The dispatch, bearing a list of names, said the North Vietnamese regime demanded "an immediate end to such attacks."

It called the attack "a sinister plot of the imperialists."

Pravda also said that George Bundy, President Johnson's adviser on national security, was visiting White House today for the 60-Sunday.

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