

U.S. Air Force Immediate For North Viet Nam Military Targets

Heavy Damage Inflicted On North Viet Nam Military Targets

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SAIGON (UPI) — Nearly 100 American and South Vietnamese planes bombed military targets in North Viet Nam today in reprisal for a Viet Cong terrorist attack on a U.S. Army billet. Heavy damage was inflicted in the air raid, largest such action of the war.

The Defense Department in Washington said "heavy fires" were observed in one area north of the 17th parallel dividing Viet Nam and "moderate" fires in two other areas. The target areas—staging areas for

Communist troops infiltrating into South Viet Nam—were left in smoking ruins.

The attacks were ordered by President Johnson after suicide squads of Communist terrorists blew up a four-story U.S. Army billet Wednesday night in Qui Nhon, 275 miles northeast of Saigon. As many as 28 of the Americans were feared dead in the blast.

Use Human Shield
A Communist amphibious force tried to attack Qui Nhon today but was driven off by U.S. Army helicopters and Vietnamese artillery. The attackers

used a human shield of 400 civilians.

Today's attacks were carried out by 58 Vietnamese Skyraiders and 20 U.S. Air Force F100 jets from the Da Nang Air Base and by 100 American carrier-borne planes operating from the 7th Fleet carriers in the China Sea—the Ranger, Coral Sea and Hancock.

The Navy lost four planes but recovered all but one of the pilots. A South Vietnamese air force official said all of the land-based planes returned safely. Pilots reported anti-aircraft fire ranging from heavy to light

to moderate. It was not known if any planes were hit by the fire.

Hit Dong Hoi Again
Today's target areas were Dong Hoi and Chan Hoa, about 70 miles inside North Viet Nam. Dong Hoi was hit by a 40-plane Navy strike on Sunday ordered in reprisal against a Viet Cong attack on the U.S. air base at Pleiku in which eight Americans were killed.

The Communist Vietnamese news agency claimed five planes shot down and reported the capture of an American pilot it identified as Robert H. Schumaker, serial No. 913615 and registration No. 548955. It said the planes "viciously bombed and strafed" the Dong Hoi area, burning houses.

The Communist agency said the city "fiercely shelled" the nearby village of Nui Thuy.

The Defense Department said the Air Force hit Chap Le, a barracks complex just north of Vinh Linh which was hit Monday by U.S. Air Force and Vietnamese planes.

Both target areas are on the coast. They were described as complexes engaged in training, supply, maintenance and staging activities to support the Viet Cong in the south.

The Defense Department spokesman described the Navy attack as "very successful" and said the Air Force elements reported a "successful" mission. The Navy struck at 2 p.m. (1 a.m. EST) and the Air Force at 4 p.m. (3 a.m. EST).

The planes attacked through bad weather with broken cloud ceilings at about 2,500 feet. Seven types of aircraft were involved in the actual attack mission and in attacking Communist aircraft positions, in combat air

patrol, on escort duty, reconnaissance, and rescue operations.

The raids were carried out today despite Soviet and Chinese Communist warnings the two countries would not stand idly by if there were further attacks. The Kremlin said today the United States would receive a "resolute rebuff" if it attacked North Viet Nam again.

The White House said the United States and South Viet Nam were compelled to carry out today's attacks because of further direct provocations by the Hanoi regime.

A statement said both the U.S. and South Vietnamese governments maintained "their desire to avoid spreading the conflict" but continued "aggressive and intransigent" by the Viet Cong made the action necessary.

The statement made it clear the attacks were directed only against military facilities used by Hanoi "for the training and infiltration of Viet Cong personnel into South Viet Nam." It listed a series of Viet Cong terrorist attacks.

More Terrorism
Two new acts of terrorism were reported today.

American sources said the bodies of four American soldiers recovered from the district town of Due Phong 100 miles north of Saigon bore signs indicating the men were beaten to death. The Communists said they were killed Wednesday and the town was recaptured Wednesday night.

The new Viet Cong terrorist campaign coincided with a stepped up military offensive throughout South Viet Nam including the Communist amphibious assault today against Qui Nhon, where the U.S. Army billet was destroyed Wednesday night.

Military sources said the Viet Cong were driving Vietnamese as a shield, tried to storm shore in the coastal city from 30 armed junks less than 200 yards from the Viet Cong (Strong Viet Nam) Hotel, scene of Wednesday's disaster.

They were driven fighting by attacks from U.S. helicopters and a Vietnamese artillery barrage. Fighting was reported continuing tonight in the Mangrove swamps on the city's outskirts.

World Repercussions
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In Vatican City Pope Paul VI appealed to the United States and Communist North Viet Nam alike to remember the "horrible scourge" of World War II and stop their fighting before it erupts into a new and more fearful conflict.

The Communist world reacted angrily with charges of "aggression by U.S. imperialists." There were anti-American demonstrations in Rome and Italy. There was some anti-American picketing in the United States Wednesday.

Beale Ends Single Life
LONDON (UPI) — Drummer Ringo Starr, 24, today married Maureen Cox, 23, a former hairdresser he met the week he became a Beatle.

The couple immediately left for a short honeymoon at a secret location where they hoped to escape the groom's thousands of teen-age admirers.

But the honeymoon was interrupted when Ringo returned to join the other members of the sensational musical group to record a sound track for their second feature-length movie.

The marriage ceremony was held at Caxton Hall in London at 5:15 a.m. (3:15 a.m. EST). Brian Epstein, manager of the Beatles, served as best man.

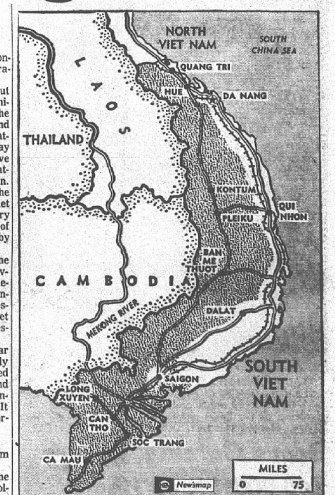
The bride comes from Liverpool, the home of the "Mersey" sound the Beatles have popularized.

Maureen met Ringo in September, 1962, and has been dating him for a year and one-half. Ringo, the last member to join the Beatles, became one of the group the same week in September.

The parents of both the bride and the bridegroom attended the ceremony, along with Beatles George Harrison and John Lennon. Maureen's father, also was present.

Rumors of marriage have been circulating since last May when Maureen accompanied Ringo on a Caribbean vacation.

At the time, she said: "We are not getting married—just for a sure."



BATTLE AREA — Viet Cong guerrilla forces stepped up their attacks and ambushes all over South Viet Nam Wednesday and Thursday. Viet Cong terrorists destroyed a billet housing 57 Americans at Qui Nhon, shown center right in the above map, some 250 miles northeast of Saigon. Just hours after the attack, Communists attempted an amphibious assault on the town. U.S. and South Vietnamese retaliated with heavy aerial strikes at the enemy.

—UPI Telephoto

Showdown Nears In Viet Conflict

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Both the United States and the Communists appeared today to be moving the Vietnamese war closer to a showdown.

To U.S. officials it was clear that a week or more ago Red leaders in North Viet Nam ordered a two-fold step-up in the guerrilla war in South Viet Nam.

One phase took the form of attacks specifically against Americans in Viet Nam — the raid on U.S. forces at Pleiku last Saturday and the terrorist killing at Qui Nhon Wednesday night.

The other involved intensified attacks against South Vietnamese government forces, including a major battle in which 200 or more government troops were lost at Binh Dinh Monday.

When President Johnson and the National Security Council ordered U.S. air strikes against North Viet Nam Sunday, following the Pleiku attack, they were not necessarily adopting a policy of "strike-for-strike" retaliation.

Administration officials have carefully refrained from comment on whether retaliation will be automatic. What they did make clear was that the United States has adopted a policy of much stronger response to Communist actions, while retaining flexibility.

Some military strategists — those who had long advocated "escalation" — are encouraged in the fact that two major elements of U.S. strength, air and seapower, have now been brought to bear on what had been a long, frustrating ground war.

They noted also that the recent crisis has stepped up South Vietnamese morale and may have improved relations between U.S. Ambassador Maxwell D. Taylor and South Vietnamese military leaders.

But U.S. officials are also acutely aware of the dangers involved. In this confrontation the United States faces not primarily Russia — with which it has developed some understanding on the limits of brinkmanship — but Red China, of which it is less sure.

Russians Warn U.S.
MOSCOW (UPI) — The Kremlin warned today that the United States will suffer "a most resolute rebuff" if it continues to bomb Communist North Viet Nam.

Pravda, the official organ of the Kremlin, delivered the warning and simultaneously published a communique reporting that Soviet Russia has agreed to "strengthen" North Vietnamese defenses.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
The war in Viet Nam? It's heating up.

Last night, at a place called Qui Nhon, some 270 miles northeast of Saigon, Viet Cong (communist) guerrillas crept close enough to an American enlisted men's barracks to bomb it with mortars that had been captured from our side.

As this is written, it is feared that as many as 28 of the approximately 40 Americans who were quartered there were killed.

In retaliation, U.S. and South Vietnamese aircraft (K's) hit South Vietnamese who are undertaking to protect against the communists) bombed military targets in North Viet Nam which is a communist area.

The attacks were ordered by President Johnson, as soon as he learned of the bombing of the American army barracks building.

Probing questions:
What about Russia?
What about Red China?
What are they doing about it?

The retaliatory raids we made today were carried out despite Soviet and Chinese warnings that the two countries would not stand idly by if there were any more attacks on communist territory — particularly, attacks on North Viet Nam.

A joint statement issued last night said both the Russians and the Chinese will "act" if the American aerial attacks on North Viet Nam continue.

The Kremlin added this morning that the United States "would receive a resolute RE-BUFF" if it attacked North Viet Nam again.

On our side, a joint statement was issued asserting that both the U.S. and the South Vietnamese go to a "great length" to "maintain their desire to avoid spreading the conflict, but continued aggressions and outrages by the Viet Cong made the action necessary."

Well, let's hope that somebody may be smart enough to figure out a way whereby we can save our face in Viet Nam without having to go to war.

It wouldn't be the kind of war.

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Titan Heads Into Orbit

CAPE KENNEDY (UPI)—A new Air Force Titan-A rocket raced into orbit today to start a 44-hour series of space acrobatics designed to prove it can handle a variety of military missions.

The 124-foot booster, making its third and last test flight, carried for the first time a useful satellite — a 60-pound radio laboratory which may lay the groundwork for future Defense Department communications satellites.

The rocket's third stage, star performer of the flight, propelled its small satellite and a larger dummy payload into a low earth orbit to begin a series of complicated maneuvers.

PPL To Build Reef Bypass

Immediate start on excavation of an auxiliary bypass channel around the Keno reef in order to increase flow capacity of the Klamath River at that point was announced Thursday by Pacific Power & Light Company.

Work will start Monday and the schedule calls for March completion.

Abel Leads Steel Vote For Chief
PITTSBURGH (UPI)—I. W. Abel continued to hold the lead in the fight for presidency of the United Steelworkers (USW) today but his margin was being whittled away by incumbent David J. McDonald in late Tuesday's election, an unofficial tabulation by UPI showed Abel with 297,796 votes to 258,397 for McDonald.

Abel's headquarters in Chicago quit tabulating votes late Wednesday night. At that time it had reported Abel with 161,472 votes to 149,619 for McDonald with 1,607 local reports. McDonald's headquarters here gave McDonald 203,993 votes and 1,619 local reports.

Abel's Margin Reducing
Abel's lead throughout the night ranged from 11,000 to 14,000 votes. But late final returns from some large locals in the Western Pennsylvania steel complex began to reduce his margin.

Quick Relief
Decision to proceed with the bypass channel resulted from studies showing it would provide the quickest substantial relief from this season's flood problems. It was stated.

Hydraulic studies made by PPL engineers indicated that a secondary channel will increase flow capacity of the river at Keno by more than 25 per cent, Ritchey said.

Starting at a point about one-quarter mile downstream from the Keno Bridge, the new channel will be 3,000 feet long and will go around the south end of the existing regulating dam.

Plan Permits Work
The fact that this plan permits the contractor to work in the dry during nearly all of the channel job will expedite progress, it was noted. Further, the bypass channel work does not involve a construction of the main river channel with barges and other facilities at a time when all available water passage capacity is needed.

Much of the land bordering the river in the area to be traversed is owned and managed by the Bureau of Reclamation and steps are in progress to purchase the land to use it for this purpose.

The power company also is continuing the river studies that began in mid-January, Ritchey said.

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Appeal Made
The appeal to the Board of Commissioners was made by Dick Baldwin and Lewis Furber, representing the Upper Klamath River Emergency Flood Control Committee, a recently-formed organization of flooded ranchers and other property owners.

Baldwin and Furber asked the commissioners' support in an appeal to Gov. Mark O. Hatfield. They said they will ask Hatfield to seek immediate removal of the reef by the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

Furber said in all likelihood the eventual solution to the flooding problem will begin with removal of the reef.

"Why not do it now on an emergency basis?" Furber asked rhetorically.

Furber asked the commission to take action.

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Kansas Hit By Blizzard
By United Press International
A giant snow storm lumbered down from the central Rockies today and sprawled across the Great Plains. Blizzard warnings were posted in Kansas.

Snow drifts piled three feet deep west of Denver, Colo. Other parts of the state were socked with up to a foot of new snow and driving was hazardous throughout Colorado and Wyoming.

The current districts range from 265-16 in the second to 522-81 in the third.

Oregon Legislature ...

House Ready To Pass Redistricting

SALEM (UPI) — A congressional redistricting measure — one of the first major pieces of legislation turned out by a committee so far this session — appeared ready today to pass the House comfortably.

Its reception in the Senate was expected to be much less enthusiastic.

The bill was moved from Marion and Linn counties into the Second Congressional District with the Eastern Oregon, and move Benton County from the First to the Fourth District.

The bill was introduced by Rep. Betty Roberts, D-Portland, but the push to get it out of committee came from House Republicans, who decided to support its provisions at a caucus Tuesday.

Business As Usual

It will be business as usual Friday, Feb. 12, the 156th birthday anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln. The post office and banks, retail stores and business firms, will remain open as will all city and county schools.

"We have to do something," said Rep. Robert Smith, R-Burns, the House majority leader.