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HEALTH DEPARTMENT RECEIVES MEDICAL  
EQUIPMENT WORTH MORE THAN US\$1,000,000

SAIGON, Feb. 19 (VP).— The Health Department said yesterday that last year it received a quantity of medical instruments and medicine worth 176,173,000 tons and US\$1,000,000 from the two point assistance program of the Japanese Government.

This aid was given under the framework of the Colombo Plan.

Last year, the Health Department also received 40 E.H.O instruments from the British Government and 560,000 vials of Polio-Vaccine and 600 hospital beds from Canada.

The Department received medicine and assistance from various government including four tons of medicine from Brazil, 60,581 bottles of cough medicine from the CARE organisation, 12 cases of Tetracycline from Ecuador, 30 volksuragon Red Cross Cars, two mobile dental cars, and 578 tons of medicine from West Germany, 2,115 bottles of Pariston F/500 ML and 5952 A C D Baxt bottles from Luxembourg.

The Health Department was also assisted by friendly countries in the construction of medical installations. Such as the Canadian TB center in Quang Ngai, two Dutch TB centers under construction in Saigon and Cholon and a dispensary in Dampao (Tuyen Duc) built by "Project concern".

In addition, the Department received U.S.\$40,000 from the "ordre de Malte" organization for constructing and equipping the lepers' operational room at Cho Quan hospital, and a U.S.\$50,000 cash gift from Siberia for the Vietnamese war veterans Department.

Besides the 1966 assistance missions, the Health Department is scheduled to receive other aid including means for the construction of a 500 bed hospital in Bien Hoa, a blood bank in Ban Me Thuot, a pediatrics center in Da Nang, a neurological surgery center at Cho Ray hospital and the modernization of Hong Bang hospital's central dispensary...

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**VIETNAMESE STUDENTS IN FRANCE ASSIST  
FLOOD VICTIMS IN WESTERN PROVINCES**

SAIGON, Feb. 19 (VP).-Vietnamese students in French Universities recently sent a check for VND202,233 to the Vietnamese Consulate General in Paris as a contribution to the flood relief program in the Western provinces.

According to sources from the Foreign Ministry, the sum of money was sent to the Social Welfare Department.  
(PD/14)

**67 AIR STRIKE MISSIONS IN NORTH V.N.**

SAIGON, Feb. 19 (VP).-Poor weather conditions over North Vietnam limited the number of strike and armed route reconnaissance missions by U.S. pilots to 67. Air Force and Navy pilots concentrated on lines of communication, coastal defense sites and storage and staging areas in the Panhandle, a U.S. military spokesman said to-night.

U.S. Navy Skyhawk, Intruder, Phantom and Crusader pilots from the Seventh Fleet carriers, USS Nicondoroga and Hancock flew 37 missions against highway bridges, waterborne craft, truck parks, defense positions and railroad facilities. In the upper Panhandle, pilots reported interdicting the approaches to the Qui My highway bridge and Bai Dai Thuy highway bridge, 45 km and 46 km (28 miles) south of Thanh Hoa and the Con Con Highway bridge, 16 km (10 miles) southwest of Thanh Hoa. A T-shaped pier, 13 km (8 miles) east-northeast of Vinh was damaged by Navy strikes. In other strikes throughout the Panhandle, Navy pilots destroyed 19 and damaged 40 waterborne craft, damaged one wooden pier, damaged 10 railroad cars, interdicted four supply routes and destroyed two wooden bridges.

U.S. Air Force Skyraider, Thunderchief and Phantom pilots flew 30 missions in North Vietnam the same day. Air Force F-4C Phantom crews set off a secondary explosion during a strike on a convoy staging area, 46 km (29 miles) southeast of Dong Hoi. Another Phantom crew damaged a truck on Route 15, about 5 km (3 miles) north of the Mu Gia Pass. The route was severed in two locations.

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67 AIR STRIKE...(II)

Further bomb damage assessment was hampered by poor weather conditions, smoke and anti-aircraft fire over the target areas.

An Air Force F-105F was downed over North Vietnam yesterday by ground fire. The crew members are listed as missing in action. (PD/15)

B-52s HIT ENEMY BASE CAMP TWICE  
IN DAY

SAIGON, Feb. 19 (VP).-Feb. 19, B-52 Air Force B-52 crews struck an enemy base camp and tunnel complex at dawn today in Long Khanh Province, 23 km (14 miles) southwest of Xuan Loc, (52 km - 33 miles east of Saigon), a U.S. military spokesman reported to-night.

Early this morning, other crews struck an enemy base camp in Binh Dinh Province, 96 km (60 miles) west-northwest of Qui Nhon City.

Meanwhile U.S. Air Force and Marine Corps pilots flew 404 sorties in the Republic yesterday. Pilots struck at enemy supply, storage and staging areas, troop concentrations, base camps, fortified positions and water traffic.

Air Force pilots flew 287 sorties, including 143 in support of ground operations. Pilots were credited with destroying or damaging 52 fortified positions, 22 sampans and numerous enemy structures. A total of five secondary explosions were set off.

Marine Corps pilots flew 117 sorties in the Republic yesterday.

Six Air Force F-100 Supersabre pilots struck an enemy supply and staging area in Chuong Thien Province the same day, 61 km (38 miles) southwest of Can Tho. Pilots hit the target with bombs and cannon fire setting off two secondary explosions and destroying or damaging 24 enemy storage structures and 12 sampans.

Three Air Force F-100 Supersabre pilots set off two secondary explosions when they attacked an enemy storage area in Darlac Province, 42 km (26 miles) south-southeast of Ban Me Thuot yesterday morning. (PD/15)

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1706 VESSELS CHECKED  
IN OP. MARKET TIME

SAIGON, Feb. 19 (VP).-U.S. Navy surface and air units continued to hamper enemy movements on the inland waterways of the Mekong Delta and the Rung Sat Special Zone yesterday during Operation Game Warden. Patrols inspected 436 vessels and boarded and searched another 530 for a total of 1,016. There were three captives held and nine persons detained, according to a U.S. military spokesman.

The U.S. Navy and Coast Guard Coastal Surveillance Force on Market Time patrols along South Vietnam's coastline continued their efforts to prevent enemy infiltration of men and materiel by sea. Yesterday, surface units inspected 332 vessels and boarded and searched 358 for a total 690. There was one person detained.

Meanwhile Four Seventh Fleet ships provided naval gunfire in all corps areas of the Republic yesterday.

In III MAF, the light guided missile cruiser, USS Providence hit enemy positions, 53 km (33 miles) south-southeast of Quang Ngai City in Quang Ngai Province.

The destroyer, USS Myles C. FOX, fired over 280 five-inch rounds in support of ground forces, 70 km (44 miles) north-northwest of Qui Nhon City in Binh Dinh Province.

In II FORCE IV, the destroyer, USS BROWNSON fired on enemy positions, 23 km (14 miles) east-northeast of Vung Tau in Phuoc Tuy Province.

In late reports from Friday, the USS MADDOX fired over 625 five-inch rounds in IV Corps, destroying six enemy structures and damaging 14 others.

The same spokesman also added that just after midnight this morning, the Seventh Fleet destroyer, USS Strauss, sank a large steel hulled cargo craft, 32 km (20 miles) southeast of Vinh in the waters, off North Vietnam.

(PD /15)

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### 148 ENEMY KILLED IN OP. PERSHING

SAIGON. FEB. 19 (VP)-- A company of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) while on a search and destroy mission in Op. Pershing, reported heavy contact with an unknown sized enemy force at 3:30p.m yesterday, 20km (13 miles) north-northeast of Bong Son. During the afternoon, the company was reinforced by a ground and air assault reaction force until the force reached reinforced battalion size. Contact gradually diminished with only light contact with sniper fire reported when the enemy broke contact at 11:15p.m. Light sporadic sniper fire continued after contact was broken. Friendly casualties were light. Enemy casualties have not reported, according to a U.S. military spokesman.

Enemy losses since Op. Pershing began on Feb. 16 have been 148 killed, 178 persons detained, and 65 individual and three crew-served weapons captured. A total of 142 strike support air sorties have been flown in support of the operation. Friendly casualties remain light as the operation continues.

### 30 enemy bunkers uncovered in Op. Prairie yesterday

Units of the 3rd Marines in Op. Prairie II yesterday, killed ten enemy during scattered actions, discovered an enemy base camp, detained one suspect, captured a CHICOM sub-machine gun and 100 pounds of rice, a U.S. military spokesman said.

The enemy base camp, containing 30 bunkers, was discovered by a company of 3rd Marines at 12:45 p.m yesterday, seven kilometers southwest of the Rockpile. The Marines discovered one suspect in the camp, a CHICOM gun-machine gun and 100 pounds of rice.

Enemy losses since Op. Prairie II began on Feb. 1 are 33 killed, 232 suspects detained, and 22 individual weapons captured. A total of 145 air sorties have been flown in support of the operation. Friendly casualties are light as the operation continues.

### ROK Marine patrol kills seven enemy in Op. Op. Giant Dragon

In Op. Giant Dragon, a 2nd Republic of Korea Marine patrol engaged an unknown number of enemy in caves at 11:30 a.m yesterday, 10km northwest of Quang Ngai City in Quang Ngai Province. Grenades were used to flush the enemy from the caves. Seven enemy were killed two persons were detained and two carbines captured.

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143. NINH... (II)

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In scattered contacts throughout the II MAF area, Marine forces reported killing 35 enemy yesterday, according to a U.S. military spokesman.

Elements of the 1st Marines killed 12 enemy in the area around Hill 55, 10 km (6 miles) south-southwest of Da Nang, in Quang Nam Province.

Meanwhile a company of the 1st Marine, 1st Battalion, observed eight enemy 5 km (3 miles) south of the hill yesterday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. and took them under small arms fire. All eight were killed.

Earlier at 08:15 a.m., another company of the battalion spotted two enemy in khaki uniforms during a sweep southeast of the hill. Small arms fire resulted in one enemy killed. Snipers of the 2nd Battalion killed three enemy, 3 km (2 miles) northeast and southeast of the hill during the morning. Friendly casualties for the actions were light.

149 BERRY... (III)

Enemy Killed in Op. De Soto  
rise to 125

As a result of contacts in Operation De Soto, 40 km (25 miles) southeast of Quang Ngai City in Quang Ngai Province, the cumulative enemy killed figure rose to 125, a U.S. military spokesman reported.

Two enemy were killed at 12 noon yesterday by Marine fixed wing support sorties flown in support of a unit of the 7th Marines, 28 km (18 miles) northwest of Duc Pho. Another was killed and a bunker destroyed at 2:30 p.m. as a result of a fixed wing artillery and 50 caliber machine gun attack on the enemy, 1.5 km (1 mile) northeast of Duc Pho. A fourth enemy was killed by small arms and mortar fire in the same vicinity. Marine casualties remain light as the operation continues. A total of 262 air sorties have been flown in support of the operation.

2 U.S. Choppers Crashed near Pleiku

In the Operation Sam Houston area in Kontum Province, 69 km (42 miles) west-northwest of Pleiku City, about 1 km east of RVN border at 4:40 p.m. February 17, two U.S. Army HO-23 observation helicopters crashed. The cause of the crash is unknown. There was small arms and automatic weapons fire in the area. A reaction force was dispatched to extract the downed crewmen. Two crewmen killed, one wounded and one missing in action as a result of the crashes. Both helicopters were destroyed, a U.S. military spokesman reported to-night.

Meanwhile a Marine UH-34 helicopter was forced down at 2 p.m. yesterday by ground fire, 10 km (6 miles) west of Quang Ngai City. The helicopter landed in a secure area with no injury to the crew. The helicopter was later extracted. (EU/15)

NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR VCA

SAIGON, Feb. 19 (VP).—The Executive Board of the Vietnamese Chinese Association (VCA) made its first public appearance at a ceremony held yesterday evening at the Cholon Chamber of Commerce, with Transport and Communication Secretary Truong van Thuan and Gen. Ho Lien, Ambassador of the Republic of China to Vietnam, presiding.



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NEW EXECUTIVE... (II)

The new VCA's Executive Board includes Mr. Hoang Nam Hung, Chairman; Messrs Khoang Trung Vinh, Hoang Huu Tin, Liet Vinh Co, respectively first, second and third Deputy Chairman; Mr. Nguyen van Tu, Secretary General for Vietnamese affairs and Mr. Van Dien Quang, Secretary General for Chinese affairs. The Board also includes organizing committees chairman of Economy, Education, social Affairs... and five Secretaries; Open Arms and Information Minister, Gen. Do Bich, Transport and Communication Secretary, and Saigon Prefect Van Van Cua. are advisors of the Board.

Also present at yesterday's ceremony were Mr. Nguyen Xuan Phong, Social Welfare Secretary, Lt. Col. Nguyen Nhu Ngoc, Deputy Prefect for Security Affairs and representatives of government agencies and / organisations. (PD/12)  
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12 VC RALLY IN BA TRI DISTRICT

TRUC GIANG, Feb. 19 (VP). - In response to the Dinh Nui New year Open Arms Campaign 12 V.C. returnees rallied in Ba Tri District, Truc Giang province during the Feb. 9-17 period 1967.

The V.C. returnees disclosed that despite the Tet celebration, they were not allowed to rejoin their families but had to relentlessly participate in finance raising activities for the support of V.C. guerillas.

The returnees were presented with new year gifts and cash rewards. (PD/15)

5th PRE-MARRIAGE TRAINING COURSE OPENS

SAIGON, Feb. 19 (VP). - The Saigon Archbishop inaugurated the 5th pre-marriage training course at 24 Vy Dong street, Saigon at 4 p.m yesterday.

The course is being attended by 300 people from all walks of life, including 112 men and 268 women who are Catholic, Buddhists, Cao daists, Protestants and Confucians.

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5th PRE-MARRIAGE... (II)

The course will last four months, with a session held in every Saturdays.

The studying curriculum includes : lectures, discussions, pleasure trips and show of psycho-physiological educational films. Audio-visual methods is being used in the training.

Course and certificates will bear the Saigon Archbishop's signature.

Attending the inauguration ceremony were Catholic priests, lecturers, professors, guests, and press representatives.

(PD/43)

- NEWS IN BRIEF -

DALAT. FEB. 19 (VP)--- Mrs. Nguyen Thi Hau, Dalat Mayor and Chairman of the provincial Revolutionary Development Council, headed a delegation to visit Nguyen Lieu New Life hamlet, six kilometers from the City last Wednesday.

She approved plans suggested by local inhabitants such as paving a 500-meter road leading to nearby Thanh hamlet, <sup>supplying</sup> materials for the construction of wells, building a maternity and a market etc.

Nguyen Lieu Newlife hamlet has 727 inhabitants living on cabbage growing. It produces about two tons of cabbage each day.

CHUONG THIEN. FEB. 19 (VP)--- The Chuong Thien Administration released 27 political detainees last Friday.

Each of the freed detainees was given VN\$100 by local authorities <sup>for</sup> travelling expense. Twelve of them volunteered to join RVNAF to atone for their past activities.

QUANG NGAI. FEB. 19 (VP)--- Maj. Gen. Hoang Xuan Lam, Commander of 1st Army Corps and Corps Area, visited the Command Headquarters of the 2nd Division command and the Quang Ngai provincial Administrative office last Friday.

At each place, Gen. Lam was briefed on the local situation in the wake of the Lunar New Year day. Gen. Lam and the Quang Ngai province Chief went to Binh Son district to watch the Revolutionary Development cadres team at work there.

MOC HOA. FEB. 19 (VP)--- Kien Tuong province last Friday appointed a joint committee in charge of organizing the election of village Councils. The Committee includes five sub-committees in charge of security, training, administrative and financial affairs and inspection respectively.

There are now 16 cadres teams for election campaign in this province. They are attending a training course in the capital and are scheduled to begin their work next week.

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News in Biref...

BAC LIEU. FEB. 19 (VP)--- The 160-square meter Open-Arms Center in Bac Lieu has been completed at a cost of VN\$500,000 jointly paid by 1966 Revolutionary Development Service and U.S.AID.

Located at 2 km Northeast of Bac Lieu provincial town, the Center includes two bed rooms, one meeting hall and other facilities. The center can accommodate 60 returnees.

Maj. Nguyen Van Quyet, Bac Lieu Deputy province Chief for security dedicated the center at a ceremony held yesterday morning in the presence of a large number of Vietnamese and American guests.

HUE. FEB. 19 (VP)-- A delegation headed by Mr. Le Quang Bai, Thua Thien Refugee Affairs Service Chief, visited 951 refugees settled at Cu Chanh hamlet of Nam Hoa district yesterday morning. The refugees came here from insecure areas last weekend.

The delegation presented them VN\$67,630 in cash and gifts donated by Japanese Government which included 92 mosquito-nets, 490 kgs of rice and three parcels of medicines.

HUE. FEB. 19 (VP)--- Within the framework of the 1967 Revolutionary Development program, the Thua Thien Agricultural Affairs Service opened two one-week training courses in agriculture promotion and crops protection for 100 cadres from Phu Vang and Huong Tra districts' villages this morning.

The courses' instructors are agricultural experts who train the cadres in modern farming methods, the use of chemical fertilizers and way to improve the crops./-

Feature: -

## HANOI - PEKING DIFFERENCES AT FRONT MEETINGS

SAIGON, FEB. 18 (VP)---A marked difference of attitude between Peking and Hanoi over the Soviet-controlled front organisations has developed in recent months, despite North Vietnam's close association with China.

Recently the Chinese refused to attend a meeting of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL), which they denounced in a telegram to the organisers as "the conspiratorial activity of a handful of IADL leaders under the manipulation of the Soviet revisionists." But the North Vietnamese took the opposite view and, in a goodwill message to the IADL thanked it for giving persistent support to the vietnamese people's struggle."

At the World Federation of Trade Unions General Council meeting in Sofia last December the North Vietnamese followed the Rumanian neutralist line of not voting for the expulsion of the Chinese and Albanian delegates from the meeting. When the General Council's agenda was approved by a majority vote and an Albanian item on Yugoslavia was not included, the Chinese delegate provoked an uproar by addressing the meeting without permission. This led to a walk-out of delegates, including the North Vietnamese, who made no attempt to remain and support the Chinese and Albanians. A motion censoring the behaviour of the Chinese was unanimously adopted, which meant that the North Vietnamese also disapproved of Chinese conduct. Only the Chinese and Albanians voted against the motion. When the Chinese were finally expelled from the meeting the Albanians left with them, but the Vietnamese remained.

Last October the Chinese refused to take part in the proceedings of the International Organisation of Journalists' Congress in East Berlin, their excuse being that the IOJ was "manipulated and controlled by the Soviet revisionist leading clique". The North Vietnamese nevertheless attended and one of their delegates was unanimously elected to the presidium.

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HANOI.....(II)

The Chinese also refused to attend a Stockholm conference of the Women's International Democratic Federation held in Oct. on the ground that the conference was "under the exclusive manipulation of the modern revisionists". But a delegate from North Vietnam **attended** and read a report on the Vietnam War.

In other spheres the North Vietnamese show little sign of cooperating with Chinese policy. Mao-Tse-tung's "cultural revolution" has been passed over in silence. For **example**, when Prime Minister Pham Van Dong thanked Chou En Lai for China's aid last November and when the North Vietnamese congratulated the Chinese on their nuclear tests in October and December, Hanoi maintained silence about the "cultural revolution."

This guarded Hanoi attitude may be explained by the current **uncertainty** in China. For **along** time the North Vietnamese have relied on supplies from China and most of the Soviet and East European aid is transported to North Vietnam overland through China. They may therefore regard the present situation in China as a threat to their interests./-

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Feature -

PEKING PROMOTES THE P.K.I.

Despite internal difficulties Peking is maintaining its campaign to revive the Indonesian Communist Party (PKI). On Jan. 28 the New China News Agency (NCNA) reported a statement ostensibly issued by the PKI Politburo in Central Java last October. This referred to the case of Anwar Dharma, the former Indonesian correspondent in Moscow for the PKI organ "Harian - Rakjat", who was expelled by the Russians last Sept, accused of engaging in anti-Soviet activities" and has since lived in Peking. Shortly after his arrival in China, Dharma produced an article containing his version of the events leading up to the expulsion, which was highly critical of the Soviet Union's attitude towards Indonesian Communists. That this should now be repeated, some four months after it was supposed to have been endorsed by PKI Politburo meeting in Central Java, must inevitably cast doubt on its origin. It seems more likely that this statement was produced by the small group of Indonesian Communists in Peking. A similar case occurred last November at the time of the Albanian Party Congress which was attended by a delegation of Indonesian Communists resident in Peking, led by Jusuf Adjitorop who is believed to be the only PKI Politburo member still at large. During the Congress, Adjitorop made the first major policy speech by an Indonesian Communist since the abortive coup in 1965.

Echoing the Peking line he called on the PKI to continue reconstruction of the Party on a Marxist-Leninist basis free from "revisionism", and also urged Indonesian Communists to "rouse, organise and mobilise the masses" and also prepare for "a long armed struggle." At about the same time some pro-Peking publications carried an almost identical policy statement, purporting to have been issued by the PKI Politburo in Central Java, although it was generally thought to have been drafted in Peking.

The timing of publication by NCNA was probably dictated by the fact that Moscow again raised the subject of Anwar Dharma and his continued "anti-Soviet activities" in China in a Pravda article on Jan. 27 (the day before NCNA issued the PKI 'statement'). This report was probably further designed to give the impression that the PKI has successfully reorganised and is again active in Indonesia -- and impression which Peking is anxious to foster.

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PEKING....(II)

In recent months China has been increasing its campaign to promote the PKI. Apart from the 'PKI delegation' which attended the Albanian Party Congress, China has sponsored Indonesian Communist Party delegations, composed of Indonesian exiles resident in Peking, at meetings of various international front organisations. China's ally, Albania, has also made its contribution to the pro-PKI campaign by publication the appearance of a new magazine Indonesian Tribune, described as the voice of "progressive Indonesian Tribune, magazine, which is believed to be produced in China, carried articles and speeches ostensibly made by members of the PKI Politburo in Indonesia. The first issue announce that its aim was to "contribute to the implementation of the national and international tasks of the Indonesian Communist journals issued in China include Voice of Indonesian Youth, published by the Indonesian students' Association in China. The January 10 issued of this magazine included a long letter by Anwar Dharma, attacking the Soviet Union and thanking Chinese friends for "their support and sympathy."