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31 V.C BAGGED IN OP: PERSHING

SAIGON, Mar. 19 (VP).--In light small unit actions throughout the Pershing operation area, 85 km (53 miles) northwest of Qui Nhon in Binh Dinh Province, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) troopers and Infantrymen of the 3rd Brigade Task Force, 25th Infantry Division, yesterday killed 31 enemy, detained 257 suspects and captured six individual weapons, according to U.S. military sources. Five U.S. soldiers were killed and five wounded in the day's actions. Air Force pilots flew 22 direct support sorties.

At 11:45 a.m. yesterday, a unit from the 1st Brigade, 9th Infantry Division engaged an enemy platoon, 16 km (10 miles) south of An Soc in Binh Son Province and called in artillery and three air strikes.

Contact continued until about 1:00 p.m. when the enemy broke contact. When the unit swept the area, they located 27 enemy bodies. Six U.S. Infantrymen were killed and six wounded during the action. (PD/12)

6 B-52 RAIDS IN REPUBLIC SATURDAY

SAIGON, Mar. 19 (VP).--Air Force B-52 crews have conducted six raids in the Republic since yesterday evening, a U.S. military spokesman said.

Before midnight yesterday, Stratofortress crews struck in A Chau Valley in Thua Thien Province, 43 km (27 miles) west-southwest of Hue. Shortly after midnight, other crews struck the same area. The target was an enemy base camp and logistics facilities. Again, in Phu Yen Province, just after midnight, 46 km (29 miles) southwest of Tuy Hoa, B-52 crews struck an enemy base camp.

Before dawn today, three other raids were conducted by the Stratofortresses. In Dau Nghia Province, 29 km (18 miles) west of Tan Son Nhat, they hit an enemy base camp. A short time later crews struck in support of Operation Waialua in Dau Nghia Province. The target also was an enemy base camp.

Just after dawn today, Stratofort crews struck in support of Operation Junction City, 50 km (32 miles) northeast of Tay Ninh City in Tay Ninh Province. The target was an enemy troop concentration.

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6. B-52... (II)

Meanwhile, U.S. Air Force and Marine Corps pilots flew 495 sorties in the Republic yesterday, including 187 in direct support of ground operations. Pilots struck fortified positions, base camps, troop concentrations and water traffic.

Air Force pilots flew 294 sorties including 177 in support of 16 ground operations. Pilots were credited with destroying or damaging 109 fortified positions, 21 sampans and triggering five secondary explosions.

Marine Corps pilots flew 201 sorties, including 10 in direct support of two ground operations. Pilots damaged or destroyed 49 fortified positions and ignited five secondary explosions. (RD/12)

OP. PRAIRIE II ENDS - 693 VC KILLED

SAIGON, Mar. 19 (VP).--Operation Prairie II terminated at midnight yesterday and Operation Prairie III began at 1 a.m. today, U.S. military sources reported. The 3rd Marine Division retains control of the new operation.

Thirty-two enemy were killed in Operation Prairie II yesterday and Friday by jets from the 4th Marine and artillery fire. During the operation 693 enemy were killed; 93 U.S. Marines were killed and 403 wounded; 303 persons were detained and 114 individual and 23 heavy weapons captured.

Pilots flew 614 sorties yesterday before the operation terminated bringing the total number of close air support sorties to 616.

At 6:30 p.m. yesterday, artillery fire killed 20 enemy, 35 mi (22 miles) northwest of Quang Tri City. Elements of the 4th Marines killed 12 enemy during a contact, 13 mi (8 miles) northwest of Quang Tri City. The engagement began at 3:35 p.m. on Friday and involved an estimated 100 enemy and a reinforced Marine company. One Marine was killed and 23 wounded.

Operation Prairie III has not had no significant contacts. (RD/12)

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63 AIR STRIKES IN NORTH SATURDAY

SAIGON, MAR. 19 (VP)--- U.S. pilots flew 63 missions in North Vietnam yesterday, hitting lines of communication, storage and military areas and defensive positions, American military sources said.

Weather continued poor throughout the country and pilots reported light to heavy ground fire over the target areas.

U.S. Air Force Thunderchief and Phantom pilots flew 31 missions yesterday, hitting road segments, storage, truck parks and a ferry complex. Air Force Phantom pilots left a storage area in flames, 51km south of Dong Hoi yesterday. Pilots dropped 500 pound bombs on the target. Air Force Thunderchief pilots interdicted Route 15 in two places and caused a landslide blocking another portion of the road, 19km north-northeast of the Mu Gia Pass. Other Thunderchief pilots interdicted a resupply route in two places, 17km north of the Mu Gia Pass .

Navy Skyraider, Skyhawk, Intruder, Phantom and Crusader pilots flew 20 missions in the North yesterday, hitting lines of communication, storage areas and waterborne logistics craft. Navy Carrier Air Wing 21 (CAW-21) pilots attacked five 40-foot waterborne logistics craft, 24km east-southeast of Haiphong. One was destroyed and another damaged and a large secondary explosions was set off.

Marine Skyhawk, Phantom, Intruder and Crusader pilots struck storage areas, defensive positions and lines of communication in the Southern Panhandle yesterday during 12 missions. A road was cut in one place and four secondary explosions were set off.

-(PD-12)-

3,978 VESSELS SEARCHED SATURDAY

SAIGON, MAR. 19 (VP)--- U.S. Navy units on Game Warden patrols in the Rung Sat Special Zone and Mekong Delta areas inspected or boarded and searched 1,269 vessels yesterday, detaining twenty-six persons and one junk, the American military sources said.

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3,978 VESSELS ... (II)

U.S. Navy and Coast Guard Market-Time coastal patrols inspected or boarded and searched 2,709 vessels, holding two junks and detaining 38 persons during patrolling action yesterday.

In the meantime, Seventh Fleet ships provided naval gunfire support for Free-World ground forces in the Republic yesterday.

The destroyer, USS MCKEAN supporting Korean Marines, 41km south-southwest of Tuy Hoa in Phu Yen province hit an enemy troop concentration and destroyed two fortified positions.

Late reports from Mar. 17 credited the landing ship medium (rocket) USS WHITE RIVER, with destroying or damaging 94 fortified positions 42 km south-southeast of Quang Ngai City in Quang Ngai province.

Besides, late reports on the shelling of the 7th Fleet destroyer, USS STODDARD yesterday by North Vietnamese shore batteries indicate that the STODDARD and the destroyer INGERSOLL were both shelled while attempting to rescue the downed A1 Skyraider reported yesterday. Although the fire from the shore prevented the naval rescue attempt, the pilot was later picked up by helicopter as the two destroyers silenced the shore battery. As reported, the STODDARD took a 10 inch by 18 inch hole above the waterline on the starboard side. There was no damage to INGERSOLL.

-(PD-12)-

NATIONAL WEAVING CONVENTION OPENS

SAIGON, MAR. 18 (VP)--- Mr. La Thanh-Ngho, Craft and Industry Secretary presided at the national weaving Convention held at the headquarters of the Vietnamese General Confederation of Workers on Le Van Duyet, yesterday with 350 representatives of the weaving trade in attendance.

On this occasion, Secretary Ngho said that the Government is greatly anxious to give assistance to the weaving branch and is eager to help meet the aspiration of the workers in this branch.

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NATIONAL ... (II)

In his opening speech, Mr. Lam To Bong, Chairman of the Federation of weaving co-operatives talked on the difficulties being presently encountered by the weaving branch such as shortage of certain kinds of artificial silk, inadequate supply of electricity at handicraft areas, resettlement centers etc...

Speaking next, Mr. Nguyen Trung Tho, Chairman of the textile, craft and Industry confederation said that weaving workers are now facing an extremely difficult situation. The operation of over 22,000 looms throughout the country has been stopped.

Mr. Tho requested the Government to help ease this situation for the benefit of these workers by allowing the Armed-Forces to purchase locally-produced fabrics and revise fiscal measures to the advantage of the weaving industry./-

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PRIME MINISTER KY'S LETTER TO CONSTITUENT
ASSEMBLY CHAIRMAN

SAIGON. MAR. 17 (VP)--- Prime Minister Nguyen Cao Ky last Saturday Mar. 18 sent a letter to Mr. Phan Khắc Sửu, Chairman of the Constituent Assembly hailing the efforts made by the deputies in drafting the constitution and expressing his belief that the Constituent Assssembly will over-come any difficulties in order to complete a Constitution which is expected to meet the aspirations of the people and the requirements of situation of the country.

The letter was made public by the Assembly in the afternoon of that day following the final ratification of/Draft the Constitution.

Following is the unofficial translation of the letter:

Dear Mr. Chairman,

After six-month period of activity the Constituent Assembly is now about to complete a Constitution which paves the way for the building of democracy in the country.

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PRIME MINISTER... (II)

On this occasion, I would like to extend to Mr. Chairman and the Deputies my warm congratulations for the endeavours and the dedication to serve the country which the Constituent Assembly has shown during the past time.

Following track of the Assembly's debates, during which different views were confronted, one can clearly realize the independent struggle-spirit of the Deputies as well as of the blocs. Of course, different opinions should exist in a democratic community as a characteristic of a democratic regime. In the same way, an independent spirit in a debate is a factor which contributes to bring out the truth. Therefore, I really appreciate the procedures applied by the Constituent Assembly.

As a man directly responsible for the present Executive, I deem it necessary to point out that although much progress has been made in various branches of national activities in the past, the enemy are always ready to take advantage of our lapse of attention to regain preponderance. Therefore, I think that any differences of opinion either within a structure or between one structure and another, must be settled in a spirit of understanding, sense of responsibilities and good-will.

Although the functions of the Constituent Assembly are different from that of the Government, the responsibilities of both are the same, as they are the common responsibilities regarding the destiny and future of the Nation. On basis of this acknowledgment, we'd like to pledge cooperative spirit of the Executive, and I am earnestly waiting for the Constitution to be completed soon in a free way conducive to national solidarity.

With good-will and dedication to the service of the country, the Constituent Assembly has shown during the past six months, I am confident that the Assembly will overcome all difficulties at this final stage in order to complete the Constitution which is expected to meet the aspirations of the entire people and the requirements of the national situation.

My best wishes for the success of the Assembly.

Prime Minister Nguyen Cao Ky.

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OVER 1,000 MORE REFUGGES WELCOMED
IN PHU YEN AND PHUOC LONG

SAIGON, MAR. 29 (VP)--- The Special Commissariat for Refugee Affairs last week recorded an additional number of anti communist refugees-over 1,000-who moved from V.C. controlled areas to secure areas in Phu Yen and Phuoc Long provinces.

In Phu Yen, over 200 families numbering 1,000 persons taking advantage of an operation launched by the Allied Forces in Hieu Xung district, fled to secure areas. They were temporarily resettled at Dong Tac and Chop Chai camps.

In Phuoc Long, over 200 montagnard families moved to secure areas because they could no longer stand miserable life in V.C. controlled areas. They were temporarily resettled in Duc Tong and Bo Duc.

The Phuoc Long and Phu Yen refugee Services are making an all-out effort to bring a better life to the refugees at the above resettlement Centers./-

-(PD-15)-

DRAFT CONSTITUTION ACCEPTED
IN PRINCIPLE

SAIGON, MAR. 19 (VP)---- The Office of the National Directory tonight released the following communique :

" The National Directory and the Cabinet met in the afternoon of March 19, 1967 under the chairmanship of General Nguyen Van Thieu, Chairman of the National Directory, and of Prime Minister Nguyen Cao Ky.

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DRAFT CONSTITUTION... (2)

"The National Directory and the Cabinet reviewed the draft Constitution which was passed by the Constituent assembly on March 18, 1967.

"Respecting the democratic spirit, the National Directory and the Cabinet have decided not to propose amendments to the draft Constitution, to accept the said draft in principle and to submit the said draft to the Armed Forces Council for final approval before promulgation."

MILITARY ACTIVITY FOR 24 PERIOD AT 6 AM MAR.19

ENEMY ACTIVITY .During the past 24 H, 15 VC initiated incidents were logged including actions aimed at RVNAF troops, and two terrorism actions. Following are the most significant ones:

QUANG NGAI (I CORPS) At 1:30 a.m Mar 18 the VC attacked SA HUYNH post manned by one RF company 35 miles Southeast of QUANG NGAI 304 miles northeast of SAIGON inflicting heavy casualties to this company. Enemy were unknown.

LAM DONG (II Corps) At 1 a.m Mar .19 the VC attacked TAN BUI hamlet manned by one PF platoon two miles southwest of BAO LOC 84 miles east-northeast of SAIGON. the PF troops suffered moderate casualties. Enemy unknown.

HAU NGHIA (III CORPS) At 1:45 a.m Mar 19 TRANG BANG Subsector received 20 rounds of 81mm mortar. Enemy mortar attack results in one civilian killed and four others wounded. Friendly troops took only light casualties. Arty counterfire and armed shoppers were called in but enemy casualties were not available.

TRANG BANG is 10 miles north-northwest of KHIEM QUONG and 28 miles northwest of SAIGON.

FRIENDLY ACTIVITY. During the reporting period, 51 operations were launched by RVNAF units. Following are the most significant ones:

KHANH HOA (II CORPS) At 8:45 a.m Mar 18 Two PF platoons set an ambush four miles Southwest of NINH HOA 192 miles east-northeast of SAIGON killing two VC left behind, seizing two K 50. Friendly casualties were extremely light.

KIEN GIANG (IV CORPS) In operation PHI HO 15/63 of regiment size kicked off at 7 a.m and terminated at 6 p.m Mar 18 in the area south of KIEN BINH, the operational forces including infantry, RF Strike Recon, had sporadic contacts with the enemy in the area four miles south of KIEN BINH 112 miles southwest of SAIGON killing two VC left behind, capturing four others, detained 14 suspects, seizing a quantity of rice. In addition, two civilians were freed by friendly troops. Overall friendly casualties were very light.

AN XUYEN (IV CORPS) Operation DAN CHI 281/0/SD which began at 7 a.m Mar 16 terminated at 7:20 p.m Mar 18 with 39 VC killed left behind, 57 others captured, six suspects detained, two crew served and 29 individual weapons; 16 gas masks, one still camera, and a number of ammo and document seized, a quantity of gasoline, one aid station destroyed, one friendly troop freed. Overall friendly casualties were very light.

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MILITARY ACTIVITY ... (2)

This is a regiment size operation conducted in the area southeast and northeast of CA MAU.

AIR ACTIVITY, VNAF pilots flew 44 sorties (From 6 a.m to 4 p.m Mar 18):

Strike :35, Support :9

NAVAL ACTIVITY

VN NAVY performed 23 sea patrol, 7 transportation missions .

RIVER FORCE had 98 river patrol, 15 escort sorties.

JUNK FORCE checked 566 vessels, boarded and searched 2661 persons, detained 9 suspects for further questioning.

(PD/15)

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A S I A

US ACCUSES HANOI OF KILLING CIVILIANS

GENEVA-March 19 (VP) The United States charges that the real criminals in Vietnam are the killers and kidnapers of Vietnamese "civilians who are" directed, controlled and supplied from Hanoi.

U.S. Ambassador Roger W. Tubby told the U.N. human rights commission that America sought only to end the fighting and insure freedom in the war-torn nation.

The Ambassador made the statements March 17 after Soviet delegate Y.A. Ostrovski charged that "Americans" will be considered as war criminals, for killing thousands of Vietnamese.

Ambassador Tubby said he hoped the Soviet delegate would not continue propaganda attacks and disrupt the work of the commission.

"If he does", Ambassador Tubby added, "we would have to recall the record of communist aggressions against the Baltic nations, Greece and Korea, and the use of subversion and terror in many other lands."

When the Soviet delegate resumed his speech he did not continue his attack on the United States.

THANAT KHOMAN ASSAILS THOSE WHO URGE U.S. TO HALT BOMBING

BANGKOK. March 19 (VP) Thailand's foreign Minister Thanat Khoman says that the demands to halt bombing Vietnam are in some instances initiated by the communists and in all cases fully supported by them.

Addressing an international gathering at a Rotary Club meeting here March 16 he said those individuals and groups who make such demands and those who support them, cannot see beyond their noses.

Earlier in the week he had told a group of American newsmen that some individuals and organizations in the United States and elsewhere who believed this propaganda must be sure it originated with the communists.

Foreign Minister Thanat pointed out that thus far the communist side has yet to offer anything substantial regarding a de-escalation of the war on their part. "As far as Thailand is concerned, he said

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THANAT KHOMAN ASSAILS THESE....2

"We are tempted to say that if the Communist aggressors are really interested in peace with honor and justice and agree to give up their aggressive actions we will join with our friends and allies in urging serious consideration of the cessation of the aerial attacks."

U.S. MUST PURSUE "PAINFUL COURSE" IN S.E.A. CONFLICT: LBJ

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)- Just before taking off Saturday night for his Guam strategy conference on Vietnam, President Johnson spoke of the painful course America must pursue in the Southeast Asian conflict.

"It is a painful course that we pursue to keep hope alive in that land where our commitment is tested" Johnson said.

"But pursue it we must" he added.

Johnson made these brief remarks about the war in a toast at a black-tie dinner for the Nation's governors following a day-long conference with them on Federal-State relations.

At 11:30 p.m. (C430GMT Sunday), the big presidential jet-liner was set for takeoff on the 18-hour, 8,000-mile (12,875 K) flight to Guam.

Johnson will spend two days in the tiny U.S. island in the West Pacific conferring with U.S. and South Vietnamese leaders.

The main focus, administration officials said, would be on "the other war- the effort to build a strong and democratic civilian society in South Vietnam that can withstand red subversion.

During the White House session with governor from 49 states and territories. Johnson avoided any showdown with Republican governors over Vietnam policy.

Michigan governor George Romney, a potential Republican presidential candidate next year, acknowledged that the Republican governors had a counter-move prepared if Johnson had asked for a resolution supporting his Vietnam policy. The President received such endorsement from a similar bipartisan governors meeting a year ago.

But Romney said "the President made it clear that he was not asking for any resolutions or the taking of any positions of that type here.

New York's Republican Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller said he was against signing "a blank check. But as Americans we support the president in his efforts to defend the interest of this country....

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US MUST PURSUE "PAINFUL COURSE...2

Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Secretary of defense Robert McNamara spoke to the Governors and reportedly were warmly received.

They will be at the President's side in the discussion of the military war and "the other war in Guam.

LBJ DUE IN GUAM TO DAY.

WASHINGTON, March 19 (Reuter)- President Johnson left here by air Saturday night for a two-day Vietnam war conference on the Pacific island of Guam.

The president, accompanied by Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Secretary of defense Robert McNamara and other officials, is due to arrive in Guam at 1015 local time (0015 GMT) on Monday after a 19 hour flight including a refuelling stop in Hawaii or Alaska.

The President flew to Dulles airport here by helicopter from the White House where he had spent the day conferring with governors of the states.

In a toast given at a formal dinner for the governors, president Johnson remarked that US involvement in the fighting was "a painful course that we pursue keep hope alive in that land where our commitment is tested, but pursue it we must.

U.S officials explained in background talks here that the conference would concentrate more on the pacification programme in South Vietnam than on new military measures.

BUNKER LEAVES KATHMANDU FOR GUAM.

KATHMANDU, March 19 (UPI)--- U.S Ambassador designate to Vietnam Ellsworth Bunker left here Saturday for Guam via New-Delhi.

His wife, U.S Ambassador to Nepal Mrs. Carol O. Laise Bunker, was at the airport to see him off.

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NO PUBLIC REPORT EXPECTED AFTER GUAM MEETING

WASHINGTON, March 19 (VP)-- The White House says no public report is planned after the Guam meeting on Vietnam next week.

This is in line with thinking that the meeting-- attended by President Johnson, top U.S. officials and leaders from South Vietnam--will be a regular working session that will produce no major developments.

Similar meetings have been held in the past. In February 1966, the President flew to Honolulu to meet with Premier Nguyen Cao Ky of South Vietnam. Last October the two men met again, in Manila, along with leaders from nations contributing troops to the effort to turn back aggression in Vietnam.

Asked if the forthcoming meeting in Guam would result in a report to the public, White House press secretary George Christian told reporters March 16 it would not.

Meanwhile, State Department spokesman Carl Barch said Ellsworth Bunker, whom President Johnson has chosen to succeed Henry Cabot Lodge as U.S. Ambassador in Saigon, will attend the Guam meeting.

Mr. Bunker, an Ambassador at Large, is now in Nepal with his wife, Carol Leise, the U.S. Ambassador at Kathmandu.

The State Department spokesman told questioners Mr. Bunker would return to Washington for a while after the Guam conference.

No date has been set for Ambassador Lodge's departure from Saigon, Mr. Barch said.

Asked for comment on news dispatches from the United Nations in New York quoting diplomats as saying that new moves were under way toward peace in Vietnam, the spokesman replied:

"I think we will just have to repeat that we won't be in a position to comment in one way or another on these various rumors of moves toward peace."

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ACCURACY OF U.S. AIR BOMBING IN N. VIETNAM STRESSED

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19 (VP)-- U.S. bombing raids on North Vietnam are carried out with far more accuracy than the most accurate ones by American forces during World War Two, says Air Force Secretary Harold Brown.

Mr. Brown, speaking at the annual convention of the Air Force Association March 17 said even a fraction of the spillage--bombs that fall off target--acceptable during World War Two is considered "totally unacceptable in the kind of war we're fighting in Vietnam.

This is true even though U.S. bombing raids in World War Two were carried out "as precisely as the equipment and training of that period permitted," Mr Brown said.

N.Z. TROOPS IN MALAYSIA TO BE MOVED TO VN

KUALA LUMPUR, March 19 (AP)-- Some New Zealand troops now in Malaysia will soon be moved to Vietnam, the New Zealand High Commissioner here reported Saturday.

A spokesman said the Kiwi's military strength in Vietnam will be boosted from 150 men to 360 with the addition of an infantry company and support troops. The men will be drawn largely from forces now in Malaysia but some will come from New Zealand.

Presently New Zealand has only an artillery force in the wartorn country.

A 16-man medical team will also be sent to furnish aid to the civilian population in Binh Dinh province of Vietnam.

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PEKING WALL POSTERS NOW SUPPORT OFFICIALS

BELGRADE, March 19 (AP)-- The streets of Peking have become alive again, but wall posters pasted by the Red Guards now lend support to officials, rather than denouncing them, Tanjug, the Yugoslav news agency reported from Peking Saturday.

The correspondent of the Yugoslav official news agency said it remained to be seen whether the newest activity in Peking streets represents a new "offensive" of the cultural revolution, and whether major twists in events are in the offing.

The new feature accompanying re-emergence of Red Guards into the streets, stadiums and rallies of Communist China's capital is that the majority of these pro-Mao wall papers "do not pass condemnation, but rather support to high leaders."

One poster, the agency said called for lending support to Premier Chou-En-Lai, and Vice Premier Hsieh Fu-Chi, who is also minister of public security.

This appears confusing, since Premier Chou has not been frequently attacked, while this was not the case with most of Vice premiers, Tanjug said.

In this atmosphere of alternate attacks on and defenses of top party and state leaders of Pro-Mao Red Guards, a significant wall poster was one stating that Premier Chou was the closest revolutionary aide of Chairman Mao Tse-Tung and that attacks on Chou "mean the same thing as attacks on Mao," Tanjug said.

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Identifying a personality this way with Mao has taken place only once before--in the beginning of the cultural revolution--when defense minister Lin Biao was thus honored. Lin Piao has been believed to be heir-apparent to Mao.

CHICOM ARMY TAKING OVER NEWSPAPERS, FACTORIES

TOKYO, March 19 (Reuter)-- The Chinese People's Army has been taking over newspapers, factories and cooperations steadily since February 11, when it seized the Peking municipal public safety bureau, two Japanese newspapers reported from Peking.

The Peking correspondents of The Tokyo Shimbun and Yomiuri Shimbun said that according to slogans in the Chinese capital, the army had taken over the third and fifth building corporations, the first machine tool manufacturing factory, the subway bureau, the water supply bureau, the tram corporation, the motorcar corporation, the Peking daily and Peking restaurants.

Peking radio said last night that the Chinese Communist Party had decided to use the army to bolster production in mines and factories. /to

Reporting a party central committee appeal to mine and factory executives/ rally to the cultural revolution, the radio said the committee had decided that the executives should cooperate with the soldiers.

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The radio/the Central Committee had also called for stronger labour relations, adherence to an eight-hour day, less waste and protection of national property.

CHICOM WORKERS URGED TO INCREASE PRODUCTION

HONG KONG, March 19 (Reuter)-- Chinese leaders have called on workers throughout the country to get rid of their "unhealthy tendencies" and increase production.

The Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party in a letter addressed to workers and officials in factories, mines and state enterprises said it was essential to strengthen labor discipline and central control, the New China News Agency reported last night.

The letter said workers should participate in cultural revolution activities only outside their working hours.

The letter said "unhealthy tendencies" such as paying no attention to the quality of output and wastage of state money and materials must be removed.

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TWO TIGERS ESCAPE FROM WELLINGTON ZOO

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, March 19 (AP)-- Scores of armed police, soldiers and firemen spent Saturday night stalking two tigers through the streets of Wellington after the animals had escaped from the city zoo in the suburb of Newtown.

Both animals were later found in the zoo grounds and shot.

The tigers, the only two the zoo had, were first sighted by a passing motorist in a Newtown street about 1 a.m. Sunday. Police called out their armed offenders squad, army troops and firemen.

At the height of the search there were 100 men looking for the animals as radio announcements warned residents near the zoo to stay indoors and take precautions.

*/zoo

A touring circus supplied cages, nets and a lion tamer to help the searchers if needed.

One animal was shot dead in the zoo grounds about 3 a.m. The second was found in the zoo grounds two hours later. It was shot with two tranquilliser darts but when neither had any effect by 6 a.m., this tiger was also shot and killed.

It is not known how the tigers escaped.

IMF AUTHORIZES 18 MILLION DOLLARS FOR REPUBLIC OF KOREA

WASHINGTON, March 19 (VP)-- The International Monetary Fund has approved a stand-by arrangement authorizing the Republic of Korea drawings up to the equivalent of 18 million dollars over the next two months to promote the country's economic development.

This succeeds stand-by arrangements approved in March, 1965, and 1966, under which no drawings were made.

The new arrangements also will provide a secondary line of reserves to Korean authorities, in the event of temporary payments difficulties, and assist in strengthening the country's exchange system.

Korea's economy has made significant progress since 1964 with the gross national product growing at the rate of about 12 per cent in 1966. Monetary savings rose substantially in response to the increase in official interest rates to realistic levels, according to the bank.

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EUROPE

VATICAN PAPER CALLS FOR "PEACE IN THE CHRISTIAN SENSE"

VATICAN CITY, March 19 -UPI)-- The entire world is praying for peace in Vietnam this Palm Sunday, the Vatican City newspaper L'Osservatore Romano said Saturday. But it must be "peace in the Christian sense,, effectively safeguarding the liberty and independence of a torn people."

DIVORCE RATE INCREASING IN USSR

MOSCOW, March 19 (UPI)-- Soviet sociologists have recommended mandatory six-month engagements before marriage to try to cut an increasing divorce rate.

The sociologists, meeting in conference in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, noted that the number of divorces in the Soviet Union is increasing and doubled last year alone in Lithuania.

The conference recommended that the current two-week mandatory waiting period between registration of engagement and marriage should be extended to six months.

The sociologists said they studied 104 divorced persons, and found that 102 of them remarried.

SUEEN ELIZABETH II TO VISIT CHILI

LONDON, March 19 -UPI)-- Queen Elizabeth II will visit Chli and probably other South American countries probably late this year or early next year, well-informed sources said today.

It will be the first visit of a reigning British monarch to any South American country.

It is likely the Queen, accompanied by Prince Philip, would extend the trip to include Argentina and Uruguay with which Britain has particularly close ties.

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A M E R I C A S

NEW ATLANTIC SATELLITE TO BE LAUNCHED MARCH 22

WASHINGTON, March 19 (VP)-- A second commercial communications satellite designed for transatlantic telephone and television service is scheduled for launching from Cape Kennedy, Florida, March 22.

The new satellite, owned by the 5-nation International Telecommunications Satellite Consortium (Intelsat), will be sent high over the Atlantic Ocean above the Equator just off the west coast of Africa, the Communications Satellite Corporation (Comsat) announced. Comsat is the American entity in and manager of Intelsat.

The new craft will link North America and Europe, and when stations are built in South America and Africa, link the four continents.

The satellite would join Early Bird, which has been providing transatlantic communication service since mid-1965, and Lani Bird two, which has been furnishing trans-Pacific service since January, 1967.

The three Satellites are the initial space relay stations in a worldwide system planned by Intelsat.

SCIENTISTS IN SEVEN NATIONS TO STUDY U.S.
MOON SAMPLES

WASHINGTON, March 19 (VE) --The U.S. space Agency has named 110 scientists in seven nations to study moon samples to be brought back by the Apollo astronauts. The moon voyage is planned by late 1969.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) said March 16 the scientists would conduct 122 different experiments with the 50 pounds (22.5 kilograms) of lunar material to find out the makeup of the moon's surface and to get a firmer notion of the moon's origin.

The lunar samples, to be brought back in vacuum-sealed containers, will be studied by scientists in the United States, Japan, United Kingdom, Canada, Federal Republic of Germany, Finland and Switzerland.

M I D D L E E A S T

ARAB LEAGUE TO DISCUSS SUPPORT FOR FLOSY

CAIRO, March 19 (UPI)-- The faction-torn Arab League Council Saturday decided to shelve its continuing internal feuding temporarily to discuss support for Arab nationalists in South Arabia.

Uppermost on the agenda was material and moral support for the Federation for the Liberation of Occupied South Yemen (Flosy), a Cairo-based nationalist organization active in the British colony of Aden.

Flosy is one of several forces which have vowed to thwart British plans to include Aden in a closely-allied South Arabian Federation when the tiny colony is granted independence in 1968.

Flosy is known to have the backing of the United Arab Republic, which would like to see Aden incorporated into Yemen, which is ruled by a UAR-backed government.

But even here, the quarrels which have torn the Arab League into warring moderate and radical camps threatened to mar any attempt at a unified vote.

Any move to aid Flosy was bound to run headlong into opposition from Saudi Arabia, which favors the federation and is bitterly opposed to the current Yemen regime.

A F R I C A

TIGHT MILITARY CONTROL CLAMPED DOWN ON DJIBOUTI

DJIBOUTI, French Somaliland, March 19 (UPI)-- Tight military control was being clamped down Saturday on France's last Africa colony 124 hours before it votes its own future.

French foreign legionnaires backed up by armored cars were patrolling the streets of this Red Sea port, establishing strong checkpoints in an effort to avoid any outbreak of violence.

Local political parties, drawn up largely along tribal lines, have vigorously taken sides in campaigning for the referendum under which the 39,000 eligible voters will decide whether the tiny colony should remain French--with increased self-government--or opt for complete independence.

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S P O R T S - N E W S

JAPAN OLYMPIC SOCCER TEAM TO PLAY IN LIMA

LIMA, Peru, March 19 (AP)—Japan's olympic football selection will play in Lima July 28 against Peru youth soccer all-star team, the Peruvian football federation announced Saturday.

The Japanese team will play in several Latin American countries in preparation for the Olympic game in Mexico in 1968.

July 28 marks the anniversary of Peru's independence

THREE JAPANESE CLIMBERS ARRIVE IN SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Washington, March 18 (AP) Three Japanese climber arrived in Seattle Saturday en route to Alaska to prepare for a joint American-Japan effort to climb the highest unnamed mountain in the United States.

The 14,000-foot (4385.m) mountain, near the Alaska-Yukon territory border, has not been climbed before.

The three climbers are Takehiko Matsumoto, 31, Shuzo Okamoto 23, and Kunikazu Hagihara, 35. They arrived by bus from San Francisco, California.

Other members of the Japanese group will follow by plane they will be joined by a 16-member U.S section headed by Alvin Randall.

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F E A T U R E

GUAM TALKS TO CENTER ON CIVIL PACIFICATION

By a White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON, (VP)--- Discussions between American and South Vietnamese leaders at Guam next week will center on the civil pacification program, according to high U.S. government sources.

President Johnson and Premier Nguyen Cao Ky of South Vietnam will lead the high-ranking level delegations from the two nations for the conference starting March 20.

U.S. officials emphasize that the session is a regular consultation on Vietnam, similar to the earlier meeting at Manila and Honolulu, President Johnson prefers to hold such sessions about every six months.

Principal concern at this session will be the effort against Viet Cong terrorism in South Vietnam, and the program to establish economic and political stability in areas freed from enemy control.

Pacification involves both military and civilian components, U.S. officials point out. Local security must be established before any buildup of modern rural life can take place. The concerted effort to create a strong economic and political structure is considered by U.S. officials to be the most challenging unfinished business in South Vietnam.

Major enemy military actions have largely subsided due to their continuing defeats in combat, U.S. officials say, and a highly sophisticated guerrilla warfare campaign against S.V. N. is expected. Systems of serious problems in the enemy camp are at least four-fold, according to U.S. sources. These are: a rise in the number of defectors. --Collapse in the Viet Cong infrastructure as new areas are cleared of enemy guerrillas.

--Opening of more roads, important to increased security and freedom of movement for South Vietnamese.

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--Captured documents give more convincing and specific evidence that the enemy is short of manpower and has a morale problem.

There is now limited but serious evidence of progress in the U.S. South Vietnamese pacification program, according to U.S. officials, but there is still a long way to go, they emphasize.

Another major element of the Guam meeting will be the transition between old and new U.S. civilian leadership teams in Saigon. U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge and his deputy, William Porter, have asked to be relieved after long tours of duty. President Johnson has announced the designation of Ellsworth Bunker, now an Ambassador at-large, as the new U.S. Ambassador to Saigon. His deputy will be Eugene Locke, now Ambassador to Pakistan.

All four diplomats are expected to be at Guam to effect what U.S. officials describe as a transition between the two teams. Mr. Bunker and Mr. Locke also will have an opportunity for discussions with the South Vietnamese leaders with whom they will be working closely.

Also in the U.S. delegation to Guam will be Robert Komer, a special assistant to the President who has been assigned duties to assist General William Westmoreland, the U.S. military commander in Vietnam, with the pacification program.