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WEAPONS BRIEFING—Acting Secretary of the Navy Charles F. Baird (center), RAdm. A. R. Gralla, Commander, Navy Weapons Systems Command, and Adm. T. H. Moorer, Chief of Naval Operations (left), listen to a description of a grenade launcher used on small boats. The Secretary and CNO were briefed on the launcher while at the U.S. Naval Weapons Laboratory, Dahlgren, Va., for a demonstration of a new 5¹/₄ lightweight gun.

Automatic Overseas Savings Deposits Sought for Captured, Missing Men

Some 350 officers and men captured or missing before the Sept. 1, 1966 start of the successful Overseas Deposits program may have their banking done for them in absentia. These men have never had the opportunity to sign up.

Department of Defense is supporting legislation that would authorize the Secretaries of the Military Departments to direct the banking of unallotted pay and allowances for these individuals in the Uniformed Services Savings Deposit Program.

When returned to U.S. control, the individual could cancel the allotment and become his own banker once more.

The net effect is to give the men a 10 percent interest rate on unallotted pay and allowances which accumulate during their internment.

"The new overseas savings deposit program is an outstanding success," a DOD witness told a House Armed Services Subcommittee Aug. 23.

He pointed out that in its first 10 months of operation there are more than 149,000 active accounts with deposits past the \$126 million mark.

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Vietnam Air War Objectives 'Soundly Conceived': SecDef

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara told a Senate Armed Services subcommittee Aug. 24 that current objectives in the air war over North Vietnam are "soundly conceived" and consistent with U.S. policy to confine the Southeast Asian conflict.

Mr. McNamara said the Department of Defense is constantly exploring ways "of improving our efforts to insulate South Vietnam from outside attack and support," but that no improvements or refinements of the air war can do more than put a higher price tag on North Vietnam's continued aggression.

Speaking before the Senate Armed Services Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee, the Secretary of Defense said there "is no question that the bombing campaign has and is hurting North Vietnam's war-making capability." He added that of 359 targets recommended by the Joint Chiefs of Staff for air attack, 302, or 85 percent, have been struck.

He outlined again the primary U.S. objectives in the air war over North Vietnam, stating that:

- The primary U.S. objective is to reduce the flow and/or to increase the cost of the continued infiltration of men and supplies from North to South Vietnam.

- It was anticipated that air operations would raise the morale of the South Vietnamese people who, at the time the bombing started, were under severe military pressure.

- Finally, the U.S. hopes to make clear to the North Vietnamese leadership that so long as they continue their aggression against the South they will have to pay a price in the North.

"These were our objectives when our bombing program was initiated in February of 1965. They remain our objectives today.

"They were and are entirely consistent with our limited purposes in Southeast Asia," Mr. McNamara stated.

He said the U.S. bombing campaign has been aimed at selected targets of military significance, primarily routes of infiltration.

Weighed against the stated objectives, Mr. McNamara said, "the bombing campaign has been successful."

The Defense Secretary said that from January through July, U.S. air operations averaged about 13,000 sorties per month over infiltration routes and base areas. About 75 percent of these attacks were launched against lines of communication and the goods moving over them.

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BRIG. GEN. ROBERT D. Terry will assume command of Army's Pacific Strategic Communications Command, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, Sept. 5. Gen. Terry will relieve Col. Thomas W. Riley. He will come to Hawaii from CG, 1st Signal Brigade, Vietnam. Col. Riley will be named Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, Communications-Electronics, USARPAC.

SOUTH VIETNAM NAVY'S Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Cdr. Tan, made three-day tour of U.S. Naval facilities in San Diego area. During Cdr. Tan's tour, he visited with RAdm. David Lambert, Commander, Pacific Fleet Training Command.

MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND officials at Travis AFB, Calif., advise that a set of orders inside the baggage or adequate identification on the outside is the secret to recovering lost baggage. The identification should include name, serial number and organization. About eight percent of all lost baggage that is located at Travis AFB carries insufficient identification to establish ownership.

NEW COURSE IN Military Management is available to eligible U.S. military officers and selected government employees through Naval War College's Correspondence School. Course highlights functions of management, interdisciplinary foundations for management, defense as an economic problem, scientific aids to decision making, role of computer, Navy planning, programming and budgeting, management of resources, and future trends in military management. Information and enrollment requests should be addressed to Director: Correspondence School, Naval War College, Newport, R. I., 02840.

ARMY AVIATION MATERIEL Command has authorized production of \$4.8 million in aircraft engine components from Lycoming Division, Avco Corp., Stratford, Conn. Major items include compressor assemblies, compressor blades, turbine disks and rotor blades.

ONE-MAN INSULATED life raft is being tested by Tactical Air Command's Sea Survival School, Homestead AFB, Fla. Managed by Air Force Tactical Airlift Center, test will determine raft's suitability for operational use by fighter pilots. Most marked difference between new and present raft is an insulated inflatable canopy that covers entire raft to keep downed pilot warm and comfortable during severe weather or in frigid waters.

AMMUNITION PROCUREMENT and Supply Agency, Joliet, Ill., has awarded \$18.6 million firm, fixed price contract to R. G. LeTourneau Inc., Longview, Tex., for metal parts for M117A1 750-pound bombs.

MODIFICATION TO TALK Quick communications system expected to shave seven months off the project that is seventeen months behind schedule, and save the government more than \$2.5 million. Modification will make 205-A data sets compatible with the new 207 data sets which are to be used in the Automatic Secure Voice Communication Systems, permitting the 205-A sets to be incorporated into the AUTOSEVOCOM system.

MARINE CORPS' Command and Staff College, Amphibious Warfare School and Communication Officers School opened new classes Aug. 25. More than 240 Marine Corps, Army, Navy, Air Force and allied officers, ranging in rank from lieutenant colonel through first lieutenant are enrolled in forthcoming classes.

STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATES at Chanute AFB, Ill., have been elected to full membership in the Bar Association of Champaign County, Ill. This is in recognition of years of cooperation with local bar group.

ARMY ELECTRONICS Command of Philadelphia, Pa., has awarded a \$14.1 million modification to previously awarded contract to Memcor, Inc., Huntington, Ind. Modification is second increment of five-year multi-year buy of receiver-transmitter portions of AN/VRC-12 family of vehicle radio communications sets.

FORTY-THREE NAVY doctors are attending six-month training course in Submarine and Nuclear Medicine at Naval Submarine Medical Center, New London, Conn. Class is largest in more than 20 years. Extensive training program is designed to provide students with special skills and knowledge needed as Medical Officers on nuclear submarines.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for instructor duty at Air Training Command Military Training Centers and in ATC Field Training Detachments. Interested personnel should consult local Central Base Personnel Office.

AEROSPACE AUDIO-VISUAL Service units at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, Yamato AB and Tachikawa AB, Japan, have been redesignated and activities placed under a single headquarters. Detachment 3 of the 1352nd Photo Group at Hickam is now the 1353rd Photo Flight, with documentary film and library functions at Yamato and Tachikawa as subordinate units.

NAVAL FACILITIES Engineering Command has awarded Reed and Martin Inc., Honolulu, Hawaii, an \$11.3 million fixed-price contract for construction of 300 Navy family housing units at Camp Catlin, Oahu, Hawaii, and 250 Air Force family housing units at Wheeler AFB, Hawaii.

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Background for Commanders

PARTNERSHIP IN EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC*

Specifically, I want to talk about the evolving partnership between the United States and the nations of East Asia and the Pacific, and more especially about the rapidly growing partnership of the free nations of this area among themselves.

America As a Partner

We believe that our role is essential both to our own national interest and to the aspirations of the area itself. We seek no specific position for ourselves in the Southeast Asia of the future. Rather, we believe deeply that the fabric of peace in Asia cannot endure unless the individual nations of the area are secure from the threat of aggression. The only way to prevent wider and greater war that would surely in the end threaten our own most specific national interests is to help, as we can, the nations of the area to work for their own national survival and self-determination. They seek many things, but above all the right to be themselves and to assist their peoples to enjoy a better life.

We are working together in numerous scientific fields, from medicine to population control to volcanology to plant protection to oceanography to earthquake engineering to weather study and outward to space technology.

We are working together, too, in the social sciences, in education and in economics. And surely we have all learned together how crucial the development of education is as the essential underpinning not only of economic progress but of wider social development.

In economics, the international trade union of economists seems to be doing very nicely indeed. Like the bankers, they seem able to use a common language in almost any circumstances, even when disagreeing. Perhaps a lot of the credit should go to the World Bank and the Monetary Fund, and we should certainly recognize that today's economics has come from many diverse strands in the West as a whole. But today everybody, from nations all over the world, is in the act.

Relations Among East Asian Countries

But it would be a distorted picture indeed if I were to stop merely with this discussion of the ties between America, and the West in general, and the nations of East Asia. For we have seen in recent years the beginnings of what could become a tremendously significant growth in the ties among and between East Asian and Pacific countries.

First, there has been the great body of technical cooperation efforts spawned through years of prior devoted work in the U.N.'s Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE). One of these is the Mekong Valley Coordinating Committee under which a major dam in Laos, Nam Ngum, is already underway, and others are being explored.

There have been a host of other Asian initiatives. The first Ministerial Conference on Southeast Asian Development met in Tokyo in April, 1966. At the conference, Japan stated its intention to devote one percent of its national income to development assistance. A second conference was held in Manila in April of this year. Plans were announced relating to regional development programs for transport and communications, and agreement on the founding of a fisheries development center.

In addition to these functional organizations directed to specific and defined economic purposes, the last 2 years have seen two great strides in the association of Asian governments on a broader basis.

ASPAC and ASA

The first of these is the Asian and Pacific Council (ASPAC), which held its first meeting in Seoul a year ago, met recently in Bangkok, and will meet in Canberra in 1968. This organization, composed of nine area states plus one observer, brings together Asian and Pacific countries with differing political outlooks but with a shared interest in finding a common ground of useful cooperation.

Secondly, the Association of Southeast Asia (ASA)—comprising Thailand, the Philippines, and Malaysia—was revived in 1966 as a going organization among the nations of Southeast Asia in particular. A wider grouping in this area is now under consideration.

So there is in East Asia today a new spirit of regional cooperation among governments. Yet the ties among the nations of East Asia and the Pacific extend also into the private sphere, most notably in the growth of trade within the area, but also through the same sort of personal exchange that characterizes the relations between East Asia and the United States.

Members "One of Another"

I am sure you recognize what I have said as merely a set of notes on what is taking place. It would take someone with a broader grasp of history than I can claim to assess the significance of all this, and particularly the significance in terms of the effect on underlying values in Asian nations and in our own country. New studies need to be made of the relation today between East and West, and they will surely be very different from any past studies. For over the last 20 years—I venture more than in all the preceding centuries of our contact—we have become members one of another.

* Excerpts from a recent address by Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs William P. Bundy.

Air Force Modifies SE Asia Rotation Policy

The Air Force has adjusted its rotation policy for Southeast Asia returnees whereby those concluding tours are now returned in the 12th month following departure from the U.S.

This is the same manner in which Air Force personnel are rotated from other remote and short-tour areas.

The policy change is expected to permit commanders in SEA an average of 7-10 days more utilization of personnel, plus an overlap in key supervisory positions.

Navy Selects Wet-Suit For Fleet Pilot Testing

Naval Air Systems Command has selected an air ventilated wet-suit (VWS) which may replace the MK-5A anti-exposure suit now used by Naval aviators.

Fleet pilots will test the VWS this winter.

VWS is made of 3/16 inch unicellular neoprene foam with a "sharkskin" textured outer surface for greater flexibility. It is worn over special non-absorbent two-piece underwear.

Services' Top NCOs Visit Reserve Components

Top NCOs of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps spent three days visiting units of Reserve Components to get first hand look at their capabilities.

The group, led by Maj. Gen. Autrey J. Maroun, USA, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), visited Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps Reserves on summer training in Virginia and North Carolina.

Senior noncommissioned officers are Sergeant Major of the Army William O. Wooldridge, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Delbert D. Black, Master Sergeant of the Air Force Paul W. Airey and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Herbert J. Sweet.



LEGION OF MERIT—Gen. Charles H. Bonesteel III (left), CG, 8th U.S. Army, pins the Legion of Merit on Maj. Gen. Lawrence E. Schlanser, his chief of staff, at Knight Field, Seoul, Korea. Gen. Schlanser was cited for meritorious service from September 1967 to August 1967.

Secretary McNamara Labor Day Message

This Labor Day we once again pay honor to the American worker. In doing so we give recognition to the essential role he plays in the support of the Armed Forces. Equipment and weapons of unusual complexity are being provided to the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

The Department of Defense relies on the understanding and support of the American worker to assure that supply and equipment needs are fully and promptly met. Experience has justified this reliance. We are confident that labor will continue to make its full contribution to the building of a strong Defense team in order to preserve our Nation's security and the security of the Free World.

The Department of Defense salutes American labor on this occasion.

/s/ Robert S. McNamara

Army Begins Organization Of Americal Div. in RVN

A sixth U.S. Army division is being organized in South Vietnam although units to be assigned to the reactivated Americal Division have not been announced.

The Americal Division involves reorganization of the U.S. Army Tank Force Oregon, now in Vietnam, composed of the 3rd Bde., 4th Inf. Div., 1st Bde., 101st Airborne Div.; and 196th Light Inf. Bde. These units are under the operational control of the Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force, and are operating in the I Corps tactical zone in South Vietnam.

Department of Defense and MACV officials said present plans call for the Americal Division to have a similar mission and location.

In addition to the six Army combat divisions, there are two Marine Corps divisions in South Vietnam.

The new Americal Division is being composed similar to the World War II organization that was comprised of the 132d, 164th and 182d Inf. Regiments that saw action in the Pacific.

The effective date for reactivation of the Americal Division will be announced later.

Mechanical Cargo Ejector Scheduled for AF Testing

A mechanical system for ejecting cargo from aircraft in flight is scheduled for testing at Forbes AFB, Kan.

Called MOSES (Motor Operated Sled Ejection System), the new method entails a modification of a system now used in C-119 Flying Boxcars.

MOSES uses the aircraft's power to tighten a series of cables running through pulleys which pull a sled toward the aircraft's rear cargo door. The sled, as it moves toward the door, simply pushes the cargo container in front of it and out the doors. Parachutes, attached to the cargo container and opened by static lines, float cargo to the ground.

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