

VIET NAM

A sudden step-up to the war in Viet Nam--  
accompanied today by the introduction of an awesome new tactic.

U.S. aircraft setting off an immense "firestorm"  
in the Boi Loi Forest--just fifty-five miles from Saigon.  
First they dosed the forest with chemicals to kill the  
foliage. Then they ringed it with the fire bombs--with  
the resulting "firestorm" aimed at driving out entrenched  
Red forces. U.S. military officials calling it - the  
largest program of defoliation ever undertaken in Viet Nam.

Meantime, U.S. and Vietnamese fighter-  
bombers-launched a massive hundred-plane attack smashing  
at four vital Red radar stations- and credited with  
destroying eighty percent of the target areas.

At the same time on the ground - there was  
a pitched battle between South Vietnamese troops and  
Communist guerrillas.

*clash at Que San - only thirty miles from the Da Nang  
airfield -- biggest U S air base in South Viet Nam -- and  
a frequent target of ~~ka~~ guerrilla sneak attacks.*

*The government assault spear-headed by  
Vietnamese troops - airlifted into battle by twenty-five  
U. S. helicopters. Three helicopters downed by ground  
fire - and two Marine flyers killed in the assault. But  
their deaths <sup>wer</sup> quickly avenged. The spectacular airlift  
resulting in a complete rout of the rebel forces.*

TAYLOR FOLLOW VIET NAM

Meanwhile, in this country - a report today that Maxwell Taylor will resign this week - as U.S. Ambassador to Viet Nam. However, the report was promptly and flatly denied.

White House Press Secretary George Reedy commented that --"obviously" Taylor is not going to "stay out there forever." Then adding that the report of his planned resignation is completely untrue. That from the White House.

## DISARMAMENT

The Soviet Union today called for an immediate meeting of the United Nations disarmament commission-- to consider the problems of world disarmament. The Russian request presented to U.N. Secretary General U Thant in New York - by Soviet U.N. Ambassador Nikolai Fedorenko.

Russia asking for a meeting of the full commission - within the next two weeks, including all one hundred and fourteen members of the U.N.

DEGAULLE

*French President DeGaulle announced today - that he is now prepared to attend a "little summit" meeting. Purpose - to discuss European political unity - with the five other nations of the Common Market.*

*But there was a string attached. DeGaulle adding that he would attend such a meeting - only if there were advance agreement on a French-backed farm program. And that French farm program - already opposed by the rest of the Common Market. So DeGaulle's latest offer - apparently another case of take it or leave it.*

PLANE

The death toll in that Spanish airlines disaster - now set at fifty persons - including the Lone American aboard the aircraft. The victims all tourists bound for a vacation in Morocco. - ~~when~~ The plane crashed <sup>ing</sup> into the sea near Tangier.

Miraculously, three survivors <sup>were</sup> plucked from the waters by a fishing boat - relatively unhomed; ~~the rescued~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~was~~ rushed to a Tangier ~~kasap~~ hospital -- for treatment of minor injuries and shock.

BUNKER

American trouble-shooter Ellsworth Bunker arrived in Jakarta today - for ~~official~~ talks aimed at restoring an accord between the U S and Indonesia. Bunker proceeding immediately into an hour-long meeting - with Indonesian Foreign Minister Subandrio. Later reporting that their talks produced "a very good exchange of views." Coming up tomorrow -- a meeting with Sukarno - that may spell success or failure for the whole mission.



## CAMDEN FOLLOW RIGHTS

~~In a related development~~, police of Camden,

Alabama, used smoke bombs today -- to halt a civil rights march of about a hundred school children. The smoke bombs actually harmless - but the youngsters evidently thinking it was tear gas and fleeing in terror. The marchers ranging in age -- from ten to twenty.



## NEW HAVEN

Trustees of the bankrupt New Haven Railroad -

today agreed to sell their freight operation to the New York

Central and <sup>the</sup> Pennsylvania ~~Railroads~~. The purchase price -

set at about a hundred and forty million dollars. However,

the sale conditioned ~~specifically~~ on a successful merger

of the two bigger lines - as recommended earlier this

week.

## CHILE FOLLOW QUAKES

The final tally in that Chilean earthquake of Sunday -- is now set at two hundred and fifty two dead. Also, fifty-eight million dollars' worth of damage -- and at least twenty-seven thousand persons left homeless. The Chilean government proceeding with emergency plans to build forty-five hundred dwellings ~~buildings~~ -- to house the refugees.

The U.N. has offered all possible aid -- but President Eduardo Frei is determined that Chile shall rely mainly on her own efforts.-- Said he -- "we can't go abroad every four years and say -- our nation has been razed by an earthquake. We must rebuild ourselves."

## ALASKA

Here's a postscript to that Alaskan earthquake of a year ago--the Good Friday disaster that claimed so many lives and caused so much damage. It's the story of a town that wouldn't die--and people who made sure it didn't.

Afognak--a century-old Indian community, one of four fishing villages on wild and wind-swept Kodiak Island, was--shattered by the earthquake and the tidal waves that followed.

Although most of Afognak's homes and buildings were totally demolished -- there were no lives lost.

Then, the worst blow. Afognak declared ineligible for disaster aid from normal relief agencies-- because it was not totally destroyed. 15 houses remained.

Enter the Alaskan Clubs of Lions International. Four days after the quake--the Lions voting to undertake a major rehabilitation project. Aimed at restoring the village of Afognak--to some semblance of normal life.

An international appeal for emergency contributions--spearheaded by the Anchorage Lions Club--quickly raising volunteer aid of over a million dollars. And within two weeks of the disaster -- a boatload of Lions steamed to Kodiak Island to map out a new town on higher ground. The villagers deciding to call their new home -- Port Lions.

All year the building went on. Port Lions has just been formally dedicated exactly a year after the Alaskan earthquake. Thanks to the Lions--Alaska's first fully completed rehabilitation project, Dick. Another tribute to man's humanity toward man.

TULSA

This next dispatch from Tulsa, Oklahoma -- where the West can still be wild and woolly -- on occasion, at least.

The problem -- a crime wave of sorts -- in the fashionable Southern Hills section of that city. So many burglaries in recent weeks -- that the Tulsa County Sheriff today urged Southern Hills residents -- to get out their shotguns. ~~xx~~ To arm themselves -- against the burglars.

The sheriff's plea -- producing quick results.

*Two*  
~~Two~~ Tulsans checking in a few minutes later -- ~~with a~~  
~~startling discovery.~~ *saying no* They couldn't use ~~their~~ shotguns ~~to~~  
because - the burglars had already stolen them.