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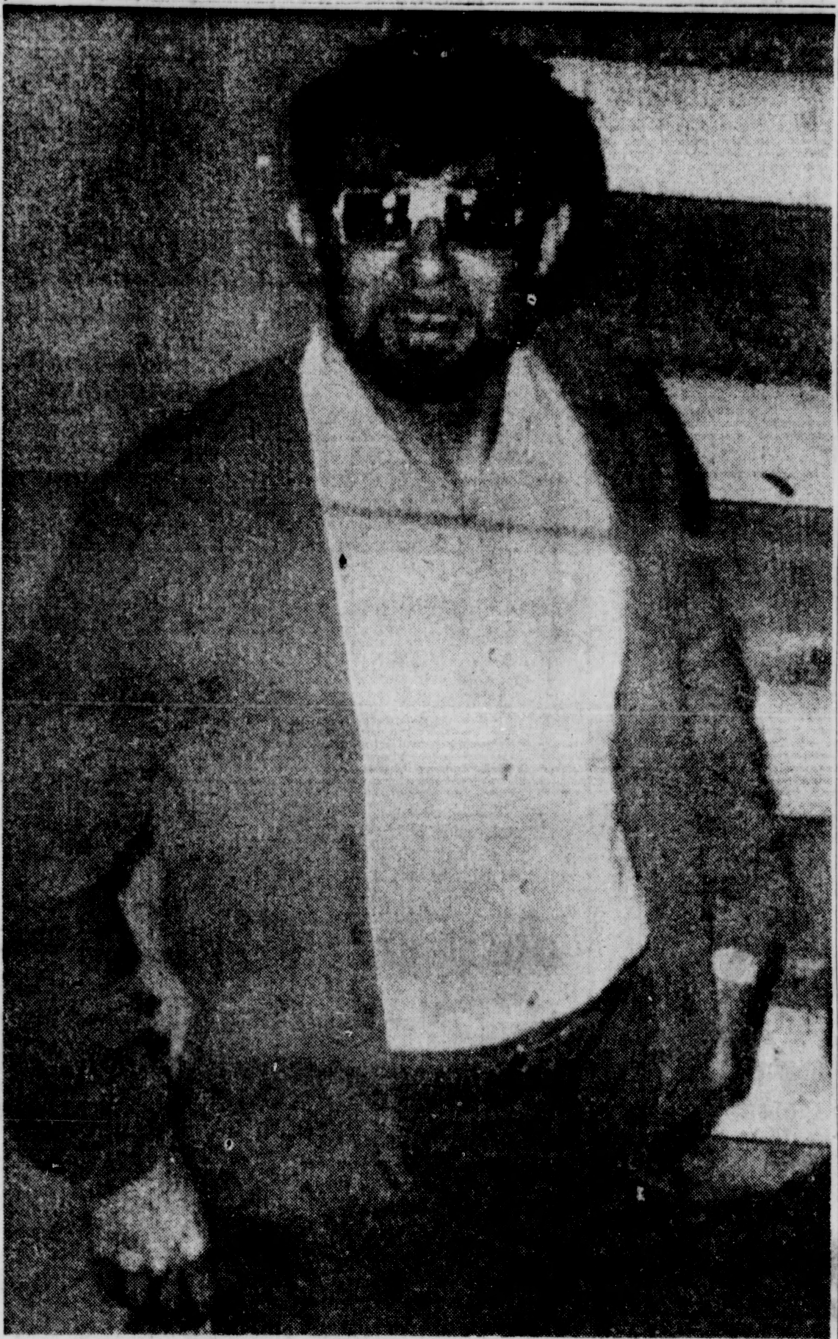
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Hanoi Sounded Out in Secret



LONGEST AIR PIRACY HIJACKER — Robert Lee Jackson, of Townsend, Tenn., turns to newsmen in Buenos Aires as he is led to the police station at the airport.

shortly after he surrendered Sunday morning. He hijacked a plane in Mexico Friday.

(AP Wirephoto)

By HARRISON HUMPHRIES

WASHINGTON (AP) — American diplomats are secretly sounding out Hanoi's willingness to negotiate its otherwise unacceptable latest Vietnam peace proposal, official sources report.

Direct contacts with the North Vietnamese reportedly were under way in Paris and elsewhere as Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, President Nixon's adviser on national security affairs, met with South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu in a strategy huddle in Saigon Sunday.

Assessment of Hanoi's intentions was said to be one of Kissinger's objectives on his three-point mission to Saigon, Bangkok and Paris.

Qualifiers attached to last Thursday's Viet Cong offer to release war prisoners in exchange for a 1971 American withdrawal date were described as definitely unacceptable.

Informants said conditions that could not be accepted include:

—Hanoi's forces in the South would be free to go on fighting South Vietnamese troops.

—The offer would mean abandon-

ment of Nixon's Vietnamization program and a break with the Thieu government in advance of the Oct. 3 presidential election in South Vietnam.

Hanoi and the Viet Cong would have power to veto formation of a successor government if they did not consider it independent, neutral and democratic.

"The United States did not invest 50,000 lives in the Vietnam war only to leave the people of the South to the mercy of Hanoi and the Viet Cong," one informant said.

But he said the tone of the

proposals, on certain issues, appeared to be conciliatory and, "We intend to ascertain, if we can, whether the package as a whole is negotiable."

The Nixon administration initially regarded the package, sources said, as an attempt to exploit concern in this country for American prisoners of war.

Other questions being pondered in assessing any potential breakthrough in peace negotiations include:

—Does Hanoi envision disarmament in the United States in the wake of controversy over publi-

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Colorful Observances Of 195th U.S. Birthday

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In ceremonies and celebrations as diverse as the land and its people, Americans have marked the 195th anniversary of the birth of the United States.

There were colorful Indian pow-wows in Oklahoma Sunday, speeches in Boston's historic Faneuil Hall a circus parade complete with steam calliope in Milwaukee and turtle races and a tug of war in Neosho Rapids, Kan.

Traditional fireworks sparked nighttime salutes in hundreds of towns from Maine to California.

In some cities the July 4 weekend festivities got a head start Saturday, in others the main celebration comes today, a holiday for much of the working force.

President Nixon planned to return to Washington from his

Camp David retreat about midday to take part in afternoon ceremonies marking the lowering of the voting age to 18.

Saturday night the President joined other government officials in looking beyond the current anniversary and started the five-year countdown to Independence Day 1976, the bicentennial of the United States.

Opening the "bicentennial era," the President said the nation's goal over the next five years is "the building of an open world."

In Vietnam, U.S. commander Gen. Creighton W. Abrams said in a Fourth of July message to his men that America's independence "remained unchanged but not unchallenged."

"The scene has changed," Abrams said, "but the purpose and goals that fired the Ameri-

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Holiday Traffic Death Toll Soars Over 420

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nine persons died in a head-on collision on Interstate 65 in southern Indiana and the death toll on the nation's highways spiraled over 420 on this final day of the Fourth of July Holiday weekend.

Indiana State Police said four members of a Shirley, Ind., family and three members of a Louisville, Ky., family died in the crash Sunday, the worst since the death count began Friday at 6 p.m.

Authorities said a car driven by Margaret B. Poppell, 27, of Louisville, Ky., hurtled across the median strip, striking an auto driven by Prentis E. Willen, 41, of Shelby, Ind.

Both drivers were killed as were Willen's wife, Dorothy, 44, and their 18-year-old daughter, Sharon. A passenger in the Willen car, Pauline Willen, of Columbus, Ind., also died.

Killed in the Poppell vehicle were Mrs. Poppell's husband and two children.

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Amputee Son of General Says Now Would Not Go

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP)

Lewis B. Puller Jr.—son of retired Lt. Gen. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, the nation's most decorated Marine—says he has sharply changed his thinking on the Vietnam war in which he lost both legs and parts of six fingers.

"If I were drafted and given orders for Vietnam, I would not go," says Puller, 31, who has been confined to a wheelchair for nearly three years. "I never want to see my son have to go."

He said in an interview that he had never received a satisfactory answer to the question, "What did those 50,000 men die for?"

Young Puller was a Marine lieutenant leading troops in combat when he was wounded by a Viet Cong booby trap and won a Silver Star medal. He now is taking courses toward a law degree at the College of William and Mary.

The elder Puller, who received 53 decorations during more than 30 years of Marine service, has been an outspoken

war hawk. He tried unsuccessfully in 1965 at age 67 to be returned to active duty and be given a command in Vietnam.

The military is not to blame for the war, young Puller says, because a soldier is just an extension of government policy. He says much of his attitude has not been shaped by what happened to him but by the issues confronting American fighting men.

Not only are Americans waging a war they had nothing to do with starting, he says, but they must deal with the lack of support for the conflict on the part of some of the nation's leaders.

In addition, says Puller, servicemen returned from Southeast Asia often have difficulty finding jobs.

"The veterans who threw away their medals (in Washington recently) made the point well," he says. "Any veteran who has been to Vietnam would have to feel he has been had."

Puller's adjustment to life as a paraplegic has been eased by

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Enemy Rockets Crash Into Da Nang Barracks

By GEORGE ESPER

SAIGON (AP) — Viet Cong rockets crashed into a U.S. Air Force barracks area on the Da Nang Air Base at midnight Sunday, killing three Americans and wounding 37 while they slept. Two other airmen were missing.

It was the worst of 13 rocket attacks made on the air base thus far this year. Military sources said most of the casualties were caused by a 100-pound missile that smashed one barracks. Several other barracks were damaged.

Meanwhile, White House adviser Henry A. Kissinger completed a 2½-day visit to Saigon for a major policy review that included discussions of a reply to the new Viet Cong peace proposal and of ways to speed up American troop withdrawals.

Neither Kissinger nor President Nguyen Van Thieu would disclose details of a 2½-hour meeting they held Sunday, but aides of Kissinger termed it fruitful.

Kissinger also met with Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky, who told newsmen afterward he had "no objection to setting a fixed date for the complete withdrawal of American troops." He added, however, that total withdrawal by the end of 1971, which

the Viet Cong called for last week in exchange for release of all prisoners of war, "would have to be discussed between the two governments, between President Nixon and President Thieu."

Kissinger flew on to Bangkok, where informants in Washington said he would assure Thai officials that the U.S. program of military withdrawal from Vietnam will not leave Thailand exposed to Communist attack.

The U.S. Command said that less than 10 rockets were fired in the attack on the Da Nang base.

The barracks were occupied by enlisted men, most of them maintenance and flight line workers, and were located in an area called Gunfighter Village because it houses mostly airmen from the 366th Tactical Fighter Wing nicknamed the Gunfighters.

"I heard one rocket hit, and the next thing I knew the barracks was falling in," said Sgt. Leon Jones, 22, of Richmond, Va. "Everything happened so fast. The heat and smoke were so hot. It was like someone poured kerosene on the fire."

Sgt. Michael J. Lewis, 21, of (Turn to Page 6A, Column 3)

The Weather

(Report furnished by U.S. Weather Bureau Station at Peterson Field)

PIKES PEAK REGION—Considerable cloudiness today and tonight, becoming partly cloudy Tuesday. Scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers. A chance of hail this afternoon and evening. High today near 75, low tonight 53 to 60, warmer Tuesday with a high in the 80s. Precipitation probability 60 per cent today, 40 per cent tonight, and 30 per cent Tuesday.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. Rows include 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m., 11 p.m., and Midnight.

Table with 2 columns: Maximum and Minimum for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. today. Rows include U.S. Weather Bureau Data at Peterson Field and Colorado Temperatures.

Table with 2 columns: High and Low. Rows include various cities like Akron, Alamosa, Canon City, Cheyenne, Craig, Denver, Fleming, etc.

Hijacker of 'Longest Air Piracy' Surrenders

By R. GREGORY NOKES

BUENOS AIRES (AP) — Argentine officials say they will try the hijacker of a Braniff jetliner for kidnaping and theft of the plane even though the U.S. government wants to extradite him.

Robert Lee Jackson, a 36-year-old U.S. Navy deserter, and his female companion surrendered quietly Sunday at the Buenos Aires airport after police cordons stopped refueling of the Boeing 707, flattened its tires and blocked its path with vehicles and squads of men.

Both the U.S. Embassy and Braniff Airways urged the Argentine government to let the plane continue on to Algeria. But the Argentines rejected their recommendation.

The government said it would not extradite Jackson because of the seriousness of the local charges against him. It was not clear what action would be taken against his Guatemalan companion, 23-year-old Lydia Lucretia Sanchez. Police said she apparently had met Jackson only a few days ago in Mexico.

The U.S. Embassy official said it would seek "informal deportation" of the hijacker if Argentina wouldn't extradite him. The FBI has charged Jackson with air piracy and assault with a deadly weapon.

The 43-hour hijacking began Friday, as the Braniff flight was about to land at San Antonio, Tex., after a flight from Acapulco. Brandishing a pistol and a suitcase he said was filled with nitroglycerin, Jackson took control of the plane and ordered the

pilot to fly to Algeria. The hijacker said he was fleeing from "an unjust charge against me." The first stop was Monterrey, Mexico, where the plane's 102 passengers were allowed to disembark and the airline put aboard \$100,000 in ransom money that Jackson demanded for one of the passengers, a Mexican woman.

Subsequent stops were made at Lima, Peru, to change crews, and at Rio de Janeiro, to refuel. But because of a swarm of police at Rio, the hijackers forced the plane to take off without refueling, this time for Buenos Aires. It landed in the Argentine capital Saturday afternoon.

The Argentine government announced at midnight Saturday that it would not let the plane go, and Jackson began to weaken. After several hours Miss Sanchez emerged from the plane and gave herself up. A few hours later Jackson let the six members of the crew leave the aircraft, and a little later he came out himself, his fingers raised in a V sign and carrying the ransom money in a suitcase.

His route from San Antonio to Buenos Aires was at least 6,700 miles and possibly exceeded the 6,900-mile record set by Rafael Minichiello in 1969 when he hijacked a plane from California to Rome.

"We were lucky, very lucky,"

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ABORIGINAL LEGISLATOR — When he takes his place in the Australian Senate next month, Neville Bonner will be the first aborigine in the Australian Parliament. The 53-year-old widower is engaged to marry his former secretary,

Heather Ryan, above. Bonner resists critics who call him a "white man's aborigine." "I am not an Uncle Tom," he says. "What I have achieved, I have achieved because I was able to stand on my two black feet." (AP Wirephoto)