

Rockets Fatal To U.S. Airmen

Saigon (AP)—Viet Cong rockets crashed into a U.S. Air Force barracks area on Da Nang Air Base at midnight last night, 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 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, Henry A. Kissinger, White House adviser, completed a 2 1/2-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 withdrawals.

Neither Kissinger nor President Nguyen Van Thieu would disclose details of a 2 1/2-hour meeting yesterday.

Kissinger also met with Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky, who said 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 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 Youngsville, La., said he "just fell out of bed. There was much smoke, and I ran out of the barracks. I saw a man in the next barracks on the floor with a hole in his chest. We pulled him out. Some others were trapped in the burning barracks, and we pulled them through the window screens."

Military officials said many men living in the barracks had not returned from a movie and were eating in a mess hall after



Envoy Visit

Henry A. Kissinger (right), presidential adviser, was greeted upon his arrival at Bangkok, Thailand, by Leonard Unger, U.S. ambassador to Thailand. Kissinger arrived in Bangkok for talks with Thai leaders. (Wirephoto)

working a night shift.

The U.S. Command also announced that two American helicopters were shot down within a mile of each other yesterday on the western slope of the A Shau valley, 55 miles west of Da Nang

and three miles from the Laotian border. Two crewmen were wounded.

The command also announced that American troops strength in Vietnam dropped another 2,200 men last week to 239,500.



Rescue Work

Rescue workers begin a dangerous descent with a litter carrying an injured climber near Evergreen, Colo. The all-volunteer group in the Alpine Rescue Team is on call around the clock. Each summer inexperienced climbers are seriously injured in the Colorado mountains. The team is called in when the injured person is in an area inaccessible to local search groups. (Wirephoto)

The Weather

Mostly clear tonight with a chance of thundershowers developing towards morning and continuing into tomorrow afternoon, becoming partly cloudy later in the afternoon, is the National Weather Bureau forecast. Low tonight 65-70. High tomorrow mid to upper 80s. Precipitation probabilities 30 per cent tonight and 40 per cent tomorrow.

TEMPERATURES table with columns for time and temperature.

Relative humidity, 6 a.m., 97 per cent.

Barometer reading 6 a.m. 29.94 inches; rising.

Precipitation in 24 hours ending 6 a.m. trace. River stage today, 9.7 feet, fall of 3 of a foot. Lake of the Ozarks, No report.

Arms Limit Hopes Rise

Washington (AP)—Gerard Smith, chief U.S. disarmament negotiator, headed for Europe today for a new round of strategic arms limitation talks resuming under a compromise both sides say is a break in the deadlocked negotiations.

of the strategic arms limitation talks will open Thursday on a framework of U.S.-Soviet agreement to press this year for curbs on defensive missile systems.

The United States originally wanted a limitation first on all strategic weapons systems. Against this Moscow insisted on an initial reduction of defensive systems only.

Since the first talks in November, 1969, the drive to cut down the nuclear arms race has been

stalled over conflicting aims for the scope of the negotiations.

After 18 months of no movement, both governments announced simultaneously May 20 the new round of talks "would concentrate this year on working out an agreement for the limitation of the deployment of antiballistic-missile systems."

Hoffa Gone, Not Forgotten At Teamsters' Assembly

Miami Beach (AP)—The Teamsters Union this week holds its first convention in nearly 15 years without the dominating presence of James R. Hoffa, but Hoffa's influence is still strong.

protege—Frank E. Fitzsimmons—appeared a cinch for election to the union's presidency.

Hoffa left Fitzsimmons, 63, in charge as acting president when he went to prison in 1967, apparently in hopes he would be freed in time to run for re-election himself this week. But Hoffa stepped down after losing his latest bid for parole.

Tickets were sold to a "James R. Hoffa Testimonial Dinner," the union reports tell of scholars in his name, and a Hoffa

edge in the new presidential election.

Both nations, however, could continue deployment of sea-based missiles and manned bombers and would be allowed to modernize existing missile systems by converting them to multiple warheads.

On Inside Pages

Vice-President Spiro Agnew says the North Vietnamese may soon launch an attack that will fail militarily but still give the Reds a public relations coup for the way the U.S. news media report it. He says such an attack would be reported as a failure of the Vietnamization program. Page 12.

Bluejeans, once worn for lounging around or for dirty work in the factory or fields, have achieved a new status. Many persons now save them for those special occasions when they feel a need to dress up. 6.

With Wimbledon locked up in the record book for 1971 the U.S. turns to its defense of the Davis Cup, and prospects are excellent. Three American men made it to the quarter-finals of the All-England championships. Sports. 8.

The leading editorial: The sole responsibility of Congress is to transact the public's business. And when it fails outrageously, as it has on the draft extension, public anger is justified. 22.

PAGE MARKERS table listing page numbers for various sections.

Bill Vaughan Says: The 18-year-old Republican is worrying about his father. With those long sideburns there's no telling how the old man is going to vote.

Industrial Properties Moseley & Company—Adv. Phone Sunday Want Ads in before 11 a.m. Saturday. 221-3300—Adv.

Quality Suffers

New York (AP)—Chief Justice Warren E. Burger said today the Supreme Court cannot do a top job unless its mounting workload is eased.

"We cannot keep up with the volume of work and maintain a quality historically expected from the Supreme Court," he told the 94th annual meeting of the American Bar Association.

The nine justices handle about 4,000 appeals a year now, compared to 1,100 in 1940 and 1,300 in 1950, he said.

"Either the quality or quality of the work of the court must soon yield to the realities," Burger added. He said a growing

number of legal scholars, judges and lawyers share this view.

The chief justice did not suggest a way of changing the situation.

"On another occasion I will discuss this problem more fully," he said.

Burger's "State of the Federal Judiciary" address was his second annual report on the courts to the A.B.A.

Surveying lower courts, he proposed various ways of cutting down the time and costs of deciding cases.

Drug Charges After Fire

Two young persons were critically injured last night in a house fire in Shawnee where police found marijuana and drugs, Shawnee police said.

Total loss to the building and contents was estimated at \$35,000.

Miss Jeanne Scherman, 16, of 4646 Booth, Kansas City, Kansas, is listed in critical condition at the University of Kansas Medical Center with burns covering 60 per cent of her body.

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Daniel T. Potter, 21, who police said lives at the same address, is listed in critical condition at the Shawnee Mission Hospital, where he is being treated for a severe case of smoke inhalation.

Shawnee police said today they found one and one-half

Burn Victims Critical

ounces of marijuana, 13 capsules of Seconal (a barbiturate), a spoon used to melt drugs in, and a syringe in the house.

Nation is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Nation, owners of the home. The parents are on vacation in the West. Marshall is the son of Jack Marshall, former mayor of Lenexa.

Gary Harlan Nation, 20, of 5335 Rosehill, where the fire occurred, and Jack Edward Marshall, 19, of 9644 Haskins, Lenexa, are being held in the Johnson County jail at Olathe. They are each charged with endangering a minor, possession of marijuana and possession of restricted drugs.

A 16-year-old girl and a 16-year-old boy are being held in the Johnson County Juvenile Detention Home at Olathe. They, too, are charged with possession of marijuana and drugs. Police said a neighbor discovered the Nation home was on See BURN on Next Page

Head Start in Beauty Game

By William D. Tammeus A Member of The Star's Staff Mrs. Judith Foland of Belton watched her pluperfectly dressed 4-year-old daughter walk across the stage at the Plaza Inn this morning, rehearsing for the Our Little Miss Pageant tonight.

Mrs. Foland said. As she talked, her daughter, Kendra, in a frilly pink dress, started to wander away. Mrs. Foland snapped her fingers twice and Kendra, who already has had a modeling course, returned.

"To them," she said, "it's like our job is to us. And they really take it seriously. They eat, drink and sleep beauty pageants."

Last year, two other daughters, Dianna, 10, and Rebecca, 7, competed.

"They play beauty pageant at home with a towel draped across them and cardboard signs."

When Becky was named a second runner-up, her mother said, she cried, "But I didn't win, mamma." The girl had heard about a plane trip the winner would win and she cried about not getting to go on it.

All around this motel meeting room, there were little girls who have, for today, finished playing with the towels and cardboard signs and are ready for the real thing. Fourteen girls—some of them not even old enough to attend school—will compete there tonight in the Kansas city finals.

At a later pageant, however, when she didn't win, she said nothing.

Judges will select winners in three categories—LaPetites, ages 3 to 6; Our Little Miss, 7 to 12, and Miss Ideal, 13 to 17.

"She had learned to lose," Mrs. Foland said. "For girls, there's no baseball and stuff like that for them to learn to lose, like boys."

The pageant this year (the third year in Kansas City) is regrettably small, said Mrs. Don Conroy of Topeka, the co-ordinator. But she said she is looking for someone to do well at the international pageants to be held later this year, and if a good little girl can be found, she won't be "ashamed" to send her.

If Beth-ann Bartels is any indication, these pageants can make a little girl very sophisticated very fast. Beth-ann, 10 years old, lives at 4224 South Spring in Independence, and was last year's Our Little Miss category winner in Kansas City.

"I feel I would rather my children started something like this and carried it through the teen-age years than some of the things teen-agers are doing,"

She was there today with her crown on and her blue eye shadow, giving advice and waiting See GIRLS on Page 14



Hoping For Crown

Kendra Foland, 4 years old, and her mother, Mrs. Judith Foland of Belton, hope she will place first tonight in the Our Little Miss Pageant. (Star photo by Michael A. Mihalevich)