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Enter, The Challenger

Former heavyweight champ Sonny Liston and his wife arrive Saturday at Poland Spring. The ex-titlist will seek to regain his crown in a rematch with champion Cassius Clay May 25 at Lewiston. Story on sports page. (By District Correspondent Gardner)

Explosions At Viet Air Base

11 U.S. Planes Destroyed

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — A series of explosions Saturday ripped through the U.S.-Vietnamese air base at Bien Hoa, 15 miles north of Saigon. A military spokesman said 11 B57 jet bombers were lost and at least seven persons were injured.

The spokesman said first indications were that one of the 15 bomber-type bombers exploded, touching off other explosions. Of the 18 B57s station at the base, four were in the air. Most were parked at the other end of the runway and 11 were lost, he said.

There was no immediate estimate of the Viet Cong sabotage but the spokesman did not rule out the possibility.

Two U.S. Army men were killed Saturday in a Viet Cong ambush of a Vietnamese truck convoy 30 miles northeast of Saigon. A U.S. Marine was killed in a shooting incident Saturday at Da Nang, 380 miles north of the capital.

An eyewitness to the explosions said: "There was hell. My God, it's raining. Smoke must be rising hundreds of feet in the air."

BUILDINGS EVACUATED

Some buildings in the part of the base ripped by the explosions were evacuated. Medics carried off seven stretcher casualties, presumably American. Some of them were in serious condition.

The spokesman said the first blast went off at 1:15 a.m. Saigon time — and seven minutes later 750-pound bombs and fuel began exploding.

At 2:45 a.m. a plane flying overhead reafired the ramp had been wiped out.

Communicating with the base were disrupted.

U.S. paratroopers, of the recently arrived 173rd Airborne Brigade helped seal off the base and plotted to kill the explosions.

It was at Bien Hoa that a secret mortar attack on Communist Viet Cong guerrillas last Nov. 1 killed four Americans, wounded 75 others and knocked out 27 U.S. planes, including 15 parked B57s.

The first plane to explode may have been a propeller-driven Skyraider, laden with fuel and ammunition warming up for a mission. Other explosions reports said Burning fuel and wreckage destroyed two other Skyraiders.

As the sneak mortar attack by the Viet Cong showed last fall, the Bien Hoa base is considered by them to be a prime target.

The base is used by both U.S. and South Vietnamese planes for operations against the Viet Cong and against the Viet Cong inside South Viet Nam.

Last November, the Viet Cong crept up to the edge of the base through the surrounding jungle and fled before a counterattack could be launched.

A U.S. military board subsequently found the base's Vietnamese guards had been lax. It was then that the United States decided to step up its own security, including stationing an infantry brigade brought in from Okinawa. The explosions came a day after the Viet Cong ambushed an ammunition supply convoy northeast of Saigon, killing 25 Vietnamese soldiers and the two U.S. Army advisers. Ten Vietnamese were wounded.

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For The Car Buyer, A $75 Bonus

LBJ Asks $4 Billion Excise Tax Cut Over Five Years

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson announced Saturday he will recommend that Congress cut excise taxes by $1.75 billion on July 1, by a like amount next Jan. 1, and by $500 million more by 1970.

That will leave $500 million in excise taxes in force in 1970.

Johnson said he will recommend legislation whereby the tax on gasoline and air conditioners is reduced at different dates.

Since it will be some time before Congress acts on the proposal, this means the tax cut will not be effective for some months. It is designed to avoid the possibility of a boom stride which might develop while a future cut was under consideration.

The excise levy on new autos is 10 per cent, which means it adds $225 to the cost of the average automobile. Johnson proposed cutting it 2 percentage points, a reduction of about $50 on the average car, next year and to 5 per cent by 1967.

The President also went before radio microphones and television cameras in the White House theatre to sketch his tax plans in broad strokes. Details will be spelled out in a special message to Congress next week, he said in his talk.

THE REASONS WHY

The reduction is more than double the $700 million in recommendations by Jan. 24 which he said, "is possible and desirable because:

—Federal tax revenues expanding normally by as much as spending economy are now expected to be about $11.5 billion higher both in fiscal 1965 and fiscal 1966 than we estimated in January.

—Our existing supply of money and credit will support these cuts — and the rapid rise in both incomes should add further powerful stimulus of the larger cuts with which we propose to follow.

—Our present tax system, with several large Sunday controls in the tax system will spur the continued growth of our economy in the years ahead.

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Beneath That Turbulent Surface

Alabama: State Of Confusion

EDITOR'S NOTE — After a series of racial outbreaks, Governor Wallace invoked martial law on Jill Tamblyn and — Alabama. But defiance makes headlines; compliance does not. What is the mood of the state remote from Selma? Here is a deep look at all of Alabama, its people, their attitudes. In this article Miss Tamblyn has shaped the southern mind.

By JULES LOH

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — The old cotton state is a land of a legend that stars once fell on Alabama. A poet, Sidney Lanier, wrote about it. Today there are Alabamians who not profitably and silently hold to the belief that there just might be some truth to the old tale after all.

For something many call it fate, has brought down upon their state more grief than Alabamians feel they deserve.

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They acknowledge that, yes, Alabama is the place where Selma is, and where Mrs. Liuzzo was murdered, and the Mr. Reeb and eight others, and where Governor Wallace stood without a state force ready to veto. In fact for one of the most publicized characteristics of the Alabama of today and the Alabama of a year ago is the widespread introspection of its people; a re-examination of old assumptions to a degree that Hydra believes few many in North have yet to make.

Alabama's is complex, isn't it? Yes, it is complex, but that by no means has been discovered unfairly.

Citizens are virtually unanimous that statewide condemnation, the shaming of the whole state a symbol of evil, or pointing to brother to suffer with, as one instance, a boycott of all its products, is not the answer. Editorials disclaiming the state's guilt put it, and all the lynchings in it, where they fell; the state was making more progress than ever before. Justice to its greatest social upheaval in a century.

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There are, indeed, convincing signs of adjustment made during

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Kisses For Peter

Peter Treadwell, 13, of Hermon, who clinched the state spelling title Saturday at the University of Maine at Orono, gets warm congratulations from the contest's runners-up. They are 11-year-old Suzanne Goucher, of Eliot, left, third place winner, and Carol Ann Lee, 13, of Damariscotta, second place winner.

Telegram Bee

Peter Treadwell Spelling Champ

Telegram News Service

ORONO — Thirteen-year-old Peter Treadwell, an eighth grader in the Hermon Elementary School, Penobscot County, spelled down 13 other county champions to win the Sunday Telegram Spelling Bee at the University of Maine Saturday.

As Maine champion, Peter will represent the state in the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D. C. 3-12

Top award for the new champion is a five-year, paid educational visit to Washington for himself and a companion June 7-12. They will start at the Statler Hotel with 49 other national finalists and their chaperones.

Runner-up in the title bee was Suzanne Goucher, 11-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Goucher of Eliot. Third place went to Carol Ann Lee, 13, of Damariscotta. They received talking story primers.

As the champion and runners-up rejoiced, stoic Maine spelling experts agonized. Dismissals in what is considered a rebel pocket in northwest Aroostook County were 12-year-old Linda Lizotte, 7th grader from Limestone, who misspelled "assistance." After Peter spelled correctly he

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Dominican Junta Opens Offensive

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — The civilian-military junta opened an offensive Saturday against a rebel pocket in northwest Santo Domingo.

Government troops and tanks and fighter planes backed by artillery and machine guns attacked toward Dominicanos in stay of the rebel stronghold of Duarte, in the hour of closing the center.

Citizens were warned not to give shelter to refugees fleeing the rebel stronghold. The junta authorities could not be

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Bombing Halt In Viet Nam Unexplained

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A new, though highly uncertain, element was added to the Viet Nam scene way Saturday in the form of an unexplained pause by U.S. bombing of Communist North Viet Nam.

Suspension of the raids which were aimed at bridges, barracks and other strategic military installations, was in the third day. The reason was unexplained by the administration and conflicting reports.

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Score Get Dunked In Camden Harbor

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CAMDEN — About 20 men, women and children received an unscheduled dunking here Saturday when a gangplank collapsed under their weight.

The gangplank was at the Camden Community Hospital for dock and dimension, but apparently no one was injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lindquist said there was no warning — suddenly we were all in the water and everyone was yelling.

The 30-foot-long ramp snapped in the middle while the group was waiting to board a submarine hire for Armed Forces Day.

THE MISHAP FOLLOWED the window of the parade to crowds waiting for the public tours of the vessel to launch shuttling visitors to the USS Entemedor in the harbor.

They quickly jammed the gangplank to a public float where the submarine was tied up. Some of the men who had been on duty at the ramp and fleet had not returned to their posts when the ramp collapsed, and the crowd plunged into the harbor.

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Bill To Make State Welter Than 29

Telegram News Service

AUGUSTA — Maine will be "welter" on Sunday than 29 other states and other countries provinces of Canada if the Sunday liquor bill now in the legislature becomes law.

Only existing supply of liquor stores would be closed on Sunday under the proposed legislation which spur the continued growth of our economy in the years ahead.

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Tupper Aiming At New GOP Group?

By DONALD C. NANSEN
State House Reporter

Republican Gov. John Stanley R. Tupper's call for "more hearty cross examination to prevent right - wing groups from again taking over the GOP" appears to be aimed in part at a newly organized Maine Republican Conservative group.

Tupper, in a letter to GOP national chairman Ray Bliss, called for reformation of the party to avoid its becoming "a haven for racists, neo-nazis and financial adventurers."

TUPPER SAID Saturday that he wasn't necessarily describing Maine's Republican Conservative Club as a "right wing group" but he expected to contribute little to the war against extremism in control of the GOP.

Tupper who detailed his appraisal of Republican policy in a seven-paragraph statement, said he was specifically referring to "any group that's not willing to work inside the recognized party structure."

The Republican Conservatives were formed three months ago without official GOP State Committee endorsement, declaring it is working within the framework of the GOP or not. But if Stanley Tupper, State chairman has reservations about the group, Harry Hyde GOP vice chairman says that such organizations have a tendency to be divisive. Hyde I would suggest they are not working within the GOP.

ONE OF THE FIVE GOP congressmen, who has not yet endorse presidential candidate Barry M. Goldwater Jr., Tupper was the only maine Republican candidate to back the

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signed primarily as an educational action group to protect the GOP from what it considers evasion of basic party principles.

Cyrus M. Pinkham Jr., one of the principal organizers of the group and a member of its directors, said Saturday that the statement on Tupper's letter to Bliss.

Tupper said Saturday "I don't know whether the new

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Democratic Republican in Maine

"Democrats I've talked to casually are gleeful over the Republican split in the party in Maine, Tupper said. "I've been told by Democrats that if there was one thing Republicans could do to further spill the GOP, this it it."

Tupper said the new group is not going to be "a haven for racists" but he could not think of them." He said the extremist label may stem from the fact that this group is in control.

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