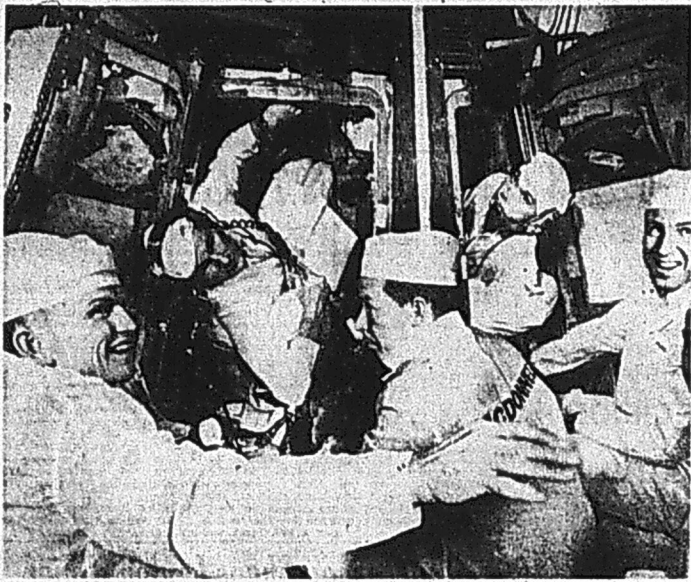


# Viet Cong Blow Up U.S. Enlisted Men's Billet



Pilots Check Spacecraft

Gemini 7 astronauts Frank Borman, left, and his copilot James Lovell, extreme right, wear sterile gowns as the spacecraft is checked Friday at Cape

Kennedy, Fla., in preparation for Saturday's blast-off. In the capsule are backup pilots Edward White, left, and Michael Collins.

## Gemini 7 Soars Today

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP)—Gemini 7 astronauts Frank Borman and James A. Lovell Jr. relaxed Friday on the eve of one of man's greatest space adventures—a two-week endurance flight during which two manned vehicles may fly within inches while orbiting at 17,500 miles an hour.

Success of the marathon mission and the planned rendezvous with Gemini 6 would top all man-in-space records and considerably enhance America's confidence that it can land astronauts on the moon in this decade.

Most space agency officials feel there is slightly better than a 50-50 chance that the Gemini 7 and 6 rendezvous can be accomplished in mid-December.

The smoothest pre-launch preparations in the history of the U.S. space program coasted without a hitch toward Saturday's scheduled 2:30 p.m. EST launching of Gemini 7.

The weather outlook, which had caused concern, brightened. The forecast was for cloudy but satisfactory launching conditions at Cape Kennedy.

All systems in the four-ton spacecraft and the nine-story

all than 3 rocket received thorough checks and were pronounced in excellent shape. Fuel was loaded in the power-producing fuel cells.

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## Newsman May Craig Slated To Retire May 31st

WASHINGTON—May Craig, one of America's most famous newswomen and for more than 30 years the capital correspondent for the Guy Gannett Newspapers of Maine, will retire at the end of the year.

Mrs. Craig, who combined penetrating questions with pert hats, for more than three decades has been the most widely read columnist in Maine. She covered Washington and the world for Guy Gannett newspapers in Portland, Augusta and Waterville.

President from Franklin D. Roosevelt to Lyndon B. Johnson.

AND, THOUGH she asked literally thousands of questions, "I never asked a question," she said.

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May Craig

### New Writer Is Native Of Portland

The Griffith-Larabee News Bureau, which has represented New England newspapers and radio-television stations in Washington for more than 40 years, will succeed May Craig as Washington correspondent for the Guy Gannett newspapers in Maine.

The announcement was made today by Mrs. Jean Gannett Arnszen, president and publisher of the Guy Gannett Publishing Co.

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## Tribute From Publisher

Mrs. Jean Gannett Arnszen, president and publisher of the Guy Gannett Publishing Co., issued this statement of tribute to May Craig:

"She was employed by our paper by my father, the late Guy P. Gannett, when he was establishing them and laying the foundations for their success. He always believed that one of his most important contributions was employing May Craig to represent his papers in Washington.

"I SHALL ALWAYS REMEMBER my father's great pride in his Washington correspondent and the delight he had in her success."

## News, Features On The Inside

### The Weather

Occasional rain ending this afternoon. Fair, turning colder tonight. Sunday, fair with little temperature change. Full report on Page 16.

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## 2 Killed, Many Wounded In Saigon

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP)—With machine guns, grenades and an explosives-laden produce truck, Viet Cong terrorists attacked and blew up a U.S. enlisted men's billet in downtown Saigon just before dawn Saturday.

A U.S. military spokesman said two Americans were killed and 41 wounded.

The Saigon mayor's office said at least 100 Vietnamese were among the dead and wounded.

American casualties could have been much higher if a directional-type Claymore mine, planted across the street from the entrance to the billet, had exploded.

A similar mine was responsible for killing most of the people in Saigon's My Canh floating restaurant, which was bombed June 23, as they ran from the restaurant after the first explosion.

The Viet Cong had planned the same surprise for the military policemen and bystanders who rushed to the billet. But by some error or chance, the bomb did not explode.

The world-touring U.S. Senate majority leader, Mike Mansfield, Monday, visited the scene soon after dawn with U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge.

Mansfield was stern-faced as he received a briefing on the explosion. He declined to comment. He planned to leave Saigon later in the day after a brief fact-finding visit.

Navy Capt. Archie Kuntze, commander of the headquarters support command in Saigon, gave the first report on casualties from the scene of the explosion-tipped Metropole Hotel, which housed transient enlisted men moving through Saigon.

He gave this account of the assault: Shortly after 3 a.m. a hand grenade was thrown at the international enlisted men's quarters, which is near the Metropole.

The grenade did not go off, but about 10 minutes later a truck filled with farm produce pulled up in the front of the Metropole.

Five or six men jumped out and fired automatic weapons at a U.S. military policeman on guard at the billet.

The military policeman returned the fire with his shotgun and revolver. He was hit in the shoulder but continued to fire at the running men until he was out of ammunition.

Earlier reports had said the MP on guard duty was killed, but this proved to be erroneous.

As the terrorists ran to a nearby intersection, the produce truck exploded with a thunderous roar, knocking out electrical power over a wide area and ripping through the billet.

Kuntze said the truck must have been carrying about 250 pounds of plastic explosive, and

did not arouse suspicion because the area is near a busy market section, which was beginning its daily activity.

Across the street from the billet is an area where civilian buses pass while loading passengers for trips into the countryside. It was believed casualties among Vietnamese civilians were heavy there.

The first two floors of the Metropole are used as a medical dispensary and no one was quartered there.

Two Vietnamese police and a clerk were off duty with the U.S. military policeman.

The first American reported killed was believed to have been sleeping in a fourth-floor room. U.S. and Vietnamese troops and police raced to the scene and blocked off a wide area.

Minutes after the big explosion a mine aimed in the direction of the Metropole was found near the street.

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## Soviets Chill Peace Talk

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—The Soviet Union chilled peace talk about Viet Nam Friday with a bitter denunciation of U.S. policy that virtually ruled out any role for Moscow in setting up negotiations with Communist North Viet Nam.

The United States labeled the Soviet attack as outrageous, but restated its willingness to enter into unconditional negotiations at any time for a peaceful settlement.

A sharp U.S.-Soviet exchange over Viet Nam flared in the General Assembly's Main Political Committee as British Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart returned from an unsuccessful mission to Moscow in an effort to bring the Viet Nam crisis to the conference table.

Stewart told reporters at London Airport he felt no optimism about chances for a peace conference at this time, and that he saw no evidence that a halt to U.S. bombings of North Viet Nam would improve the situation.

Soviet Delegate Nikolai T. Fedorenko told the committee that his country would continue to give military and political support to North Viet Nam.

He said that the Soviet Union supported fully the conditions set down by Ho Chi Minh, the North Vietnamese patriot leader, for a peaceful settlement.

U.S. Ambassador Charles W. Foster replied that the United States has no intention of abandoning its efforts to keep South Viet Nam free from being under Communist domination.

"The United States has no intention of shirking its responsibilities, and challenges from any quarter will not deter us," he said. "But we are also prepared for unconditional negotiations at any time—which others, despite repeated appeals from many quarters, apparently are not."

He described Viet Nam as a classic example of the Chinese Communist doctrine of intervention, of so-called wars of national liberation.

He charged that Peking is also making such wars against Thailand and the independent countries of Africa.

Fedorenko's speech made no mention of the U.S. offer on negotiations, or British proposals for convening a new Geneva conference on Viet Nam.

"The Soviet Union expresses its solidarity with the struggle of the Vietnamese patriots against American aggression," he said. "It has been rendering aid and will render full political support and the necessary economic and military assistance to the fraternal Vietnamese people."

North Viet Nam terms include withdrawal of all U.S. troops, material and bases from South Viet Nam, recognition of the political independence of Viet Nam, and a political settlement along the lines demanded by the Communist Viet Cong.

"Only the military intervention of the United States and some of their allies in military blocs in South Viet Nam is responsible for the tragic events in Viet Nam," Fedorenko said.

He spoke in the committee on behalf of a Soviet Union delegation that has been in Saigon for the tragic events in Viet Nam.

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## Upped School Budget OK'd In So. Portland

By DAVID C. LANGSTETTEL Staff Reporter

MAJOR ITEMS in the budget, with increases over estimated spending for this year, are: elementary schools, \$1,682,103 (up \$15,867); secondary schools, \$17,808 (up \$77,880); maintenance, \$104,843 (up \$18,019); and administration, \$45,985 (up \$10,160).

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The major part of the increase will go to salaries: \$12,375 for elementary instruction and \$60,074 for secondary.

The budget also includes a hike for bus service, a result of Portland Coach Co.'s rate increase. The amount is \$30,443, up \$19,893.

The budget must pass City Council approval before the city budget is approved in February.

The total is also \$274,234 more than Superintendent Wayne E. Roberts' estimate of actual 1965 spending. This indicates a deficit of \$10,949 that'll also have to be raised this year.

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These increases: equipment, \$15,589 and contractual services, \$2,047.

New staff members for the high school would include a

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## Portland Arts School Plans Major Expansion

By WILLIAM A. LANGLEY Staff Reporter

The director of the Portland School of Fine and Applied Art Friday night announced plans for a major expansion program at Maine's only professional art school.

James A. Elliott said the school will enlarge its evening and Saturday classes for adults and children, "because there is a demand for an expanded program."

"We are doing this because there has been so much interest shown recently in the Greater Portland area," Elliott said.

"We have been receiving letters, telephone calls, and personal inquiries all this fall in regard to all phases of art instruction—both fine and commercial."

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RE SAID THE adult evening classes will begin Jan. 8 and go through March 18. They will be held from 7:30-9:30 p.m. each Thursday.

The evening classes will offer basic drawing, design fundamentals, life drawing and oil and watercolor painting. Instructors will be PSPA faculty members William Manning and

Manning is currently attending the McDowell Colony in Peterborough, N. H., on a fellowship. He will return to the school the first of the year.

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