

## South Viet Nam Again Wracked By War

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — South Viet Nam was wracked by war again Sunday after a brief Christmas truce. The 12-hour truce offered would light the torch of peace.

The 30-hour cease-fire by U.S. and South Vietnamese forces turned into a one-sided experiment. The Viet Cong lasted only about six hours.

The U.S. State Department had reportedly instructed the military command here to extend the cease-fire if it appeared to be providing the Communists with an excuse to stop shooting and start negotiating.

The Viet Cong seized the initiative, however. The U.S. high command said they instigated a total of 84 incidents during both the Communist and U.S. cease-fire periods.

Allied forces were back in action, but only in South Viet Nam. The U.S. Air Force and 7th Fleet carrier planes made no strikes against the Communist North.

A U.S. Air Force spokesman conceded that the weather, which was good, had no bearing on this decision.

As a result of Viet Cong attacks during the truce period, at least a dozen Americans and up

to 50 South Vietnamese soldiers were killed. Many others were wounded.

Pope Paul VI who had appealed a week ago for a Christmas cease-fire was reported concerned over resumption of fighting.

Sources in Saigon City said the pontiff appeared deeply disappointed over news that combat had resumed in Viet Nam.

Communist broadcasts from Hanoi on Sunday made no mention of the U.S. decision to extend the truce to 30 hours.

But Hanoi's official newspaper Nain Dan said the United States is "unrelentingly prattling

about unconditional discussions" for a settlement in Viet Nam.

"They — the Americans — are acting as if they really wanted peace in order to bread the Vietnamese people a hollow," said an article signed by "Fighter."

Moscow charged that the United States had violated the cease-fire.

U.S. military spokesmen in Saigon gave this picture of the cease-fire: Reporting from the field during the Viet Cong armistice and the early part of the American-Vietnamese cease-fire

was slow. Headquarters had little evidence of infractions.

The State Department apparently decided the armistice was right to extend the truce and get set for perhaps a negotiated peace.

The U.S. command in Saigon fired back at the Viet Cong infractions while their own spokesmen were telling newsmen everything was quiet.

This was happening all day Christmas and up until midnight.

At 4 a.m. Sunday the command took the wraps off and sent out orders to all units to

resume normal operations, a senior military spokesman said. This canceled the instruction not to fire unless first shot.

"Things are moving right now," a top officer said. The cease-fire apparently was expected Christmas Eve.

One Marine patrol outside Da Nang was caught and shelled up. It was engaged only in perimeter defense but Marine officers were under orders not to get anyone about it. An correspondent George Kaper reported from the area. The patrol suffered heavy casualties.

A typical instance of the Viet Cong action occurred at the

Special Services' bombing facility on the Saigon River. A terrorist exploded an electronic mine, wounding four Americans. Such action by Vietnamese militia prevented more casualties when a second mine was discovered, about to go off.

The terrorist was captured and his trial is set for a week later.

The Communists also attacked barracks and ambushed Vietnamese government units. Thirty-three of the incidents were in the Mekong delta which is protected only by government troops and U.S. advisers. Two-

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Scene Of Border Slayings

## Berlin Allies Denounce Shooting Of Two At Wall As 'Wanton Killing'

BERLIN (UPI) — Allied command in West Berlin Sunday denounced as "wanton killing" the shooting by Communist border guards of two men who risked a Christmas escape. A third man was wounded and a woman companion was arrested.

The four tried to crash an automobile through a Communist checkpoint on the American sector border.

One of the men shot died of the wound about 30 feet from a lighted Christmas tree put up by the West Germans.

A companion fell wounded from the car and lay on the street on the Communist side. Berlin's Western Allied commandants said he probably had been killed.

The American, British and French commandants described the shooting as "wanton

killing" and said it was all the more shocking because it took place during the Christmas holiday.

They called for an end to "this senseless killing of innocents. The incident marred the happiness felt here over holiday reunions of families split by the war.

By Sunday 60,137 West Berliners visited their East Berlin relatives with Communist passes, boosting the total since the two-week holiday period began Dec. 18 to about 600,000.

Communist guards opened fire with tommy guns from a watch-tower as Helms Schoeneberger, 27-year-old West German, raced an automobile through the Heinrich Heine Strause checkpoint toward an opening in the wall.

The automobile hit the

customs pole blocking the opening and bounced into the wall.

Schoeneberger jumped out and ran 15 feet to West Berlin. As he ran he was hit twice. One bullet struck his left collar bone and severed an artery in his neck.

He died of death under a sign that read "You now are entering the American sector."

A group of about 80 West Berliners shouted "murderers" at the Eastern soldiers and taunted Western police for not going into the car.

One Western customs policeman did fire warning pistol shots, to keep Eastern police from continuing their firing as Schoeneberger was given first aid. The aid failed and he was declared dead on his arrival at the Urban Hospital.

The Communist border guards fired at least 30 shots. A second man fell in East Berlin, apparently lifeless and a third was pulled wounded from the automobile. The woman also was pulled from the car and arrested.

In a report on the incident carried 14 hours later the official Eastern German news service ADN charged "West Berlin espionage organizations sent two West Germans into East Berlin to 'carry off' Eastern residents."

It withheld a report on the condition of the three who did not make it to the West.

It was the second Christmas with death at the wall.

On Christmas Day 1963 an 18-year-old refugee was shot scaling the wall and died in the West Berlin hospital.

## Pope To Continue Efforts For Peace In Viet Nam

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Paul VI was reported concerned and disappointed Sunday over the failure of the Christmas truce in Viet Nam, but determined to press ahead with his personal peace efforts.

"I'm clear about everything to do and he will continue to do everything possible to promote peace in Viet Nam," a papal aide said.

It was believed at the Vatican that the Pope's appeal last Sunday brought about the cease-fire.

Papal aides said Sunday night that more papal appeals on Viet Nam could be expected, along with a continuation of Vatican diplomatic activity at all levels.

In a Christmas speech in Warsaw, Poland, Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński stated what has become clear here—that Pope Paul has made a truce in Viet Nam the main task of the Roman Catholic Church at this point in world affairs.

While the Pope was saddened and disappointed that fighting had resumed in Viet Nam, sources explained that he had also been tremendously encouraged that his public appeal for a Christmas cease-fire had brought results, even if meager.

The Pope's spokesman said that the pontiff considers that the greatest role he can play in

the Viet Nam crisis is to keep him informed throughout the day of new developments.

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Luci Attends Church

## No Bombs Dropping On North Viet

SAIGON, Viet Nam (AP)—A U.S. peace spokesman said Monday that no orders have been received from Washington for the resumption of bombing of North Viet Nam.

The spokesman said since Dec. 24 when a 30-hour American and Vietnamese government cease-fire went into effect, the cease-fire ended more than 30 hours ago, giving North Viet Nam more than 60 bomb-free hours.

A pause in the bombing was ordered May 13 and lasted until May 17 as a peace gesture to Hanoi. Hanoi, however, declined to approve the ceasefire at that time.

Asked what importance should be attached to the latest pause, the spokesman said, "If there is any, I don't know what it is. We have no orders to start attacks (in North Viet Nam) again as of this moment."

The bombing of Viet Cong areas in South Viet Nam began early Sunday morning after the Christmas cease-fire expired, and full scale operations have continued since, the spokesman said.

Strong diplomatic pressure has been exerted on Washington to stop the air war again as a means of bringing the North Vietnamese to negotiate.

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## Newsman Are Given Peek At Luci's Engagement Ring

WAUKEGAN, Ill. (UPI)—Luci Baines Johnson attended noon Mass with her fiance Sunday and proudly displayed her new engagement ring to photographers and newsmen.

The President's 18-year-old daughter and Airman Patrick Nugent, 22, drove to St. Bartholomew's Roman Catholic Church, two blocks from Nugent's modest brick bungalow where the young couple held an unannounced Christmas reunion.

They alighted from their car in chilly overcast weather. Immediately entered the church and took communion together during the mass.

A crowd of 600 persons filed every few minutes of them hoping to get a look at the President's daughter and the man she plans to marry.

"It was an unusually large crowd for the 12 o'clock Mass," a church usher said.

Secret Service agents followed the couple's car and went into church with them. A tight security cordon has been thrown around Nugent and Miss Johnson Curtains in the two-story bungalow have been tightly drawn. Newsman and photographers have been barred.

A large crowd gathered in front of the church after the mass was over and were still there when Luci and Nugent emerged through the front doors about 15 minutes later.

Luci, attired in a light brown suit and wearing a short black lace mantilla on her head, stopped briefly toward the waiting car with Pat at her side.

She passed briefly to her pleas of photographers for a picture. She smiled removed a white glove and allowed them to snap a picture of the

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## Springvale Man Discusses War

By C. SCOTT HOAR  
District Correspondent  
SPRINGVALE — A local Navy flier who has participated in 100 missions, most of them over North Viet Nam, believes it will take "some brilliant statesmanship" to bring a halt to the conflict in Southeast Asia.

LT. (jg) Allan R. Carpenter, here briefly for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Carpenter, returned to this country Nov. 21 from Viet Nam, where he had been

stationed since July 1. His carrier, the USS Independence, was part of an attack force which launched major air strikes against targets in North Viet Nam.

LT. CARPENTER said he didn't believe any over-all issue could be settled in Viet Nam without some extraordinary statesmanship because of the strong belief apparent in North Viet Nam that they can still win the war and because of their stand that peace can

come only when U.S. forces move out of South Viet Nam.

This, he points out, is diametrically opposite from the U.S. position.

"Communism is in pockets in areas throughout the world. They are cancerous pockets and we must wipe them out," he said in support of his belief that our forces should remain in Viet Nam.

"We don't win by being there as individuals—in fact, it is darn hard work, but this is our job and we believe in what we are doing there," he added.

The spirit of servicemen is high there, he said, "but it's not a carnival atmosphere. It is a job which must be done and it is much happier to be doing it there than here."

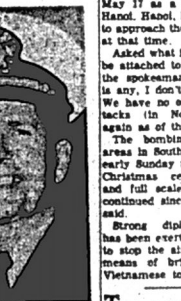
LT. Carpenter said that when the anti-Viet Nam protest demonstrations and draft card burnings began in this country, "we began getting letters in the form of support, newspaper editorials and even from groups like the I.F.A. and similar civic organizations, all from thinking citizens."

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## Deaths On Highways Top Former Record

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
The three-day Christmas weekend edged to a close Sunday night leaving a record number of highway travelers dead.

By late evening, 833 persons had been killed in traffic accidents, surpassing the former record of 608 for a three-day Christmas holiday.

The toll continued inching upward as motorists jammed the highways in the home-ward rush. Two accidents Sunday claimed a total of 13 lives.

Seven persons were killed in a collision west of Sublet, Kan., and five others died on a snow-covered road near Buffalo, Minn.

A spokesman for the National Safety Council said the home-ward rush could produce the worst holiday weekend on record.

The record three-day holiday

traffic toll of 608 was during the 78-hour Christmas period in 1955. The all-time high for a holiday weekend was 794 in the four-day Christmas of 1956.

Adverse driving weather was encountered by holiday motorists in many sections of the country during the weekend. Snow, sleet, high wind, rain and ice pavement were factors in many fatal accidents.

The council's engineers said last experience indicated that upwards of 80 million vehicles were on the streets and highways at some time during the weekend period.

Both travel volume and accidents ran far higher than during nonholiday periods. A tally of traffic deaths for a three-hour holiday weekend was 66 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, through midnight Sunday, Dec. 12, showed 624 killed.

## Temperatures Skid As Arctic Cold Moves In

Temperatures skidded from unreasonably high Sunday to abnormally low Sunday in Greater Portland and throughout Maine as the new year beckons, great that it may be a better and brighter year for all men, a year of greater understanding and good will upon the earth; through Christ, Amen.

—Charles M. Cross, Wilton, Ill., pastor, Wilmette Parish Methodist Church.

The mercury stood at a frigid 14 degrees at 8 p.m. Sunday at the Portland Municipal Airport. A U.S. Weather Bureau forecast said it would drop to about 0 during the night.

THE TEMPERATURES dipped sharply during the weekend from a high of 44 degrees at 3 p.m. Saturday. That 11 degrees higher than the normal maximum for Dec. 27.

They had slipped to 41 degrees at 6 p.m. Saturday and Continued on Page 13, 1st Col.

## Prayer For Today

Our Father, God, as we leave the glorious Christmas season behind, grant that something of its beauty, its mystery, its holiness, may linger in our hearts and enrich our lives through the hurried days of the new year.

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