

## Find Guerrillas Set Up Mortars Less Than Mile From Viet Nam Air Base

SAIGON (UPI) — Government troops trying to track down a Red guerrilla band that wiped out half of the U.S. jet bomber fleet in Viet Nam discovered evidence that the attacking Communists had set up mortars less than a mile from the secret Bien Hoa airbase, it was disclosed today.

The Communist guerrillas, using old American-made mortar

shells in the attack Sunday, destroyed or damaged 21 American B57 bombers. Four Americans and two Vietnamese were killed. Thirty one Americans and five Vietnamese were wounded. A fifth American was killed in a separate mortar raid.

A U.S. military spokesman said today the guerrillas set up six mortars within a mile of

the base. He said Vietnamese government troops also found 82 empty cartons which probably contained the mortar bombs with which the Communists shelled the base.

**"Negative Results"**

The spokesman said the government search for the Communist guerrillas ended early today with "negative results." It had been launched more than six hours after the Communists lifted their mortar barrage.

The spokesman, under questioning by newsmen, was unable to explain the delay in getting the search operation underway. The futile chase was made by three air-supported battalions.

The raiders slipped away, apparently without suffering any casualties. U.S. officers estimated that as few as nine Viet Cong guerrillas could have carried out the raid.

Both American and Vietnamese officers were critical of security precautions in what was coming to be called a "little Pearl Harbor."

**Thick Communist Territory**

The B57s were parked on the air field at Bien Hoa, only 12 miles north of Saigon in an area thick with Communist Viet Cong.

U.S. officials refused to estimate the damage in dollars. The twin-jet B57s cost \$1.25 million apiece. Sunday, six B57s were destroyed, eight took "major" damage and seven were slightly damaged.

In addition, four U.S. rescue helicopters and four A1H Sky-raider bombers of the Vietnamese air force were damaged in varying degrees. U2 reconnaissance planes also are based at Bien Hoa. None was hit.

The 20-minute, 100-shell barrage had put half of the U.S. jet-bomber fleet in Viet Nam out of commission.

Replacements were en route today. U.S. officers refused to say where they would be stationed.

The B57s had arrived in Viet Nam only last Aug. 6, to help maintain an alert against possible raids from Communist North Viet Nam in counter-revolutionary strikes on North Vietnamese torpedo boat bases on the Gulf of Tonkin.

**Used For Training**

The B57s had been used for training flights in South Viet Nam but had never been used for combat.

American officers said the aircraft were parked too close together because there wasn't enough room to disperse them, there weren't enough sandbags around them and there were no mortars for counter-fire.

Both U.S. Ambassador Maxwell D. Taylor and Gen. William C. Westmoreland, U.S. commander in Viet Nam, visited the base immediately after the raid.

"Obviously, there are gaps in security," Westmoreland said. Air Vice-Marshal Nguyen Cao Ky, the peppy young commander of the Vietnamese air force, said Vietnamese military commanders had ignored security proposals made two months ago which could have prevented the raid.

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### Wilmer Bultemeier Judge For Jaycees

Wilmer Bultemeier, 36-year-old manager - treasurer of the Farm Bureau Co-op credit union in Adams county, was announced today as a judge for the local outstanding young farmer contest, sponsored by the Decatur Jaycees.

Bultemeier joins soil conservationist Jerry Setser as judges for the Jaycee affair, and three more judges will be named within the next week, according to project co-chairmen Norb Selking and Lewis Van Poppel.

In accepting the appointment as judge for the OYF program in the northern part of Adams County, Bultemeier said "I am very interested in the promotion of agriculture among young people of Adams county."

The local Jaycees, and other chapters throughout the state of Indiana, will hold programs on local levels to select the outstanding young farmer between the ages of 21 and 35.

**State Contest**

Chapter winners will be entered in the state-wide contest to name Indiana's outstanding young farmer, which will be held in Decatur in February of 1965, hosted by the local Jaycee chapter.

Setser, Bultemeier, and the judges to be named later will select the Decatur chapter's OYF winner from farmers who reside north of state road 124 in Adams county. Berne's chapter will select its winner from those residing south of the same highway.

The local Jaycees are now taking applications for the local contest, and anyone interested is asked to contact Selking at his home or Van Poppel at radio station WADM.

Monday, December 11, is the final day to enter the local competition. Two finalists will be announced, and the outstanding young farmer will be named at the Jaycee distinguished service award banquet Wednesday, January 6.

**Enters State**

The local winner will receive a handsome plaque and be entered in the state-wide competition held here in February. Central Soya of Decatur is co-sponsoring the state-wide recognition.

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### Huge Crowd Views Halloween Parade

A record crowd, bolstered by perfect weather, jammed downtown Decatur Saturday night to view a record-length Callithumpian parade, which featured bands, floats, costumes and a smattering of political campaigners.

This year's parade night was a far cry from Halloween, 1963, when the first downpour in weeks drenched a large crowd and the parade was called off.

Copping the \$50 first prize awarded to the best band was the large and colorful Adams Central high school group. The second place award of \$25 went to the Berne high school band and the Ossian high school band picked up the \$15 third place award.

The first place drum major, winning a \$5 award, was Wayne Nussbaum of Berne high school. The second place drum major, awarded \$3, was Artie Ringger, leading the Adams Central Band. Third place went to Garry Robbins of the Ossian band.

First prize in the float division, sponsored by the Midwest Record store, was won by the Young People's Christian Endeavor group of the U. B. church with their entry entitled "World of Miracles." Second prize went to the St. Joseph school Cub Scout pack with their float theme "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands." Third prize went to Girl Scout troop 357 with their "Running Bear" float.

**List Incomplete**

The Decatur Chamber of Commerce office, which sponsors the costume awards, said this morning that the list of winners was not complete because not all those selected by the judges had yet picked up their prizes and identified themselves.

Winners of the \$3 award for presenting the most comically dressed pet was Bradley Hakes. Winner of the \$3 award for the best-decorated pet-drawn vehicle was Chris Lichtle.

Winner of the \$3 most original girl award was Mrs. Betty Beal. Co-winners of the \$3 most original boy award were Tamila and Joan Hartwig. Winner of the \$3 most original adult award was

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## Hartke Urges Democratic Vote



SEN. VANCE HARTKE and some of the people who greeted him and his family as they arrived in Decatur Saturday evening. Standing on steps into the Democratic bus, Sen. Hartke's son-in-law and daughter, Larry and Sandra Schott and Mrs. Hartke may be seen to the left. Mrs. Schott is the daughter who was so seriously ill at childbirth in early August. The senator has campaigned over the entire state despite the tragic loss of his sister who was killed in an auto crash in northwestern Ohio while returning from helping her brother campaign. She was a school teacher. —(Photo by MacLean)

Several hundred people, enough to eat 1,400 barbecue sandwiches long before the party ended, attended the combination barbecue, "white donkey" sale, and speech by Sen. R. Vance Hartke and his wife and children Saturday evening.

Sen. Hartke, after introducing his family, and all of the local candidates present, called on all Adams county Democrats to support the entire ticket, and carry to a great victory Tuesday in Adams county.

**End Goldwaterism**

Pointing out that Goldwaterism must be stamped out at its roots, he called for the election, not only of President Lyndon B. Johnson, but of every Democrat on the state and local ticket to keep the local supporters of Goldwater from making a comeback in four more years.

"The candidates who see doom and despair around every corner will be rejected by the voters on Tuesday," the senior Indiana senator said. "Our people will have no part of the small men who preach smear, fear and hate."

"Americans will not be short-changed. We are strong and healthy. Times are good and our paychecks are bigger than they ever have been before. We are at peace and we have the military strength to keep that peace. No standard of living in history has ever been as high as ours."

"We must get on with the busi-

ness of building a better place in which to live. We must take action to meet our commitments at home and abroad. We must prepare for expanded needs in schools, roads and hospitals. We must find better ways to care for our mentally ill. We must launch new attacks on cancer and heart disease. We must be sure that all those who want to work will not be denied that opportunity."

Senator Hartke, ending a day filled with public appearances spoke at rallies in Decatur and Fort Wayne. The tireless Hoosier senator, accompanied by his wife, Martha, and their children, met with voters earlier Saturday in Greenfield, Shirley, New Castle, Rushville and Shelbyville.

**Earn Nearly \$400**

Helping with the auction, which earned nearly \$400, were Maynard (Miz) Lehman, Phil Neuschwander, Emerson Lehman, George Cott, Chris Bohnke, Ted Schieferstein, Peter Schwartz, and Tom Eichhorn.

Mrs. Corrine Lehman and Robert Boch acted as cashiers. The barbecue meat from the 4-H steer purchased by the Democratic central committee, was cooked and partially catered by the Fairway Restaurant. The American Legion auxiliary fixed the barbecue, the Community Center fixed the coffee, and Ray Heller donated the fruit punch.

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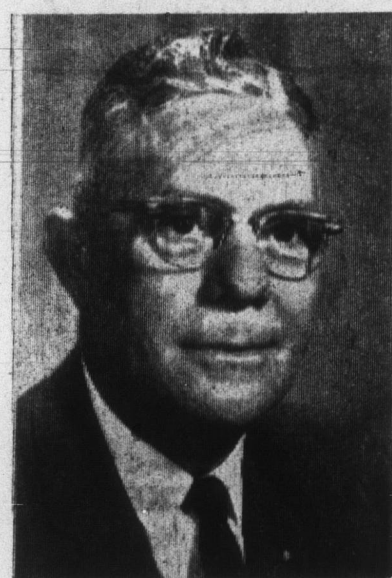
bacher and Roger Geimer took the Democratic bus over the county Saturday, while Max Kreps and Larry Ehinger ran the bus Friday evening.

**Workers Named**

Working at the barbecue were Dick Linn, Herman Moellering, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hofstetter, Charles Graves, David Vanhorn, Mr. S. Don Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Agler, Mrs. Orval Foor, Ralph Grote, Charles Brunstrap, Cecil Smitley, Mrs. Austin Merriman, Joan Merriman, Mrs. Richard Schafer, Mrs. Herman Bleeke, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Umpleby, Henry Oetting, Mrs. Elmer Beer, Mrs. Don Roeder, Mrs. Gene Melch, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Butcher and Jim Kortenber.

More than 4,000 pieces of Democratic literature were mailed out to rural people Saturday. Dr. Harry H. Hebble announced, thanks to help from the following people: Ed Jaberg, Mrs. Oran Schultz, Mrs. Omer Merriman, Mrs. Warren Kneuss, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smitley, Cheri Smitley, Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Bollenbacher, Mrs. Nickols, Miss Rosemarie Spangler, Mrs. Otto Miller, Mrs. Peter Spangler, Judge and Mrs. G. Remy Bierly, Miss Mary Catherine Spangler, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lewton, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Oetting, Robert Kolter, Mrs. Edna West, Mary Gase, Nancy Keller, and Tim Buckley.

### Robert Lane Joins Uhrick Bros. Store



Robert E. Lane

Robert E. Lane, superintendent of the Oubache state recreation area for the past 2 1/2 years, is resigning, effective Nov. 16, to become associated with Ernest Uhrick in the Uhrick Brothers Furniture store.

Lane, who has two weeks vacation coming, actually started working in the store today.

A veteran of 25 years in the retailing business, Lane, a resident of 521 S. 13th street, used to operate a confectionery on Monroe street, and he also operated a shoe store where the Decatur News Agency is now located. His move to Uhrick Brothers is just down the block from where he has done most of his retail business.

Lane explained that he thoroughly enjoyed the past 2 1/2 years working in the conservation department, but that he just could not afford to do it at what the people of the state of Indiana are willing to pay a park supervisor. He started at \$275 a month, and worked his way - up to \$315 a month, or \$3,780 a year, at present. Since he was already maintaining his own home in the trailer court in Decatur, it was no special advantage to have his housing free.

Until after the election clarifies the state picture, a man from the department headquarters in Indianapolis will probably operate the park, Lane stated. He thanked all of the people of both Adams and Wells counties for the fine cooperation they have given him for the past 2 1/2 years.

Lane attended Anthony Wayne business college and also the

### Okay Yield Signs For County Roads

The Adams county commissioners this morning approved stop and yield right-of-way signs for a number of county roads which have been paved recently.

The signs, made legal by the commissioners' approval, will be placed at intersections of gravel roads leading into the paved sections or at intersections with other paved roads. The paved roads approved for sign placement include:

County road 38 1/2 running north from road 4 to Winchester road.

County road 4 running west from road 37 to Wells county line.

County road 4 running east from U. S. 27 to Ohio state line.

County road 36 running south from U. S. 224 to county road 8.

County road 39 running north from county road 10 to U. S. 224.

County road 16 running east from county road 31 to county road 26 1/2.

County road 20 running west from U. S. 27 to county road 36.

County road 22 1/2 running west from U. S. 27 to county road 34 1/2.

County road 34 1/2 running south from county road 22 1/2 to Geneva city limits.

Rainbow Lake, two exits at Ceylon road.

The commissioners also approved an allocation of \$10,848 from the general ditch improvement fund to be used for construction of the Albert F. Braun open drain.

Most of the proposed ditch will involve new construction, although part of it will replace an existing tile ditch.

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## Election Returns At Office, On Radio

The Decatur Daily Democrat will be providing up-to-the-minute election results three ways for the first time Tuesday evening, it was announced today.

First of all, results will be available in the Decatur Daily Democrat office, as usual, for those who want to stand around and discuss the results, comparing them with past elections.

**On Phone**

Second, as has been done for the past ten years, the Decatur Daily Democrat will cooperate with the Citizens Telephone Company in providing latest local results over telephone number 3-5171. Ten trunk lines are tied into a recording device, and anyone desiring the latest results may call that number all night.

First results are not expected much before 9:30 p. m., if some election inspectors call in as they finish each group of ballots.

**On FM Radio**

This year for the first time the Decatur Daily Democrat will cooperate with FM radio station WCRD-FM, 100.1 megacycles, of

Bluffton, with live broadcasts every half-hour right from the city room of the newspaper. Anyone with an FM radio set may listen to the latest returns over 100.1 megacycles.

In addition, the Decatur Daily Democrat will also be the headquarters for the state report to United Press International, and the inter-agency report.

For local television viewers, regular reports will be broadcast over channel 33, WKJV-TV, for all local and district offices.

**Regular Staff**

Editor Pete Reynolds, and a staff of some five Democrat employees, will provide the up-to-the-minute reports, with Bob Shralum on the recorder. Also helping will be Dick Reidenbach, who will keep the huge chart posted, as well as pasting up the precinct reports as they come in, Mike Thoele, who will work mainly at the court house, and Ralph Sauer, who will keep the statistics. Reynolds will handle the UPI tallies, and publisher Dick Heller will handle the radio, TV, and final story reports.

### Charles Rempp Dies Suddenly Sunday

Charles B. (Barney) Rempp, 54 an employee of the Decatur plant of the General Electric Co. for more than 20 years, died suddenly of a heart attack at 7 a.m. Sunday at the home of Clifford Pond, one and one-fourth miles north of Willshire, O., with whom he had made his home since 1934.

Mr. Rempp had not been ill and had worked last week. He was born at Willshire March 12, 1910, a son of Robert and Harriet Hupf - Rempp, and had been employed at the General Electric plant here since 1943.

Mr. Rempp was a member of the Eagles lodge at Rockford, O. Surviving are three sisters, Miss Lillian Rempp of Dayton, O., Miss Martha Rempp of Cincinnati, O., and Mrs. Gertrude Orcutt of route 2, Nawaygo, Mich.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Zwick funeral home, with the Rev. Joseph Dotson officiating. Burial will be in the Willshire cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home until time of the services.

## Polls Show Johnson Landslide

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson and Sen. Barry M. Goldwater kept reaching for votes today although pre-election surveys almost unanimously indicated a Johnson landslide.

Goldwater and Republican national headquarters disputed the conclusions in those surveys and insisted that the GOP nominee could win Tuesday's presidential election at least by a narrow margin.

When the two candidates finish their election eve forays tonight, they will be in their home states to await the verdict of 70 million voters who will elect a president, a new Congress and thousands of state and local officials.

Johnson was flying today from Washington to his home state of Texas for speeches in the Houston area and at Austin before a final television appearance at 10 p.m. EST, on the NBC network.

**Schedules TV Appearance**

Goldwater was flying from his home town of Phoenix, Ariz., for a mid-day appearance in the San Francisco business district and then back to Arizona. He has a network television appearance on CBS at 9:30 p.m., EST.

The GOP candidate and former Vice President Richard M. Nixon found a new campaign issue Sunday night in the surprise Communist attack that destroyed U.S. bombers at an air base in South Viet Nam.

Goldwater suggested that the Viet Cong attack might have been made because the Communist fear his election and want to keep Johnson in the White House.

Nixon compared the Red attack to "Pearl Harbor." He charged that the Pentagon had been warned two days before the assault that the bases were exposed to attack.

**Polls Favor Johnson**

In virtually all polls and other surveys, Johnson has been the indicated winner over Goldwater. A notable exception

was one assembled by Republican national headquarters and said to be based on a canvass of hundreds of thousands of voters.

Published polls have consistently indicated that Johnson was ahead by margins of 60-40 or more. If he should poll 60 per cent of the vote in an election involving 70 million ballots, he would win with a plurality of 14 million votes, the largest ever received by a presidential candidate.

### Decatur Library Marks Book Week

The Decatur public library is celebrating national book week, which extends from Nov. 1 to Nov. 7. Mrs. Elizabeth Zerkel, librarian, reports that many new books have been purchased and are now on display.

Mrs. Zerkel also announced that Miss Bertha C. Heller, retired librarian, will be at the library Thursday and Friday afternoons to greet visitors and show the new books.

Slogan of the annual celebration of national book week is "Swing into Books."

During this week there will be no fines charged for overdue books. Mrs. Zerkel said, "return your overdue books, and come in and see our new books. Let this week be a 'get-acquainted' week. Get to know your library, the librarians who serve you, and the books that are there for you to use. Help us to really celebrate the wonderful world of books."

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