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**Abstract**        James Chochos, 41, arrested for blue box fraud, possession of stolen property, and grand theft. Chochos linked to burglaries as well as blue box use and is also being investigated by the FBI.

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# Peninsula Weather

Fair skies through Friday except for fog in the night and morning hours. Continued warm. Lows tonight 45-50 along the coast and inland. Highs Friday along the coast 65-70; 70-75 inland.

# The Times

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OUTNUMBERED—At left anti-war demonstrators appear to be going through the pocket of a downed police officer while a second Berkeley policeman fights to keep his club out of the hands of his attackers. The downed officer, Sgt. William Eller, was

knocked unconscious and his gun and helmet taken. However, the helmet and weapon were returned later. The action took place near the University of California campus Wednesday. (AP Wirephoto)

## Teacher's Son Shot in Stanford Row

STANFORD — The 16-year-old son of a Stanford University professor was shot in the thigh Wednesday night at the university where antiwar protesters occupied the Computation Center housing a \$5 million computer. Damage, however, was slight. The third day of violent protests at Stanford this week against the invasion of Laos also produced 12 arrests and three injuries. The shooting occurred when John Dawson, Palo Alto High school student and son of Dr. Philip Dawson, stood near the headquarters of the Free Campus Movement, which describes itself as a conservative-libertarian group. Witnesses said they heard several explosions, which they first thought were firecrackers. The witnesses said one person on foot did the shooting and

A university spokesman said an inspection was made of the computer after the youths left and estimated damage at more than \$1,000. He said tapes were damaged, the power supply started out and a window and lock on a door also broken. In the afternoon, anti-Indochina war liberals started what they hope will evolve into a general strike at Stanford by taking over the university's Computation Center.

Exhorted by liberal faction leaders, including Bruce Franklin, Maoist-leaning associate English professor, some 300 students paraded from a noon rally at White Plaza to the Computation Center a mile away near Stanford Hospital. By the time the group, its members shouting, "On strike, shut it down," reached the center, workers already had ceased operations. The doors had been locked, and two university police offi-

cers stood at the door. It wasn't long, however, before someone had scaled a chainlink fence at the rear of the center and smashed a window in a rear door to gain entry and invite in the crowd. Some students marched into the building, while others milled about outside. There was no trouble, and leaders urged students to not damage equipment. A student leader announced about 1:45 p.m. that university (Please See Page 10, Column 3)

## Quake Toll Reaches 53, Evacuation Extended

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With the known death toll in the California earthquake at 53, Mayor Sam Yorty has extended for 48 hours the evacuation order for 80,000 persons living below a cracked dam which might crumble if another sharp tremor occurs. The count of those injured in the quake rose to 1,000. Workers continued to sift ruins of a Veterans Administration Hospital wing where 35 bodies had been found. Five patients and five nurses were still missing. Estimates of property damage in the quake area exceeded \$300 million. Yorty said Wednesday residents would not be arrested if

they are found in the 20-square-mile area of the sprawling San Fernando Valley menaced by the cracking of the dam in the earthquake Tuesday morning. "But it would be very prudent for a family not to risk its life away from the lip of the fractured earthen dam. Yorty met with Dr. Charles F. Richter, the seismologist who perfected the scale which measures an earthquake's magnitude, and with police and fire chiefs and other officials. It was the consensus, Yorty said, that "another earthquake of any magnitude would make it dangerous for people in this area to be in their homes." Police originally ordered an evacuation until Wednesday afternoon after cracks were detected in the dam and half a 3,000-foot concrete apron slipped into the reservoir. The mayor recommended that residents stay away until the reservoir's depth was drained to 10 feet, a level expected by Friday afternoon. Police said permits would be required to enter the evacuated area. Vice President Spiro T. Agnew and Gov. Ronald Reagan toured the disaster area Wednesday and later met with survivors of the hospital collapse. Agnew told the injured veterans that President Nixon is "terribly concerned" over the earthquake and wants everything done that can be done to help. Many of the hospital's patients were getting up for breakfast when the tremor struck at 6:01 a.m. Tuesday. Los Angeles officials told the vice president that about \$100 million in damage to private and public property occurred within the city. The county said about \$125 million in damage had been sustained by the 2,500 buildings it operates. The county's largest single loss was Olive View Hospital in Sylmar, south of the quake's center. The \$23.5-million hospital, dedicated last month, was "totally demolished," a spokesman said. The quake made a wreck of a Foothill Freeway interchange under construction less than a half-mile from Van Norman Lake. A spokesman for the state Division of Highways said about \$47.5 million in damage occurred on freeway and road systems. As officials continued to assess damage, crews moved through the stricken areas restoring water, gas and electric services. Telephone crews manned 500 emergency lines into an area near Van Norman Lake where 9,500 phones had been knocked out. Large earth-moving machines worked at clearing the city's (Please See Page 10, Column 8)

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before this 48-hour period is up," he said. Huge pumps sucked water from the Van Norman Lake Dam reservoir, 10 miles from the earthquake's center, to lessen the chance of a flood disaster. City officials said after-shocks from the tremor had caused chunks of earth to slide

## A-Weapons Ban on Seabed Signed

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon joined with representatives of Russia and Britain today in voicing hope that a new treaty to ban nuclear weapons from ocean floors will be followed by a pact to control such weapons on earth. "This was a modest step; it is an important step," Nixon said at a State Department ceremony at which 62 nations signed the treaty barring emplacement of mass destruction weapons on the ocean floor. "We hope that we will be meeting" in the future "for the final great step in the control of nuclear arms; the control of nuclear arms on earth," Nixon said. He particularly expressed hope for progress toward this goal at the U.S.-Soviet Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) which resume in Vienna March 15. The Soviet ambassador Anatoly

F. Dobrynin, signing for the Soviet Union here, spoke in like vein after referring to previous atomic-age treaties banning nuclear weapons in space and atomic explosions in the air. "Perhaps after that now is the time to come down closer to earth and apply more efforts toward disarmament," the Moscow envoy said. Britain's ambassador, Lord Cromer, termed the seabed accord "a valuable step toward enhanced security" and voiced hope that the momentum of disarmament negotiations will "enable us to tackle the task facing us in the years ahead." The United States, the Soviet Union and Great Britain, nuclear powers, are the chief treaty sponsors. The treaty goes into effect after 22 nations ratify. Secretary of State William P. Rogers signed for the United States as Nixon looked on in the flag-decked international conference room at the State Department. The other signers ranged from Japan, a major maritime power, to landlocked Afghanistan and Laos. France, Red China, India and Israel were among those not joining the treaty at this time. Earlier in the day, in Moscow, the treaty was signed by the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union and Premier Alexei N. Kosygin said he feels a sense of satisfaction that the (Please See Page 10, Column 8)

## U.S. Flies 1,000 Viets Into Laos

SAIGON (UPI)—U.S. helicopters flew another 1,000 South Vietnamese troops into Laos today to join the drive against the Ho Chi Minh Trail and hauled in heavy artillery in slings beneath the choppers. Little fighting was reported in this area but it broke out with new intensity in northern Laos and in Cambodia. There was an increase in Communist activity just below the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) paralleling the allies' Highway 9 supply line. The Communists shelled fire support base Vandergrift and near Lang Viec on the border, but they did little or no damage. Informed sources in Saigon said a U.S. 7th Fleet Marine landing team of about 1,500 men was aboard the aircraft carrier USS Iwo Jima off the DMZ but stressed it was a routine contingency measure and that the same force had been deployed to the Gulf of Thailand during operations to clear Route 4 in Cambodia. Military sources in Saigon said South Vietnamese attempting to cut the Ho Chi Minh Trail at its narrowest point in Laos were nearing their objective, the Communist base area to Sepone tonight. One column was just to the north and another to the south but neither (Please See Page 10, Column 1)

## Officer Beaten, Car Burned After Berkeley Campus Rally

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Law enforcement officers skirmished with some 1,000 antiwar protesters at the University of California at Berkeley Wednesday and a policeman was beaten unconscious and an Atomic Energy Commission car burned. Witnesses said a young man standing on the roof of a parked car leaped on Sgt. Bill Eller's back, rode him to the sidewalk and six others joined in kicking and beating the man bloody. Eller was hospitalized in satisfactory condition. Violence followed a noon rally in Sprout Plaza near an en-

trance to the campus. The rally was called an "open-ended" protest against the Laos invasion. The crowd was reportedly exhorted by a female that the best way "we can help the North Vietnamese is to destroy institutions here." Behind her, Patnet Lao flags were raised, and the march was off, despite cries from some student leaders that violence should be avoided. The crowd found an AEC car parked at Harmon Gym, flipped it over and torched the gas tank. The unoccupied car exploded in flames. At about the same time, an

AEC pickup truck was spotted driving down the street. It was pelted with rocks, but the driver managed a getaway. The Berkeley campus does extensive work under contract for the AEC, including operation of the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory at Livermore. Before the crowd temporarily disbanded, in its initial push, the windshields of several cars parked at a university lot were smashed. Later, the crowd regrouped outside California Hall when police were peppered with rocks. Some tear gas missiles were fired in return. Two arrests were reported.

## Fortune in Electronics Equipment Found in Arrested Man's Home

Police and district attorney's investigators found a quarter-million-dollars worth of electronics equipment in a Redwood City home where they went yesterday to arrest the occupant for alleged use of a device enabling him to make long-distance telephone calls without charge. James Chochos, 41, 811 Arguello Street, who gave his occupation as a self-employed electronics researcher, was booked at county jail on charges of fraud in obtaining telephone

services, possession of stolen property, and an route to Mountain View police on a charge of grand theft. Chief District Attorney's Inspector Jack Jones and Redwood City police detectives obtained a search warrant and went to Chochos' home about noon following information from Pacific Telephone Company officials that they believed Chochos to be using a device to electronically by-pass computers which tally charges for long-distance calls. Jones reported that not only did investigators find a device known as a "blue box" in the home, but also an immense quantity of electronic equipment. Police Detective Capt. George Bold said that there were some 30 police-type transceivers and 40 to 50 expensive walkie-talkie radios included in the stored equipment, found in all parts of the house. Police are seeking to determine if the equipment might be that taken in a burglary last month of a Motorola Company warehouse in Menlo Park. Bold reported that it was definitely established that some \$800,000 worth of electronic equipment in the home had been taken in the burglary of the Elmar Electronics firm in Mountain View and in the theft of an interstate shipment of equipment. The FBI was contacted concerning the latter and is joining in the investigation. Jones explained that the home-made "blue box" device, about the size of a telephone, has a total of 14 push buttons used in its operation. He said that it is attached to the telephone. A caller uses it

by placing a call for long-distance information in a distant city. When the operator in that city comes on the line, the caller pushes a button on the box which switches the operator off the line, but keeps the line open. The caller then punches out the number he wants to call by use of the buttons, similar to the newer type of punch-button telephones. Booklets of directions for making the blue box were found in Chochos' home, Jones reported. The chief inspector said the (Please See Page 10, Column 2)

## The Peaceful War

## Resentment Factor in War on Poverty

By JOHN HORGAN  
RESENTMENT because more than two-thirds of the federal War on Poverty money coming to San Mateo County goes to the black area of East Palo Alto-East Menlo Park has been a decisive factor through the years. Criticism by North County residents has been so strong and prolonged, in fact, that discussions have been held by the

at problems in their own area," says Edward R. Becks, EOC executive director, "and it is a disservice to the War on Poverty. I look on poverty as a regional, a national problem." Another critic of the critics is John S. Roselli, a former EOC board member. "There are too many individualists on the board," he says, "people who are interested only in their own area and not the entire county. East Palo Alto is entitled to a larger share." Leader of the fight on the EOC and its predecessor, the Human Resources Commission, for more projects in the northern part of the county has been Antonio Montoya, a South San (Please See Page 10, Column 5)

## 3 GIs Named as Bombers

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A federal grand jury today indicted three Army enlisted men on charges of blowing up an electric substation and telephone exchange and damaging the water reservoir at Camp McCoy, Wis., last July 26. Attorney General John N. Mitchell announced a four-count indictment was returned in U.S. District Court at Madison, Wis. It was believed to be the first instance of soldiers being allegedly involved in recent bombing incidents. Named were Spec. 4 Stephen G. Geden, 21, of Milton, Mass.; Spec. 4 Dannie E. Kreps, 21, of Torrance, Calif.; and Spec. 4 Thomas M. Chase, 21, Glenrock, N.J. The three are stationed at Ft. Carson, Colo., the government said.

## Nixon Impeachment Dialogue Suggested

STANFORD — Representative Paul N. McCloskey says President Nixon might change his mind about the Laos expedition if he started a national dialogue to discuss his impeachment. "The American people fail to realize the Constitution is being breached through arrogant use of power by both Presidents Johnson and Nixon," McCloskey told 150 Stanford University students at an informal dormitory seminar Wednesday night. As an alternative to campus violence, he urged students to pressure Washington officials by reaching their constituencies. He suggested missionary work to college campuses in the Midwest, deep South and in Southern California congressional districts. Impeachment dialogue is one

means of getting the President to change his mind about the current military expedition into Laos, he said. The other, McCloskey said, is to cut off the money for the Laos invasion. McCloskey said he had 154 votes to do that. The move would require 218, however, and wouldn't become effective probably until the next fiscal budget was approved, possibly in September. McCloskey addressed a group of some 150 moderate students who had asked him to explain alternatives to current campus violence in protest to Southeast Asian war. Several of the faculty and Mrs. Richard Lyman, wife of the Stanford president, were in the audience. The idea for sending delegations to other campuses in the (Please See Page 10, Column 7)

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