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# Mansfield's Viet Report Poses Grave Questions

An AP News Analysis  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The bleak report on the war in Viet Nam by Sen. Mike Mansfield and four colleagues raises grave questions about whether the United States can ever win its main goals in that conflict, regardless of whether the fighting is halted soon or continues to expand indefinitely.

These questions appear to pose the main challenge for President Johnson when he goes to Congress in the next few weeks for massive new appropriations to finance the struggle. They sharpen what is likely to be the central issue in the forthcoming debate: Where do we go from here?

The President will have an

opportunity to give his answer to this consuming question when he reports on the state of the union next Wednesday night before a joint session of Congress.

The traditional speech will be broadcast on television and radio — and it will come at about the time some officials have been expecting a decision on whether and when the bombing of North Viet Nam will be resumed.

Mansfield's assessment of the conflict is not necessarily the same on all points as that of the Johnson administration. Administration officials have taken the position that what they call a reasonable peace settlement — one securing the independence of South Viet Nam — is not beyond possibility. Most top offi-

als also believe that Red China would prefer to keep out of the war. But no one knows, in fact, what it may do in the months ahead.

The White House and State Department are giving the Mansfield report, and particularly its conclusions, careful study. The trip taken by the senators was undertaken with President Johnson's approval and their findings are bound to command administration attention.

The White House said Johnson had thanked Mansfield for the report.

Mansfield is believed to have had some influence on the President's Vietnamese policies already. After he returned from his 30,000-mile journey through Europe and the Far East Dec.

18, he called for a prolonged suspension of the bombing of North Viet Nam in hope of enlarging the possibility of moving the whole struggle to the conference table. His views are reported to have been influential with the President in prolonging the bombing pause after the Christmas truce.

The senators' assessment of the outlook for the conflict are set forth in the concluding paragraph of the report in which they make these points:

1. The prospects for "effective negotiations at this time" are slender and likely to depend "on the initiatives and efforts of the combatants."

This point has been partially overtaken by events, since the President has already taken the initiative in starting a peace of-

ensive aimed at North Viet Nam.

2. Even if a cease-fire and freezing of the battle positions is achieved it would simply stabilize the situation "in which the majority of the population remains under nominal government control but in which dominance of the countryside rests largely in the hands of the Viet Cong."

The fact that no clear territorial divisions exist in the guerrilla war in the south is a source of considerable concern to the administration because the cease-fire would be hard to maintain and an eventual "just peace" difficult if not impossible to negotiate. Mansfield called the prospect in this respect "not very satisfactory."

3. If the war cannot be

switched to a cease-fire and peace negotiations, then the alternative is indefinite expansion and intensification with the introduction of additional U.S. forces. The Mansfield report foresaw on this point the possibility of "a general war on the Asian mainland."

While making no firm recommendations to the President the tone of the report by the Mansfield group tends to place them more among the "doves" than among the "hawks."

Indeed, the senior Republican member of the group, and of the Senate, Sen. George D. Aiken of Vermont, has gone well beyond the report in recommending that the bombing will be continued until North Viet Nam significantly expands the level of the

ground fighting.

But Aiken obviously does not represent a Republican policy position. The party's congressional leadership has been supporting Johnson's moves on Viet Nam but their applause has been louder for his actions to increase the weight of America's military blows than for his peace efforts.

Perhaps significantly, the Republican Senate leader, Sen. Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois, said in a news conference Friday there can be no honorable negotiation until the Viet Cong lays down its arms.

He put it this way: "Where do we get if the Viet Cong is sitting at the negotiating table? Victory will come when the Viet Cong lays down its arms. Then we can negotiate."



**EXHAUSTED SOLDIER** — Pfc. James F. Duro, of Boston, Mass., lies exhausted by a canal dike in swampland of Mekong Delta about 20 miles west of Saigon near Bao Trai. An unit cigarette dangles from his lips. Duro, who is with Company C, 173rd Airborne Brigade, was under artillery bombardment an hour before picture was made. (AP Wirephoto)

## Pope Pledges New Tries For Peace

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Paul VI offered Saturday to go "even beyond usual protocol" in his personal campaign for peace in Viet Nam.

The pontiff asked diplomats accredited to the Vatican from 55 countries to urge their governments to seek an end to the conflict, and he promised to continue his own efforts by any means.

Pope Paul spoke in French to the diplomats gathered in the Vatican's Consistorial Hall to give him their New Year's greetings.

He did not specify what further steps he might take in his quest for an end to the fighting. He did not mention by name the United States, the Soviet Union or Red China to whose leaders he has sent personal appeals to seek a negotiated and just solution of the Viet Nam crisis. The Vatican has not disclosed whether he has received replies.

"God is our witness," the Pope said. "That we are ready on our part, to attempt any means, even beyond usual protocol forms, at any time that we think the Church can usefully bring to governments the weight of its moral authority in order to maintain and promote a just peace."

Pope Paul said this was undoubtedly a "temporal task," but he added it had been "undertaken and carried out through means appropriate to our function, and for a spiritual aim: The health of society and the true wellbeing of mankind."

"Peace is such a great, such a precious present, which is ardently sought by all mankind, that we do not hesitate to ask you to urge your governments to continue their efforts, as we shall continue ours, in order to re-establish peace where it is wounded and to reinforce it where it already exists," the Pope said.

"The Church is today at your side. She is at work with you to build a more human and a happier world."

# FBI Smashes Telephone Bookmaking Operation

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The Miami operation, the FBI reported, was headed by Gilbert

Lea Beckley, whose residence was searched for gambling and bookmaking records.

"Beckley's operation is known to have used telephone credit cards obtained in Tulsa, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Mo., and Clovis, Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Roswell, N.M.," the announcement said.

During a 10-month period in 1965, the FBI said, 6,592 long distance calls were charged to these credit cards.

Raiders also searched the residence of Morton Kane of Miami and Martin Sklaroff, who was identified as an associate of Beckley.

Kenneth Hanna was arrested at a Miami apartment on a warrant charging fraud by wire, interstate transmission of wagering information and interstate transportation in aid of racketeering.

Hanna's arrest, the announcement said, stemmed from use of an electronic device known as a "blue box."

"This sophisticated instrument," the FBI said, "is attached to a telephone or telephone line and permits the holder to utilize the long distance network without being billed for the call."

Over 500 long distance calls were made from Hanna's phone, the FBI said, which were not recorded by the telephone company.

Also arrested was Nat Modell of New York City.

Other searches were reported made on operations of Charles Lakis, Cleveland; Herbert Kaufman, Baltimore; Eugene Nolan, Baton Rouge; Sam Di Piazza, New Orleans; Joe Assad, Clarksdale, and other operations at Huntington and Jersey City.

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**FREIGHT DERAILMENT** — About 50 cars of a southbound Florida East Coast Railway freight train derailed at Rockledge, Fla., and piled up alongside busy U. S. Highway 1 like this. Officials said accident may have been caused by a split rail and are investigating possibility of sabotage. (AP Wirephoto)

## OFF PALM BEACHES

# Perry Submarines, FAU To Build Underwater Lab

BOCA RATON (AP) — Early this summer, Florida Atlantic University expects to have an underwater laboratory and classroom that floats like a tethered balloon, functioning in the Atlantic Ocean off the Palm Beaches.

The project, first of its kind in the United States, is being established in cooperation with the Perry Submarine Builders, Inc., of West Palm Beach, and the Ocean Engineering department of FAU.

The idea of such a sea laboratory 30 feet below the ocean surface was first broached last May by John H. Perry Jr., president of Perry Publications, Inc., and

the submarine company in discussions with President Kenneth Williams of FAU.

Basic design was worked out by Perry submarine engineers, incorporating ideas recommended by the university's ocean engineering staff and Edwin Link of Ocean Systems, Inc.

Prof. Charles R. Stephan, chairman of the FAU Oceanography Department, is coordinating.

The laboratory will be a cylinder 14 feet long and 8 feet in diameter, with viewing ports and an entry port on the underside to admit divers as well as dry-entry docking port for a Perry

submarine.

Plans are to anchor the cylinder 30 feet below the surface to eliminate any decompression problems. Air will be supplied through a hose from a compressor on shore. Carbon dioxide will be vented through the entry port.

"Perry is making his Sea Hunter, a 65-foot mother craft, available for use by FAU," Stephan said.

Primary reason for use of the submarine is for ferrying students and instructors from shore to the laboratory. The submarine will lock into the drydock port entry beneath the cylinder so that anyone will have access to the laboratory interior without getting wet.

"There will be broad scientific and industrial interest in the ocean laboratory project," Stephan said.

Gov. Haydon Burns was one of the first to offer congratulations on the venture and he said: "Oceanography and ocean engineering holds for this state and nation a potential equal to that of our space adventures and explorations and this project will do much toward furthering both."

The laboratory site will be approximately one-half mile off shore and one mile south of the port of Palm Beach inlet. A minimum depth of 59 feet is required so that divers and the submarine can get under the laboratory.

The laboratory will be completed some time this spring and will be placed in ocean position early in the summer, Stephan said. Ocean engineering students of FAU will work on the job as a summer project, along with the FAU staff.

Studies are planned of currents, temperatures, salinity and underwater sediment, as well as biological sampling, soil bearing and corrosion experiments.

Dr. Raymond McAllister, an oceanographer, said there still are dozens of problems to solve to make the project practicable. One of these is adequate and firm anchorage.

Unlike previous sea labs, which stood on legs or a frame on the ocean's bottom, this one will hover in the water like a tethered balloon.

It has a positive buoyancy of some 20 tons and Stephan envisioned its use also as a marine platform for biological and zoological departments of the university.

"We anticipate that it will be made available to other institutions in Florida," Stephan said.

# Dominican Army Gives Up Radio

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — The Dominican armed forces agreed Saturday to surrender control of the government radio station to the Organization of American States, removing one issue in the continuing Dominican crisis.

The armed forces chiefs remained adamant, however, in their rejection of President Hector Garcia-Godoy's plan to

transfer 34 top officers of the regular armed forces and the former rebel force abroad for diplomatic service or training.

"The armed forces are as united as ever on this issue, there is absolutely no change in our position," Commodore Francisco Rivera Caminero, who still considers himself armed forces minister, told newsmen.

He had been ordered to Washington, and a successor appointed.

Regular army troops seized the government radio station, the most powerful in the country, Thursday night to protest the announced transfers.

The occupation resulted in a charge by the provisional government that the inter-American peace force had refused an appeal from Garcia-Godoy for help in regaining possession of the station, Radio Santo Domingo.

An authorized OAS source said this charge was "not essentially correct." Diplomats of the OAS met in Washington Saturday to consider the complaint, but adjourned without acting on it after learning that the Dominican armed forces had backed down on this issue.

The armed forces switch was announced by Gen. Hugo Panasco Alvim of Brazil, commander of the inter-American peace force; U.S. Lt. Gen. Bruce Palmer Jr., deputy commander of the peace force, and Rivera Caminero. They said the Dominican armed forces specified that the station was to be used only for nonpolitical purposes.

The station was temporarily inoperable because of sabotage to transmitting equipment.

## HOSPITAL

Visiting hours at Fort Pierce Memorial Hospital:

Private — 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Wards — 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Other semi-private — 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Maternity — 3 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8:30 p.m.

(Fathers and grandmothers only may visit in the maternity department and only two visitors at a time.)

No visitors under 14 years of age.

Fort Pierce Memorial Admissions Friday

Rebecca R. Murray, 15 days, 301-B N. 13th St.; Miss Lillian E. Morgan, Causeway Trailer Court; Richard A. Kelly, 14 yrs., 1013 Royal Palm Drive; Mrs. Sharon A. Monroe, 22 1/2 N. 14th St.; Cindy F. Dalton, 9 mos., 2212 S. 40th St.; George B. Volker Sr., 2, Box 200; Kinney O. Mackey, Jensen Beach; Mrs. Frances N. Eikenberg, Rt. 2, Box 3120; William Merrill, 4 yrs., Cortez Blvd.; Mrs. Johanna Reamer, 4 1/2 Arizona Ave.; Mrs. Willie B. Mackey, 803D N. 22nd; Mrs. Jacqueline Rusakovic, 3111 Sunrise Blvd.; Paul Smith, 224 S. 13th St.; Mary Scroggins, 3104 Avenue Q.

Births Friday

Mrs. Roberta M. Bailey, 2509 S. 14th St.; William Merritt, 4 yrs., Rt. 4, Box 843; Mrs. Ruth Dalton, 1105 Paeon Ave.; Mrs. Myrtle A. Monroe, 1001 N. 4th St.; Mrs. Felice O'Neil and baby boy, 124 N. 14th St.; Percy S. Peck, 724 Avenue D; Cynthia Thompson, 6 mos., 1124 Canal Terrace; Clifford Boggs, 519A E. 32nd St.; Julia D. Harwood, 6 yrs., Rt. 3, Box 4052; Baby Girl Bailey, 662B Dundee Court.

## 'Some Progress' Reported In Transit Strike Talks

NEW YORK (AP) — This city's multimillion-dollar transit strike entered its second week Saturday with 5,500 subway cars and 4,000 buses still idle, but mediators reporting some progress toward restarting them.

President Michael J. Quill of the Transport Workers Union, AFL-CIO, and eight other labor leaders remained imprisoned.

Pending was the New York Transit Authority's court effort to obtain heavy union fines for their contempt of an injunction forbidding the strike.

Peace talks continued, with mediators stating a goal of restoring transit service by Monday morning but conceding that eight or ten "hard money issues" were unresolved. Republican Mayor John V. Lindsay prodded them to drive toward weekend settlement.

Much negotiating ground remained to be traveled, the mediators said, before the metropolitan area's 15 million inhabitants could return to their normal modes of transportation.

The weekend, however, brought an easing of the incredible flow of vehicles which had all but turned Manhattan into a week-long traffic jam.

With the financial impact mounting by an estimated \$100 million a day, businessmen across the country were reported to be feeling the jolt to the nation's financial center.

Within the city, the strike hit hardest at the poorer peoples, the ones most dependent upon the subway trains and buses operated by 34,400 workers represented by the Transport Workers Union and the Amalgamated Transit Union, also an AFL-CIO affiliate.

The solution defied the efforts of Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz, sent here by President Johnson at the request of the Republican mayor. Lindsay turned to Washington after the

## Poland Bars Departure Of Cardinal

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski was reported Saturday to have been barred by the government from leaving Poland on the eve of his departure for the Vatican.

The spiritual leader of Polish Roman Catholics had planned to leave Sunday for Rome, presumably to report to Pope Paul VI on deteriorating church-state relations and growing obstacles to a papal visit to Poland later this year.

## Obituaries

**K. W. Armstrong**  
Kenneth Willard Armstrong, 50, of 408 Hickory Ave., Jensen Beach, died Friday in a nursing home.

He was a native of Harpersfield, Ohio, coming here in 1959 from Ashtabula, Ohio. He was a member of Jensen Beach Community Church and a veteran of WW II.

Survivors include his wife, Mae Marie Armstrong of Jensen Beach; foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Snyder of Jensen Beach; and two stepchildren, Louis E. Haynie and Mrs. Betty Wood, both of Fremont, Cal.

**H. W. Harris**  
Herbert Washington Harris, 69, of 1927 N. Third St., Fort Pierce, died Friday at his home. He was a retired brick mason who came here to live 10 years ago from Orlando, and was employed by DiGiorgio Fruit Corp. at the time of his death.

Mr. Harris was a World War I veteran and member of the American Legion.

Surviving are a son, Herbert T. Harris Jr., of Fort Pierce; four daughters, Mrs. Charles Tate, of Miami, Mrs. Guy Stowe, of St. Petersburg, Mrs. Elsie Hogan, of Pine Bluff, Ark., and Mrs. William Van Seiver, of Chicago; a brother, John Harris, of Adelaide, Ga.; a sister, Mrs. Sophie Decker, of Orlando, and seven grandchildren.

**V. C. Gryspeert**  
(VERO BEACH BUREAU)  
Long-time winter visitor Victor C. Gryspeert, 85, of Newfoundland, N.J., died Friday at Indian River Memorial Hospital.

A retired metal worker, he had vacationed in Vero Beach for the past 19 years.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, and a daughter, Mrs. Alice Deleu of Fairlawn, N.J.

**Harvey Kule**  
(VERO BEACH BUREAU)  
Harvey (Bud) Kule 64, of Fleming, Ky., died Wednesday at Indian River Memorial Hospital.

He was retired from the coal mining industry, and had been a winter visitor to Vero Beach for three years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Fleming.

Surviving are his wife, Matilda; three daughters, Mrs. Vadna Brooks of Fleming, Miss Jacqueline Kule of Vero Beach

# THE WEATHER

**SOUTH BRIDGE TIDES**  
Today  
High 11:34 a.m. 11:46 p.m.  
Low 5:06 a.m. 5:42 p.m.  
Tomorrow  
High 12:22 p.m.  
Low 6:00 a.m. 6:36 p.m.  
(Jetty Tides Two Hours Earlier)

**LOCAL DATA**  
High Friday 67°  
Low Saturday 51°  
Rainfall Friday .00  
Barometer Friday 30.08  
Sunset Today 5:46 p.m.  
Sunrise Tomorrow 7:09 a.m.

shows Sunday night and Monday. High Sunday low 50s. Winds becoming northeasterly 15 to 22 miles per hour Sunday. Small craft warnings displayed St. Augustine northward.

E F: Fair through Monday. Not so cold Sunday night and Monday. High Sunday near 60. Winds becoming northeasterly to 18 miles per hour during Sunday.

G: Partly cloudy through Sunday. High Sunday near 60. Not so cold with few coastal showers likely Sunday night and Monday. Northeasterly winds 15 to 22 miles per hour Sunday.

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**ZONES**  
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## Funeral Notices

**NORTHBRIDGE, ETTA MARIE** — Funeral services for Mrs. Etta Marie Nordstrom, 62, of 205 Melba Drive, Jensen Beach, who died January 5 will be Sunday, January 9, 1966, at 2 p.m. at the Yates Jensen Beach Chapel, with Rev. Newton M. Tweedy, pastor of the Jensen Beach Community Church officiating. Cremation will follow. Friends may call at the Yates Jensen Beach Chapel Saturday January 8, from 3 to 5 in the afternoon and from 7 to 9 in the evening.

**HARRIS, HERBERT W.** — Funeral services for Herbert W. Harris, 69, of 1927 N. 3rd St., who died Jan. 7, 1966, will be held in the Baited Funeral Home Chapel on Monday, Jan. 10th at 2:30 p.m. with the Rev. Richard Parker of the West Side Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in the Fort Pierce Cemetery.