



Off To Washington

Three of the nation's governors check in on the ramp of President Johnson's jet as they leave Minneapolis Thursday for a meeting with Johnson. Govs. Karl Rolvaag, left, Minnesota, John H. Reed, and Carl Sanders, Georgia, right, were joined by almost all the other governors on the plane.

LBJ Wins Over Governors With Briefing On Viet Nam

By MERRIAM SMITH
WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson won support for his Viet Nam policies Thursday from virtually all of the nation's governors, including former critic George Romney of Michigan.
Oregon Gov. Mark Hatfield said he has greater confidence in the nation's moving along "peaceful lines. But he said he wanted to wait and see before giving his approval to the latest administration war measures. Romney, who voted against the governors' conference in Min-

neapolis Wednesday, said he did so because he felt delaying a policy statement would make it more meaningful.
"Based on additional information received today," Romney said after a two-hour discussion with Johnson and Cabinet aides.
"I support the President's actions taken yesterday and I urge all Americans to do the same."
"We have a commitment in Vietnam with little luck in the future. We must stop Communist aggression."

new from Minneapolis on a plane provided by the Chief Executive expressed their support of Johnson's actions in sending 50,000 more troops to South Viet Nam and doubling draft calls.
Texas Gov. John Connally, a close friend and former political foe of the President, said he spoke as chairman of the Democratic governors.
Personally Connally said, he believes it would be "unthinkable" for U. S. troops to pull out. He also said there was no justification to accelerate the

U.S. Paratroopers Unable To Find Cong After Saturation Bombing By B52s

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP)—Paratroopers of the U.S. 113rd Airborne Brigade hunted for Viet Cong across a 15-mile sector 33 miles southeast of Saigon with little luck in the wake of a new saturation bombing by B52 jets Thursday.

Though 5,000 or more hard-core guerrillas were believed to have been based in the area, the official report at day's end showed little contact: one Viet Cong killed, one captured, no American losses.

Several thousand men of the 173rd, who landed in May, took part in the sweep as 3,700 fresh paratroopers on the 1st Brigade of the 113th Airborne— Screaming Eagles—Division—landed at Cam Ranh Bay.
The strike by the B52s was their sixth of the war, all in the last five weeks. Twenty-five of the long-range, eight-engine craft dumped 500 tons of bombs on the suspected Viet Cong hide-outs after a 1.50-mile flight

from Okinawa. They had taken shelter Wednesday on Okinawa from the threat of a typhoon at Guam, their regular base.
Though always hopeful a concentration of guerrillas will be wiped out, briefing officers have taken to referring to the B52

raids as "harassing operations against known centers of Viet Cong activity." Ground surveys have never proved them to be highly destructive to Viet Cong personnel.
The guerrillas have an extended stay in the area, 4th Col.

U Thant Pledges Efforts To Settle Problem In Viet

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—Secretary-General U Thant told President Johnson Thursday that he is prepared to use all the means at his disposal to bring the Viet Nam problem to the negotiating table.

In a letter to the President, carried by the White House personally by U.S. Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, Thant declared:

"I believe most strongly that the secretary-general's letter was in reply to a message he received from Johnson Wednesday urging him to continue his concerted efforts should be made to put an early end to all further hostile military activities."

Goldberg discussed the Viet Nam problem with the secretary-general Wednesday when he presented his credentials as new chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations, succeeding the late William P. Rogers.
Thant was asked by newsmen whether he believed the President's new peace bid might improve chances for negotiations. "Could be," he said.

Goldberg met some of his U.N. colleagues at a Security Council luncheon. He said the affair at the Soviet mission was purely social.
Thant's letter was sent to Goldberg at the airport as the new envoy flew back to Washington.
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Luck With Opposition Holds

Reed Heads National Governors' Conference

AUGUSTA (AP)—Republican Gov. John H. Reed of Maine is a deceptively mild politician who often has more luck with the opposition than with his own party.
A case in point was his election Thursday as chairman of the National Governors' Conference in Minneapolis, Minn., achieved largely on Democratic support.
He said he didn't seek the chairmanship and doesn't feel his election against Republican recommendations for his post would be a decisive factor.
"In the Republican caucus yesterday, I didn't even vote for myself," said Reed, who is also chairman of the New England Governors Conference.

In 1963, the Republican governor had to battle a strong GOP economy bloc in the Maine House which wanted to chop sizeable chunks out of his program. The program was finally enacted, but it was only with the help of some of the then minority Democrats that his revenue measure raising the sales tax from three to four per cent was passed.
At times in the past, he had to scrap with Republican executive councils over appointments and had at least one major falling out with councilors of his party.
This year, observers looked for a grand tussle between Reed and the first Democratic controlled legislature in more than 50 years. It was considered the

smoothest legislative session in recent years.
Virtually all of his program was passed. The only conflict he had with Democratic legislative leaders was that they felt his program should have been more far-reaching. Their odds were settled in an early compromise.
His dealings with the present all-Democratic Executive Council have been harmonious, for the most part.
Reed's appearance doesn't fit the popular portrait of a man raising leadership pools by wielding strong political power. His manner is mild, his public posture stiff and reserved.
But off the public stage, he has a warm, easy way in person-to-person relations.
He also has a competitive

spirit that isn't always obvious, but which is probably responsible for his holding the state's highest office longer than any of his predecessors. At the end of his present term in 1968 he will have been governor seven years.
The 44-year-old Port Fairfield potato grower is an avid horseman and drove in competitive harness races for 13 years until, at his wife's behest, he gave it up after a bad spill.
He also was active in the family's potato business before taking office. To survive in the capricious potato industry takes a staunch heart that thrives on such things as crazy roller coaster price changes.
His wife, Cora, is an attractive redhead. They have two daughters, Ruth and Cheryl.

Johnson Pays Tribute To Truman In Signing Medicare Bill Today

Ceremony Is Scheduled For Independence Library

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson will sign the \$6.5 billion Medicare and Social Security bill Friday at Independence, Mo., in the presence of former President Harry S. Truman who pioneered the concept of health care for the elderly.
Johnson will sign the bill, which the Senate gave final congressional approval on Wednesday, in the auditorium of the Truman Library. Members of Congress and others closely connected with the legislation will be looking on.
The White House announced the President's plans late in the day after he won assurances from representatives of the American Medical Association, long hostile to Medicare, that the nation's doctors would support the revolutionary new program.



Greets Foreign Guests

City Manager Graham W. Wait, right, shares a light moment with Mrs. Wieslaw Gornicki of Poland. Gornicki is holding the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Burki of Pakistan.

U.S. Judge Convicts Two Bogalusa Police Officials

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP)—The Safety Commissioner Arnold Spiera, Police Chief Clayton Knight and Police Sgt. Fred Spiers and Knight did not testify.
Doar declined to tell newsmen what sanctions he would recommend.
Criminal contempt charges are still pending against the trio.
Spiera and Knight were expressionless when Judge Christensen found them guilty. They immediately left the crowded courtroom.
They declined comment afterwards but told newsmen they might have a statement Friday.
Judge Christensen was told that Bogalusa Police Sgt. Ruden Sumrall, who was ordered brought to court along with Pennington, declined to testify.

International Understanding Is Gainer By Maine Visit, Say Foreign Newsmen

The third annual visit of foreign newsmen and their families to Casco Bay Islands Thursday was praised as an unusual method of fostering international understanding which other states could copy.
David Horowitz of Denmark, vice president of the Casco Bay Press Association, said in behalf of the visiting newsmen that the sponsors have "set an example for the rest of the nation" to emulate.
Horowitz, who arrived here by bus with 33 others for the six-day visit, said if other states would help the United Nations peace efforts.
The visitors were met at City Hall by officers of the sponsoring Casco Bay Island Development Association, City Council Chairman and Mrs. J. Wesley Welch and City Manager Graham W. Wait.

Inevitable, Asserts Wilson Of U.S. Viet Nam Buildup

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Harold Wilson said Thursday night President Johnson's decision to make a massive increase in U. S. troop strength in Viet Nam was "inevitable" but added: "I deeply regret it."
Interviewed by the British Broadcasting Corp., he said perhaps the President's decision will show the Communists "he is not going to be pushed out and that time is not on their side."
Wilson said he intended to continue efforts to get negotiations to end the war although this was difficult since the North Vietnamese "think they are winning. They don't see why they should not try and win on the battlefield."
Wilson spoke after qualified diplomats reported the Johnson administration has made new moves to win some British support for its military position in Viet Nam.
Similar approaches for certain European allied countries such as West Germany, also have been made recently.
But these soundings accorded.



Ready For Viet Nam
First Cavalry troops at Fort Penning, Ga., get their helicopter ready before leaving for Viet Nam.

Prayer For Today
Our Father, help me as I try to be a son of Thy Word. May each word and deed of my life be in accord with Thy Will. Help me to seek Thy Kingdom and to share in the work of Thy vision. Keep me from evil and forgive me for my poor stewardship; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

—C. Neil Strain, Carol, III, m.a., Inter. Carol Church of the Resurrection.

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