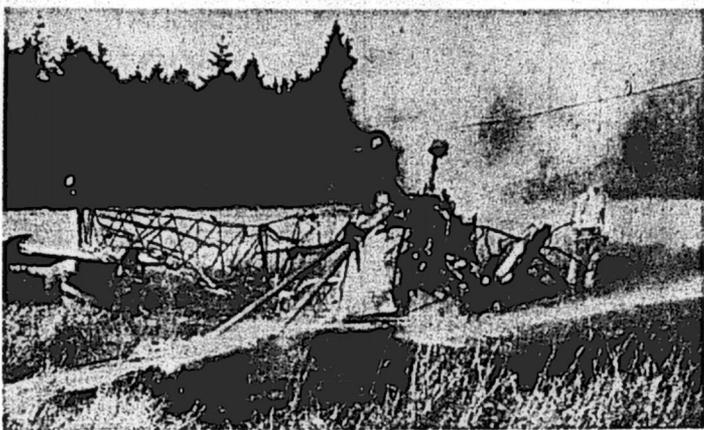


## Thant To Try To Halt Fighting In India Deepening Crisis Prompts Action



Crashes In Field

Four persons were injured Monday when this light plane flipped over and burned as the pilot was

attempting an emergency landing in a field at Castine. (AP Wirephoto)

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General U Thant announced Monday night that he will try to halt the fighting in India and Pakistan to seek peace between the two warring nations as soon as he can work out arrangements.

Thant acted quickly after the Security Council unanimously reaffirmed its cease-fire appeal to India and Pakistan and asked him to exert every possible effort to halt the fighting.

He accepted the responsibility and then dramatically made known his willingness to fly to the spot, meet the people of the "I shall exert every effort," he said, "including a very early visit to the area in the light of consultations with the two governments."

U.S. Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, council president for September, said: "I am sure I speak for every member of the council in urging both Pakistan and India to comply with the council's resolutions without hesitation before the point of no return has been reached."

Goldberg welcomed Thant's decision "to proceed promptly to the subcontinent" and he expressed hope that his greeting and ability would help bring the expanding conflict to a close.

"We, the members of the council, beseech the people of the world to ask for no more," he said. "We expect no less."

The council's action came after consultations continued for several days despite a council resolution adopted Saturday night calling on India and Pakistan to stop firing and withdraw their troops which had crossed the 1965 cease-fire line in Kashmir.

Monday night's proposal was submitted by Malaysia's ambassador Raghunath Ramani and India's Chandra F. Joshi, who flew to New York for the council discussion.

All utterly attacked India for French Ambassador Roger Beydoux, Jordan's Abdul Muhsin Riial and others expressed hope that Thant would serve as a peace mediator.

U.S. Ambassador Goldberg said he was active in the day-long negotiations leading to agreement on the resolution.

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## Indian Tanks And Troops Advance Into W. Pakistan

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Indian tanks and infantry smashed into West Pakistan behind a screen of strafing jets Monday in a three-pronged strike aimed at Lahore, one of Pakistan's largest cities.

As the fighting raged, Pakistan dropped paratroopers far behind Indian lines in Punjab in a daring night raid, an Indian spokesman said. He described the airborne assault as a possible prelude to an all-out Pakistani ground attack across the border in response to India's thrust into West Pakistan.

The Indian news agency reported an aerial battle over the Punjab city of Amritsar. The unofficial account said anti-aircraft fire brought down three planes, presumably Pakistani.

Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri told his 480 million people they were in a "full-fledged war."

Pakistan's President Mo-

ammed Ayub Khan told his 110 million people, "We are at war. Go forward and meet the enemy."

Though the Indians shrouded their operation in secrecy, a New Delhi spokesman said Monday night the fighting was going "very well" for the Indians.

In Pakistan, the government claimed the Indians were being driven back. Government spokesmen said 200 Indian soldiers were killed on the Lahore front and that 22 Indian planes were destroyed in the air and on the ground.

The fighting jolted world capitals.

At United Nations headquarters in New York the Security Council met in emergency session.

President Johnson was reported deeply concerned and Prime Minister Harold Wilson of Britain called on both India and

Pakistan to halt the fighting immediately to save the lives of their own people and the peace of the world.

The U.S. Embassy in New Delhi told Americans in Punjab State to come to New Delhi immediately.

An Indian spokesman described the Pakistani paratrooper attack as an extraordinarily difficult type of assault. He said they jumped in small groups near Patiala and Ambala, 160 miles behind Indian lines, and near Pathankot, a rail terminus in northwest Punjab, just to the south of disputed Kashmir.

The paratroopers were probably on "sabotage missions" bent on hitting roads, bridges and lines of communications in the rear of Indian army units, he said.

The Indians are trying to set the stage for an all-out Pakistani push into the sector.

The Indian forces jumped off (Continued on Page 2; 6th Col.)

## 4 Injured In Castine Plane Crash

CASTINE (AP) — A single engine private plane, up on a pleasure trip, crashed here shortly before noon Monday when the pilot decided on an emergency landing.

Four persons were injured in the accident, one of them critically.

Roger Drew, 26, of Portland, pilot of the craft, told a newsman after the accident, "The engine fell section went out of control." He added sections of the plane's fuselage were being ripped off.

ONE OF THE craft's wheels, Drew said, caught in high tension wires over a field about two miles north of the center of Castine near Route 16A.

The plane, described by the Federal Aviation Agency as a Sinoon Voyager, flipped over on its back and plummeted to the ground.

Drew had told an official at the nearby Belfast airport that the group was going up on a pleasure trip for a few hours.

An observer, said the plane spiraled to the ground and burst into flames.

As the last passenger was being hauled out of the wreckage, the gasoline tank exploded, she added.

THE INJURED were taken to the Eastern Maine General Hospital in Bangor. Officials there gave the following information: Clayton Greer, 31, of Thordike, was listed in critical condition. He suffered head and chest injuries and a fractured upper thigh. Roger Drew received a fractured leg and chest injuries. His condition was described as dangerous.

Listed in favorable condition was Laurel Drew, 39, also of Thordike with a chest injury. Treated for an ankle injury and a dislocated shoulder was Mildred Downer, about 30, of Thordike. He was released.

## Hurricane Grazes Florida As It Heads Toward Cuba

MIAMI (UPI)—Turn-around Hurricane Betsy smashed through the Bahamas with winds nearly 150 miles an hour Monday night, grazing the southeast Florida Gold Coast and drawing a bead on Cuba.

The hurricane three winds clocked at 147 miles an hour at Great Key Cay on Great Abaco Island as it bore down on Nassau, where waves already were crashing onto famed Bay Street and stranded American tourists were holing up in plush hotels.

The Miami Weather Bureau's hurricane center said Nassau should begin feeling full hurricane force winds of 75 miles an hour by mid-evening and that the center of the big storm should be near the Bahama capital—which hasn't received the full punch of a hurricane since 1929—around midnight.

At 8 p.m. EDT the weather bureau located the center of Betsy a little over 200 miles down east of Miami and just north of Harbour Island. The weather bureau said the small island, with a population of only about 1,000 probably was in the dead calm eye of the hurricane.

Betsy was still churning on a course between southwest and south-southwest at about 5 miles per hour and forecasters said this would put the center over Andros Island in the Bahamas around daybreak Tuesday.

The course also was pointed about midway along the northern coast of Cuba and weathermen said the storm might continue southward into the Communist island.

Winds along the southeast Florida Gold Coast meanwhile built to 50 miles per hour in gusts and forecasters said the Miami area might feel stronger winds later Monday night or early Tuesday as Betsy passes.

The storm's turnabout from a northward course Sunday night touched off a frenzy of Labor Day hurricane preparations in the Florida Keys when hurricane warnings went up this morning.

But Monday night forecasters said it appeared Betsy a turn-around storm with a mammoth eye 60 miles wide—the largest ever photographed—would spare Florida its worst.

"But this storm is so close (Continued on Page 4; 1st Col.)



Lookout George S. Mackey at Dinner Key Marina, Miami, watches clouds roll in and hurricane flags fly in background as hurricane Betsy moves toward the area Monday. (AP Wirephoto)

## Marines Storm Ashore In Bid To Trap Cong Force

DA NANG, South Viet Nam (AP) — U.S. Marines and Vietnamese troops stormed ashore toward strong Viet Cong positions 20 miles south of Chu Lai Tuesday in another major attempt to wipe out a Communist stronghold.

A U.S. spokesman said the combined forces struck by land and sea in a similar operation to the assault against the Van Tuong Peninsula Aug. 19.

In the August offensive nearly 600 Viet Cong were reported killed.

No contact was reported with the enemy by 7:55 a.m. — one hour and 20 minutes after the early morning landings.

The spokesman said the operation was called "Piranha" — after the deadly South American fish.

Several battalions of troops were involved.

Reliable sources reported that strong Viet Cong positions had been seen in the area, about 340 miles north of Saigon.

These sources said that aerial photos showed that Viet Cong positions had been growing considerably in recent weeks.

The fact that no initial contact was made could mean that the Viet Cong had fled the area beforehand or that the attacking forces had not yet reached the main Viet Cong positions.

In the Van Tuong battle in mid-August, Viet Cong gunners put up stiff resistance to the Marines.

Tuesday's operation appeared to involve more Vietnamese troops than the Van Tuong action, in which only a handful of Vietnamese participated.

While the amphibious forces encountered no opposition, there was light firing in a helicopter landing zone, the spokesman said.

The area under attack by the Marines is about 10 miles south of Van Tuong.

SAIGON (UPI) — U.S. Marines and paratroopers attacked Viet Cong hideouts Monday in a second day of sweeps that have netted 37 Communist dead and about 100 guerrilla suspects captured.

Marine casualties were described as light.

A sweep of a Marine drive against the guerrillas in the Da Nang Air Base area killed five Viet Cong and wounded two others. Two Marine patrols fought the guerrillas in the countryside only three and four miles from Da Nang.

U.S. warplanes flew 31 missions over North Viet Nam, bombing and strafing stragglers (Continued on Page 2; 6th Col.)

Two U.S. planes crashed during a heavy day of air activity in North and South Viet Nam, but all three crewmen were rescued. One plane apparently was downed by Communist fire and the other by engine trouble.

Heavy bombers from Guam hammered guerrilla positions in Zone D, about 30 miles north of Saigon, in their 19th raid of the war, and Henry Cabot Lodge, the new U.S. ambassador, said he believes the 353 strikes are making the Viet Cong "suffer as it has never suffered before."

The Marines hit against the Viet Cong in a two-pronged raid starting before dawn Monday. One assault group from the 7th Regiment, 1st Division, landed from amphibious vehicles about six miles south of Qui Nhon while another group touched down from helicopter a mile further inland.

The sweep, which began Sunday in the Qui Nhon area, 260 miles northeast of Saigon, killed 33 guerrillas and captured three. Another 150 refugees were being screened for Viet Cong suspects.

## Holiday Accidents Take 533 Lives, Record Feared

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Traffic deaths surged past the 500 mark Monday night in the warning hours of the 78-hour Labor Day weekend and a National Safety Council spokesman predicted a record death toll for the late summer holiday.

Showers and thunderstorms over large areas of the midcontinent added to traffic hazards as millions of home-bound motorists choked the highways.

With summer's final holiday weekend near an end, the death toll stood at 533.

The toll also showed 21 who perished in boating accidents and 38 who drowned.

A safety council spokesman said the 1963 record of 537 deaths for a Labor Day weekend was almost sure to be shattered by midnight.

"This holiday toll, if it continues at the present rate, will apparently come close to 600 deaths," the spokesman said.

The spokesman said only during Christmas 1955 had 600 persons been killed in a three-day holiday. The 1955 Christmas weekend was marked by 600 deaths.

Earlier Monday, the safety council president cited two reasons for the high death rate.

Howard Pyle, president of the National Safety Council, said "We are seeing traffic proof this weekend that either far too many motorists are not taking their driving responsibilities seriously enough or that the pace and congestion of today's traffic may be more than they can manage."

The toll on the highways was boosted by multiple-fatality accidents in Texas, Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, North Carolina and West Virginia.

In a preliminary estimate the safety council said that 500 to 600 Americans might be killed in traffic accidents. The holiday toll was reported by the Associated Press began at 6 p.m. local time Friday and ended at midnight Monday night.

The record highway fatality toll for a Labor Day weekend was set in 1963 when 537 died. The lowest Labor Day weekend toll since World War II was in 1946 when 246 were victims. Last year the toll was 511 for Labor Day weekend.

The safety council had estimated that the weekend's motor record might total a record 8.9 million miles for the 78-hour period.

To provide a basis for comparison, The Associated Press made a survey of motor vehicle fatalities in a nonholiday period, which ran from Friday, Aug. 20, to midnight Monday, Aug. 23. The count showed 451 traffic deaths, 43 in boating accidents and 43 drownings for an over-all total of 501.

## 12 Flee Cumberland Fire, Arson Probe Indicated

By GRACE E. HUTCHINSON

CUMBERLAND — Twelve persons, including eight children, fled a two-family farm homestead on Morrison Hill here Monday evening amid minutes before flames destroyed the frame structure, an ell and a large attached barn.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Parsons and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rivers, occupants, and Mrs. Melville I. Wilson, owner of the property, told fire officials they believed the fire had been set.

Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. Rivers said kitchen curtains were found in flames in the Parsons' room earlier Monday after someone apparently broke into the homestead through a cellar bulkhead.

Five Chief Harold M. Hrag acknowledged that there were many rumors surrounding the blaze and said the fire is under investigation by Police Chief Richard J. C. Anderson. Anderson said he will consult with state arson investigators Tuesday.

Both the Parsons and the Rivers fled with their children, ranging in age from one month to 12 years, and the Rivers and their four children, ranging from one to five years, lost all their belongings.

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Except the clothes they were wearing and some washing on a clothesline.

Mrs. Rivers became extremely distraught during the course of the blaze after her five-year-old son, Richard, could not be found anywhere around the farmstead. She became convinced the boy was in the flame-filled barn and frenziedly tried to restrain her from entering the blazing structure.

The boy, however, had smoldered smoke in the house and had slipped outside in investigation. He saw the flames and ran across Route 100 to Mrs. Wilson's house to give the alarm.

Mrs. Wilson, thinking Mrs. Rivers had sent him and that she knew his whereabouts, kept the boy indoors during the course of the fire.

The flames started in the rear of the set of farm buildings and spread with lightning (Continued on Page 4; 4th Col.)

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School days can't be the happiest days of your life, if your child is old enough to attend.



**Declares Emergency**

President Ayub Khan of Pakistan delivers a radio address in the capital city of Rawalpindi Monday announcing a nationwide emergency and calling for his country to go on a war footing. (AP Wirephoto)

**Prayer For Today**

Almighty Father, I commend to Thy special care today my child who is returning to school. Forgive my sense of regret that he is out from under foot each day. I want for him the best. Bless his teachers and all who minister to him at school. Help him to realize the blessings that universal education provides. May it include for him an awareness of Jesus and Thy love. Amen.

—Hester Report, Ann Arbor, Mich., writer, First Methodist Church.

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