

# AP NewScope

## Team starts MIA recovery

SAIGON (AP) — The four-party military team charged with accounting for hundreds of missing Americans is setting up shop this week. A U.S. spokesman said top priority will be given to recovering the remains of airmen who died in North Vietnam.

The team, made up of North and South Vietnam, the Viet Cong and the United States, has scheduled its first formal meeting for Wednesday.

"One of our first orders of business will be arranging for the early transport from Hanoi of the remains of those airmen killed when their planes crashed or those who died in captivity," the U.S. spokesman said. "The Democratic Republic of Vietnam knows exactly where the bodies are buried."

## North Viets build forces

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Elliot Richardson said yesterday the North Vietnamese combat buildup in the south is at a level to sustain substantial, widespread attacks. "It's impossible to know what their intentions are," Richardson told newsmen before a closed session with the Senate Armed Services Committee on military procurement projects.

"Over-all, the flow of personnel and material is about the same as it was last year at this time," Richardson said.

"It is enough to sustain substantial attacks, widespread, throughout South Vietnam," he said hours after South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu arrived for talks with President Nixon at San Clemente, Calif.

Richardson said the North Vietnamese "do have reason, we believe" to abide by a cease-fire, and this should be reinforced in the U.S. approach to the post-U.S. role in Vietnam.

## Court declines to interfere

WASHINGTON — The future of the controversial trans-Alaska oil pipeline rested with Congress yesterday after the Supreme Court declined to enter the ecological and legislative tangle.

The high court, without comment or dissent, refused to interfere with a lower court decision blocking construction of the pipeline to bring oil from Alaska's North Slope to the seaport of Valdez.

The 789-mile project costing in the hundreds of millions faltered over the lack of a few feet of right-of-way.

The U.S. Circuit Court here ruled in February that the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 provided only 54-foot rights-of-way for pipelines over public land. Since the trans-Alaska project would require 146-foot widths in some places, the Circuit court prevented the Secretary of the Interior from issuing the necessary permits.

## Presidential offer rejected

WASHINGTON — Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr., D-N.C., yesterday rejected a White House effort to obtain special treatment for presidential aides in the Senate's investigation of the Watergate affair.

Ervin repeated his vow he will seek the arrests of White House aides if they do not honor subpoenas to testify under oath in formal private and public sessions.

He also told a news conference he believes White House counsel John W. Dean III was involved in a "conflict of interest" because he apparently represented key presidential advisers while trying to learn if they were involved in sabotage and espionage attempts.

Later yesterday, Ervin and the special Senate investigating committee he heads were criticized by presidential press secretary Ronald Ziegler.

## Calley appeals conviction

WASHINGTON — Army Lt. William L. Calley Jr. yesterday appealed his conviction in the My Lai massacre to the military's highest court.

In requesting the hearing before the U.S. Court of Military Appeals, Calley's lawyers relied in part upon a recent federal court decision striking down a portion of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Ultimately, Calley's fate will rest with President Nixon, who has said he will make a final review of the case as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces.

Calley is currently restricted to his quarters at Ft. Benning, Ga.

In a court-martial at Ft. Benning in 1971 Calley was sentenced to life imprisonment for the premeditated murder of "not less than 22 Vietnamese" and assault with intent to murder a Vietnamese child.

On Aug. 20, 1971, the commander of the Third Army reduced the sentence to 20 years hard labor, a penalty upheld by the Army Court of Military Review last February 16.

## Court rules to free funds

ST. LOUIS — The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled yesterday that President Nixon's impoundment of federal highway construction funds is illegal.

In a 2-1 decision, the federal panel ruled that funds appropriated by Congress "are not to be withheld from obligation for purposes totally unrelated to the highway program."

Nixon had impounded the money on grounds that it would be inflationary to spend it.

The President has impounded some \$15 billion for federal programs on housing, water pollution control, rural conservation, highways and other areas.

The appeals court upheld a ruling by Judge William H. Becker of U.S. District Court in Kansas City in connection with the impoundment of highway funds in Missouri.

## Bill to tighten info control

WASHINGTON — A proposed overhaul of the federal criminal code would impose new penalties against government employees who disclose classified information to anyone not authorized to receive it.

But Sen. Roman L. Hruska, R-Neb., yesterday said a Democrat's charge that the measure seeks to silence dissent is "totally unwarranted."

The provision is part of a 680-page administration bill to revise the entire code of federal criminal law.

Hruska and Sen. John L. McClellan, D-Ark., introduced the measure Wednesday.

Present law provides criminal penalties for disclosure of classified information to a foreign agent or a member of the Communist Party.

A Justice Department official said the major change in the new proposal is in the provision of penalties against federal employees disclosing classified information to any unauthorized person.

Under current law, the official said, disclosure to a foreign agent or a Communist is punishable by imprisonment for up to 10 years.

## House authorizes probe

HARRISBURG — The Republican-controlled House yesterday authorized a special investigation of the Shapp administration, directed at the state's Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

The probe was criticized by Democratic leaders, who said it could be handled by standing House committees rather than the special groups that will be appointed by the House Speaker.

Rep. David S. Hayes, R-Erie, prime sponsor of the resolution aimed at the motor vehicles agency, said his office alone is working on 31 registration problems of constituents. He said the bureau apparently has a "catastrophic problem."

But Democratic policy chairman Harry Englehart, D-Cambria, said the resolution's purpose "is nothing more than to harass the administration, harass the present secretary of transportation and make political headway."

The resolution passed 93-89, backed largely by Republicans.

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# States reconsider death penalty

Legislatures in almost two-thirds of the 50 states are considering measures to reinstate the death penalty and lawmakers in four other states already have passed bills bringing back capital punishment.

The Supreme Court ruled last July, in cases involving Georgia and Texas, that the death penalty, as imposed in most states, was unconstitutional. The 5-4 court ruling left the way open for legislatures to reimpose the death penalty, providing it

is mandatory," Sheldon Beychok, chairman of a special Louisiana commission on capital punishment said. "That is, the penalty must be imposed on both the rich man and the poor man." No action has been taken on the commission report.

Supporters of capital punishment cite the death penalty as a potential deterrent to crime and complain about coddling felons.

Among the states where restoration of the death penalty is pending are Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana,

Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

There are several bills pending in many states. Nine different proposals are on file in Nevada, for example, ranging from one that would impose the mandatory death penalty only for slayings of lawmen and prison guards to another that provides execution for any one of 10 different kinds of killings.

California lawmakers introduced seven bills dealing with the death penalty after voters last November approved a ballot proposition permitting the legislature to re-establish the death penalty.

# Geneen verifies \$1 million offer

WASHINGTON (AP) — International Telephone and Telegraph board chairman Harold S. Geneen acknowledged Monday that the firm offered \$1 million to the U.S. government to try to block Marxist Salvador Allende's election as president of Chile.

Testifying before a special Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee, Geneen said the offer to the White House and the State Department had a dual purpose—to defeat Allende by uniting his political opponents or to induce Allende to permit American firms to recover their investments in nationalized properties.

Geneen said the government did not take him up on the offer, which was made while Allende's 1970 election hung in the balance in the Chilean Congress.

"Of course," the ITT chief executive said, "our thinking was very preliminary and we had no specific plans."

But, he went on, "we did think that some socially constructive joint private industry and government projects could be part of the overall plan."

This, he said, might include building houses for the Chilean people.

Geneen also acknowledged discussing with a CIA official the possibility of supporting a plan to block Allende's election.

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