



QUALITY CARE — A Physical Therapist at one of 103 March of Dimes-supported Birth De-

man, third from right, new

fects Centers helps small patients take steps that will lead to useful, happy lives. He is typical of the skilled medical professionals who staff the

Reds Shell Dock Area

SAIGON — Communist gunners shelled a U.S. naval dock area at Dan Nang Thursday night, setting off a string of ammunition explosions. Naval sources said 40 to 60 persons had been in the area and casualties were expected to run high.

The shelling by one or more rockets destroyed a 118-foot utility landing craft—LTV—and ripped apart a 126-foot harbor utility craft—YFU—moored next to it. Associated Press correspondent Edwin G. White reported from Da Nang.

In Saigon, the allied commands reported Friday more than 30 overnight mortar and rocket attacks against military and civilian targets as the Communists' spring offensive entered its sixth day.

Over-all casualties and damage in those shellings were light and there were no significant ground attacks, the allies said.

White reported that Da Nang, South Vietnam's second largest city, came under fire attack for at least the fourth time since the offensive began last Sunday. He said one round crashed into a Vietnamese army compound, causing minor damage. Almost simultaneously, explosions erupted at the dock loading area by the vital river bridge that links the two parts of the city.

The force of the blast tore the

second ship—which was unloading ammunition—into three huge chunks, hurling one of them across a busy road that runs past the dock area, White said.

While the vital northern port city recovered from the shelling, allied forces across South Vietnam braced for a second and more violent wave of enemy attacks.

The opening phase has proved almost as bloody as the enemy's big drive a year ago. Allied sources said Thursday that 5,300 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong soldiers have been killed in the offensive kicked off Sunday and 321 have surrendered or defected.

The sources reported at least 300 Americans have been killed. A government spokesman reported 487 South Vietnamese troops killed, 1,707 wounded and 62 missing.

Some of the heaviest losses were inflicted on the enemy outside the big U.S. air base at Bien Hoa, 15 miles north of Saigon. After the enemy retreated early Thursday under a battering by allied infantrymen, tanks and planes, 24 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong bodies were counted on the battlefield, the allies reported.

Another 80 enemy soldiers were captured, including a deputy battalion commander and a company commander. South

Vietnamese troops, who bore the burden of the fighting, lost 14 killed and 79 wounded. American losses were one killed and 10 wounded.

Bien Hoa was the high water mark of the North Vietnamese-Viet Cong drive, but the allies kept watch to see whether the enemy would return to the attack. The busy air base at Bien Hoa is considered a prime objective of the new offensive.

Some U.S. intelligence officers are convinced the main target is Saigon. Elements of three North Vietnamese divisions have been maneuvering around the capital, field reports indicated.

U.S. 1st Air Cavalry Division soldiers looking for the enemy reported killing 46 Wednesday 35 miles north of Saigon.

In one of the few new enemy actions, the base city of Da Nang to the north was hit by two rockets Thursday night. One set fire to supplies at a U.S. Navy cargo ramp. Flames soared 100 feet into the air and set off a small amount of ammunition. Several persons were wounded.

The second rocket exploded near a Vietnamese army compound, breaking windows.

This was the fourth time Da Nang, the second largest city in

American Airlines Closed by Strike

WASHINGTON —A coast-to-coast Transportation Workers Union strike shut down American Airlines Thursday, forcing an estimated 50,000 air travelers to hunt seats on other planes.

Most American passengers caught by the walkout of some 13,000 TWU members experienced relatively little delay or inconvenience as other carriers brought in extra help and equipment to handle them.

The strike began at midnight at the end of a 30-day cooling-off period, ordered under the National Railway Labor Act, when the TWU rejected an offer of arbitration in the talks that had been going on since last May.

Spokesmen at the National Mediation Board said contract talks ended when the strike began.

American, which serves 41 American cities and flies into Canada and Mexico, ranks second in passenger volume for U.S. carriers behind United Air Lines. American says it carries 50,000 passengers on an average day.

To help handle the overflow from American, other airlines are reinforced clerk and reservations help around the nation and readied extra planes.

A spokesman for the TWU, which represents mechanics, inspectors, fleet service, ground service, stores and communications workers in 52 cities, said there were quite a few "hangups" to be settled in the negotiations, "and they're very, very tricky ones."

He said major disagreements were over scheduling at American's huge Tulsa, Okla., overhaul station where 4,000 mechanics work. He added there were "quite a few economic issues — pensions, wages, of course, and the length of the contract."

While the TWU spokesman declined to talk about specific wage demands, he said the union was seeking a 5 cent-an-hour premium for all workers required to have government licenses to work on American's fleet of 220 planes.

These licenses include power plant and airframe certification by the Federal Aviation Administration and second-class licenses from the Federal Communications Commission for American's communications workers.

Under the present TWU contract with American, a mechanic at any airport except Tulsa — known in the trade as a "line station" — gets \$4.16 an hour. The Tulsa workers get a nickel less.

Harnett Planning Water System

LILLINGTON — The Harnett County Planning Board, at a meeting with county commissioners Wednesday night, unfolded plans for a \$6.5 million project to provide water for

Vietnam, had been hit by rockets since Sunday.

Sharp fighting broke out south of Da Nang Wednesday. U.S. Marines reported killing 84 enemy soldiers near An Hoa, 20 miles southwest of Da Nang. Marine casualties were given as six killed and 29 wounded.

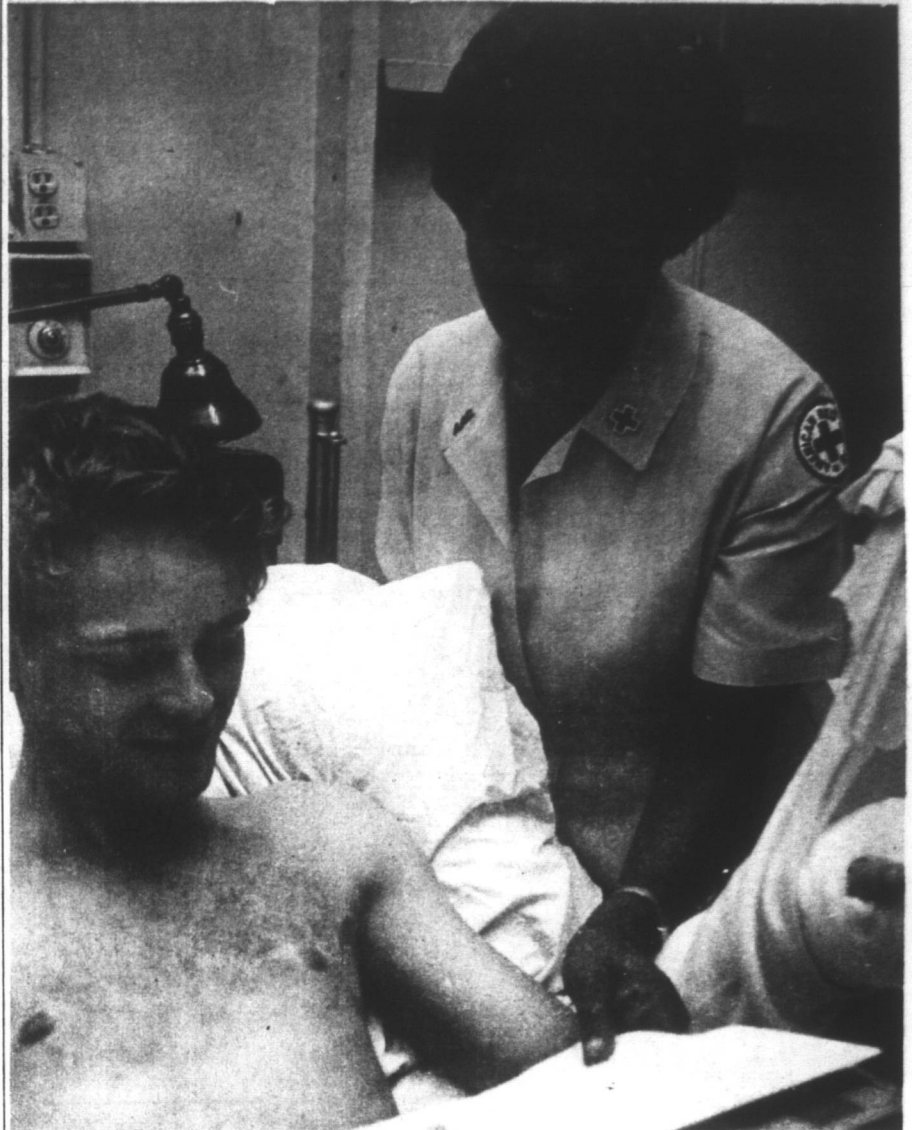
Government troops fighting off an attack on Quang Ngai, a provincial capital 80 miles south of Da Nang, said they killed 37 enemy troops while taking light casualties.

every section of the county. The plan will be presented to the mayors and governing boards of the various towns at a later meeting.

Assistant Civil Defense Director Frank Lewis said the plan would provide an adequate and economical water supply to approximately 75 to 80 per cent of all citizens of the county who reside in a 10-mile corridor.

Under the proposal, the county would purchase existing water plants from each town and would then sell water to each town at a low bulk rate, enabling the towns to resell the water at a profit comparable to that now being earned.

A 15-cent property tax is estimated to be needed to finance the project until it becomes self-sustaining.



CHAPEL HILLIAN IN SAIGON

(Saigon, February, 1969) — SP/4 James Jacobs, 2095 Treedy Blvd., South Gate, California, checks written contest form with American Red Cross Field Director Lucille Caldwell, 111 Caldwell St., Chapel Hill, North Carolina, at the Third Field Hospital in Saigon. Red Cross professional staff provide welfare and recreation services for hospitalized U.S. servicemen at 18 hospitals and 2 hospital ships in Southeast Asia. (American Red Cross Photo by James Caccavo)

164 GIs Die

Last Week

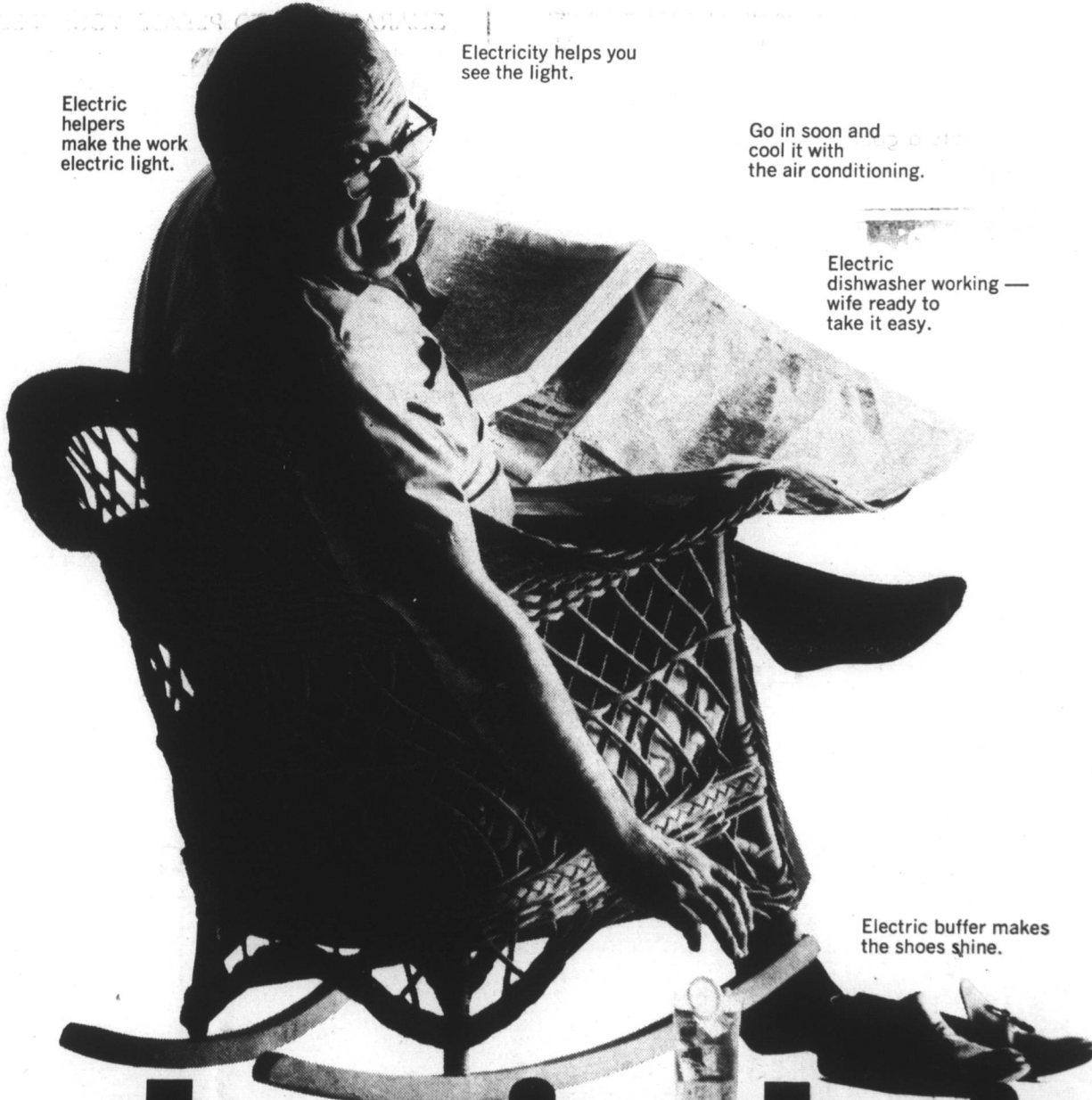
SAIGON —U.S. headquarters announced Thursday that 164 Americans were killed in Vietnam fighting last week, lowest figure in six weeks. The toll reflected a slackening in combat during celebration of the Lunar New Year (Tet). Communist forces launched a general offensive last Sunday, and American casualties this week are expected to be the highest in months.

Reports Thursday said about 250 Americans have been killed

and more than 1,000 wounded since the first shots were fired in the new offensive. American losses for the week ended last Saturday included 1,103 wounded. The overall total of 1,267 men killed and wounded was the lowest since the week ended Jan. 11 when 151 Americans were killed and 1,398 wounded.

South Vietnamese losses last week were placed at 104 men killed and 524 wounded, lowest since the week ended Oct. 26, 1968, when 103 were killed and 578 were wounded.

Allied forces reported killing 2,980 Communists last week, about the same number as other weeks this year.



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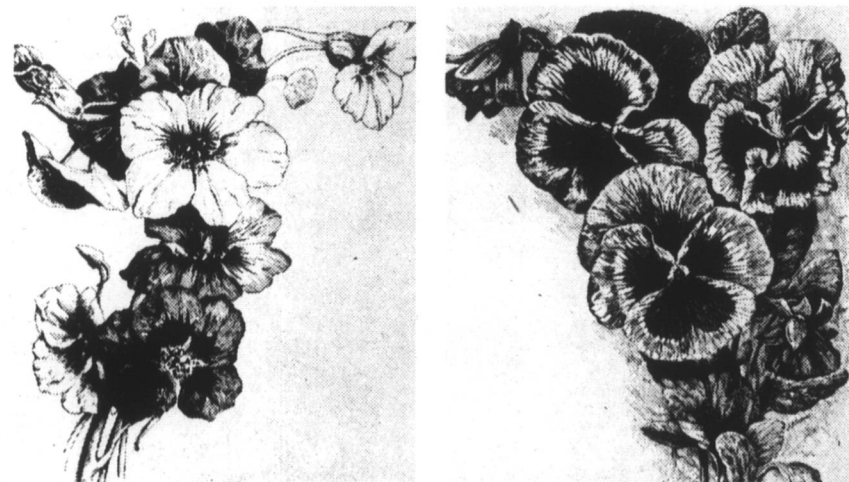
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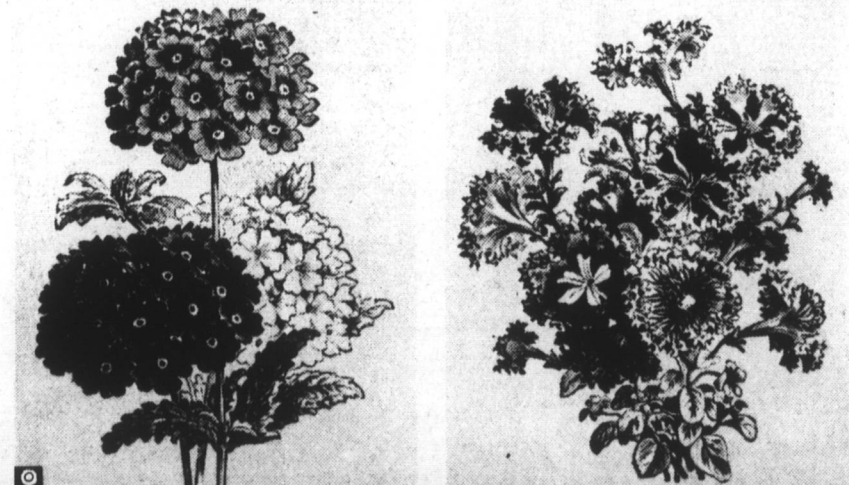
A Picture Story —

NOSTALGIC



Not so very long ago seed catalogs were illustrated with drawings like these instead of color photographs as they are nowadays. Yet

there's much charm in these accurate sketches from turn-of-the-century and the kinds of flowers are still the same, although their forms, colors



and growth habits have been changed by plant breeders. Now we have double nasturtiums with flowers carried above the foliage; huge pansies

without veins; double, brilliantly colored verbenas and petunias single, double, frilled and unfrilled, one hue or bi-colored, all hybrids.