

Red Cross Vietnam Project For Soldier About Completed

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Thousands of volunteer workers in all parts of the United States are now putting the finishing touches on a giant Santa Claus project they began early in May.

The program, carried on for the third successive year, has been to make and fill enough gift bags so that one can be given to each service-

man and servicewoman stationed in Vietnam at Christmas time.

Entitled "Red Cross Shop Early-Vietnam 1968," the undertaking has engaged the efforts of volunteers in 1,734 of the 3,300 American Red Cross chapters and other organizations—church, civic, social, and fraternal and business firms—cooperating with them.

Most recent reports from

the four domestic Red Cross area offices, in Alexandria, Va., Atlanta, St. Louis, and San Francisco, were that chapters in all areas have substantially exceeded the quotas assigned to them, assuring success of the venture.

In 1967, the gift bags sent to Vietnam for distribution to Americans there brought a flood of "thank-you" letters from men and women of all

ranks in the military services.

The bags, red or green in color, are made of cotton material sturdy enough to withstand the tropical heat of Vietnam and remain serviceable for their owners' personal effects after the original contents are used. They were sewn by Red Cross and other volunteers expert with sewing machines, then filled by other volunteer groups.

Red Cross chapters have been asked to enclose in each bag a Christmas greeting card identifying the chapter and cooperating agencies.

The bags will be shipped to Vietnam during this and next month—deadline date is October 15.

Among the items placed in the bags for men are ballpoint pens, pen-sized flashlights with batteries, small pen knives, windproof type cigarette lighters with package of lighter flints, plastic soap cases, small packages of writing paper with self-seal envelopes, small address books, plastic toothbrush holders, terry cloth washcloths nail clippers, plastic cigarette cases, combs, mailing-size voice tapes, small vacuum packed tins of nuts or candies, small plastic snapshot-holders, small kitchen-size plastic bags, pocket games and decks or cards, pocket or diary-type calendars, "Wipe and Shine" packet shoe polish and "Wash and Dries."

At least eight of the following items have been included in the special gift bags for servicewomen:

Cold-water soap, sewing kits, foot "pads," emery boards, hand lotion, night caps, show-

er caps, creme sachet or cologne, bobby pins, straight and safety pins, small packets of facial tissues, "Wash and Dries," talcum powder, "Wipe and Shine" shoe polish, sachet packets, small powder puffs, floral designed notepaper with self-seal envelopes, nylon and plastic headcovers, packet-type deodorants, calendar-type towels, dry cleaning pads, cosmetic remover pads, ballpoint pens, tins of nuts and candies,

small games and puzzles, and pocket or diary calendars.

Red Cross officials say the "Shop Early" program is intended to be a tangible way for Americans to say "We care about our troops in Vietnam."

liked to compete in the Miss America Pageant, was chosen Miss Black America of 1968 early Sunday.

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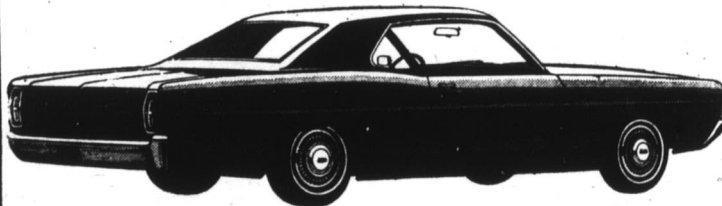
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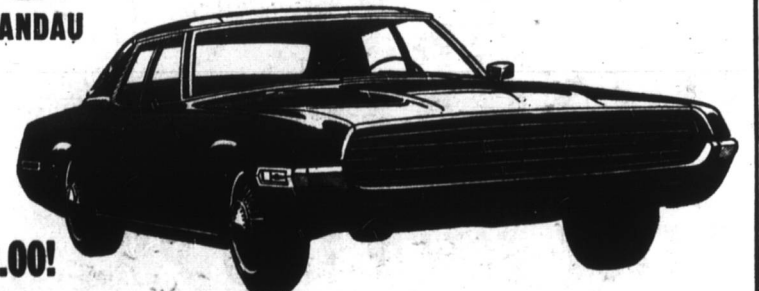
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