

Conclusive MIA evidence missing

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information that additional American POWs are still being held in Southeast Asia or elsewhere, as a result of the Indochina war," said Gen. Vernon A. Walters, deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

"I would like to state that I personally believe that they are still holding men in Indochina," said Col. Raymond Schrupp, a five-year POW from Fayetteville. "I have no facts to base this on. It is just a gut feeling that I have."

The committee decided that no Americans were still being held. The final report published by the group said that, "because of the nature and circumstances in which many Americans were lost in combat in Indochina, a total accounting by the Indochinese governments is not possible and should not be expected."

The report did not convince Davis. "Montgomery said in the report what he wanted the people to know."

"He came to one of the league's first meetings and said that there was every reason to believe that some of the MIAs could be accounted for. He said that he would do everything in his power to account for them."

"Montgomery came back the following year and had a complete change of heart. He told us that he would do his best, but probably the men could never be accounted for. Whether it was political pressure or not, I don't know."

U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms was unconvinced by the report. "Four of the nine members of the select committee disagreed strongly with the conclusions," he told a Jan. 10, 1977 Senate session. "The Congress of the United States must not allow those to stand without debate." "The committee reached a rational conclusion, but was stymied by a lack of information," Brig. Gen. Norman Gaddis of Winston-Salem said in a recent interview.

"We should continue to press for an accounting, but at the same time, we must realize that some pilots went down in areas that were heavily vegetated. The plane could burn up and no one would ever know."

When Col. Schrupp testified before the Select Committee, he had no facts to base his belief that there were still POWs being held on. Now he says he believes he does.

"A Vietnamese refugee, a former sergeant, called me at my home last week and said that as late as October of '75, the Vietnamese were still holding American soldiers. This was after North Vietnam had released the POWs and said they had no more."

The man told Schrupp that he saw Americans

being moved from camps in Laos and Cambodia into the U-Minh forest on the southwestern coast of Vietnam. He saw two men in the bottom of a sampan, a canoe like boat, with their hands tied behind their backs. A Vietnamese soldier was beating them with a stick.

Another refugee living in Australia verifies his story. A tape of his statement is being analyzed on a machine similar to a lie detector.

"This could mushroom into something big," Schrupp said. "At first, I thought there could be no more than five or six POWs still being held, but now I believe there are more."

The Defense Department is now reviewing the cases of the 712 Americans still listed as missing in action.

An Air Force review is now going on in San

this time. "It's simply unfair," Schrupp said. "We must apply pressure on the Communists to make them allow us to go in and see for ourselves."

"The President sent the Woodcock Commission over to Vietnam, but only Washington officials were allowed on it. I begged to be on the commission, but there was absolutely no way anyone would let me. The North Vietnamese would not have been able to look me squarely in the eyes and say that all of the POWs and MIAs had been accounted for."

"Two men in camp with me died while I was there. I saw where they were buried, but the Communists insist that they have no record of these men. If I could go over there, I could show you their graves."

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— U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms

Antonio, Texas," Davis said. "I think they are in the process of declaring all of the MIAs dead."

Both Col. Schrupp and Sen. Helms are trying to stop the review.

"It would be convenient for the Defense Department to close the books on the case," Helms said, following a recent fund-raising dinner in Raleigh. "It would make it a lot easier for the State Department to pursue other goals in Southeast Asia if the problem were glossed over."

He explained that the Paris Agreement which ended the Vietnam War requires North Vietnam to account for only the missing Americans, not those presumed dead.

"It's imperative that we not close the books at

Gen. Gaddis did not feel that a reclassification of the MIAs would take any pressure off the State Department. "But at the same time, we would not have any dialogue with the Communists in Indochina until we are sure that the missing cannot be accounted for."

"To vote for their membership in the United Nations was a mistake on our part."

Even if the MIAs are reclassified, Davis will not give up hope.

"Until I'm assured that Felton is dead, I'll continue looking," she said.

"The government owes him, not me, an accounting. I don't want to sound bitter, but this country has not stood behind him."

Construction to begin on rainy-day shelters

The Chapel Hill Board of Transportation Tuesday reviewed bus-shelter locations it approved last year and began taking steps toward the construction of the shelters.

"We'll soon bid for purchase of the shelters," Bill Callahan, administrative assistant, said Wednesday. He said the

shelters, which will provide rain protection for persons waiting for buses, should be completed by mid-summer.

However, a new bus-maintenance facility will take a little longer to plan. Board members also reviewed alternatives to the new maintenance facility for buses.

"The design was originally drawn by an architect, and the board felt it was a little large, so we went back to work on rearrangements," Callahan said.

He said the board now is working to approve a final design and cost estimate.

Callahan said cost estimates vary from \$400,000 to \$700,000 due to differences in proposed building plans. He said only 10 percent of the cost will come from local funds while the state and federal governments will provide 90 percent.

Callahan said the board also is awaiting memorandum showing the outcome of survey taken by transportation consultant to develop a finance plan for bus services. The cost will be shared by the town and UNC.

The survey, which is based on the type of fares used and on different locations, will be analyzed by UNC and the town in choosing a cost-allocation formula, Callahan said.

— LOU HARNED



On a quiet walk through Mason Farm Nature Preserve, Ned Hudson came across the peace it preserves: caught in a square cage is a monument to the dead.

Board to hear proposal to solve parking problems

Drake says new law is constitutional

The assistant attorney for Chapel Hill has drafted a new town parking ordinance to replace the one whose constitutionality has not been determined yet by the court.

David Drake, who drafted the new ordinance, said Tuesday that he could not release the specific provisions until the ordinance is presented to the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen.

He said the initial intention is to present the new ordinance to the board at their meeting Jan. 23, but that that is not definite.

The existing ordinance, adopted by the board in July 1977, restricts parking on 41 residential streets. Part of the statute provides that residents on the streets can apply to the board for free parking permits if off-street parking is not available.

Philip E. Williams, a UNC law student, filed a lawsuit against the town charging that the parking ordinance creates a special class of people — those able to receive parking permits — and is therefore unconstitutional under both the U.S. and N.C. constitutions.

The existing ordinance has not been enforced since Henry A. McKinnon Jr., Orange County District Court judge, issued an injunction after the suit was filed which invalidates existing permits and prohibits the town from issuing more.

Drake said he does not know when the existing ordinance would be tested in court. However, Emery Denny, town attorney, said previously that if the board approves a new parking ordinance, the existing statute would be moot, a purely academic issue.

Denny said that the existing parking ordinance is constitutional in light of a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision upholding a community's right to restrict commuter parking in traffic-congested neighborhoods.

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direct Southern Bell to eliminate directory assistance charges for the first month of fall semester.

Carson responded that Southern Bell records show that only 1.06 percent of customers in Chapel Hill were billed for directory assistance, about one-third the state average.

In testimony Wednesday related to the RHA presentation, John Temple, UNC vice chancellor for business and finance, opposed the adoption of a CENTREX system for UNC residence halls.

Southern Bell says the system, similar to one now used at N.C. State University, would centralize on-campus telephone operations and provide savings to residence hall residents.

Temple said the costs cited by Southern Bell for such a system were too low.

Under the CENTREX proposal, the University would be billed for all phone service to residence halls. Every dorm room would have a working phone, and a one-time installation bill would be shouldered by the University and passed along, perhaps in dorm-rent increase, to students.

Temple said the proposal would put UNC back in the telephone business.

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All other students:

1st class day	Last names beginning A-F	Wednesday, Jan. 11
2nd class day	Last names beginning G-L	Thursday, Jan. 12
3rd class day	Last names beginning M-R	Friday, Jan. 13
4th class day	Last names beginning S-Z	Monday, Jan. 16

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