

OTHER EDITORS SAY

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You Should Know

The grim struggle for freedom in South Viet Nam was underlined for the American public last week.

A casualty list of hundreds killed and wounded in the bitter fighting against the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese was released in Washington.

It drew the attention of the world as well as the American public to the huge United States build-up in Viet Nam.

America so far has committed more than 200,000 men to the struggle against Communist aggression.

Do we in Australia realize what we owe to the United States?

It is fashionable in many quarters to deride America, to exaggerate the occasional diplomatic gaffe, and to scoff at errors of judgment.

But without the vast strength of America the free world today would fall like a ripe plum into the hands of communism.

American today is the policeman of the world.

How many people realize that she has under arms outside the United States more than one million servicemen?

And that her police duties in-

volve these far flung responsibilities:

- West Germany, 250,000;
- France 50,000; United Kingdom, 35,000; Mediterranean, 35,000;
- Spain, 10,000; Italy, 10,000; West Berlin, 6,500; Azores, 1,900; Libya, 3,000; Turkey, 8,000; Thailand, 4,000; Philippines, 10,000;
- Pacific Fleet, 55,000; Okinawa, 50,000; Japan, 40,000; South Korea, 40,000; Greenland, 6,000; Iceland, 4,000; Caribbean, 20,000.

But men of war are only one side of the story. America's Peace Corps, serving in 46 countries, now has 15,000 volunteers dedicated to the assistance and guidance of countries in need.

Foreign aid — and let it be said with pride that Australia is one of the countries that have never asked American financial aid — cost America 3,244 million dollars last year.

The quest into space and nuclear research are costing the United States billions of dollars.

But that outlay means that the free world is able to keep a jump ahead of the section of the world dominated by Moscow and Peking.

Almost in a minor key mention has to be made of America's help in education, re-

search, health, libraries and technical training.

And although she has millions under arms, she is working for peace as demonstrated by proposals on disarmament, nuclear test ban treaty, the treaty outlawing nuclear weapons in outer space, and the work on peaceful uses of atomic energy.

The tasks and responsibilities of the United States are almost terrifying in their magnitude.

We in Australia, like all free men, should thank God for the protection and friendship of the United States, and its contribution throughout the world to the cause of peace.

COLE TO MACDILL

Airman Third Class Henry A. Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Cole of Rt. 2, Dover, has been graduate at Sheppard AFB, Tex., from the training course for Air Force aircraft mechanics. Airman Cole, who attended South Lenoir High School is being assigned to Mac Dill AFB, Fla., for duty with the Tactical Air Command.

APPEALS COSTS

Marvin Murphy of Pink Hill last week was found not guilty of malicious damage to private property in recorder's court, but he was ordered to pay court

costs for simple assault. He appealed to superior court.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

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only thing they have to sell their wares is their ghoulish dress and stringy hair. Most of them look like an old latrine mop that suddenly comes to the semi-life with the wildest cophony and the damndest non-rhythms.

To please my kids I watched "Hullabaloo" once and that was twice too much. But I'm concerned about how much ammunition that squad of infantry burned up Tuesday night.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

No Place Like Home

It sounds like a fairy tale. A poor New York family with three little girls is forced to leave home, a miserable apartment condemned as unsafe. For a few days they are given temporary shelter in a slum hotel, then compelled to move again. They cannot find a dwelling the ill-paid father can afford.

Suddenly a fairy godmother appears. Well, not really one of these storybook characters but one just as good — someone from the city's Economic Opportunity Committee, with authority to put the family in decent quarters at city expense until a permanent home can be found for them.

Abracadabra! Open Sesame! Where do they find themselves? In the famous, elegant Astor Hotel. The hotel had offered to take nine of the city's displaced families at a special rate to the city at \$5 a day. The Luis Rivera family, the characters in our tale, were one of those who

moved in.

We wish we could say they lived happily ever after. But this is not true. Mrs. Rivera found the Astor far from homelike. "It's only for honeymooners and tourists," she told a reporter. "It's not a place to raise children." No nearby school. No kitchen. The family has to hunt for cheap restaurants hard to find in the Astor neighborhood.

Mrs. Rivera says she cleans her own two rooms because it makes her feel "a little bit like I'm home." Her great desire is to get back to a flat such as they had before. The city's Relocation Commission is reported hunting for one.

Fairy godmothers, after all and despite their generosity, do not always give people what best fills their needs.

Doug Taylor Going To Air Force School



Airman Douglas Taylor, son of Mrs. Elsie D. Taylor of Rt. 1, Pink Hill, has been selected for training at Keesler AFB, Miss., as an Air Force communications — electronics specialist.

The airman, a 1965 graduate of South Lenoir High School, recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex.



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