# Gl's <br> A SHAU VALLEY, Vieinam (AP)—Thousands 

of U.S. helicopter-borne cavalrymen have invaded the Communist command's biggest military supply base in South Vietnam, the A Shau Valley along the Laotian border.

The U.S. Command partially lifted the security lid off the operation Sunday.

The U.S. 1st Air Cav. Div. troops drove through what their commander, Maj. Gen. John J. Tolson, called "very sophisticated and damn good antiaircraft forces" to reestablish the presence of American troops in the valley after more than two years.

North Vietnamese long-reaching 23 mm and 37 mm antiaircraft guns, a rarity in South Vietnam, and . 50 caliber machine guns destroyed or damaged about 30 American helicopters in the first 24 hours of the raid Some of them were hit at 6,000 feet.
"Hell, I've never lost that many (helicopters) in weeks and weeks," ToIson said. "By far it's the hottest place we've ever gone into and the most losses we've taken in a single day."
Low-hanging clouds and fog over the valley put the operation, codenamed Delaware, several days behind schedule by delaying the movement of troops and artillery.
The bad weather might have given the entemy a chance to get out.
But for Tolson, it was a personal triumph and one that he had long looked forward to, since it marked the first time American troops had set foot in the North Vietnamese stronghold in force since the enemy overran the A Shau Special Forces camp in March 1966.
"I've wanted to do it for a long time," said Tolson, "It is a real fine application of the division, a classic use of the air cavalry. We're right in there before he knows what's happening."
The helicopters dipped down through small holes in the cloud covers onto incredible peaks, some 5,000 feet high, to drop infantrymen and big artillery pieces on the high ground dominating what Tolson called a "weird piece of terrain . . . like a ditch cut out of a bunch of mountains."
Two helicopters trying to land (Continued on Back Page, Col. 1)


## 5 Slain; Student Accused

CHARLESTON, III. (AP) - An 18-year-old high school senior was charged Sunday with the methodical murders of five brothers and sisters of a girl he reportedly had dated.

Thomas Charles Fuller II was seized early Sunday while walking near the campus of Eastern Illinois University about 13 hours after neighbors said they heard gunshots near the William Cox home outside Mattoon.
Charleston is 10 miles east of Mattoon.
Five of the Cox children were found shot to death Saturday night in and around a barn on the family farm.
Deputy Coroner Jess Caudill said each of the victims-Lewis, 16; Theresa, 9 ; Mary Catharine, 8; Gary, 7, and Kenneth, 5-had been shot in the head with a small caliber pistol. The two girls' heads also had been battered, police said.
Fuller offered no resistance when he was seized by a Charleston policeman and a (Continued on Back Page, Col. 2)

## Hughes Joins Getty In Billionaire Class

NEW YORK (UPI) - Aircraft and tools magnate Howard Hughes has moved into the billionaire class, a lonely eminence of wealth occupied a decade ago by only one American, oilman J. Paul Getty, a survey shows.

The study published by Fortune magazine, its first survey of American millionaires since 1957, showed that the nation also has six half-billionaires and 153 persons with more than $\$ 100$ million apiece. One of the latter, Duke tobacco heir Walker P. Inman Jr., is only 16.
Fortune said the 62 -year-old Hughes, who has recently made vast investments in Nevada real
estate, was in a neck-and-neck race with Getty for the distinction of being the wealthiest American. Each has between $\$ 1$ billion and $\$ 1.5$ billion, nobody can be sure exactly how much, the magazine said.
Fortune said its study "makes clear that it is still quite possible to build a great fortune from small beginnings within a few years."
Many of the names on the list, however, were inheritors of great industrial and financial fortunes.

Five members of Pittsburgh's Mellon banking dynasty were (Continued on Back Page, Col. 2)

# DOD's Buying Practices Labeled 'Flagrantly Loose' 

WASHINGTON (AP) - A congressional committee accused the Defense Department Sunday of "loose and flagrantly negligent management practices" in its $\$ 45$-billion-a-year buying programs.
The Senate-House Economic Subcommittee on Economy in Government cites testimony that a spot check on a single aspect of defense procurement practices indicated overcharges of $\$ 130$ million over a 10 -year period.
"Obviously, this figure represents only a fraction of the total overcharge," the subcommittee says in a report based on hearings last November and December.
A Pentagon statement called the findings inaccurate and misleading.
The report says the department apparently refuses to reverse a trend toward awarding contracts by negotiation rather than competitive bidding. By value, 86.1 per cent of its buying during the 1951-67 period was negotiated, the subcommittee reports.
The department, the largest single government spender by a used a 5 -year-old act intended to insure that negotiated contracts are based on accurate cost data, the report contends. Spot checks, it adds, indicate $\$ 130$ million in overcharges over ten years.

## Raid Starts <br> Looting

## In Omaha

OMAHA, Neb. (UPI) - Rov ing bands of young Negroes looted stores, set fires, threw rocks at police and beat a white service station attendant Saturday night and Sunday in a rampage following a police raid on a dice game.

At least nine persons, includ ing four policemen, were hur and 15 arrests were made dur ing the first five-hour outbreak. More arrests were made during sporadic hit and run raids Sunday morning.
Pelice Sunday attempted to break up the roving gangs. An officer said, "When you approach them they run like deer."
Grocery and liquor stores appeared the favorite targets of the looters. Twenty persons were seen looting one grocery. At least 12 business places were looted.
Police said the trouble started when they broke up a dice game involving 15 persons, only to see it start again and grow to about 40 persons. Officers tried to break it up again.
When a 28 -year-old man was arrested after a scuffle with police, a hail of bricks and bot tles rained down on police cruis ers.

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It says moreover the depart, ment's "practice of furnishing property to contractors at government expense without prope scrutiny amounts to a multibil lion-dollar backdoor subsidy never intended by the Con gress."
Despite stated policies to require contractors to provide their own machine tools and other facilities wherever possi ble and to replace old government equipment with modern privately owned machines, the


## Joins Gallery of First Ladies

## Mrs. Margaret Truman Daniel, helped by Mrs. Room of the White House. It was painted by Mrs, Lyndon Johnson, unveils a portrait of her mother. Greta Kempton in 1967 and donated by the White Mrs. Harry S Truman, at a reception in the East House Historical Assoclation.

## After Miami Vacation

## Flyin' Feline Finally Lands Home <br> GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) <br> A nurse at the convalescent <br> Smith and told her Smokey was

-Smokey the cat was back home Sunday, still a little dizzy over his odyssey which took him unexpectedly to Miami, Fla. and back to Miehigan last week Smokey, a cat with five toes on his front paws, is owned by Chloe Smith, who lives near a convalescent home operated by Mary Norris. Mrs. Norris los Mar six-toed cat Trixie her six-toed cat, Trixie, abou two months ago-shortly befor she left for Florida
home spotted what she thought was the lost cat and alerted Mrs. Norris' mother, who shipped the animal to Florida. When she opened the cage Mrs. Norris realized the ca wasn't Trixie, so she called he mother, Faith Page, to say she had air mailed the wrong cat.
Meanwhile, Mrs. Page noticed an advertisement in the Grand Rapids Press for a lost Mrs. Page telephoned Mrs
all right and was flying back to Michigan.
Smokey was shipped back home by air freight but was grounded for awhile at Cleveland and later trucked from Detroit to Grand Rapids where Mrs. Smith reported the cat seemed a bit confused but healthy and "he's drinking a lot of water."
Trixie, Mrs. Norris' lost cat is still missing.

Air Show Crash Kills 4

SAN LUIS OBISPO (AP)-A pilot and three passengers were killed Saturday in the fiery crash of an old biplane near California Polytechnic College airfield where 400 persons were watching an air show.
Charles Edward Lassiter, 39, of San Francisco, had just piloted his friends once around the field when the engine of the four-seater Waco stalled. It plunged straight down and burst into flames, burning all four aboard beyond recognition.
Two of the other victims were Leo Francis Philbin, 48, an instructor in the aeronautics department at Cal Poly, and Steven V. Caruso, 20, a U.S. airman whose military card listed him as a visitor from Travis Air Force Base, Calif.
A social security card found on the fourth passenger identified him only as Charles Eugene Johnson. He was believed to be from the San Luis Obispo area.
Lassiter's plane was one of some 20 visiting the campus as part of Poly Royal, a sort of country fair celebration held annually on the campus.

## Average <br> Income aî \$3,137 <br> WASHINGTON (AP) - Per-

 sonal income increased for Americans in all states and regions of the country last year. the U.S. government reported Sunday.Total personal income rose nearly 7 pex cent over 1966 for an average of $\$ 3,137$ for the whole pepulation.
Preliminary estimates by the Commerce Department showed increases ranging from less than 4 per cent in four states - North Dakota, New Mexico. Iowa and Nebraska-to more than 9 per cent in Washington and Maryland.
The highest average income per person, $\$ 4,268$, was recorded for the District of Columbia. Connecticut topped the state list with $\$ 3,865$, and Mississippi's $\$ 1,895$ was the lowest per capita average.
Although the historically high income areas stayed high in 1967, the government noted a continuing narrowing of regional differences in this decade. Average incomes in the Southeast, and the lowest end of the regional scale, rose 50 per cent from 1968 through 1967 per cent from 1960 through 1907, for example, while the per capita 37 per cent.

SHORT RIBS
By Frank $\mathrm{O}^{\prime}$ Neal


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## Plenty of Fun Down Under

By SPEC. 5 RAY BELFORD SAIGON - Since returning rom seven days in sunny Sydney, I have heard that "Waltzing Matilda" is catching up with "I Left My Heart in San Francisca" as the most requested song in clubs throughout quested song in
And after being there, I can see why!
In less than 10 months, Aus tralia has become a major attraction on the R\&R schedule and if you can believe all the stories you hear, each guy had a better time tham the next.
In seven days and nights (I got an extra day because my return flight was delayed), I wasn't able to see all of what Sydney has to offer, but with the help of a friend I had met in Saigon and the help of a certain bird (that's girl in Australia) I did hits some really swinging places.
Tops on my list of jumpin" joints is "Martinz Place," pronounced Martin's Place, and to add to the confusion, located in a section of town called Martin's Place.
Sydneyites tell me that Martinz has the biggest dance floor in town. There are several other attractions too. Like telephones at every table and one of the top bands in Australia.
The telephones are, for what else, calling other tables, Tables else, calling other tables, Tables to do is dial the number of the table you want to talk to.
Gus and the Nomads (with a backward " $N$ ") play at Martinz nightly, with the music beginning at-8:30 - prns and lasting until about 1:30 a.m. They keep the biggest dance floor in Sydney also the most crowded.

Ranking high with other serv. icemen are Whiskey A-Go-Go, The Motor Club and Chequers. For dinner, everyone should visit the "Coachman" at least once.
A complete dinner for two with a fine wine runs less than $\$ 15$, and you are surrounded by an Old English atmosphere.
For late night snacks there is Moby Dick's and Mother's Cellar in the Kings Cross section of Sydney.
The big town down under also offers a wide variety of daytime entertainment.

Sydney offers four race tracks with horse racing. Wednesdays and Saturdays. Minimum bet is 50 cents and Australia has legalized bookmakers if you want to bet a bundle.
For sailing lovers, I recom-
mend a touring sail and picnic provided by Tom Bailey, an American with a 60 -foot yacht. Tom can be found after i1. a.m. in the bar at the Whita a.m. in the bar at the Whita
Hall Hotel at Rushcutters Bay. If he's not around, talk to Jerry If he's not arou
The trip costs $\$ 14$ and includes a stop at a beach that can only be reached by boat, American style charcoal hamburgers, a return tour of Sydney Harbor and you don't have to worry about missing the night life. The tour is over by 6:30 p.m.
Hotel aecommodations in Sydney are excellent. I stayed at the White Hall in a beautiful room overlooking scenic Rushcutters Bay with radio, musie, television, air-conditioning and refrigerator, and the whole week's bill came to $\$ 54$.

## Viet Orphanage Thrives On AirCommandos'Aid

DA NANG, Vietnam (IO) Members of the Air Force's 311th Air Commando Sq. at Da Nang $A B$ recently undertook a job that means as much to them as any combat mission they have flown - "Operation LifeLine't.
The China Beach Orphanage on the shore of the South China Sea is the home of 201 children aged $31 / 2$ to 16 years, A nondenominational institution, the home was founded in 1962 by a Protestant minister, the Rev. Gordon Smith, and his wife. A three-point program of aid or the children was started by the Air Commandos. Some of the men checked local military
channels to see what support they could get. Other men wrote home to their families, churches and friends asking for help. The third contribution is the men themselves. Whenever members of the Phan Rang-based squadron are at Da Nang, they go to dron are at Da Nang, they go to the orphanage
for the kids.
The response has been outstanding, reports one of the project officers. The Air Com mandos have received many boxes of clothes and items such as tooth brushes and soap from the states.
Local military support has provided milk, vitamins and medical care.


# Helicopter Assault Penetrates A Shau Valley <br> (Continued From Page 1) <br> U.S. Command did not permit <br> supply routes leading out of the <br> highways and trails in the <br> gasoline were found along a 

In a zone that was too small plowed into 70 -foot high trees that left them masses of twisted wreckage.

The valley, also a key troop infiltration route, runs from the northwest to the southeast for 25 miles, paralleling the Laotian border. Its center is about 375 miles north of Saigon.

Once on the ground, the U.S. troops encountered little opposition during the first week of the operation. The antiaircraft fire also diminished after the first day. Reconnaissance helicopters got a better fix on the enemy gunners once they revealed themselves and directed bombers and rocket-firing helicopter gunships onto their positions.
The air cavalrymen, with more than, 200 helicopters at ing into the northern tip of the valley nine days ago, but the
newsmen covering the operation to disclose portions of it until Sunday for security reasons.
The cavalrymen reported killing less than 50 enemy troops in the initial stages of the thrust, while suffering light casualties of less than 20 killed, including four helicopter crewmen. Sixteen crewmen were wounded, 12 of whom required evacuation.
Miraculously, casualties among the helicopter crewmen, although tragic, were kept down. Other pilots braved the heavy fire to follow burning copters to the ground and quickly pluck the survivors to safety.
While attention focused on the A Shau Valley itself because of its importance to the North Vietnamese, a South Vietnamese task force of paratroopers moved to block the key enemy
valley into the old imperial capital of Hue. They drove in toward the valley from the east. The South Vietnamese reportdestroying 10 North Vietnamese $3 / 4$-ton trucks and seizing 330 pounds of dynamite along Highway 547, about 16 miles southwest of Hue, in one of their biggest catches of the operation.
As the push from the top of the valley southward got under way, the U.S. cavalrymen captured two Russian-made bulldozers, apparently used by the North Vietnamese to improve Hwy. 548, and four Russianmade trucks. Hwy. 548 is the main supply route from Laos through the heart of A Shau. It funnels war materials and troops onto other
northernmost I Corps area and the sprawling II Corps Area, which includes the central highlands and other coastal provinces.
Intelligence sources said one of the bulldozers had "USSR" painted on the side and appeared operational. The second bulldozer was a total wreck, the sources said, apparently from relentless Air Force bombing strikes that preceded the ground invasion.
Associated Press Photographer Eddie Adams, accompanying cavalrymen who discovered the camp, said it had been evacuated so quickly that laundry was still hanging on lines, and food was still lying open in the mess hall.
Dozens of 50 -gallon drums of
stream bed. A search of the camp turned up about 300 Chi-nese-made automatic rifles, still covered with grease and in crates. Nearby were 300 rounds of Russian-made artillery shells and 270 Chinese-made antiaircraft rounds.
Elements of the U.S. 101st Airborne Div., the "Screaming Eagles," smashed their way with armored personnel carriers along the Song Bo River through withering enemy fire toward a fortified village four miles northwest of Hue. More than 200 North Vietnamese than 200 North Vietnamese
troops were reported dug in at troops were
At last report, the fighting was still going on, but no casualty figures were immediately vailable.
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West Germany's National Democratic Party in Stuttgart after learning of his right-wing party's success in the Baden-Wuerttemberg elections. (AP Radiophoto)

## 'Neo-Nazis' Gain Strength In West German State Vote

STUTTGART (UPI) - West $\left.\quad \begin{array}{l}\text { Kiesinger's Christian Democrats } \\ \text { Germany's ultra-right }\end{array}\right)$ National $($ CDU ) and Vice Chancellor WilGermany's ultra-right National Democratic Party (NPD) riding a crest of reaction against leftist violence, stormed into its seventh state legislature Sunday and appeared certain to break into the Bonn parliament next year.
year. NPD, accused of being neo-Nazi, won 9.8 per cent of the vote, good for 12 of 127 seats the vote, good for 12 of 127 seats state legislature.
The NPD success was seen as partly due to reaction to recent student rioting in several West German cities,
Both Chancellor Kurt Georg
ly Brandt's Social Democrats (SPD), in coalition in the state capital of Stuttgart as well as in Bonn for the past 17 months, lost ground. The opposition Free Democrats (FDP) gained slightDem.

The big loser was the SPD, which slumped to 29 per cent compared to 37.7 per cent in the last state election in 1964, and thus loses 10 of 47 seats in the 120 -seat legislature, Political observers said the setback might lead the SPD to pull out of the Stuttgart coalition.
The CDU dipped to 44.2 per
cent compared with 46.2 four years ago. However it increases its seats from 59 to 60 on the basis of direct mandates. The FDP climbed from 13.1 to 14.4 per cent, increasing its seats from 14 to 18 .
The Democratic Left, an amalgam of former Communists and leftist organizations, and two other parties, fell far short of the 5 per cent required for a single seat.

## Weather

TEMPERATURES

## Hughes Joins Getty as Richest

## (Continued From Page 1)

 represented, six Rockefellers, three Fords, three du Ponts and two Whitneys.New arrivals since publication of the 1957 list are Dr. Edwin H. Land, 58, inventor of the Polaroid camera, who rocketed into the $\$ 500$ million to $\$ 1$ billion class; and David Packard, 55 , and William 55 , and wiliam. Hewlett, 54, ard Co., an electronics concern,
which has made them between
$\$ 200$ million and $\$ 400$ million each.
In the $\$ 500$ million to $\$ 1$ billion class, in addition to Land, are Dallas oilman H. L. Hunt, 79; shipping tycoon Daniel K. Ludwig, 70; Mrs. Ailsa Mellon Bruce, 66, and her brother, Paul Mellon, 60, and their cousin Richard King Mellon, 68, Mrs. Bruce is the richest woman in Bruce is the richest woman in
America by far with no com-
petition at all in the $\$ 300$ million to $\$ 500$ million class.
Oil, auto manufacturing, banking, processed foods, steel, aircraft, pharmaceuticals, glass production, and real estate turned up often on the list as sources of great wealth. Show business had only one representative in the levels above $\$ 150$ million - comedian Bob Hope. 64. Nah

(Continued From Page 1) campus policeman. He was carrying. a 22 -caliber revolver, police said.
and two a construction worker ing on a truck sere work eway from the two-story white frame farmhouse when the mur ders occurred, police said. His wife had taken another daughter into Mattoon for treatment of a burn.
found bodies of the boys were house, Caudill said, and the girls' bodies were found inside
"They hadn't run, they hadn't scattered," Caudill said, "It fight."
A teen-age daughter who was home at the time of the one-byone shootings was unharmed, Friends of the family told newsmen she had dated Fuller.
Two of the family's 11 chilFuller, a senior at Mattoon High School, lived in Mattoon with his mother, Mrs. Lucy Fuller.
He was charged with five counts of murder in a preliminary appeararder bers man of Circuit Court.

## Bunny Survives Wreck Magically

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) -
The car of Jack P. Pyle, a Chicago magician, stalled on rail road tracks and three patrol men tried to help.
ain failed to flag a freight knocked end-over-end, scattering trick cards and other magician's props.
Pyle pulled an unharmed white rabbit out of a black case in the wreckage


