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The New York Times (by Neal Boenzi)  
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animation men yesterday  
leader on the decision.

## U.S. IS REBUFFED AGAIN ON PUEBLO BY NORTH KOREA

President Says 2d Meeting at Panmunjom Produced No Satisfactory Result

By PETER GROSE  
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2—North Korea has rebuffed a second United States demand for the release of the intelligence ship Pueblo and her crew, seized 10 days ago.

President Johnson announced today that a meeting between American and North Korean representatives at Panmunjom had "not produced any satisfactory results as far as the United States is concerned."

But he indicated that diplomatic efforts would continue, even though he conceded that he had no confidence that the United States could expect to have the ship and her crew back in the near future.

[Newspapers in Seoul reported Saturday that American and North Korean representatives had met at Panmunjom for four hours Friday and had agreed to meet again in two or three days.]

"I don't want to hold out any hopes, on information that I have," the President told a hastily summoned news conference at the White House. "All I can say is that things take time." [Question 14. Page 8.]

### 83 Crewmen Seized

The tone of the President's remarks indicated that the Ad-

## JOHNSON SAYS FOE'S RAIDS ARE A FAILURE MILITARILY; SAIGON, HUE BATTLES GO ON

### ENEMY HOLDS OUT

Street Fighting Rages Within Mile of the Capital's Center

By TOM BUCKLEY  
Special to The New York Times

SAIGON, South Vietnam, Saturday, Feb. 3—Deadly fighting broke out again this morning in narrow streets and alleys within a mile of the center of Saigon and in the suburbs.

The Vietcong, who attacked the city early Wednesday, clung to strongpoints in Cholon, the Chinese section of the city, near the An Quang pagoda, headquarters of the anti-Government wing of Buddhism, and around the Childre's Hospital.

Heavy fighting continued in Giadinh Province, three to six miles north of the center of the city. South Vietnamese and American troops, supported by tanks and helicopter gunships, were trying to corner guerrilla units that appeared to be leaving the city, in the delta and in the Central Highlands.

### 12,704 Enemy Dead Reported

The United States command announced that through midnight 12,704 enemy troops had

### 6 U.S. Missionaries Killed by Vietcong

Six American missionaries, three of whom were women, were killed this week in a Vietcong assault on the town of Banmethuot in the highlands of South Vietnam, the Christian and Missionary Alliance announced yesterday.

A seventh missionary was wounded and another was said to have escaped into the woods that surround the town, 170 miles northeast of Saigon. Another missionary was reported captured by the Vietcong.

The slayings occurred at a leprosarium operated by the alliance. Bodies of the missionaries were left in the area and were wired with booby traps, the alliance reported.

The missionary buildings, including the leprosarium

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## ENEMY MAINTAINS TIGHT GRIP ON HUE

Force Put at 5 Battalions—  
U.S. Marines Hold Two

### WARNING IS GIVEN

President Terms U.S. Ready for a Push by Enemy at Khesanh

Transcript of news conference will be found on Page 8.

By MAX FRANKEL  
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2—President Johnson said today that the Vietcong suffered "a complete failure" militarily throughout South Vietnam this week and he expressed confidence that as the facts became known the enemy would gain nothing psychologically either.

Measuring his comments a news conference with extreme care, Mr. Johnson said the second stage of a long-planned enemy winter-spring offensive was imminent around Khesanh.

He has tried to provide commanders with everything they think they need to repulse that expected assault, he said and is "reasonably sure" as "confident" about their readiness. [Opening statement. Page 8.]

Only when the engagement is over, the President said

## CORD REACHED GARAGE STRIKE

Employers and Employees Submit Pact to Vote—  
Union Ballots Tomorrow

Negotiators for both sides in parking garage strike ended last night to submit members' recommendations for agreement to their members' weekend.





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missionaries in 24 countries  
ihi-iiiiiphoui the world, operatng  
on a budget of \$..."-million  
annually, an alliance official said.

1,200 Churches In U.S.  
All of, this money is raised  
through contributions from the  
j75,000 members who attend  
services at the 1,200 alliance  
Churches in the United States.  
[Most of these churches are in  
California and in the Ohio-  
Pennsylvania area.

On May 31, 1962, enemy  
jguerrillas raided the alliance  
leprosarium and kidnapped  
Ithree American missionaries,  
two of them alliance mission-  
aries and one a Mennonite.  
iThey have not been heard from  
since.

One of the alliance mission-  
aries was Dr. Eleanor Ardel  
(Vietti of Houston, Tex.

A month later, captured  
prisoners and deserters reported  
Ho United States military of-  
ficials that the three Americans  
Iwere being used to treat the  
;wounded and train the Viet-  
cong in medical aid.

### Draft Boards in Alabama With No Negroes Protested

SPMbl to Tht K\*w York Time\*  
MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 2  
—An official of the National  
Association for the Advance-  
ment of Colored People has  
iasked Lieut Gen. Lewis B. Her-  
shey, director of Selective Ser-  
vice, to withhold approvals of  
inominees for draft boards in  
'Alabama until the names of  
Negroes were submitted for the  
positions.

In a letter to General Her-  
sney, the Rev. K. L. Ruford,  
Alabama field director for the  
association, said there were no  
Negroes among 785 unsalaried  
members of the state's 89 draft  
boards and review hoards.

Mr. Buford said he had also  
written Gov. Iurlecn B. Wal-  
lace asking that Negroes be  
nominated to fill vacancies on  
draft hoards hut that he had  
received no reply.

### Vietnam War Casualties Are Listed by Pentagon

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP)  
I—The Defense Department to-  
day listed 34 servicemen killed  
in action in the Vietnam war.  
(Among them were: Sgt. Laszlo  
Bross Jr. of Clifton, N.J., and  
'Sped. 4 Robert W. Forkl of 1  
(Holland, N. Y., both of the  
;Army.

Also, Pfc. James L. Greene  
Jr. of Tafiville, Conn.; Sgt.  
John P. Preziosi of East. Patcr-  
son, N.J. and Pfc. Tony Rijos  
of Wallkill, N. Y., all ma;ines.  
I Cpl. Jerry Markus of Bridge-  
port, Conn., a marine was re-  
fported to have died, not as  
a result of hostile action.

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Ron have made It Impossible  
for many womrn to know  
where their husbands are—iind  
if they art safe.

As Mrs. James DeSylva of  
Denver, the wife of a camera-  
man for the American Broad-  
casting Company, explained:  
'I'm never too worried when  
lim is off working, but this  
time we were cut off for two  
days—he tried to call in and  
couldn't."

"I found out later I had good  
reason to be worried," she  
added, almost apologetically.  
"He had been in Nhatrang stay-  
ing in a house 100 feet from  
V.C. They could see the V.C.  
'running by."

According to the United  
States Mission here, there  
(Were 7,175 American civilians  
in the Saigon area and 5,766 in  
the rest of the country, for a  
total of 12,941, as of Jan. 1.

The total covers United  
States Embassy and attached  
units of the United States Mis-  
sion, rhe United States Agency  
for International Development,  
correspondents, Department of  
Defense civilians, including  
construction workers, plus a  
catch-all group known as the  
"American Community," which  
is made up mostly of business-  
men but includes some welfare  
and charity workers.

The Caravelle hotel and the  
Continental, plus a handful of  
smaller ones in the downtown  
area, have become meeting  
places for American wives, par-  
ticularly since many press fam-  
ilies live there.

Mrs. John Smith of Nashville,  
Tenn., the wife of a camera-  
man for the Columbia Broad-  
casting System, has been living  
in the Caravelle for nearly a  
year.

From her terrace she watched  
tanks and troops move be-  
neath her, watched the barbed  
wire drawn into a net around  
the National Assembly Build-  
ing across the street, watched  
two truck loads of dead Ameri-  
cans being driven by.

"It was the first time I've  
ever seen so many dead people  
at once," she said.

### Food Supplies Run Low

Special to rhe Nw York Times  
SAIGON, Feb. 2—As the  
fighting continued into today,  
those people who live in the  
Giadinh metropolitan area of  
Saigon, numbering about four  
million, were beginning to run  
short of food.

The Vietnamese usually buy  
fresh produce each day, but  
reserve stocks had been laid  
in for the celebration of the  
Lunar New Year, which ex-  
tends for at least three days,  
while shops and markets re-  
main closed.

Now, according to Vietna-  
mese sources, these supplies  
have been used. An American  
spokesman said yesterday that  
there were ample supplies of  
rice in the city, but that they  
would not be available until  
merchant vendors reopened their  
stores.

700,000 men would  
be required.

Estimate\* Are Revlied

However, in the ia/t year,  
military men have beSti heart-  
ened by what they considered  
the improved combat effective-  
ness of the South Vietnamese  
armud forces—and have been  
saying that the 525,000 would  
probably be enough, if the South  
Vietnamese continued to im-  
prove.

Now, the strong enemy  
thrusts into nearly all the  
major cities of South Vietnam  
tiitS week and what is believed  
to be an impending large-scale  
battle around Khesanh at the  
iwestern end of Uie demilita-  
rized zone appear to'cast some  
doubt on this assumption.

In Hue, where the enemy  
has made a major effort, the  
fighting was still extremely  
heavy yesterday. Many United  
States units were bogged down  
in difficult street fighting, and  
it was recognized in both Wash-  
ington and Saigon that, the  
enemy's combat capabilities  
had not been exhausted.

The expected offensive  
against the Marines' fortified  
position at Khesanh is still  
viewed as the strategic cap-  
stone of a determined North  
Vietnamese - Vietcong winter-  
spring offensive that started  
late in October with attacks  
from Cambodian and Laotian  
sanctuaries.

Washington sources agree  
with General Westmoreland  
that the enemy still hopes to  
inflict reverses and cause major  
casualties along the demilita-  
rized zone, and, if possible,  
to overrun Khesanh and its  
outposts.

If such a victory, similar to  
the French defeat at Dien-  
hienphu in 19X4, could be  
achieved the enemy would be  
in a far stronger position to  
dictate conditions for negotia-  
tions and terms of peace than  
he was last fall.

The Hue battle, it was  
pointed out, could have an im-  
portant bearing on the outcome  
of (he fight at the buffer zone  
and this is apparently why the  
enemy committed a "force esti-  
mated at five battalions to  
Hue. Hue, a center of Buddhist  
dissidence and Vietcong influ-  
ence, lies squarely across the  
main ground supply line along  
Route 1 from the Marine bases  
at Danang and Phubai to  
Quanglri, Dongba and the  
buffer zone positions. The at-  
tacks at Hue and Quangtri

### A Correction

in the caption accompanying  
a series of pictures in sortieed>  
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yesterday, a soldier guarding  
a man suspected of being n  
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