

Ambush Wounds 3 ROKs

SEOUL—Three Republic of Korea Army soldiers were wounded and another three missing after an ambush by North Koreans Wednesday in the western sector of the Demilitarized Zone, the ROK Army announced Thursday.

The incident, which follows on the heels of Easter Sunday's ambush by North Koreans in the joint security area at Panmunjom, occurred 300 yards south of the military demarcation line separating North and South Korea, the ROK Army said.

An Army spokesman said the wounded and missing were part of an 11-man patrol on a routine mission in the southern half of the 4,000-meter-wide DMZ.

The ROK patrol team was fired upon by an estimated 20 North Korean soldiers using sub-machine guns, the spokesman said.

South Korean soldiers immediately fired back, but no casualties on the North Korean side were found, the ROK Army said.

The spokesman declined comment on a report that two ROK soldiers were killed.

The ROK Army sector of the DMZ starts at roughly 14 miles east of Panmunjom where the 18-mile-wide sector guarded by the 2nd U.S. Inf. Div. ends.

Supplies Arrive For ROKs

SEOUL (USFK)—Defense and communication equipment has recently arrived at Kimpo AB for ROK armed forces as part of the counter-infiltration equipment plan.

The recently arrived equipment consists of 206 field telephones and 39 radios for the ROK Army. Also included in the shipment were illumination flare-type projectiles for the M79 grenade launcher which will be turned over to the ROK Marine Corps.

With the new arrival of equipment, a total of 2,800 tons of material has been delivered to the ROK armed forces.

Transportation vehicles and equipment used to deliver materials to the ROK armed forces are also being used to deliver equipment to U.S. forces in Korea.

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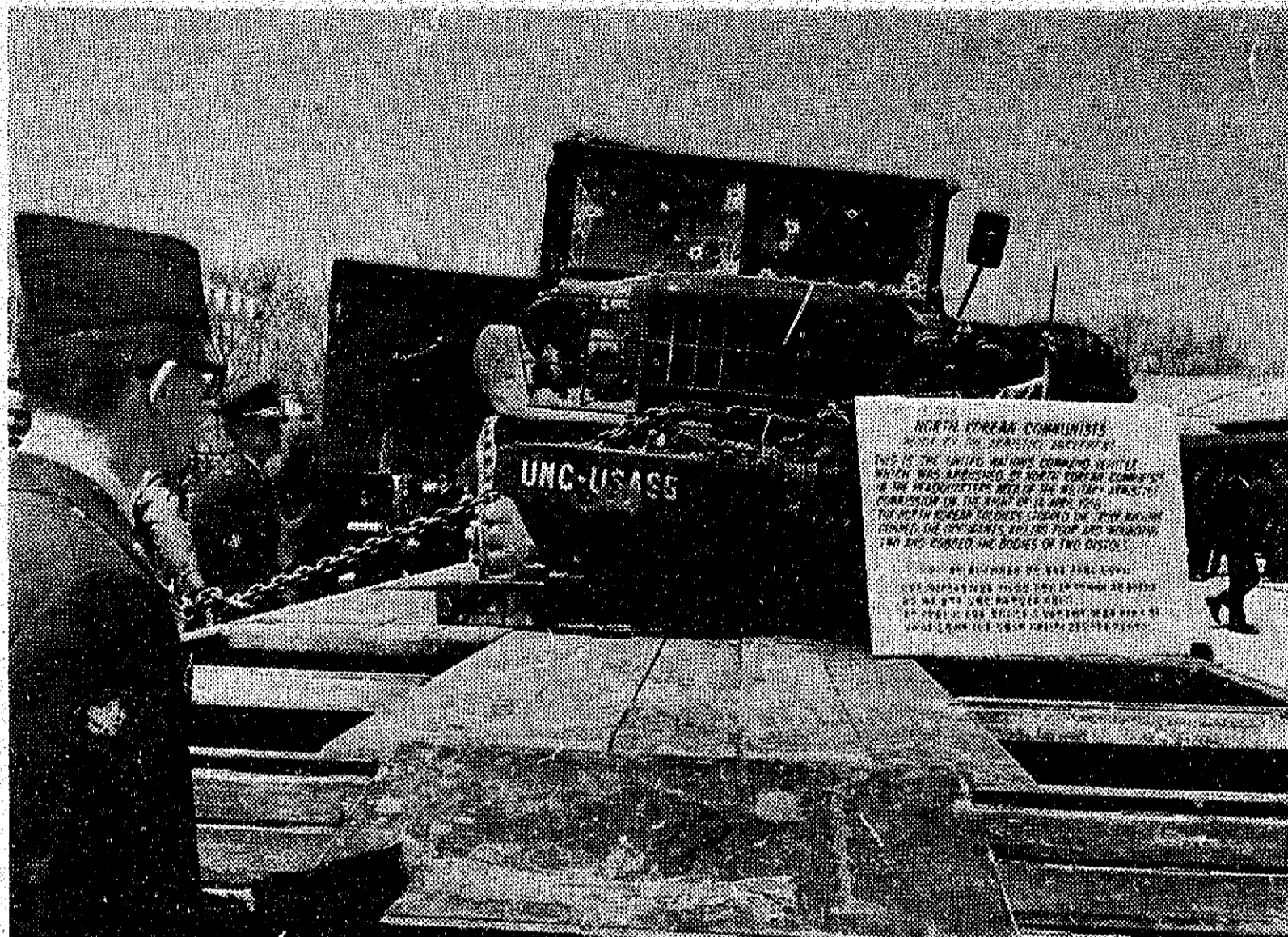
CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—John Gardner, former health, education and welfare secretary, has been named a visiting professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

4 Get Prison Terms in Retrial

SEOUL — The Seoul Appellate Court in a retrial of seven persons involved with an outlawed student circle sentenced two defendants to two years in prison and two others to one and a half year jail terms Wednesday.

The court acquitted three other defendants who were found innocent by a lower court earlier this year.

N. Korea Tries to Provoke War: UNC



Evidence of the Easter Sunday Communist attack on a United Nations Command vehicle which resulted in the deaths of four UNC soldiers, two American and two ROK. Other items were also displayed. (S&S)

Attack Pictures Displayed

N. Koreans Assaulted Officer



Caught in the act, by Lt. Cmdr. Stanley Piskorski's camera, a North Korean guard is shown ready to strike a UNC MP from behind. The photo was taken on April 12 during a serious altercation near Panmunjom. The photo was displayed at the Military Armistice Commission's Thursday meeting. Piskorski and three MPs were attacked by 15 North Koreans.

PANMUNJOM, Korea — Lt. Cmdr. Stanley Piskorski, United Nations Command joint duty officer at Panmunjom, unexpectedly became the victim of two sudden assaults by North Korean guards at the truce village last week.

The U.S. Navy veteran, who has been at his present post only one month, says it is the first time he has heard of the Communist accosting a UNC duty officer while he was making his rounds in the joint security area (JSA).

"It looks like they're (the North Koreans) trying to limit our freedom of movement in the JSA," he observed. "But, it's beyond my comprehension to know how those people think."

Piskorski said he had his first encounter with the Red guards April 9, when he was walking up the steps toward a North Korean guard post commonly called "the ice cream parlor," located on a small hill overlooking the armistice site.

"I've often walked up there," Piskorski said, "but this time some of the guards met me on the steps and started shoving me back down."

Rather than cause an incident, the JDO did not shove back.

The more serious tangle occurred three days later on April 12, when Piskorski and three other UNC military police were attacked by 15 North Korean guards, including two officers, while they were walking on the easterly perimeter of the truce site.

Piskorski had a camera with him and he snapped two photos of the incident even though North Korean guards tried to wrestle the camera away from him. His photos were displayed Thursday at the 266th Military Armistice Comm. meeting by Rear Adm. J. V. Smith, UNC senior negotiator.

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PANMUNJOM, Korea—U.S. Rear Adm. John V. Smith, senior negotiator for the United Nations Command (UNC) denounced Communist North Korea Thursday for "war provocation of the most serious magnitude."

Smith reviewed serious incidents at the 266th meeting of the Military Armistice Commission, citing the seizure of the USS Pueblo among the most significant acts of war.

North Korea flatly rejected UN charges that Communist raiders ambushed a UNC guard truck near Panmunjom Easter Sunday, killing four soldiers, two American and two South Korean, and wounding two others.

North Korean Maj. Gen. Chung Kook Pak told the command that "We have nothing to do with the incident and we are not responsible for it which took place well inside your territory."

Evidence of the attack, which Smith charged as "murderous atrocity and an animal act," the bullet-riddled truck in which the four UNC guards were killed, was displayed outside the conference room during the commission's meeting.

Countering the ambush charge, and assault charges from an earlier incident, the North Koreans recalled the Pueblo incident.

Pak charged that the U.S. has "massed large aggressive forces in South Korea and in the sea of our country" and has intensified its "aggressive acts" since the capture of the ship.

Pak also said the meeting in Honolulu between U.S. President Johnson and South Korean President Park was a "direct extension of the designs for the provocation of a new war."

Smith added: "I agree there is a danger of war breaking out, and it is caused by your aggression, your threat, and your well-known arms buildup."

Smith also noted that the UNC now has the military strength to thwart any premeditated Communist attack in Korea.

Photographs taken by Lt. Cmdr. Stanley Piskorski, UNC joint duty officer, of an altercation between North Korean guards and UNC personnel on April 12, were displayed at the session.

Smith presented the photos to Pak, but the North Korean refused to view them. Smith ordered: "Lift up your head comrade Pak and look." Pak did so, and grinned.

One of the photos showed a North Korean guard behind a UNC soldier, ready to strike him with a closed fist.

Smith concluded his admonishment of North Korea by saying, "What the United Nations Command wants from you, now, is a concrete assurance that this will not happen again."

7 Die as Jeep Plunges Into Lake

SEOUL (S&S) — Seven persons drowned Wednesday when a jeep they were riding fell into Lake Sanjong near Camp Kaiser on the west central sector of the Demilitarized Zone.

The civilian jeep, owned by one of the victims, fell from a 10-foot cliff into the 20-foot deep lake, police said.

Drowned were Man Soo Yun, 32, of Anyang, his wife, 3-year-old daughter, three relatives and a driver.