

# McGovern Escapes Injury in Saigon Firebombing

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## PONTIAC PICKETS CLOSE GM PLANT

Busing Foes Moss At Factory Gates To Persuade Company To Join Them

School busing foes succeeded today in closing down the General Motors Corp. Fisher Body plant despite threats by the company and the United Auto Workers to discipline employees who observed the picket lines.

Approximately 300 pickets massed in front of the three gates and jeered workers who entered the plant. They argued with UAW representatives on hand to remind workers of their contractual obligations.

It was apparent that most workers decided not even to show up at the plant and most of those who did came with the intention of going to work.

At first, GM officials thought they could begin operating the production line on schedule tonight at 4 a.m.

"I think we've got enough to run it," Charles Wright, a Fisher Body labor relations staff member said after taking a head count at one of three gates.

However, at 6:30 a.m., the company said it was closing the plant because "less than half" of the 400-man contingent of the first shift showed up.

Another 1,200 were due to begin work at 8:30.

Many of them stood across from the main gate at a bay



## Searing Heat To Continue: First Bay Smog Alert

Woodacre Registers 111-Degree Reading As Entire Area Suffers

A near-record searing heat wave — accompanied by the Bay Area's first smog alert — continued today as Marin and Southern Sonoma counties sweltered along with other sections of both Northern and Southern California.

The weatherman cautiously predicted that fog may start cooling Southern California tomorrow and gradually begin moving northward, but no immediate end to the hot weather was promised.

The thermometer hit 111 degrees in Woodacre yesterday, the highest reading since the state park was closed because of a water shortage in the beach town, according to Col. George H. White, volunteer fire chief.

He said that the heat was caused by a high pressure front about 500 miles west of Seattle which is preventing cooling fog and driving and dissipating air from the burning, including barbeques.

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## San Francisco Boycott Eases

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Parents in Chinatown and other parts of the city kept thousands of children home again today in a protest against busing, but elementary school principals said the number attending classes had increased slightly.

About 21,000 of the city's 90,000 elementary school children — 10 per cent — stayed home Monday at San Francisco because the largest city in the country to carry out court-ordered elementary desegregation at one stroke.

A spot check of schools by UPI today showed that attendance was up slightly, but that the boycott was still mostly concentrated in Chinatown, the center of anti-busing activity.

At Treasure Island naval base, another bastion of anti-busing sentiment, 300 out of 525 students attended today — 57 per cent. There were 300 students at one school.

A spokesman for the Marine Corps' Medical Center in Pusan, Korea, said that the boycott was still mostly concentrated in Chinatown, the center of anti-busing activity.

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## 8 Attica Deaths Laid To Gunshots

ATTICA, N.Y. (UPI)—A national examiner reported today that eight of the 10 hostages killed in the five-day revolt died of gunshot wounds.

Ten hostages and 30 prisoners died in the five-day revolt which was broken up Monday when state troopers, National Guardsmen and sheriff's deputies stormed the prison.

President Nixon told Republican congressional leaders in Washington today the loss of life would have been even greater if New York officials had not moved Monday to end the five-day revolt.

Senate GOP leader Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania said the President initiated the decision of Attica at a two-hour conference at the White House.

Three black House members in Washington the revolt stemmed from dehumanizing conditions which they said existed in prisons throughout the country.

Rep. Shirley Chisholm and Charles B. Rangel, both New York Democrats, and Harold

## Fairfax Hits Clause In Leased Housing

The Fairfax City Council last night passed a resolution declaring discriminatory by federal court. (Observer Fairfax City Council story, page 12.)

With little discussion the council voted to drop its requirement that rental aid be given only to persons who had been living in the city for a year or more, and instead merely give priority to the city's residents.

The revised statement was proposed by Gerald J. Hood, executive director of the County Human Rights Commission.

Hood told councilmembers that the commission had long felt the county's housing ordinance — which has never been approved by Fairfax on the subject — should take action to get the requirement removed, since it was declared unconstitutional in 1970 by U.S. District Court.

Mayor Carolyn Van Vleet told the council that the resolution requirement should be struck down because anybody who could afford to pay rent in Fairfax for a year would help.

## San Rafael Streets To Become One-Way

By C. P. MCCARTHY

The San Rafael City Council last night approved a plan to make portions of A, B, C and D streets one-way.

A street will be northbound and B Street southbound between Second Street and Fifth Avenue, and C Street will be northbound and D Street southbound between First Street and Fifth Avenue.

Ely Callinette Jr., city engineer, said the new pattern will be in effect by Nov. 15.

Approval came on a unanimous vote by Mayor C. Paul Bettina and Councilmen Fred Jones and Harry A. Barber. Councilman John A. McKinnon and Lawrence P. Matyas were not present.

The move was recommended by the city's traffic committee, headed by Norma M. Barden, director of public works. Other members are Callinette, Herbert C. Hatcher, planning director, Chief of Police Joseph J. Branstetter, and City Manager James H. McQuinn.

Prior to the council's action last night, John R. Wolf, advance planner, reported on the results of a poll of about 40 downtown business operators conducted by the planning department.

Fifty-three per cent of those responding said they generally would not help residents, businessmen and shoppers in the downtown area, but only 12 per cent said they favored making Fourteenth Street one-way, which reported.

## McGovern Escapes Firebombing Injury In Saigon; New Rioting

SAIGON (UPI)—A firebomb exploded tonight against a house of Congressmen in Saigon, but U.S. Sen. George McGovern, D-S.D., was unharmed, many very close to him were injured.

McGovern had been in the city since he arrived in Saigon last night from San Francisco where he toured the Army's drug treatment center.

The attack against the church followed widespread anti-American violence in Saigon where firebomb attacks by terrorists riding motorcycles hit at least four other American vehicles.

Flames spread over eight motor vehicles parked beside the church. American and South Vietnamese military police and demolition teams rushed to the scene where they found two men wounded.

McGovern escaped from the church unharmed by American MPs while a growing crowd of Vietnamese gathered outside the toll-free gate.

"It was very scary," an aide said.

McGovern had gone to the private meeting tonight in a Vietnamese town. An aide said the anti-war senator had just finished speaking when the powerful blast rocked the church.

South Vietnamese police and heavily armed militiamen blocked the closed gates to the churchyard and would not allow U.S. embassy team jeep to enter.

U.S. Ambassador Ellsworth Barker was informed of the incident, and American officials went to see McGovern at his suite in the Caravelle Hotel to which he returned after the bomb incident.

McGovern arrived in Saigon Monday for a three-day stay.

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## Smog Officials To Eye Reports

3-2 Special Report  
SAN FRANCISCO — Criticism of annual reports that evaluate air quality improvements will be considered by Bay Area smog officials tomorrow — meeting during a spill of severe air pollution.

Bay Area Air Pollution Control District directors recently criticized the annual report to the district's staff, and referred it to the technical committee for its analysis. The committee will meet at 10 a.m. in district offices, 100 Ellis Street.

The all day committee on other will meet first at 8 a.m., and the ad hoc committee on spot and breakdown procedures by industry will meet at 1:30 p.m.

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TRUCK FIREBOMBED — A U.S. Navy truck burns today after terrorists hatched a firebomb into it, destroying the vehicle and seriously injuring a sailor. Later, Sen. George McGovern, D-S.D., escaped unharm.

## SAIGON Pay Curb Petitions Are Filed

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Finding true, a visit which coincided with a risk of involvement of American youths in Saigon.

In another anti-American incident a group of 15 to 20 laborers demonstrated outside the U.S. Embassy this morning demanding greater compensation for civilian laborers injured in accidents involving American. Police dispersed the crowd. The demonstrators insisted upon the Embassy.

The Saigon strike was stemmed in part from American support of President Nguyen Van Thieu and his decision to run unopposed in the Oct. 3 presidential elections. Disabled war veterans have demonstrated against Thieu, the United States and the war itself.

The fire victims came after an American soldier shot and killed a youth who was seen to watch from another GI's mob of Vietnamese youth hatched firebombs into American vehicles before they were dispersed by police. The city was declared off limits and U.S. vehicles forbidden to enter it.

Little fighting was reported on the war front but in Laos government troops extended the town of Pakse today in a major victory over North Vietnamese and Pathet Lao troops who overran the Bolovens Plateau last May. The plan to push North Vietnamese troops close to the Ho Chi Minh Trail infiltration route into South Vietnam.

With American troops withdrawing from the northern areas of South Vietnam, military sources said today the South Vietnamese army is establishing its first new division since 1961 to replace the departing Americans just before the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ).

**Townhouse Zoning Will Be Bought**

The San Rafael Planning Commission tonight will be hearing a request to build 17 townhouse units at the end of Mammal T. Pesta Parkway.

The commission will meet at 7:30 o'clock in city hall.

The commission has approved preliminary plans for the townhouses to be built on a 27-acre parcel along Butterfield Drive. The area is zoned and would have to be changed to a planned unit development residential zone.

Planning director Robert C. Hatcher said the developer, Gerald and Overton, will move the road 25 feet over from the back property line of the Butterfield Drive residents, a requirement made by the city as an earlier meeting.

The commission will also hear a continuation of preliminary plans for a 20-unit development on a 14-acre site of San Pablo Avenue near North San Pablo Road. At the commission's last meeting, residents in the area protested the density of the development and the planning staff said it favored.

The commission will consider a zoning change to permit the city's first mobile home park. The park proposed for 48 mobile homes is located off Smith Ranch Road by the railroad tracks.

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barrage, one of whom died Saturday after he was thrown out of a window, and 10 prisoners.

State officials believe the riot was planned weeks in advance by black militants and Puerto Ricans. About 15 per cent of the prison's 2,300 inmates is black. There are no black guards among the prison's 200 white security forces, and only one Puerto Rican.

When police began firing, blood was sprayed into the eyes of the inmates who yelled toward their captives' throats.

"The knife was pressed against my neck," said Capt. Frank Wall. "And he said 'when he first shot at me I'm going to cut your throat.' But I was lucky. Someone picked off the man apparently just as he was about to do it."

The tragedy was brought on by the highly organized, revolutionary cells of militants who rejected all efforts at a peaceful settlement," said Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller.

The attack started when a guard looking through the television sight of his high-powered binoculars saw a convict slash the throat of a fellow inmate. A National Guard helicopter hovered over one corner of the prison to divert the prisoners while two other choppers dumped tear gas into the rioting area.

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U.S. Navy troops on Sept. 14, 1971

## Two Sheriff Aides Fired In Sonoma

12 Special Report  
SANTA ROSA — Sonoma County Sheriff Donald D. Strickland today fired two of his men, Sheriff's Aides, for alleged involvement in the election last June — for bad conduct.

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**FIRE CALLS**

**YESTERDAY:** — 1:30 p.m., 1000 S. Main St., Santa Rosa — Fire in home, estimated at \$500, possible cause unknown. 1:45 p.m., San Rafael — Fire in home, estimated at \$500, possible cause unknown. 2:15 p.m., San Rafael — Fire in home, estimated at \$500, possible cause unknown. 2:30 p.m., San Rafael — Fire in home, estimated at \$500, possible cause unknown. 3:00 p.m., San Rafael — Fire in home, estimated at \$500, possible cause unknown. 3:30 p.m., San Rafael — Fire in home, estimated at \$500, possible cause unknown. 4:00 p.m., San Rafael — Fire in home, estimated at \$500, possible cause unknown. 4:30 p.m., San Rafael — Fire in home, estimated at \$500, possible cause unknown. 5:00 p.m., San Rafael — Fire in home, estimated at \$500, possible cause unknown. 5:30 p.m., San Rafael — Fire in home, estimated at \$500, possible cause unknown. 6:00 p.m., San Rafael — Fire in home, estimated at \$500, possible cause unknown. 6:30 p.m., San Rafael — Fire in home, estimated at \$500, possible cause unknown. 7:00 p.m., San Rafael — Fire in home, estimated at \$500, possible cause unknown. 7:30 p.m., San Rafael — Fire in home, estimated at \$500, possible cause unknown. 8:00 p.m., San Rafael — Fire in home, estimated at \$500, possible cause unknown. 8:30 p.m., San Rafael — Fire in home, estimated at \$500, possible cause unknown. 9:00 p.m., San Rafael — Fire in home, estimated at \$500, possible cause unknown. 9:30 p.m., San Rafael — Fire in home, estimated at \$500, possible cause unknown. 10:00 p.m., San Rafael — Fire in home, estimated at \$500, possible cause unknown. 10:30 p.m., San Rafael — Fire in home, estimated at \$500, possible cause unknown. 11:00 p.m., San Rafael — Fire in home, estimated at \$500, possible cause unknown. 11:30 p.m., San Rafael — Fire in home, estimated at \$500, possible cause unknown. 12:00 a.m., San Rafael — Fire in home, estimated at \$500, possible cause unknown.

## WEATHER

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sunny, 10; Mill Valley, 9; Tamalpais Valley, 10; Fairfax, 10; San Anselmo, 10; Tiburon, 10; Novato, 10; Sausalito, 10.

Novato's temperature was the highest recorded since the first department there started keeping records 1 year ago.

The weather was forecast by the National Weather Service, which said the highest level of oxidant recorded in San Rafael yesterday was 1.0 parts per million, well over the figure 1.0 that triggers action at monitoring stations but also below the 2.0 registered in Oakland.

The North Bay's combined pollutant reading was 86, setting a record. Readings of 115 to 130 are considered moderate pollution and over 100, severe.

The reading in the Contra Costa Bay was 177, also setting a record, and 101 in the South Bay will follow the October 1964 record of 118. All three readings were recorded for this year.

The hot and dry weather compounded by a prevailing north wind caused the suspension of all burning permits on forest and wilderness lands in Marin and Sonoma counties, according to State Forest Ranger Gordon Lewis.

## Whitcomb Asks Study Of Merger

A Sausalito School District trustee has expressed doubt that Sausalito can continue to exist as a separate district in the face of sharply declining enrollment and has asked the school board to study the possibility of a merger with another district.

Trustee Jerry L. Whitcomb, who made the suggestion at last night's school board meeting, told the Independent Journal today he did not see a way to provide one children with an education equal to that offered by other districts.

On the first day of school yesterday, Whitcomb noted that 41 students were enrolled in Sausalito schools, 67 less than the 318 the administration had anticipated for this year. Enrollment has dropped about 15 per cent from September of last year, he said, when 398 students attended classes on opening day.

An enrollment decrease, as the study the district has available for educational purposes, the trustee said, is a threat to the district's future. He said that the district's enrollment is dropping at a rate of 15 per cent a year.

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## SCHOOLS

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## Dixie Trustees To Eye Camp

12 Special Report  
Dixie School District trustees will review an outdoor education proposal at its regular meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the administration office at 35 Trellis Drive, San Rafael.

The proposal, by Trust. Clifford B. Hatcher, covers participation in a one-week camp by the district's 100 sixth graders, during which they would be instructed in biology, history and other nature subjects in the outdoor setting.

The trustees will also consider formalizing a policy on handling students involved in demonstrations and protests.

## Boy, 4, Struck, By Novato Car

A 4-year-old Novato boy suffered a fractured skull yesterday when he was struck by a car on Midway Drive after he reportedly ran into the street.

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## Cornelia S. Wyatt Dies At 65

Cornelia S. Wyatt, a public school teacher for 34 years, died yesterday in Santa Rosa. Mrs. Wyatt, 65, was the first of her family to be buried and remained in the city until her retirement as Manor School.

She was born in Texas. She taught in the public schools of Phoenix, Ariz. until her marriage to Lamar Wyatt. She was a member of the National Retired Teachers Association.

## FRED WEBBER

Fred Webb, 65, of Novato, a retired carpenter, will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Redwood Chapel Funeral Home.

Webb, discovered dead in the street near his home at 721 Orange Avenue at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, apparently died of natural causes, according to a coroner's report.

## ROBERT RENNIE

Anniversary service and cremation were held yesterday in San Anselmo for Robert Rennie, who died Saturday in Larkspur.

Rennie was born in Kinross, Scotland, 18 years ago and came to America where he was a teacher in the Novato area. He was a member of the Novato area.

## JOHN ZAMBERLIN

A Mass of the Resurrection of 10 o'clock today at St. Anthony's Church in San Rafael. The Mass will be celebrated by Father J. J. O'Reilly.

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