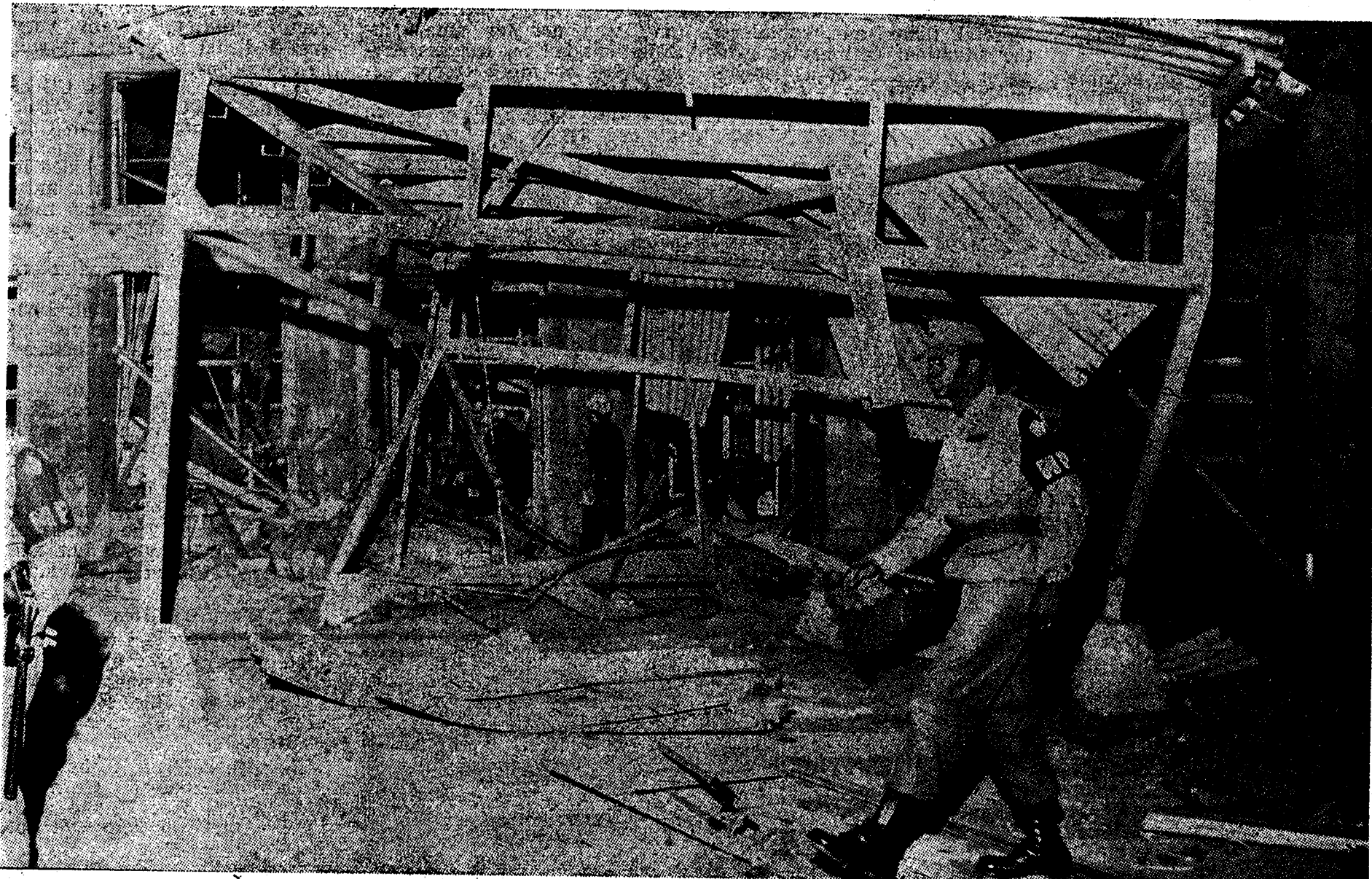


# Bombs Hit V Corps Hq; Colonel Killed; 13 Hurt



**DEVASTATED FACADE** — U.S. military police, along with German police (entering building), guard area in front of the Terrace Club after an explosion ripped the officers' club. Photo shows nearly collapsed marquee. —S&S, Borguss

## 3 Blasts Set Off in Frankfurt

FRANKFURT (S&S) — An Army officer was killed and 13 persons injured early Thursday evening when three bombs went off in rapid succession in the V Corps Hq compound here. The blasts also shattered the entrances to both the I.G. Farben headquarters building and

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the Terrace Club, the officers' club to the immediate rear. The 39-year-old lieutenant colonel had just stepped out of his car in front of the Terrace Club when one of the bombs went off. He was taken by MP jeep to the 97th General Hospital, where he was dead on arrival.

Of the 13 persons injured, only one suffered injuries sufficient to require hospitalization. (Cont. on Page 28, Col. 1)

# Mines Activated off North Viet Ports

WASHINGTON (WS) — The mines blocking North Vietnamese ports were activated at 7 a.m. Thursday EDT (noon CET), the U.S. government

said. "The mine fields are on active and therefore all ships would be well advised to remain clear," Adm. Elmo R.

Zumwalt, chief of naval operations, said shortly after President Nixon's deadline for arming of the mines had passed.

Other administration sources said that intercepted radio messages indicated that Soviet ships headed toward North Vietnam apparently had been ordered to remain below the 20th parallel, which cuts the coastal waters of the Gulf of Tonkin in half.

One Soviet ship that had already passed that line was reported to have halted before entering the 12-mile territorial water limit claimed by the North Vietnamese — the area within which the mines have been sowed.

Pentagon officials refused to say exactly how the mines

were activated and clamped a lid on discussion of current U.S. mine technology.

A clock-like mechanism in the mines had been set before they were dropped into the water and they thus became

activated automatically. The mines also will become inactivated automatically after a relatively brief period of time. This would require distribution of more mines if no settlement (Cont. on Page 28, Col. 1)

# Russia Denounces Nixon's Action

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet government Thursday sharply denounced President Nixon's mining of North Vietnamese ports as "fraught with serious consequences for international peace and security."

But the official statement distributed by the government news agency stopped short of calling for a postponement or cancellation of a summit conference of Nixon and Soviet leaders, scheduled to begin May 22 in Moscow.

It was the first top-level reaction to Nixon's announcement Monday night that he had ordered the mining of entrances to all of North Vietnam's ports to choke off war supplies.

Earlier, the government-controlled press had given very low-key treatment to the latest Vietnam developments, (Cont. on Page 28, Col. 4)



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# They'll Be Those A-Mays-ing Mets

NEW YORK (AP) — Willie Mays came back to New York Thursday, joining the New York Mets in a trade that sent young minor league pitcher Charlie Williams and an undisclosed amount of cash to the San Francisco Giants. The announcement that Mays

was returning to the city where he began as a New York Giant in 1951, before the Giants headed west in 1958, was made by Mets general manager Bob Scheffing.

Also present were M. Donald Grant, board chairman of the Mets; Giants owner Horace

Stoneham, and Mets Manager Yogi Berra.

"I am sure Willie will be in good financial shape when he retires," said Stoneham.

Asked if he expected to play regularly, Mays said: "I don't know—that's up to the manager. I hope I'm in good shape."

I'll have to wait and see. I haven't played that much this year."

Berra said Mays would join the team Sunday. "He wants to go home and clean up some business first."

Was he pleased to have (Cont. on Page 28, Col. 1)