

Fatal Bombing Laid to 'Professionals'

Security Beefed Up at U.S. Installations

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FRANKFURT (S&S) — "We expected things like this in Saigon, not here in Germany," said a grim-faced Military Police officer, watching German and American bomb experts sift through the shattered front of the Terrace Club here. The captain, who recently arrived from the war zone, was part of a force rapidly thrown around the club following the bombing Thursday at about 7 p.m.

Commanders in USAREUR, after the incident, were instructed "to take whatever security measures they deem necessary to protect U.S. lives

and property."

"The people who did this were professionals. The bombs went off in rapid succession. It is a damn good thing they didn't explode during duty hours," an MP said.

Work continued as usual Friday morning at V Corps Hq and the U.S. Army Engineer Comd, but all visitors entering the buildings were being checked and escorted to their places of business.

One military policeman said "it would be damn easy for anyone to plant a bomb" in either the club or V Corps Hq."

Also on Friday there was a rash of crank bomb threats

telephoned to a number of USAREUR and USAFE installations, including schools and the American Forces Network (AFN) here. Security at caserns was tightened as vehicles were stopped and identities of occupants checked.

A USAFE spokesman said that units are "taking all appropriate measures to provide increased protection to military installations, equipment and personnel."

"For those facilities in the public domain which are used or occupied by military and support activities, we are cooperating to the fullest extent with local civilian law enforcement agencies to insure that

appropriate surveillance and protection are provided," he said.

The 109th MP platoon, which provides security for the I. G. Farben Building, which houses V Corps Hq, has been given backup support by infantry troops from A and B Cos, 1st Bn, 36th Inf, 3rd Armd Div, stationed at nearby Friedberg, a spokesman said.

The spokesman said that as soon as investigators finish checking an area engineer troops start cleaning up the buildings and removing the broken glass.

"The majority of the work is being done by the 317th Engr Bn located in Eschborn," he

added.

"So far" said a German police authority, "we cannot say whether there were any political motives behind the attack. But, the timing of the explosions and the planting of the bombs indicate that this was not the work of amateurs."

Brig. Gen. Harold R. Aaron, V Corps chief of staff, said a "substantial" monetary reward is being offered for information leading to the persons responsible for the bombing.

Persons having any information are asked to call Frankfurt Military (2311) 5637 or 8212. They may also report any information at any MP station or to the German police.

U.S. Overture

Hanoi Rebuffs Offer To Resume Parley

PARIS (UPI) — The United States told the Vietnamese Communists Friday that Washington is ready to resume peace negotiations with them if they show a desire to bargain over real issues, but Hanoi rebuffed the offer.

The American delegation, under Ambassador William J. Porter, made the offer of a conditional resumption of the talks to the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong in a special press communique. Hanoi negotiator Le Duc Tho said promptly that the Americans must return to the conference without posing any conditions.

The U.S. delegation said peace talk sessions should resume along rules outlined by Porter May 4, when he told Communist diplomats that he was suspending the talks until they had indicated their willingness to "negotiate seriously on matters of substance."

Police Smash Protest in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Police using clubs and stun guns cleared Union Square of about 5,000 demonstrators yelling and chanting outside a hotel Friday where California Gov. Ronald Reagan and New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller were appearing.

Demonstration leaders said the protest was called against President Nixon's Vietnam war policy.

The large crowd gathered outside the St. Francis Hotel, chanting and carrying signs reading "Nixon is death" and "America has become a psychopathic killer."

Police moved in after a police motorcycle was set on fire and several smoke bombs and other projectiles were thrown.

Several persons were clubbed as the downtown square was cleared by officers on horses and demonstrators moved into side streets.

Reagan and Rockefeller were making a joint appearance before the Commonwealth Club inside the hotel.

The U.S. delegation charged that "the Communist side, while demanding a resumption of the talks, is carefully avoiding any indication of flexibility or willingness to discuss both sides' positions."

Several Blast Leads Tracked

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ben Building.

German police reported they are still seeking two key suspects — one a motorbike rider about 20 years old, dressed in a leather coat and dark trousers, the other described as a hippie-type, blond male about 5 feet tall, weighing 130 pounds with a blond beard and wearing tennis shoes. Both were reported in front of the Terrace Club not long before the bombs exploded.

Persons having any information which may be useful in the investigation were asked to call Frankfurt Civilian 75511, extension 6963, or the nearest MP station.

German and U.S. investigators have still not been able to determine the type of explosive or charge used in Thursday's bombing. A German investigator said the explosive was of a type more powerful than anything experienced in Germany since World War II. Some metal bomb fragments have been found, and a German inspector said they appeared to indicate U.S. components.

First reports Thursday said there were five bomb blasts but subsequent investigation narrowed this down to three. It was the third which inflicted massive head wounds on Bloomquist, who was V Corps drug control officer.

A memorial service for Bloomquist will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the central post chapel in the V Corps complex.

There were wounded at both the club and the Farben Building. The most seriously injured was S. Sgt. John R. Riggle, 6900th Air Base Sq, who underwent minor surgery and was reported in good condition at the 97th General Hospital.

Also admitted to the 97th and

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recognize him.

"They really got a dedicated man when they got him," she said later of Bloomquist, who was V Corps drug control officer and a decorated veteran of two tours in Vietnam. She said Bloomquist had sometimes counseled high school students on drug problems in his home.

Mrs. O'Neill's daughter, Elaine, was treated at the 10th General Dispensary for a foot

injury and released.

Two other bombs, which went off only seconds before the one at the Terrace Club, were planted at the entrance to V Corps Hq in the I.G. Farben Building, right outside the USO office where Mrs. O'Neill works as a receptionist.

"I don't know if I want to go back down there now or not," she said.

William Britt, a civilian employe with the Army Engineer Comd, was in the Terrace Club

dining room, off the lobby, when the explosion shook the club.

"Stuff started falling," he said. "Nobody was excited at first. Then everybody got up and ran toward the outside door. We ran around to the front. People were already helping the injured. I ran down to the grassy area and saw wounded lying around there."

Spec. 4 Harold Swanson was on the fourth floor of the Farben Building when the blasts came.

Swanson, who was on leave and who later in the evening joined his wife for an American Express tour by bus to the Netherlands, admitted before departure that "I was scared to death."

Standing beside his suitcase near the tour bus ready to leave from in front of the Farben Building, Swanson watched the MPs who were turning back the curious, and recreated what he could remember:

"I was talking to a buddy of mine, just standing in the hallway. I heard an explosion, and I started to run. In less than 10 seconds, I heard the second one go off. It sounded just like a .45 being fired."

"But the third one, the one I guess by the Terrace Club, was the big one. That's the one that blew out the windows in the Farben Building. I checked as I ran downstairs, and that's the one that broke all the windows."

An Loc . . .

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have left in the three daylight periods after the mining. In Saigon, Navy spokesmen said the 10,670-ton cruiser Oklahoma City was pulled off blockade duty at Haiphong Thursday to sail south and blast big new Communist supply dumps at occupied Quang Tri city.

The latest assault on An Loc, which President Nguyen Van Thieu ordered held at all costs, opened Thursday morning under cover of a 7,000-round artillery and rocket barrage, followed by a tank-led ground assault.

Military sources said the Communists apparently were using a new, hand-held anti-aircraft missile. Three Air Force planes shot down Thursday over An Loc appeared to have been hit by such missiles, the sources said. All four crewmen in the planes were killed.

reported in good condition were Harold R. Schyberg, a Frankfurt elementary school teacher; Peter C. Glycer, Army Engr Comd Hq, of Peru, Ind., and Frances E. McCarey, a native of Scotland and a Terrace Club employe. Treated and released from the 97th were Pfc. Charles P. Donnelly, 109th MP Platoon, and Oattie Bucholz, a cashier at the club.

Treated and released at the 10th General Dispensary were Elaine O'Neill, dependent daughter of Mrs. Georgette O'Neill, a USO receptionist; M. Sgt. Jimmy Madden, USAF European Security Region; S. Sgt. Paul Hunt, V COSCOM Hq; Spec. 4 Harry F. Fowler and Sgt. Larry D. Young, both members of the 709th MP Bn.

Two German employes of the Swiss Hotelplan, a tour agency, were treated and released from a German hospital. Christa Raske, 28, was treated for a head wound and Brigitte



Lt. Col. Paul A. Bloomquist

Victim of Blast Was Month From Rotation

FRANKFURT (S&S) — Army Lt. Col. Paul A. Bloomquist, 39, was a month away from going home when he was killed.

He was scheduled to rotate June 16, winding up a three-year tour. From July 1969 to July 1971, he had been CO of the 45th Med Bn at Hanau. Since then the medical service officer had served as V Corps drug control officer.

Although he was working out of V Corps Frankfurt Hq, he continued to live in government quarters at Hanau's New Argonner housing with his wife, Jo Ann. He also is survived by two children by a previous marriage.

Bloomquist was wounded twice in two tours in Vietnam and had earned the Distinguished Flying Cross with three Oak Leaf clusters, and 36 awards of the Air Medal. A helicopter pilot, he was Army aviator of the year in 1965.