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Helping Hands

Unidentified sailor, Craig Burn, Gary Mousaw, another sailor and Cmdr. H. A. Hernan, NAFPT public information officer, help to free Billy Gentry, who was trapped in a cave-in Saturday afternoon in Fort Redoubt on the Naval Air Station. Billy's head and hand can be seen just above the first sailor's feet. (U.S. Navy Photo)

'I Thought I Was Going to Die' 5 Boys Are Rescued From Sand Cave-In

Gentry Buried Several Times In Five Hours

Fort Redoubt Scene
Of Near-Tragedy,
No One Is Injured

By JERRY EARLEY

Five Warrington youths were trapped in a cave-in—one for about five hours—when sand collapsed in a hole they were digging in old Fort Redoubt on the U.S. Naval Air Station here.

All five escaped injury. First to go down under the sand slide was Paul Roy (Billy) Gentry III, 16, son of Chief Aerologist and Mrs. P. R. Gentry II of 14 N.W. Gilliland Road.

Four others went to his rescue and for two hours held up threatening sand banks. They also were trapped briefly by falling sand during the five-hour rescue operation for Billy.

They were Gary Mousaw, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Mousaw of 103 S.E. Gilliland Road; Tony Pope, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Pope of 101 Payne Road; John C. (Craig) Burns, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady C. Burns of 601 Wayne Ave.; and David Edwards, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Edwards of 610 Gibbs Road.

NAS officials, Warrington Fire Department and the Escambia Search and Rescue Unit members worked feverishly to shore up the walls and dig the five trapped teen-agers out.

"Oh gosh, I thought for sure I was going to die," Billy told a reporter in describing his ordeal of being completely submerged in the pit.

Billy's father said "I don't think anyone could ever realize the act of bravery the other four boys showed."

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BILLY GENTRY CARRIED OUT ON STRETCHER
... explorer is taken from old fort to medical attention

(U.S. Navy Photo)

Katanga Force Said Marching On Capital

U.N. Encounters
Fierce Resistance
In Kolwezi Drive

ELISABETHVILLE, Katanga, The Congo (UPI) — Katanga Interior Minister Godefroid Munongo—said to be the power behind President Moise Tshombe—has reformed the shattered Katangese gendarmerie and is marching on Elisabethville with 1,000 men, U.N. sources said Saturday.

At the same time Radio Free Katanga said U.N. forces which seized Jadoville earlier this week had resumed their drive on Kolwezi and had driven 40 miles from Jadoville against "fierce resistance." Jadoville is 80 miles from Kolwezi.

The Katanga communique said U.N. troops were stopped between Mulungishi, 20 miles northwest of Jadoville, and Ngaba, 20 miles further on, "by violent battles." U.N. sources indicated earlier their forces had halted at Jadoville to await a Tshombe peace offer.

U.N. reports said Munongo was marching up from the Northern Rhodesian border.

The development threatened to explode a new round of fighting in the mineral rich province. It

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Taylor Disagreed With Other Brass Over Skybolt

General Took Side
With McNamara
On Program Scrub

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor disagreed with the other top military chiefs when they voted to support the ill-fated Skybolt bomber-launched missile, reliable informants said Saturday.

Taylor, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, reportedly agreed with Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara's conclusion that the Skybolt should be dropped.

It was learned also that Taylor and most other members of the top military group favored starting toward production of the Nike Zeus antimissile missile. A "mild dissent" was entered by Gen. Curtis E. Lemay, Air Force chief of staff, the informants said.

On the Nike Zeus issue, Taylor

U.S. Officers Critical Change in Tactics Being Considered In Viet Nam War

SAIGON, Viet Nam (AP)—U.S. and Vietnamese officers considered Saturday possible changes in tactics to eliminate mistakes that showed up in the bloodiest single battle of South Viet Nam's four-year war against the Communist Viet Cong.

This was the battle of Ap Bac, near Tan Hiep, Wednesday.

Communist fire killed 66 government troops and three Americans, wounded about 110 government troops and 10 Americans, and downed five U.S. helicopters. The government said more than 100 guerrillas were killed. About 40 enemy bodies were found.

There was criticism among American officers of the conduct of the attack. The consensus list-

most seemed as if the government forces were mainly interested in securing the area they held and getting out as fast as possible.

It was clear, however, that the basic pattern of airborne assaults, adopted when the United States began a massive military assistance program in South Viet Nam 13 months ago, will be maintained. The U.S. Defense Department in Washington announced its

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DD Statement

Copter Use

IN VIETNAM

Criminal Contempt Case

Barnett and Aide Get Court Orders

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP)—A federal appeals court Saturday ordered Mississippi Gov. Ross R. Barnett and Lt. Gov. Paul B. Johnson Jr. to show cause Feb. 8 why they should not be held in criminal contempt for blocking James H. Meredith's admission to the University of Mississippi.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in an order signed by six of its nine judges, said it would try the two officials at a later date if they pleaded innocent or showed other cause at that time.

If they fail to appear to answer the four counts charged by the federal government, the two could be found guilty immediately and sentenced to heavy fines and or imprisonment.

Penalties in criminal contempt

two top officials, charged with four specific acts designed to keep Meredith, a Negro, out of the university.

He was finally enrolled at Ole Miss on Oct. 1, backed by thousands of federal troops who moved onto the university's campus at Oxford after a night of rioting had greeted Meredith's arrival. Two died and scores were wounded.

One of the charges against Barnett is that, on the night of Sept. 30 when the riots occurred, he "willfully failed to exercise his responsibility, authority and influence as governor to maintain law and order upon the campus of the University of Mississippi."

The other charges are:

1. That on Sept. 25, Barnett

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Katangese Claims

Portuguese Are Aiding Tshombe

By ADRIAN PORTER

KOLWEZI, Katanga (AP)—Portuguese authorities in neighboring Angola are helping President Moise Tshombe rearm for a stand here against U.N. troops, a Katangan Cabinet source said Saturday.

Mercenary units of the Katangan army brought in a train loaded with ammunition and weapons and including four tank cars of gasoline, he said.

The train came from Angola, the Portuguese colony on the west African coast, on the main line that runs from the Angolan port of Lobito, through Kolwezi to Elisabethville, the Katangan capital.

The source said Portuguese ad-

Two Nude Bodies Found in Alabama

Women Discovered
In Two Locations

HEFLIN, Ala. (UPI) — Police Saturday identified a woman's body found Friday night as that

Boys Are Rescued From Sand Cave-In

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were doing. They literally made a human wall to keep the sand out for about two hours."

Six boys had gone to the old fort to continue a search begun last week for Civil War relics. The sixth boy was Paul's brother, Donald, 14, who went for help when the first sandslide occurred.

Billy said they had been digging last week and had about a 16 or 17-foot hole going straight up. "We had a problem getting all the sand out. I went underneath to get the sand out, jumped into the hole to push the sand down so we could get it out. Then it fell up to my knees, then on up to my neck.

"I yelled for help and a boy (Gary Mousaw) came. When I yelled, the sand fell over my head. Then I was under the sand about four feet."

"Then the boy started probing with the shovel and hit me in the head. Then he knew where I was, so he got my head up out of the sand and started digging around my body."

Billy said the sand caved in again when he and Gary yelled for help. It went over his head again and up to Gary's waist. Gary got out and started digging Billy out again.

"He had most of me out," Billy said, "and he was getting ready to pull, but he couldn't do it, so we yelled for help again."

Then the other four youths came running and started digging.

"It started to cave in and they jumped up against the loose dirt to keep it from falling on them. Then my brother—Donald, 14—ran for help," Billy said. Donald was the last one to get there.

About 15 or 20 minutes later a policeman came and told Billy he had called the fire department. Billy said the department arrived about 10 minutes later.

"Then by this time I couldn't move at all—the only things I could move were my fingers and my neck," he said. "Two firemen finally came and started digging while the others were setting up lights."

He said they dug sand out from under him and his body slipped down. When that happened, the sand "came in over me again, but not over my head." Escambia Search and Rescue Unit members arrived shortly and slipped a pipe over Billy's head so he could get air. They dug around his feet and tried to pull him out.

Billy said they dug for about three hours, but couldn't get him loose. One foot was straight "and the other was crossed—like when

you're sitting down — and it wouldn't come out of the dirt because it was right straight down." He said it took another hour to get him out.

It took about two hours to get the other four out after they were relieved of holding up the wall.

Billy said: "They pulled and my back popped a couple of times, but I said just keep on pulling, and finally they just pulled me on out."

The five youths were released after a checkup at Naval Hospital.

Katanga Force Marches Toward Elisabethville

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came as U. N. Undersecretary Ralph Bunche arrived in Leopoldville and gave the green light for further military operations against Katanga President Moise Tshombe.

Bunche pinpointed three more main military objectives including Tshombe's stronghold at Kolwezi and Sakania. Sakania is located on the border of Northern Rhodesia, 100 miles southeast of Elisabethville, from which the Katangese were reported moving with at least six armored vehicles.

The United Nations sent a civilian train with Red Cross markings down the railway line toward the Sakania area late Saturday to test the reaction of Munongo's gendarmes.

It appeared obvious Bunche was hoping to withhold major U. N. strikes until Secretary General Thant's two-week ultimatum to Tshombe to talk peace or face renewed warfare expires Jan. 14. The new Katangese offensive could change all that, however.

Tshombe has shown no signs of talking peace at the moment.

U. N. reconnaissance aircraft flying over the Sakania area Saturday reported that Munongo has reformed stragglers from the Katangese gendarmerie who were driven out of Elisabethville in a U. N. Christmas offensive and was leading them into battle.

(Northern Rhodesia charged that three Swedish U. N. jet fighters flew deep into Rhodesian territory in the same area. It ordered its own jet air force to patrol the border and halt further incursions.)

The U. N. spotter craft said the Katangese were moving from