Tuesday, March 7, 1972

begins new operations S. Vietnam

SAIGON (AP) - South Vietnamese forces have opened new operations near the demilitarized zone and the old imperial capital of Hue, field sources said Monday Fighting increased in neighbor-

ing Laos, where informants said

Vietnamese counterattack on the Plain of Jars. Cambodia's high command reported a sharp clash on an island

in the Mekong River with heavy casualties on both sides. The South Vietnamese field regovernment forces were in "full ports said about 1,500 men of the

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retreat" after a heavy North Saigon government's 1st Division began a sweeping operation Sunday west of Hue.

A second operation disclosed by the sources involved 1,500 soldiers from the South Vietnamese 3rd Division on a sweep just south and west of Quang Tri the command reported. City. It began last Friday. Quang Tri is just below the demilitarized zone that divides the two Vietnams.

Officers in the field said both operations were designed to "sweep old enemy base areas to see if they still are being used." Little or no contact has been reported in either drive, the sources said.

Far up the Mekong river in Cambodia, troops and aircraft attacked Koh Sotin Island, 45 miles northeast of Phnom Penh, which tified apparently to protest supply routes on the eastern bank of the river.

The Cambodian military command in Phnom Penh said 40 to 50 enemy soldiers were killed in either ground attacks or air strikes. The Cambodians lost 15 men killed and more than 60 wounded in the four-hour clash,

THE BATTALION

The island is about five miles south of the strategic provincial capital of Kompong Cham, the easternmost position still held by government forces. The battle to control the island began over a week ago when government soldiers of the 22nd Cambodian Brigade made their initial assault. Since then, they have been pinned down by enemy concentrations on the island, the command said.

A dispatch from Vientiane said a Laotian government operation North Vietnamese troops had for- around the Plain of Jars was called off after North Vietnamese counterattacks mounted in strength.

Symposium on heat transfer scheduled for Friday at A&M

Graduate students from Louisi- lar problems will be grouped toana, Texas, Arkansas and Okla- gether for presentation. homa will discuss research problems with faculty and students Fred J. Benson will greet the from 15 other universities Friday at A&M.

faculty members, who are involved or contemplating involvement University of Houston will speak in heat transfer research, are expected to attend the spring workshop of the Southwest Symposium on Heat Transfer. Participating students have fur-

nished the workshop with abstract to be shared with other delegates in four sessions. Simi- homa.

In addition, Engineering Dean

group after registration and an informal tour of the new Zachry Approximately 60 students and Engineering Center. Aculty members, who are involv- Also Dr. John Howell from the

on "The Future of Advanced Programs in Thermal Sciences." A panel presentation entitled "Teaching Heat Transfer" is

scheduled last on the day's agenda. Chairing the panel will be Dr. Tom Love, University of Okla-

EVEL KNIEVEL NEARS the end of his jump over 15 cars, including two light trucks

in the San Francisco Cow Palace Friday night and then makes an almost upright land His motorcycle went out of control at the end of the ramp and Knievel injured hi left leg. The previous high mark for motorcycle car jumping was 14. (AP Wirephoto)

Commission urges state financing of schools

WASHINGTON (AP) - State set up in several ways, with the Tuesday, he said. governments should assume the major burden of financing public education, reducing reliance on the local property tax, a presidential commission recommended Monday after a two-year study. President Nixon's Commission on School Finance said the federal government should help speed the process by providing incentives to state governments to help them switch over to state-financed education within five years.

But the federal role in financing education should only be supplementary, the 18-member commission said. It was a recommendation that runs counter to those of many private educational groups which have urged an increasing federal role.

The commission said incentives to smooth the path to greater state-financed education could be

cost to the federal government estimated at \$4 billion to \$5 billion

over five years of transition. As the report was released, Nixon held a 75-minute meeting on school busing with his Cabi-net committee. A spokesman said the President will be holding more meetings before making his position known on the busing issue. No statement is likely before

The school-financing panel urged an additional outlay of \$1 bilschools through a federal matching program.

The commission said it deliberately avoided the issue of saying where the new federal money would come from, since it would have to become involved in "many considerations of intergovernmen-

tal relations and tax policies." It acknowledged that one proposal under discussion is the valuelion a year to help inner-city added tax, a form of a national sales tax that President Nixon has under consideration. But it took no stand on the idea.

The tentative proposal for the value-added tax put forth by Nixon would bring in about \$16 billion a year, with the federal money being used to supplant the local

property tax. The proposal is u der study by the Advisory Con mission on Intergovernmental Re lations.

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The commission, headed by it dustrialist Neil McElroy, a D fense secretary in the Eisenhou administration, said the nation school system is "in serious trou ble, and if we fail to recogni it, our country's chance to surviv will all but disappear."

Nutrition specialist says Food additives are often beneficial

Is "natural" food the only way ural food contains no additives serve food to maintain its de- blending of ingredients easier. to eat? Not quite, according to or chemicals. Advocates of the sirable characteristics. They also Karen Kreipke, extension foods and nutrition specialist for A&M.

natural foods suggest that additives are used to disguise inferior products and that many of the additives are health hazards. They also claim that additives benefit only the manufacturer and not the consumer.

"These claims are unfounded,"

"In fact," Miss Kreipke sai provide a better color, flavor, consistency and texture in food.

"the majority of food additive used today are themselves nat ural foods. Cinnamon, garl The extension specialist said clove, salt and many others and but a few of the additives use that when foods require some fi-

nal preparation in the home, ad- for flavor. The remaining add ditives can make the job easier. tives such as vitamins, minera Some chemical additives prevent amino acids, gums and colors als Miss Kreipke said. "Food addi- the spattering of oil while others occur naturally although they make the beating, spreading or be produced in the laboratory.

The specialist noted that nat-

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