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Bodies of U.S. pilots begin final flight home

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HANOI, Vietnam — From the field of their last battle, the remains of 11 American fliers lost in the Vietnam War have begun their journey home.

Eight U.S. Congressmen and 16 U.S. servicemen bringing the bodies home tended the 11 two-foot-wide metal boxes like treasure chests.

They took them from the Vietnamese Communists Saturday at the deserted end of a runway, swaddled the boxes in American flags and nested them in a Starliner hearse plane for the final flight.

No bands played. No guns saluted.

Rep. G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery, D-Miss., chairman of the congressional delegation that had come to help make a peace at the end of the war, stood with right hand on heart and tried to put it into words. He looked at the boxes of the fliers.

"We are going home," he said. The gray clouds shattered with thunder across rice paddies and up Thud Ridge, the mountain range so-called by U.S. fliers because it was the anti-aircraft gauntlet they had to run to hit the field, named Phuc Yen in war, but which is now

Hanoi's version of an international airport.

It comes complete with an empty terminal the size of a motel lobby.

The 11 boxes joined four coffins put aboard the C141 an hour earlier in Vientiane, Laos.

Montgomery's delegation had come to Vietnam, then Laos, to press the search for Americans still listed as missing in action and to scout for Congress and the White House the possibility of improving U.S. relations with the Communists of Hanoi and Vientiane. They had not expected to be able to bring home the 15 remains.

Most reactions positive

World praises pope

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Irish Catholics offered masses for a successful reign by Pope John Paul I and the French praised him as the son of a "revolutionary." But the dissident archbishop who broke with Pope Paul VI over modernization of the mass issued only a "no comment."

These were among the first reactions to the election of Cardinal Albino Luciani, 65-year-old patriarch of Venice, to succeed the late Pope Paul VI.

Despite the surprise surrounding his election — he had been given only an outside chance of being elected and the conclave's four votes were the fewest in modern history — the praise for John Paul flowed into the Vatican swiftly from around the globe.

San Francisco Archbishop John R. Quinn, president of the U.S. National Conference of Catholic Bishops said, John Paul's "years of pastoral service and experience, his dedication to the highest spiritual

ideals of the priesthood, his marked love for people, quiet gentleness and willingness to listen have made him many friends, Catholic and non-Catholic."

Archbishop Tomas O'Faich, primate of all Ireland, sent the Vatican a message hailing John Paul's election and assuring him of "the affection and loyalty which the faithful of Ireland have always shown toward the Holy Father."

French Church sources hailed John Paul as the son of a "revolutionary" — a migrant bricklayer who was active in the Italian Socialist Party — and a man who once denounced old-fashioned capitalism as breeding human suffering.

French prelates, in their initial comments, predicted the new pope would continue the traditional policies of his two predecessors whose name he chose — John XXIII and Paul VI.

But in Ecône, Switzerland, telephone callers were given an icy "no comment" at the seminary run by French Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, a traditionalist who broke with Paul over his attempts to modernize the church.

The Soviet news agency Tass said only, "Cardinal Albino Luciani, patriarch of Venice, was elected new head of the Roman Catholic Church, successor to Pope Paul VI, who died recently. He took the name of Pope John Paul."

'Majority' law excludes prostitution, court says

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ESSEN, West Germany — Ignorance of the law that says that while a West German woman reaches her majority at 18, she may not work as a prostitute until she is 21 years old, is not excuse, a criminal court declared in fining a local bordello operator \$5,000.

The accused admitted that a woman working in one of his four bordellos was under 21.

But he told the court that when he hired her, he had been unaware of the qualifications attached to the 1974 law lowering the age of majority from 21 to 18.

The law gave all men and women the right to vote and to make contracts from the end of their 18th year, but contained a rider forbidding women to practice prostitution until they are 21.

The criminal court declared ignorance of the law is no excuse and sentenced the businessman to a suspended sentence of six months in jail and ordered him to pay the fine to a charitable organization.

The court acquitted the businessman of the further charge of pandering on grounds that none of the women employed in his four houses appeared to be under duress or exploited.

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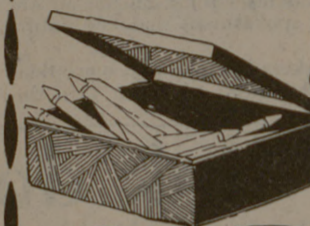
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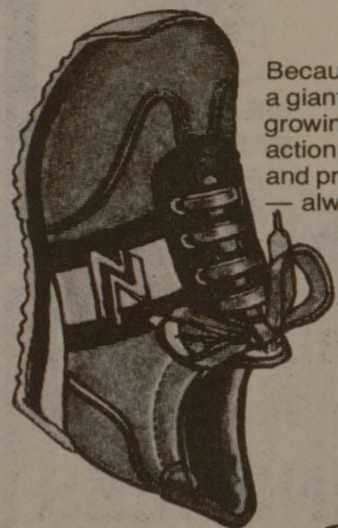


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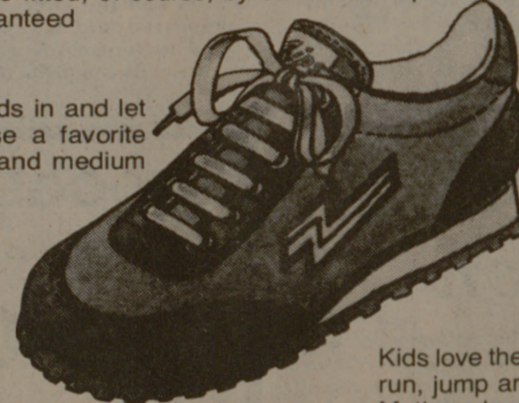
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