

# Ann Bottorff Is Killed In Vietnam Air Crash

Ann N. Bottorff, 54, public affairs director at the U.S. Embassy's Defense Attache Office in Saigon, was killed in the crash April 4 of the orphan airlift plane.

She was for 11 years an information specialist with the Navy Department, assigned to the Pentagon, before she went to Vietnam after the 1973 cease-fire agreement.

She was no stranger to the Far East. Born in Kansas City, Mo., she spent much of her life in China where her father, Dr. Vernon Nash, was a professor at Yenching University.

Mrs. Bottorff later worked in China for the Office of Strategic Services throughout World War II. She later

lived in Bangkok and Taipei.

She was a graduate of Cornell University and held a masters' degree in public affairs from the University of Wisconsin.

In Saigon, although she was the information officer for an establishment whose policy was to release as little information as possible, she managed to remain on friendly terms with most members of the press corps, and helped reporters meet informally with news sources who were not officially available.

She is survived by three daughters, Evelyn, of Washington, Sarah of Falls Church, and Christina, of Kyoto, Japan, and a brother, Hugh Nash, of Napa, Calif.