



Soldiers treated a boy and a girl burned by the jellied gasoline

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Napalm Horror on a Vietnam

Trang Bang, Vietnam

A South Vietnamese A-1 Skyraider accidentally dropped four canisters of napalm close to a temple yesterday, setting off an inferno in which about 20 civilians and soldiers were killed or injured.

Sheets of flame ripped across the district town on

Highway 1, about 25 miles northwest of Saigon. Scores of women, children and soldiers ran down the road, horror etched on their faces. Some could not escape the burning jellied gasoline that clung to their bodies.

One small girl ripped off all her clothing and ran naked with several other chil-

dren, crying and screaming. The skin was burned off her back. An old woman screamed hysterically that her four children had burned to death. Another old woman clutched a charred child, seeking help.

Medics treated youngsters who had been seared when the napalm exploded, and

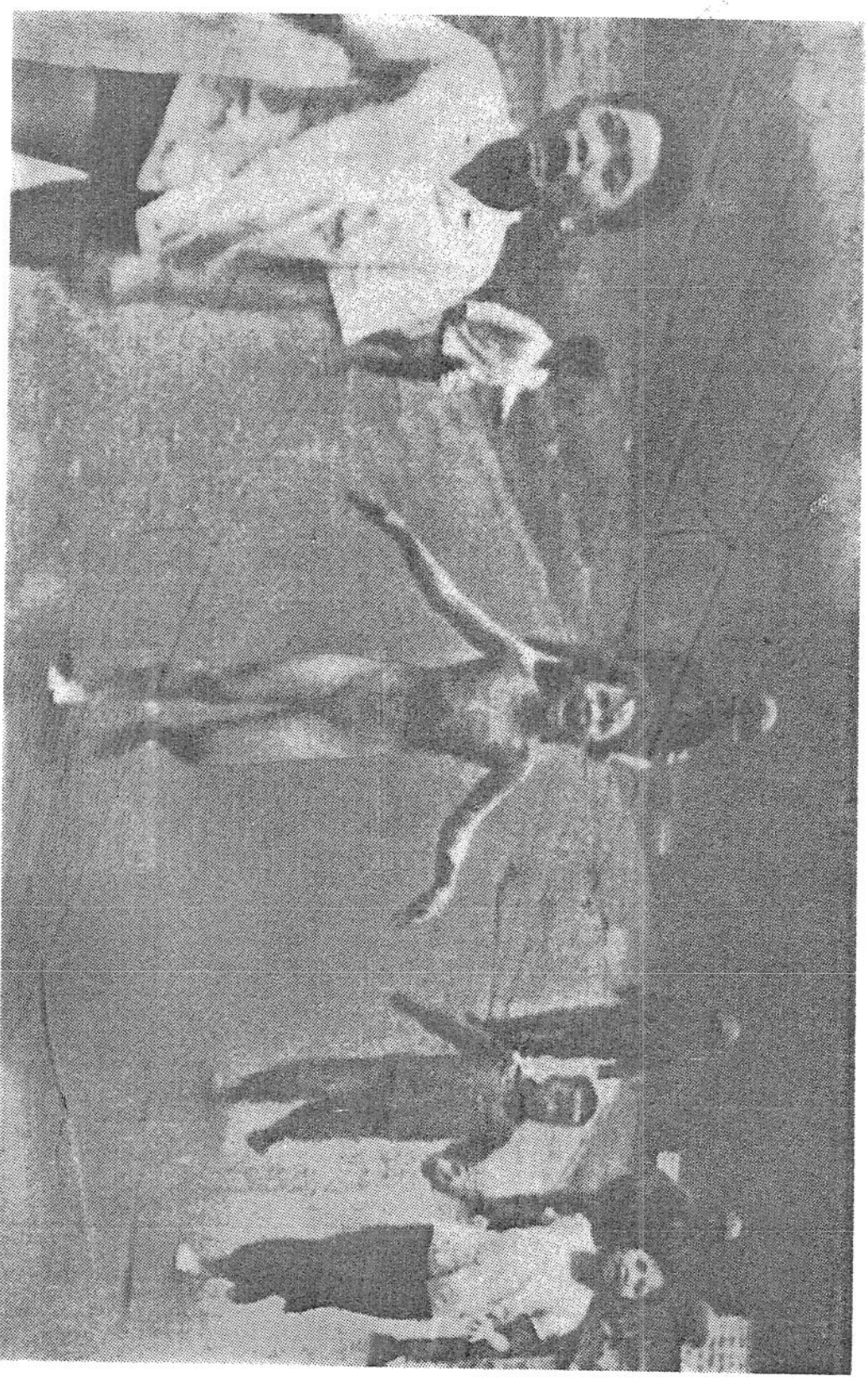
other government troops aided the injured.

Government soldiers, burned by the attack, lay along the road. A South Vietnamese man hobbled along the highway, carrying his wife piggyback style. She had been sprayed by napalm.

The propellor-driven

Road

bomber accidentally dropped the napalm on both sides of the highway, near a Cao Dai temple, while trying to flush out enemy troops surrounding Trang Bang. The jellied gasoline fell into the positions of a government infantry company and civilians trying to escape the cross fire. *Associated Press*



Screaming children, including a girl who had ripped off her burning clothes, ran down the road after the accidental napalm drop

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A man and a woman carried two small children burned by the erupting flames