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Reject Anti-War Riders Committee OK's Foreign Aid Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved the administration's \$415-million foreign aid authorization bill today after rejecting policy riders opposing widening of the Viet Nam war.

After considering a letter from Secretary of State Dean Rusk, the committee voted 13 to 6 to reject an amendment by chairman J. W. Fulbright, D-Ark. Rusk said approval of the measure or the furnishing of economic and military assistance to any nation cannot be construed as a commitment to defend that nation with armed forces.

Also rejected, 14 to 5, was an amendment by Sen. George S. McGovern, D-S.D., designed to make clear passage of the aid bill, which includes \$275 million in economic assistance to South Viet Nam, involves no endorsement of President Johnson's conduct of the Viet Nam war.

Asked Clarification
Fulbright had asked clarification from Rusk on whether Vice

President Hubert H. Humphrey's pledge of "all necessary assistance" to Southeast Asian countries involves fighting for them.

The Arkansas Democrat contends that the United States' involvement in the Viet Nam conflict had its beginnings with

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Pfc. Philip Clark

Rapids Soldier Killed In Action in Viet Nam

The conflict in Viet Nam has been brought close to home for Wisconsin Rapids residents by the death of a local soldier in that jungle warfare.

Pfc. Philip Clark, a 20-year-old paratrooper, was killed in combat on Friday, his parents here were informed. The Defense Department telegram with the "We regret to inform you . . ."

message was received Saturday. Delbert Wendt, Philip's stepfather, said the department listed cause of death as shrapnel and rifle bullet wounds in the head, legs and arm. He was killed outright in the action, which occurred at approximately 5 p.m. Friday.

Pfc. Clark had been in Viet Nam for six months. He enlisted Oct. 14, 1964, and was assigned to the 101st Airborne. His tour of duty in Viet Nam would have been up within two months.

Arrangements for final rites will be made by the Baker Mortuary when the body is returned, expected within a week to 10 days.

Philip Clark was born Feb. 22, 1946, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark. He attended Nekoosa Elementary School and Lincoln High School, enlisting for military service after having completed three years of high school.

Wendt said Philip's last letter was received Wednesday. It was

written while his unit was on patrol.

"He said they hid all day and patrolled all night," Wendt reported. He described Viet Nam as mostly all jungle and hot, with lots of mosquitoes and bugs. Although the young soldier had never been wounded before, he had been hospitalized once with sunstroke.

His mother and stepfather have a home at 1410 30th St. N. out are presently spending most of their time at Hibbing, Minn., where Wendt is an iron worker on a construction project.

Other survivors include three half-sisters, Catherine, 8, Patricia, 6, and Laurie, 2; a half-brother, Delbert Jr., 5; his father, Robert Clark, Green Bay; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Oleson, Nekoosa, and his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Clark, Green Bay.

Commies In South

SAIGON, South Viet Nam brought their first year in finish today by joining with troops to shatter a 2,000-

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that the Marines called their roughest action—and best show. The fierce battle tapered o into a mop-up operation today, with the Marines and Vietnamese troops in pursuit of small bands of Red survivors. Prisoners said the regiment had been in South Viet Nam only a month since it filtered down from the North by the jungled Ho Chi Minh Trail, Allied spokesmen reported.

Victory Is Costly

But the victory was costly for the Allies. Marine officers to correspondents at the battle scene along the central coast that the Marines took the heaviest losses of any single battle in Viet Nam, although over-all Marine casualties were described as light. The toll can in the initial assault on Friday.

Eleven helicopters were hit by the Communists and they knocked down. The withered Red fire also forced down a Marine phantom jet. The two crewmen ejected safely offshore.

The intelligence information that enabled the Allied force to trap the Red regiment was provided by two North Vietnamese soldiers captured by government troops at the beginning of the month. They disclosed that the North Vietnamese regiment mission was to cut Route 1, a strategic coastal highway, by mining it and blowing up bridge.

The Marines launched Oper-



House Staff Protests