

The Weather Today: Partial clearing and cooler. Highs in the 80s. Tomorrow: Fair and colder.

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## King Is Shot, Killed at Memphis Motel

### Johnson Urges Unity, Postpones Trip to Hawaii

WASHINGTON — President Johnson spoke Thursday night of an "America shocked and saddened" by the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In a brief message to the nation, Johnson disclosed that because of the slaying at Memphis he had canceled plans for a political appearance Thursday night and postponed until Friday his scheduled midnight departure for Hawaii and a Vietnam strategy conference.

### Further Curb On Bombing Indicated

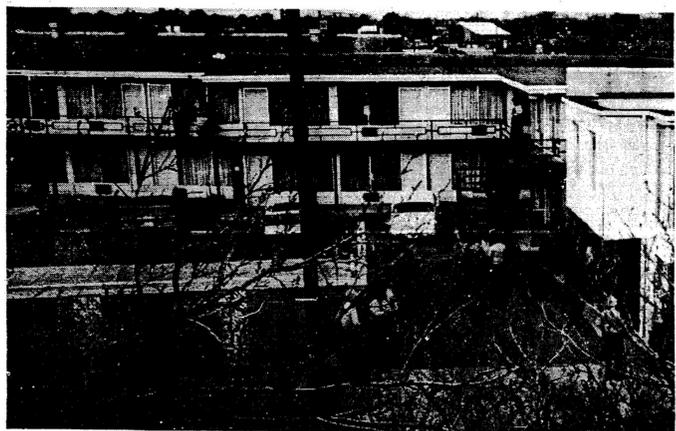
SAIGON — American sources said Friday that no U.S. air strikes had been reported near the 20th Parallel in North Vietnam for more than 24 hours, prompting speculation that President Johnson may be further curtailing the bombing of the north. On the ground, the relief of the Marine combat base at Khe Sanh, in South Vietnam's northwest corner, appeared imminent. Lead elements were reported within a half-mile of the beleaguered base's perimeter Thursday night.

The U.S. command said that 17 Americans had been killed and 139 wounded in the first four days of the Khe Sanh relief drive. A North Vietnamese broadcast monitored in Tokyo claimed 400 Americans were killed in fighting Thursday. No comment. The U.S. command declined to comment on missions flown Friday over North Vietnam, leaving unconfirmed the speculation about new bombing curbs near the 20th Parallel. President Johnson set that as the northern limit for U.S. raids under his order announced Sunday to de-escalate the air war.

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King Was Standing on Balcony of Lorraine Motel When He Was Shot

### Saturn Shot Is Plagued By Troubles

CAPE KENNEDY—The Saturn V rocket ran into one problem after another on its unmanned flight Thursday, raising serious doubts about whether it will be cleared for manned missions without further testing. Soon after a launching on schedule at 7 a.m., two engines of the 363-foot rocket shut down prematurely, gas leaks developed and another engine failed to refire. The third engine is the one designed to boost astronauts out of earth orbit and on their way to the moon.

### Modified Travel Tax Approved by House

WASHINGTON — The House passed Thursday, 272 to 102, a bill to tax international air tickets and cut the duty-free customs allowance for returning travelers but omitting the travel expenditure tax. President Johnson had asked. Because of the omission, the bill that was sent to the Senate would have much less effect on the balance of payments than the administration package, which was counted on to reduce the dollar outflow by some \$200 million.

### Hotels Bombed In San Juan

SAN JUAN, P. R. — A wave of bombing attacks broke out with renewed fury in Puerto Rico early Thursday morning, damaging two of San Juan's major hotels. Bombs exploded almost simultaneously about 3 a.m. at the La Concha and Condado Beach hotels in the heart of San Juan's tourist district. There were no injuries but damage was estimated at about \$5,000 to each hotel.

### Violence Erupts In Many Cities

Jackson, Miss., last night. Police broke up the demonstrations, using tear gas at one place. No injuries were reported. As Negro leader Charles Evers addressed a hastily called rally at the Negro Masonic Temple and called for nonviolence in respect for Dr. King's beliefs, groups outside the building hurled bricks and bottles. Later, Evers walked through the area, pleading with Negroes to clear the streets. A squad of 35 policemen carrying riot guns followed him.

### Law, Order to Be Kept In State, Godwin Says

Gov. Mills E. Godwin Jr. said last night, "Grievances are subject to negotiation. The maintenance of law and order is not negotiable in Virginia." In a speech prepared for delivery at Suffolk to three area Rotary Clubs there, he issued what amounted to a somber warning for the future that the state will react immediately to violent actions from whatever source.

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### Automatic Rifle Found in Area; Curfew Imposed

MEMPHIS — The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 39, who preached nonviolence and racial brotherhood, was shot and killed here Thursday night. Four thousand National Guard troops were ordered into Memphis after King's death. A curfew was imposed on the city of 550,000 inhabitants, about 40 per cent of them Negro.

### Key Statements Made In Virginia by King

By Marvin Garrette  
In the perhaps dozen or so years that he was president before being slain yesterday, he called for a negotiated settlement in Vietnam. The long night of war must be ended," he said, even if it required direct negotiations with the Communist Viet Cong.

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Was Shot in the Neck

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Detective Examines Rifle Found on Memphis Street

Weapon Was Placed in Box to Be Taken to Laboratory