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## SAIGON

The following are excerpts from newspapers around the world.

### WE SEND WARSHIP TO SAIGON

SAIGON, May 4—The U.S. destroyer (Lynch K. Swenson sailed into port here today and moored a mile from the city.

The show of strength was a blunt reply to any questions about the steady intention of the U.S. to support the effort that was in the face of terrorist action. The destroyer was maneuvering in the Gulf of Tonkin with the 7th Fleet when the ferry was sunk. A U.S. spokesman bluntly described the unannounced arrival of the destroyer as a marine, operational visit.

But there was little doubt it was a deliberate move to show the Viet Cong that the U.S. would not be intimidated.

#### From Cable Dispatches Saigon

"Well-informed military sources said the U.S. Navy's surprise visit to Saigon was clearly designed to show that the U.S. Navy 'can come and go as it pleases' in spite of the Card explosion, which ripped a huge hole that was temporarily sealed yesterday so the ship's lower decks could be pumped out.

Aboard the Swenson was Capt. C. C. Curigan, Jr., Commander of the 7th Fleet's Destroyer Squadron 8. The ship had detached from fleet maneuvers in the Gulf of Tonkin to make the visit, which was expected to last two days.

SAIGON, Viet Nam (AP)—The U.S. destroyer Lynch K. Swenson arrived in Saigon for what could be an American show of force following the sinking of the aircraft transport Card in the Saigon River.

The Swenson tied up within sight of the Card which has been partially refloated since terrorists ran a 20-foot hole in its side with explosives before dawn Saturday.

### U. S. SHIP IS SAFE AFTER VIET ALARM

SAIGON, May 3—A possible attempt to blow up the 7th Fleet destroyer Swenson, berthed here, was prevented Tuesday evening by a sailor on watch who threw a concussion grenade into the water, an American spokesman reported today.

The watch on the deck of the Swenson said sometimes he saw a trail of bubbles leading to the ship at 8:30 a.m. He threw a grenade "as a precautionary measure." Nothing came to the surface, the spokesman said.



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