

Guard Averts Possible Attack On U.S. Destroyer in Saigon

SAIGON, South Vietnam, Thursday, May 7 (AP)—A possible attempt to blow up the destroyer Swenson of the United States 7th Fleet, now berthed in Saigon, was prevented Tuesday by a watchman, a United States spokesman said today.

The watchman on the deck of the Swenson told Navy authorities he saw a trail of bubbles leading to the ship at 6:30 P.M. Tuesday. He threw a concussion grenade into the murky Saigon River "as a precautionary measure." Nothing came to the surface, the spokesman said.

Communist guerrillas sank the United States converted aircraft carrier Card with an explosive charge last Saturday.

The Swenson, which arrived in Saigon Monday, has sonar detectors going twenty-four hours a day while she is in Saigon. Maximum security is in effect around the ship.

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