

Rusk Defies Ho To Outline Steps To Peace

WASHINGTON (UPI)—In the face of increased determination by both sides, Secretary of State Dean Rusk challenged Hanoi Wednesday to outline the steps toward peace it would take if the United States stopped bombing North Viet Nam.

Rusk drew heavy applause at the White House Conference on International Cooperation after he said: "I am not now excluding the possibility of stopping the bombing as a step toward peace." But despite many efforts to learn how Hanoi would respond to such a U.S. move, the secretary said the Communists have been "unwilling to give an answer."

For five days last May, the United States halted the bombing that it began on Feb. 7. But Rusk said that after only three days, Communist capitals made it clear that there was no interest in peace moves by North Viet Nam.

In Moscow, Wednesday, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko said that the U.S. bombings of the North "must stop" and all U.S. troops must leave South Viet Nam before any peace talks could be held. He restated the Soviet position to British Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart in a three-hour talk at the Soviet foreign ministry.

Rusk's speech was made to more than 1,000 delegates attending the conference, many of whom have been critical of U.S. policy in Viet Nam.

Rusk said the administration realized that decent, loyal Americans could differ over whether the United States should do in Viet Nam. The government does not equate dissent with disloyalty, he said.

But the United States must stand firm in Viet Nam to avoid possible "monstrous miscalculation" by the Communists about the sincerity of the U.S. commitment there.

In another related development, it was learned Wednesday that the United States has solid evidence of a major expansion of Communist Chinese military and economic aid to the Hanoi regime.

Peking has stepped up the flow of both war materials and industrial supplies to North Viet Nam. In addition, Red Chinese engineering troops have been sent to help repair the bombed rail line linking the North Vietnamese capital with southern China.

Only Tuesday, Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara said the infiltration rate of North Vietnamese into the south would approach 4,500 men a month—more than triple last summer's rate. He indicated the increased infiltration would be countered for the time being by intensified U.S. air attacks.

Rusk delivered his speech at the final day of the three-day conference where delegates proposed new policies on subjects ranging from disarmament to cultural affairs.

Among the proposals made by panel members today: —The United States recognized the principle that all states should resort to measures of peaceful settlement of disputes before resorting to force.

—In the cultural field, a suggestion that this country should receive more scholars, artists and publications to balance trips abroad by Americans in these fields.

—Endorsement by a trade panel of proposals to negotiate ground rules for expanded free world trade with Russia and Eastern Europe on terms consistent with free world trading practices.

Controversy Flares Anew

Power Panel, N-Plant Proposed

AUGUSTA (AP)—The controversy over creation of a Maine Power Authority erupted anew Wednesday.

Supporters said they now want to build a nuclear power plant to provide low-cost power throughout the state, but an opponent warned that this could mean "slow strangulation" of existing utilities.

Proposed legislation creating the MPA and plans to build a \$200 million nuclear plant in the southern coastal area of the state were unveiled at a legislative committee hearing by Malcolm Stevenson, attorney for the Citizens Committee for the Maine Power Authority, and John N. Harris, engineering consultant for the same group.

The principal opposition expressed at the hearing was by utility companies. Robert Haskell, president of the Bangor Hydro Electric Co., urged the committee to consider the tax losses which the state might incur and also the problems which utilities would face through possible loss of their large customers.

The committee holding the hearing was created by the legislature to study the broad questions of preservation of the Allagash Riverway and development of power on the St. John. Sen. Elmer H. Violette, 13-Van Buren, the chairman, prefaced the hearing by saying it had concluded the Allagash phase of its hearings and was now concerned with the St. John question. He said there was some question whether the committee had any authority in the nuclear power plant issue, but that it had decided to hear the presentations at this time.

\$204,591 Park Job To Be Finished In July

Crescent Beach Contract Awarded

AUGUSTA — A \$204,591 contract for development of Crescent Beach State Park, Cape Elizabeth, was awarded Wednesday by Gov. Reed and the Executive Council to W. H. Hinman Inc., Westbrook.

When completed, the park will have a capacity for as many as 12,000 persons a day. The commission anticipates peak usage will reach 350,000 a year, one-third as many people who visited all state parks and historical sites in 1963, Stuart said.

The \$90-car parking lot will be adjacent to the central part of the 4,000 feet of beach on the park shore. Space is available for development eventually of parking facilities for 1,500 more cars.

COMMISSION PLANNERS expect to look for another contract, which will cover concession facilities, a bathroom, maintenance building and a control station at the park entrance. This work also probably will be completed in July, 1966.

Basic earth work, clearing of land and construction of a parking lot for 900 cars, an entrance road, water service facilities, picnic sites and walks will be completed under the Hinman contract.

Federal funds available to the commission under the Land and Water Conservation Fund will finance one-half of the contract awarded to the Hinman firm.

THE MORE THAN 40 picnic sites to be built by Hinman will complement those available at Two Lights State Park, about one-quarter of a mile from Crescent Beach.

Already 90 per cent completed is a \$122,540 pollution control plant being built with 30 per cent federal funds. It will be capable of serving the park when Crescent Beach is fully developed.

THE COMMISSION plans to spend more than \$1 million developing the 172 acre park on Route 77 nine miles from Portland.

The entrance road from Route 77 will be at the western end of the park.

Other bidders on the Crescent Beach project were Permainer Roadway Co., Westbrook, \$233,140.64; P. H. Chadbourne Inc., Bethel, \$246,428.70; and Ralph Romano Jr., Portland, \$270,311.70.



'Dewey' Doesn't Go

Miss Courtney Chapman holds "Dewey" lest it accidentally wind up in the Press Herald Clearing House Christmas Caravan packing center along with the stuffed animals and dolls on the table, which Courtney is giving to the Caravan for distribu-

tion to the needy. The large Santa Claus was a special gift and the only thing shown, besides "Dewey," that Courtney can't part with. Courtney is the daughter of Mrs. Geneva F. Chapman and Philip F. Chapman Jr. of Portland.

Holdup Man Is Sentenced To 20 Years

Murdo P. Margeson, 47, of Warner, N.H., Wednesday was sentenced to 20 years in a federal prison for the June 5, 1964, holdup of the South Portland branch of the Federal Loan and Building Association.

In imposing the maximum sentence Federal Judge Edward T. Gignoux observed that he was compelled to be harsh, if not to protect the public, then to protect the banks of New England.

Margeson's attorney immediately appealed the sentence and bail was set at \$50,000, which he did not furnish. He was taken to the County Jail.

20 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT. CHRISTMAS SEALS fight and other RESPIRATORY DISEASES.

Stewart Presses For Viet Peace

MOSCOW (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko and Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart of Britain discussed a peaceful settlement in Viet Nam Wednesday but neither denied the other's position. Gromyko was reported demanding that the United States stop bombing North Viet Nam.

Stewart urged Gromyko to "sleep on" a suggestion that the Soviet Union forest about the past in Viet Nam and join with Britain in seeking steps to end what he called "the cruel war."

Stewart and Gromyko will meet again Thursday night at a dinner and on Friday before Stewart flies back to London.

Prayer For Today: Our gracious heavenly Father, help us to be merry and to be glad in this time of transition from isolation to interdependence of the nations and peoples of the world. Give us an understanding of the problems and needs of other peoples. May our nation always see the common good in the peace and justice of the world. Amen.



Cuban Refugees Leave Plane 75 Cubans Come To U.S. On Pioneer Exile Flight

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Seventy-five Cuban men, women and children rode into U.S. exile Wednesday on the first flight of an aircraft that could continue for years if Fidel Castro doesn't slam shut the gates.

Some 1,000 compatriots shouted greetings in Spanish, wept and waved from observation decks of Miami International Airport as a government-chartered airliner brought in the first batch of voluntary exiles.

All the newly arrived refugees have relatives in this country. Most of them were scheduled, after brief processing, to return to their kinfolk have cities where their kinfolk have been resettled all over the United States.

On behalf of President Johnson, a message of welcome from the U.S. State Department was read to the first airlift passengers on the plane.

It said, "Our country greets you with the sincere hope of giving you refuge. The dedication of America to our tradition as an asylum for the oppressed will be upheld. We promised you refuge and you will receive it."

The plane arrived at 1:38 p.m., hours late from Varadero, Cuba, because of equipment replacements and red tape. Cubans streaming down the gangway were well-dressed and appeared generally healthy. The 75 children among them included many babies in arms.

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