

Secrecy Shrouds U.S. Peace Drive

Goldberg, Pope Confer



Ambassador Goldberg

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg made an unheralded visit to Pope Paul VI Wednesday on a special mission for President Johnson about peace in Viet Nam.

An American embassy statement said Goldberg, the chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations and former Supreme Court justice, had flown here to thank the Pope for the Christmas cease-fire and other peace efforts.

The Pope has been taking the diplomatic initiative to restore peace in Viet Nam and he is given credit here for bringing about the Christmas truce, frail as it was.

President Johnson's unusual step of sending a personal envoy rather than a message was expected here to enhance the prestige of the pontiff as a nonpoli-

cal intermediary in the Viet Nam war.

Goldberg's audience came almost simultaneously with a Radio Hanoi report that North Viet Nam President Ho Chi Minh had sent the Pope a message thanking him for his cease-fire efforts and accusing the United States of preferring war to peace.

The U.S. embassy statement said: "U.S. Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg arrived in Rome late this afternoon and immediately had an audience with Pope Paul. The audience lasted one hour.

"The President also asked Ambassador Goldberg to thank His Holiness for the continuous efforts he is making in furthering peace in Southeast Asia. The President's gratitude on behalf of the American people is, in his view, shared by all mankind."

Harriman In Poland

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Presidential envoy W. Averell Harriman met Polish Foreign Minister Adam Rapacki Wednesday in an apparent American search for ways to end the war in Viet Nam.

Ambassador Harriman, on a mission for President Johnson, was thought by Warsaw sources to be pleased by his talk with Rapacki on such matters as the Polish role on the three-nation Indochina Control Commission.

The other members are Canada and India.

Harriman arrived for the surprise visit accompanied by a State Department Chinese expert, David Dean, and East European specialist, Christopher Squares.

There was speculation but no confirmation that Harriman would continue Thursday in Moscow where he has served as ambassador.

Discarding Harriman's session with Rapacki, a U.S. embassy statement said that at President Johnson's request Harriman had expressed the U.S. position on Viet Nam to Poland in connection with Poland's membership on the Indochina Control Commission.

Harriman did not see newsmen and no further details were given.

It could not be learned immediately if Harriman planned contacts with Chinese or North Vietnamese Communist officials in Warsaw.

Chinese Ambassador Wang Kuo-Chuan, U.S. Ambassador John A. Gruzinski's opposite in the periodic Warsaw ambassadorial talks, announced Dec. 15 he was going on vacation to China. But sources in touch with the Chinese embassy said he probably had not yet left.



Ambassador Harriman

Bay State's Saltonstall To Retire

Sen. Smith In Line For Top Armed Services Panel Post

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Leverett Saltonstall's decision not to seek re-election puts Sen. Margaret Chase Smith in line to be ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee in addition to her current top GOP spot on the Space Committee.

Mrs. Smith, who was 68 on Dec. 14, is expected to seek re-election in 1968 for her fourth six-year term. She first came to the Senate in 1949.

Saltonstall, who is 73, announced in Boston he will retire as Massachusetts' senator at the end of his present term in January 1967. He said he feels he could not serve another six years "with the zeal, ability and conscientiousness that I would want to serve."

If she is re-elected, Mrs. Smith is expected to become the first woman member of the elite

Senate group which oversees the highly secret operations of the Central Intelligence Agency.

This group is made up of senior members of the Senate Armed Services and Appropriations Committees. Saltonstall's previous refusal to yield top place on either the Appropriations or Armed Services Committee has blocked Mrs. Smith's access to the CIA group.

The woman senator will move up to third in rank on the subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee. Sen. Milton R. Young of North Dakota will become top Republican there, eligible for the chairmanship if the GOP regains control of the Senate from the Democrats.

Next in line for the chairmanship is Sen. Karl E. Mundt of South Dakota.

If the Republicans gain control, Mrs. Smith would be able to choose between the chairmanships of the Space Committee, where she now is the ranking Republican, and the Armed Services Group.

Saltonstall also will vacate a place on the Senate-House Committee on Reduction of Nonessential Expenditures. The House of that group, which has been headed since its inception by former Sen. Harry F. Byrd, D., Va., is in doubt.

There are some reports that Sen. Allen J. Ellender, D-La., may want to step into the place Byrd vacated when he resigned from the Senate several weeks ago.

The committee has seldom met in recent years, confining itself to landing staff reports on the number of federal employees and the condition of the national defense stockpile.

Sen. Smith Optimistic On Continuation Of 3 Maine, N.H., Military Facilities

By HARRY G. SHULMAN
District Correspondent
BRUNSWICK — Sen. Margaret Chase Smith, in line for the ranking Republican seat on the powerful Armed Services Committee, Wednesday reported favorably on the outlook of three Maine and New Hampshire military installations.

But she could hold out no high hopes for the Kittery Naval Shipyard, the fourth facility she visited during the day on her annual year-end tour of Air Force and Navy bases.

Sen. Smith, who also visited Pease Air Force Base in New-

ington, N.H., the Naval Air Station here and Topsham Air Force Station, described the four as "the most satisfactory single day" in all the years she has been making the late December visits.

RETIREMENT of Sen. Leverett Saltonstall, R-Massachusetts at the end of 1966, which Saltonstall announced Wednesday, puts the late senator from Maine in line as top Republican on the Armed Services Committee and the preparedness investigating subcommittee. She already is ranking Repub-

lican on the Space Committee.

Presumably Sen. Smith also would move up to the number three position on the Appropriations Committee among Republicans and would rate as top member of her party on its subcommittee on defense.

Sen. Smith expressed disappointment Wednesday at Saltonstall's announcement and said he has been a stalwart in the Senate since 1949.

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North Viet Nam Spared 7th Day From Bomb Raids

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — The longest U.S. air attack against North Viet Nam rolled into its seventh day Thursday.

A U.S. military spokesman reported: "There is no change at all in the situation. The bombing of North Viet Nam."

The suspension of air raids on the Communist North was the first since the United States ordered a similar but shorter moratorium last May in a futile peace gesture toward Hanoi. That pause was variously calculated as lasting five or six days. The attacks began Feb. 7.

The current hull, also described as a peace gesture, has brought no known response from Hanoi, despite U.S. efforts reported Wednesday in Warsaw and Vatican City.

But a broadcast denunciation by President Ho Chi Minh of North Viet Nam cast a shadow over President Johnson's efforts to achieve negotiation of Vietnamese war issues.

Ho's blast came as diplomatic

activity behind the Iron Curtain stirred speculation that American authorities were broadening efforts to induce his regime to end peace talks.

American recognition of the possibility the Communist might choose to fight on was reflected in two events:

— About 4,000 more U.S. soldiers flew in from Hawaii, boosting the roll of the American armed forces in Viet Nam to 175,000. The newcomers — jungle-trained members of the 23rd "Tropic Lightning" Infantry Division — put down at Pleiku, a base in the central highlands.

— War costs weighed on a budget study at the Texas White House. A dispatch from Austin said President Johnson was expected to ask about \$3 billion or more as a separate package to finance outlays in Viet Nam.

South Viet Nam's government was reported ready to join the Viet Cong in proclaiming a cease-fire Jan. 20-21 for celebration of the Lunar New Year, which ordinarily brings a break in military activity. The United States held some doubts, but was expected to concur.

U.S. headquarters announced 21 Americans were killed in combat Christmas week, compared to 10 in the week of Dec. 12-14. The roll of the dead passed the 1,550 mark. American wounded in action last week totaled 85.

Government forces, which by far the most of the fighting, lost 227 killed, 499 wounded and 104 missing or captured. The Communist toll was listed as 837 killed and 137 captured, with no estimate of the wounded.

Kaleidoscopic developments of the day included sustained action in South Viet Nam by both ground and air forces.

At Pleiku, 240 miles north of

Ho Blasts Budding Hopes For Talks To End Conflict

TOKYO (AP) — President Ho Chi Minh of Communist North Viet Nam dealt a resounding blow Wednesday to budding Western hopes for negotiations to end the Vietnamese war.

In a message to Pope Paul VI, who had thanked him for the Christmas truce in South Viet Nam, Ho declared: "U.S. leaders want war and not peace. The talks about unconditional negotiations made by the U.S. President are merely a maneuver to cover up his plan for war intensification and extension in Viet Nam."

The broadcast from Hanoi, the North Vietnamese capital, came as a hail to U.S. bombing of North Viet Nam and a flurry of American diplomatic activity had raised hopes of the possibility of peace talks.

Foy D. Kohler met with President Nikolai V. Podgorny, arousing speculation of a new approach to the Soviet Union to get peace talks started.

Only a short time before, the Soviet Union had announced that Alexander N. Sholepkin, a top Soviet troubleshooter, will go to Hanoi. But there was no indication the Russians are thinking of changing their position of fully supporting Hanoi's demands.

These demands were restated

by Ho in his message to Pope Paul, which Hanoi radio said was sent Tuesday to the Vatican. These are the so-called four points repeatedly stressed in broadcasts by Peking and Hanoi.

"The U.S. government," Ho said, "must completely and unconditionally end its bombings and all acts of war against North Viet Nam, stop its aggression in South Viet Nam, withdraw its troops and armaments."

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RCA Checks On Lewiston As Possible Plant Site

By FRANK SLEEPER
Business Reporter
NEW YORK — Radio Corporation of America, a giant in the electronics and communications industry, is investigating the building formerly occupied by the Raytheon Co. in Lewiston, Maine, as a possible plant location.

The firm announced Wednesday that Lewiston is one of a number of communities in "several states" it's looking at.

"Pending a final selection, no further information will be available," the RCA statement said.

The Lewiston building, vacant since March, 1964, is owned by the Lewiston Development Corp., with Raytheon still paying on its lease. Total cost to Raytheon for the lease payments plus maintenance of the building is about \$330,000 yearly.

An option on the building has reportedly been given to

John J. Reynolds Inc., New York real estate firm, to find a tenant for the building by Feb. 1.

An appraisal has been done recently on the building by an Augusta real estate man.

RCA people have been in the Lewiston area looking over housing and schools, as well as the building for some months.

Raytheon sources will only say that negotiations for the \$24 million, 140,000-square-foot building for some months.

One report has it that the electronics division of RCA, with headquarters in Somerville, N.J., is interested.

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Prayer For Today

Almighty God, with whom one day is as a thousand years, deliver us from the vanity of our human nature and establish us in the fellowship of that life which is the same yesterday and today and forever. Protect us through the uncertainties of a new year, and grant that every experience may bring us nearer to Thee, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

—Saint LeRoy Anderson, Berkeley, Calif., president, Pacific School of Religion.

Saltonstall's Move Could Catapult Negro To Senate

BOSTON (UPI) — Sen. Leverett Saltonstall, R-Mass., opened a political Pandora's box Wednesday when he announced he would not run for re-election. His withdrawal could mean election for the first Negro U.S. senator since Reconstruction days.

The 73-year-old senator, a close friend of the late President John F. Kennedy, said he decided to quit the arduous campaign chiefly after "hastating thought and consultation with my family and friends."

Saltonstall and Kennedy, though their political philosophies differed, voted as one on matters pertaining to Massachusetts.

chusetts when the two served together in the Senate.

Saltonstall's decision, announced in his characteristic cultured, nasal twang at a news conference, dropped the curtain on 45 years of political life. It could alter the political destiny of ambitious Republicans and Democrats alike who were waiting for him to make the first move.

Among the potential GOP successors to Saltonstall was Massachusetts Atty. Gen. Edward W. Brooke, one of the highest Negro elected public officeholders in the nation.

If Brooke, 46, survived a Republican pre-primary convention and primary and then went on to win election, he would become the third Negro U.S. Senator in history and the first since Civil War Reconstruction days. Two Negro U.S. Senators were elected to Mississippi in 1870 and 1875 respectively.

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Junior Artists Rehearse

drum. Violist Melinda Geason concentrates on Copeland's "Outdoor Overture," indoors at the Deering High School rehearsal, protected by a woolen cap. At right, Martha Bonney, an alumnus, plays the

bassoon part. The 70-piece ensemble will present a concert of Bach, Haydn, Shostakovich, Balsoni, Orlig and Copeland. The orchestra will rehearse again at DHS at 2 p.m. Sunday.

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Portland Junior Symphony Orchestra members rehearse for the Jan. 30 concert to be held in City Hall Auditorium. Allen Graffam, son of Conductor Clinton W. Graffam, takes his turn at the bass