

Rusk Blames Communists For Blocking Talks Aimed At Ending Viet Nam War



Sees No Basis For Talks Now

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
 WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Dean Rusk blamed Communist North Viet Nam on Friday for blocking talks aimed at ending the Viet Nam war.

He said the Reds "exclude in advance" the terms which they know the United States would seek to free South Viet Nam from Communist aggression.

At a news conference Rusk speculated further that the North Vietnamese may be hardening their position against unconditional discussions, though their public statements vary from time to time and their purpose is hard to judge.

Citing a four-point Communist

peace settlement plan calling for withdrawal of U.S. forces and a dominant voice for Communist rebels in a new South Vietnamese government, Rusk declared: "One has the impression that in recent weeks their attitude has been moving to advance these four points as pre-conditions somewhat more than might have been our impression for a time. We don't know."

Rusk also said under questioning "there has been some chill in U.S.-Soviet relations" because of Viet Nam, and he expressed hope that Soviet leaders will find some way "to ease off" so that the world's two greatest powers can develop a

basis for getting along with each other.

Specifically, Rusk deplored the expulsion from the Soviet Union of Washington Post correspondent Alexander Rosenfeld, on the ground that the Post had published articles to which Moscow objected.

"We can't accept the notion," Rusk declared, "that any foreign government can, by pressure, leverage, blackmail or other techniques, impose any veiled form of censorship on American newspapers."

The secretary of state reaffirmed the U.S. policy of willingness to enter into unconditional discussions with North Viet Nam but declared that

such discussions cannot be limited by conditions laid down in advance by Hanoi.

"What we are saying is that if they want to come to the conference table," he said, "if they want to have discussions, we will discuss, and in those discussions they can say anything that they want to. But we must be free to say anything that we want to. We are not going to points."

He confirmed that in the fall of 1964 the United States received from U.N. Secretary-General U Thant, through the late U.S. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson, information that the Hanoi regime would be willing to make a contact with the United

States. Thant suggested Rangoon, Burma, as a meeting place.

Rusk described the maneuver at that time as "so-called peace feelers" and said it coincided with increased infiltration of Communist fighters into South Viet Nam, including units of Hanoi's regular army.

"They undoubtedly felt they were on the threshold of victory," he said.

Rusk argued that the attitude of the Communist world last year, believing in the possibility of victory, was that they were prepared "to save the face of the United States while they

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No Drastic Change Likely In No. Viet Nam Bombing

WASHINGTON (AP) — A forecast of increased emphasis on bombing North Viet Nam was interpreted by U.S. officials Friday to mean that more strikes might be made — but not necessarily the commitment of more planes or a change in targets.

Secretary of Defense Robert B. McNamara told newsmen Thursday night that bombing attacks on North Viet Nam have been directed at infiltration

routes to the south and "I think you can expect increasing emphasis" on this.

One possibility raised by McNamara's statement, made as he left for London and Paris en route to Viet Nam, is that the United States might send its giant B52 bombers over North Viet Nam. So far the jets have hammered only at Viet Cong targets in South Viet Nam. Discussing McNamara's statement, some U.S. officials



Tame As A Housecat

Bobby, a 19-pound bobcat, reclines in the arms of its master, Thomas J. Allen, Cumberland, R.I., a sophomore at the University of Maine, Allen, who assists a professor in a research project on the ranging habits of deer, raised the cat, from a kitten. It's kept in a wooden cabin — near the deer pens — behind Androscoggin Hall. (Story on Back Page)

Bath 3-Ship Contract To Be Signed Tuesday

BATH — Bath Iron Works apparently has won its fight with American Export-Isbrandt Lines over a \$38.7 million contract for three cargo ships.

The shipping firm Friday told BIW President James F. Goodrich it would sign the disputed contract for the 12,200-ton vessels.

And, in Washington, Rep. Stanley R. Tupper's office said the signing would take place at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Maritime Administration building.

"We're delighted this matter is officially settled," said Goodrich.

From Augusta, Gov. John H. Reed said the announcement was "great news" and that the contract would "stabilize the

CG Saving Crew Of Maine Built Ship On Alaska Reef

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP) — The Coast Guard began evacuating the crew of the 10,000-ton freighter *Odnua*, by breechbuoy jate Friday several hours after the vessel ran aground on Unimak Island in Alaska, the Alaska Steamship Co. announced here.

A spokesman for the steamship company said its agent in Kodiak, Alaska, telephoned at 3 p.m. PST that 13 of the 37 crew members aboard the stricken vessel had been removed and the operation was continuing.

A breechbuoy is a life buoy running upon a hawser stretched between ships or from ship to shore. It is designed primarily for rescuing persons.

The Alaska Steamship spokesman said the men would be taken to Cold Bay, on the Alaska Peninsula, near Unimak, the Coast Guard helicopter and the Seattle tug *Adeline* was to spend the night. He said they would probably be flown to Seattle on Saturday.

The *Adeline* was assisted the *Odnua* in getting a line ashore for the breechbuoy operation. The Coast Guard said the vessel, skippered by Otto Karboe of Seattle, had five feet of water in her forward hold and engine room and was being to starboard.

Two helicopters from the Kodiak, Alaska, Naval Air Station were standing by at nearby Cold Bay. Also in the area were the Japanese merchant ship *Taiyo Maru*, the Canadian rescue vessel *Reed*, a Coast

guard amphibian aircraft, an amphibian of Fleet Airborne and the U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries vessel *Pritillo*, which was serving as the communications link.

Heavy seas were reported continuing along the shores of the island, which lies at the head of the Aleutian Islands chain.

The 20-year-old freighter was aground shortly after daybreak on Unimak Peninsula, on Unimak Island. A distress message said the vessel was breaking up but another message relayed later from a company agent at the Coast Guard office at Kodiak said the crew was in no imminent danger.

The message said there were 40 on the *Odnua*.

Alaska Steamship Co. headquarters at Seattle said there were only 37 aboard when the ship sailed for Adak, on the western tip of the Aleutians, Nov. 11.

The *Odnua* was returning from Adak and was scheduled to go into Sand Point, Alaska, and Kodiak before returning to Seattle.

The latest message said a Coast Guard amphibian plane, sent from Ketchikan to drop life rafts, and a commercial plane were circling the wreck scene.

The *Odnua*, built at South Portland, Me., was formerly the *Southport* and was bought by Alaska Steam in 1963. The skipper is Capt. Otto Karboe, of Seattle, and most of the crew are Seattle-area men.

Rockland Is Mentioned As Atomic Plant Site

By JAMES A. MOORE
 District Correspondent

ROCKLAND — Rockland is another area which the proposed Maine Power Authority would consider for an atomic power plant, John N. Harris, engineer for the proposed authority, told a group of businessmen and officials here Friday.

Harris said plans for tying such a plant in with the Dick-ey-Lincoln School hydroelectric project would bring kilowatt-hour costs in this state down to 4 or 4½ mills.

Present Maine power costs, he charged, are among reasons "industry doesn't locate in Maine."

The proposed MPA would build enough transmission lines so existing needs of Maine industries which now are taken care of at lower costs. He noted that some private utilities had opposed setting up a state power authority in 1954, but that they were growing faster than ever before.

"Combined public and private power has worked out," Harris said. He also noted that some private utilities had even sponsored the establishment of authorities such as the MPA on which a general hearing will be given in Augusta, Dec. 1.

Under the proposed MPA, the atomic plant would supply base power with Dickey-Lincoln School-making peaking power and, at times, base power when the atomic plant is idle.

The MPA system would tie in with New England, New York and New Brunswick, selling some of its power outside Maine, but "gradually retracting" as industries attracted by cheaper power came to Maine.

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Troubles Beset Viet Peace March Set Today In D.C.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bus groups of balking New Jersey commuters and people bent on bus drivers. The complainants, he said, take the view that common carriers ought to carry all day's "march on Washington for peace in Viet Nam."

The organizers hope 30,000 will turn out to protest Johnson administration policy, to urge an end to bombings of North Viet Nam and a more determined effort for a negotiated peace.

Nobody is certain how many demonstrators will get there. For one thing, some bus drivers are balking at transporting the protesters.

Sanford Gottlieb, demonstration coordinator, said the march organization has filed a complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission against the bus drivers.

Another of the troubles besetting Gottlieb takes the form of the "U.S. Committee to Aid the National Liberation Front of South Viet Nam." The Viet Cong is the fighting arm of this front.

The committee put Viet Cong flags — a big yellow star on a black ground — in a rented hotel for display in a public place. It also passed out literature suggesting be sent to the liberation front via Hong Kong and Prague, Czechoslovakia.

The committee is among many organizations attending a four-day conference here in Viet Nam. Many of these conferences consider organizers of Saturday's march to be relativists who are too soft on administration policy.

Chairman of the committee selling the flags is Walker Tenner, who said he is a New York salesman. He said the Viet Cong flags will be carried in the march.

Asked if he thinks this would be giving aid or comfort to an enemy, he said, "No, there is no enemy." (Continued on Page 13; 2nd Col.)

Right Of Marchers To Demonstrate Against Viet War Is Upheld By LBJ

JOHNEON CITY, Tex. (AP) — President Johnson was described by an aide Friday as a champion of the right of minorities to demonstrate peacefully, including opponents of his Viet Nam policy.

Press secretary Bill D. Moyers said "The President is glad the United States is a country where the people can express their opinions freely."

Moyers relayed Johnson's views to demonstrators asked the President's reaction to Saturday's "march on Washington for peace in Viet Nam."

"The right of all Americans, especially those who hold minority views, to gather peacefully to express their views is basic to democratic society," Moyers said in his outline of Johnson's views.

When questioned about suggestions that Communist leaders are being misled into believing that antiwar demonstrations represent majority opinion in this country, Moyers said this should cause Americans to weigh the course they are taking.

"But it should not cause them to fail to do what their conscience leads them to do," he said.

During the day, Johnson announced he will meet Dec. 14-15 with President Mohammed Ayub Khan of Pakistan, review the bloodless coup in the Congo and other world events in a long phone talk with Secretary of State Dean Rusk, and receive a group of officials from Washington to talk about the budget and other matters.

Prayer For Today

O Lord, author and finisher of life, I look toward the revelation of the advent of Thy Son — and I wonder how Thou couldst have enough to place the whole fate of human beings in their hands for a little while. I wonder how, even in Thy majesty and power, Thou succeeded in planning so marvelous and utterly incredible an event as the birth of a baby, Wandering and frolic, I thank Thee through the Son Thou sent. Amen.

— Fyke Garrison, *Evangelist*, Instructor, Central Methodist Church.



Off To Good Start

Christmas shopping on downtown Congress Street, Maine's largest retail shopping area, got off to its traditional good start Friday, the day after Thanksgiving. Crowds also were heavy in area shopping centers.

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