

Brief Christmas Truce Possible In Viet Nam

State Secretary Is Questioned

WASHINGTON (AP)— State Secretary Dean Rusk held the door open Friday to a possible brief Christmas truce in the war in Viet Nam, but ruled out any long pause in U.S. bombing of North Viet Nam under present circumstances.

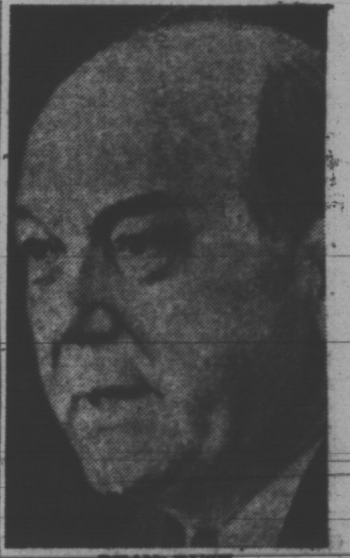
Rusk told a press conference that actual decisions on a Christmas lull would depend on what the South Vietnamese wanted to do and also to some extent on the Viet Cong guerrillas in South Viet Nam.

His discussion on the possibilities covered not only Christmas but also "let" the traditional new year period in Viet Nam which come a few weeks after Christmas.

Asked specifically about a holiday halt in the fighting next month, Rusk said:

"We ought to distinguish between what might happen at Christmas and the idea of a general pause such as we had a year ago."

"We've not been able to get any indication from the other side on what would happen if the bombing (of North Viet Nam) stopped."



DEAN RUSK

Enemy Cargo Vessels Shelled By U.S. Navy

SAIGON (AP) — The U.S. navy shelled enemy cargo vessels off North Viet Nam's coast Friday in attacks supplementing a weather-impaired American air campaign against the movement of enemy troops and supplies. Ground action in South Viet Nam was light and scattered.

A spokesman said the U.S. destroyers Hammer and John R. Craig poured more than 200 five-inch shells at craft encountered on a stretch ranging from 20 to 30 miles north of the border dividing the two Viet Nams and destroyed or damaged 26.

In Saigon, South Vietnamese Premier Nguyen Cao Ky reshuffled his cabinet, assigning portfolios to six southerners in an attempt to smooth over regional rivalries within that largely advisory council. Ky is a northerner. A further shakeup and the reassignment of several generals may be in the offing.

Four weather from monsoons again shielded North Viet Nam from the full weight of U.S. air squadrons. Rain and heavy clouds which closed in a week ago limited pilots Thursday to 52 missions against the fair weather record of 311.

U.S. military sources said aerial reconnaissance, though spotty because of the cloud cover, shows the North Vietnamese are taking advantage of the lull—as they have done during officially ordered cessations of the U.S. bombing—to rush repairs on roads, bridges and rail lines.

Higher Wheat Export Prices Being Sought By Prairie MPs

OTTAWA (CP)—Prairie MPs applied Commons pressure Friday on Trade Minister Winters for higher export wheat prices and improvements in grain handling procedures.

The mild assault, largely by grain-belt Conservatives, was made during discussion of the trade department estimates, and included a call by Lawrence Watson (PC—Assiniboia) for an increase of 50 cents a bushel in the wheat price.

Canadian wheat sold Friday at \$2.11 1/2 a bushel for the top grade, No. 1 Manitoba Northern, basis the Lakehead. Strong international demand for some time has held it up in this area, the approximate maximum under the International Wheat Agreement.

The Commons approved estimates of both the industry and trade departments and moved on to consider those of northern development and inland affairs.

Mr. Watson said his proposal is realistic and necessary to allow western farmers to keep pace with increasing costs of machinery and equipment. A combine that sold for \$11,000 in 1962 cost \$15,000 now.

Mr. Watson, a Saskatchewan grain grower, said he would welcome an off-peak price paid to farmers by the Canadian wheat board at the time of delivery to a country elevator.

However, this was secondary compared to obtaining an increase in the over-all price for grain.

The cost-price squeeze, Mr. Watson added, has put the western farmer in the worst position he has been in for the last 20 years.

The whole system of moving

grain off the Prairies must be brought up to date, he said. There had been no basic change in 50 years in the method of handling it by boxcar.

The alternative to government steps to modernize the grain-handling system and to raise prices under the International Wheat Agreement was price controls on machinery sold in Canada.



EUGENE GORMAN

Island Deputy To Go Overseas

OTTAWA — Eugene Gorman, deputy minister of fisheries for Prince Edward Island, will be one of a group of Canadians who will visit the Soviet Union, Norway and Great Britain in the next few weeks.

Purpose of the visit is to study the methods in each country for the training of recruits in the fishing industry.

The group will arrive in Moscow Nov. 23 and study Soviet methods for the next two weeks. They will then move on to Nor-

way and finally to Great Britain. The tour is the result of a proposal made by the federal provincial Atlantic fisheries committee and under a reciprocal arrangement, a group of Soviet fishing officials will visit Canada early next year, where they will split up into two sections.

Rocket Plane Sets Record

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Maj. William Knight streaked a record 4,150 miles an hour Friday in an X-15 rocket plane.

The old mark for winged craft was 4,104 m.p.h., set June 27, 1962, by the late Joseph A. Walker, who also held the X-15 altitude record of 54,000 feet.

Knight was launched from beneath the wing of a B-52 bomber at 45,000 feet.

Ottawa At A Glance

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Prime Minister Pearson said the government is actively considering appointment of a mediator to look into the strike tying up Air Canada.

Opposition Leader Diefenbaker returned to the Commons for the first time since the Conservative convention and was applauded by all but a handful of his party members, as well as others.

The Commons passes estimate of the industry and trade department.

Trade Minister Winter said he expects Canadian exports will top \$10,000,000,000 this year.

Erik Nielsen (PC—Yukon) said dissatisfaction with lack of local government in his territory is approaching the mood that led to the Boston Tea Party.

President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia discussed problems of southern Africa with Prime Minister Pearson and External Affairs Minister Martin.

MONDAY, Nov. 21 — The Commons meets at 2:30 p.m. to resume consideration of departmental estimates. The Senate stands adjourned until Nov. 29.

Sunday German Vote Has Magnified Impact

BONN (AP)—A new West German chancellor, a new foreign policy and a new upsurge of the extreme right—all three could emerge from a state election in Bavaria Sunday.

Coming at the height of a political crisis in Bonn, the vote will have a magnified effect in national politics. West German leaders are looking for a new chancellor to replace Ludwig Erhard and a new combination of ministers under him.

The upsurge on the far right and the foreign criticism sure to follow are dreaded by most West Germans. The rightist National Democratic Party is expected to show its greatest strength in the region around Nuernberg, once the shrine of Adolf Hitler's favorite composer and poet—Richard Wagner.

The voters will be choosing the 204 members of the legislature in a state with a population of about 10,000,000. The politicians will be watching the effect on former defence minister Franz Josef Strauss and his bid to shift West Germany to a line more favorable to French President de Gaulle.

Strauss is not running in Bavaria but he leads the local wing of the Christian Democratic Party, the Christian Social Union.

SEEKS CABINET POST — He seeks a major post in the next cabinet. Strauss helped make Kurt Georg Kiesinger the Christian Democrats' choice for chancellor, and Kiesinger has publicly promised him his reward.

In Bavaria, as in Bonn, the Christian Democrats' main foes are the Socialists. The Christian Democrats hold a clear majority in the state legislature but the Socialists have been creeping up on them in recent years.

Italy Suggests Committee On China As UN Member

UNITED NATIONS (CP) — Italy suggested Friday that a special committee study communist China's attitude towards the United Nations, declaring that this proposal "is calculated to speed up" solution of the Chinese membership problem.

British sources said, however, that the proposal is more likely to put the issue on the shelf and thus delay, rather than advance, the day when Communist China will take its seat in the UN General Assembly.

Britain categorically favors the seating of Communist China, as do France, the Soviet Union, India, Pakistan and a number of smaller countries. The United States is just as firmly opposed to it.

A U.S. spokesman said it would be "premature" for his delegation to comment on the Italian proposal.

The assembly opened its China debate Friday with a motion by Cambodia "to restore the lawful rights of the People's Republic of China" in the UN and "to expel forthwith the representatives of Chiang Kai-shek (Nationalist China) from the place which they unlawfully occupy" in the UN.

PROPOSES TIME LIMIT — Senator Attilio Pirella, chairman of the Italian delegation to this assembly session, proposed that a special committee be given a year to ascertain and evaluate "the real thinking of the Peking government" about UN membership and report back to the autumn 1967 session of the assembly.

Cambodian Ambassador Huot Sambath denounced the efforts, in which Canada is reported to be playing a principal role, to open up the possibility of seating, eventually, both Communist and Nationalist Chinese representatives.

Sambath told the assembly that "the two-Chinas theory, timidly advanced recently, cannot for a moment be considered seriously because there can be only one China, just as there can be only one Canada and only one Italy."



ZAMBIA GETS SNOW, TOO

President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia tells Prime Minister Pearson Friday in Ottawa that his African republic also gets snow. Mr. Pearson

was telling him that skiers in Canada, if the snow is late, have machines that make it. The African president is on a three-day visit to Ottawa for

talks with Mr. Pearson, External Affairs Minister Martin and trade department officials. (CP Wirephoto)

Leadership Aspirations Are Denied By Prince MP

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN — Prince MP David MacDonald said Friday that he has no intention of contesting the leadership of the Progressive

Conservative party when the leadership convention is held some time in the next 12 months. He made the comment after his name had been mentioned in a Toronto newspaper as one of a

number of possible younger Conservative MPs who might prove attractive to the followers of president Dalton Camp, who now appears to be largely in control of the party.

Mr. MacDonald told the Ottawa Bureau of The Guardian that he was surprised at the newspaper story in view of his age and his short time in parliament. At 30, Mr. MacDonald is the youngest member of parliament in the present House.

He said the story had no connection with his real interest in the recent Conservative meeting where he strongly supported the idea of re-assessment and regular reviews of the party leadership.

"I suppose it is an advantage to be new to the political scene as people have not yet had a chance to discover my Achilles heel, my weaknesses and faults," Mr. MacDonald said with a laugh. "But I certainly do not have any plans to contest the leadership now."

He declined to say who he would support other than to suggest there are half a dozen people both in and outside the Tory parliamentary caucus who would make a good leader. He said Nova Scotia Premier Robert Stanfield would be among this group and he also mentioned the possibility of Youthful Ontario Education Minister William Davis.

But Mr. MacDonald said he believes it is time that the party stopped over-emphasizing the personal virtues of the leader.

He said Canada should try to get away from the American cult of personality in its politics. "I think we should give consideration to the leadership group or team approach because it is hard to get all the right qualities that are demanded in one person," Mr. MacDonald said. "If the leader has the knack of getting along well with people he can pick up the other knowledge and experience he needs of parliamentary rules and procedures."

Canadian Named President Of NATO Parliamentarians

PARIS (Reuters) — The 15-country NATO parliamentarians conference Friday elected Jean-Eudes Dube, a Canadian, as its president for the coming year.

He will become the first president of the North Atlantic Assembly, the new name which the conference adopted Friday at the end of its five-day, annual meeting.

Dube, 40, is Liberal member of Parliament for Restigouche-Madawaska, New Brunswick.

In his acceptance speech, Dube said the year 1966 would go down as "a very critical year" for the Atlantic alliance.

"NATO will have to adapt itself to a changing world," he said. "It will be up to our generation to provide the imagination and the leadership for a new era, for the new Atlantic community of the 1970s."

France's withdrawal from NATO's integrated military commands would necessitate major adjustments, Dube said. A new and stable equilibrium

would have to be established between France and its 14 allies, he added. "This task has its military dimensions, but in my judgment it is a task which is primarily political."

ASSEMBLY CAN HELP — The new North Atlantic Assembly, he said, could be of great assistance in establishing a new equilibrium within the alliance.

It could also be of even greater assistance in helping reduce east-west tension.

Earlier Friday, in a speech before a French luncheon club, Dube warned that the Soviet Union represents a continuing threat to the West.

"It is no longer really military but takes the form of a relentless policy and a diplomatic fight backed up by the presence of a huge military force."

"It should be added that if the Atlantic alliance were to break up, a military invasion would not be slow in following the diplomatic fight."

B.C. Observing 100th Birthday

VANCOUVER (CP) — Today is British Columbia's 100th birthday.

One hundred years ago today the British Crown colonies of Vancouver Island and mainland British Columbia were joined together to form one colony.

For the better part of a year the tempo of planning and festivities in British Columbia has been building up to today's climax when actor Raymond Burr mounts the steps of the city hall in New Westminster and enacts the reading of the proclamation that sealed the union.

The weekend has been crammed with activities—everything from bingo to fireworks—to commemorate the event.

For an hour Friday school children through the province listened in their classrooms to a special radio broadcast outlining the significance of the event.

Today's birthday party begins early in the morning with the proclamation reading and ends at night with fireworks and three gala balls in New Westminster—the original capital of the mainland colony and for a few months capital of the united colonies before Victoria became the capital.

The paddlewheeler Beaver, first steam-powered vessel to ply the coast of British Columbia, will steam into New Westminster harbor shortly before 11 a.m.

On board will be Burr, a native of New Westminster who rose to prominence as television's Perry Mason, and a host of other dignitaries, all dressed in costumes of 100 year ago.

The ship will be met at the dock by Sir Robert Bellinger, Lord mayor of London, one of the distinguished guests invited to the party.

The group will head to New Westminster city hall where the proclamation reading will be followed by the cutting of a 200-pound birthday cake by the lord mayor.

In the afternoon Lt. Gov. George Pearkes of British Columbia joins the group and they head for Langley in the Fraser Valley about 20 miles east of Vancouver.

There Sir Robert will open the British Columbia farm machinery museum, one of a host of centennial projects built in the province to commemorate the B.C. centenary and next year's Canadian centenary.

Then the group will attend a special session of the British Columbia cabinet at nearby Fort Langley, on the banks of the Fraser river. A banquet early in the evening at Langley will cap the Fraser Valley activities before the group moves back to New Westminster for the centennial balls and fireworks.

The B.C. cabinet recently passed an order urging a day of prayer and thanksgiving Sunday in churches throughout the province.

New Civil Defence Picture Given To Summerside Man

SUMMERSIDE BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN — Councillor J.E. Morrison of Summerside, states that following a four-day course at the Canadian Emergency Measures College at Arranport, Ont., recently, he now sees the part to be played in "civil defence" as being "only an extension of our normal obligations to our people."

He said that the men of experience at the college who conducted the course gave two alternatives:

1. "Put our heads in the sand and hope it won't happen here."
2. "Face reality and accept our total responsibility as government and plan for eventualities, just as we plan for other future developments within our jurisdiction."

The meeting in Arranport was a conference of mayors, Reeves, and wardens on Canadian emergency measures, and Mr. Morrison represented the town council here.

In his statement yesterday, Mr. Morrison says that "as elected leaders, we are faced with planning for survival of our population, confusion of government to provide leadership, and restoration of our resources."

VULNERABLE POSITION — He said that Canada is in a vulnerable position, being the "meat in the sandwich" between Russia and the States, "even if we are not attacked, we are faced with the problem of fall-short bombs, fallout and many other problems. We are in it—without choice."

He said that the conference impressed him with two major premises:

1. We are not alone as classes are conducted from the federal government headed E.M.O. in close co-operation with its American, counterpart, teaching preparedness for all emergencies. From here the stimulation goes to other levels—federal, provincial, and municipal.

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Air Strike Talks Resume

MONTREAL (CP)—Air Canada and union negotiators meet here at 10 a.m. EST today for the first time since a strike by 5,200 machinists grounded the airlines' fleet of 86 planes five days ago, but it is still not clear if the two sides are any nearer agreement.



HOLDS SERVICE RECORD

Warrant Officer Frederick Hill of Ottawa, who joined the RCAF in 1928 as a carpenter's helper, has retired with a record of long service among

RCAF non-commissioned officers. Here he shows Leading Air Woman Dianne Cook, of Sydney, N.S., a model of a North Star aircraft. For 18

years he had been maintenance superintendent of the RCAF's North Star fleet. (CP Wirephoto from National Defence)

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