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LBJ Reiterates Decision Of No-Retreat In Asia

U.S. Desires Early Peace

BALTIMORE (AP) — President Johnson, while stating a no-retreat policy in South Viet Nam, said Wednesday night the United States is ready for "unconditional discussions aimed at a peaceful settlement. And he proposed \$1,000,000,000 of American aid for southeast Asia if peace is achieved."

Johnson, in a major foreign policy speech, broadcast by television and radio networks, said once again the U.S. will never be second in searching for a peaceful settlement.

"And," he emphasized, "we remain ready with this purpose—for unconditional discussions." The president, calling for a "massive effort to improve the life of man" in Southeast Asia, expressed hope Secretary-General U Thant of the United Nations will "use the prestige of his great office and his deep knowledge of Asia to initiate as soon as possible, with the countries of the area, a plan for co-operation in increased development."

Johnson said that, "for our part, I will ask the Congress to join in a \$1,000,000,000 American investment in this effort when it is under way."

While encouraging talks of negotiations and economic aid for the area, Johnson reaffirmed American determination to support South Viet Nam in these words:

"We will not be defeated. We will not grow tired. We will not withdraw, either openly or under the cloak of a meaningless agreement."

The purpose of U.S. military moves in South Viet Nam is to convince Communist North Vietnamese, "and all who seek to share their conquest," of the fact of American determination.

In talking of a possible peace—and he said "we hope that a peace will come swiftly"—Johnson asserted:

"Such peace demands an independent South Viet Nam—securely guaranteed and able to shape its own relationships to all others—free from outside interference—tied to no alliance—a military base for no other country."

Johnson then added: "These are the essentials of any final settlement."

The president said: "There may be many ways to this kind of peace. In discussion or negotiations with the governments concerned; in large groups or in small ones; in the reaffirmation of old agreements or their strengthening with new ones."

Johnson said this position has been stated more than 50 times to friend and foe alike, and added: "We remain ready—with this purpose—for unconditional discussions."

Until the war is settled, Johnson said, "we will try to keep conflict from spreading."

Stating the U.S. has no desire to see thousands of Asians or Americans die in battle, nor to devastate North Viet Nam, he pledged: "We will use our power with restraint and with all the wisdom we can command. But we will use it."

STRIKES DISCUSSED
In discussing U.S. air strikes against the Communist North, Johnson said "it became necessary to increase our response and make attacks by air" because of "in recent months, attacks on South Viet Nam were stepped up." He went on:

"This is not change of purpose. It is a change in what we believe that purpose requires."

Johnson said the United States knows air attacks alone will not accomplish all American objectives in Viet Nam.

"But it is our best and proudest judgment," he said, "that they are a necessary part of the surest road to peace."

Expressing hope that peace may come swiftly, Johnson said, "but that is in the hands of others besides ourselves. And we must be prepared for a long continued conflict."

Efforts Being Made To Ease Easter Travel
A heavy flow of traffic to and from the mainland is expected over the Easter holiday, as Easter falls on a later date than last year and roads are in better condition.

Provincial transportation director B. Graham Rogers said last night the regular scheduled two-ferry service will begin at Borden April 15, and Canadian National Railway has stated every effort will be made to handle all traffic.

The MV Abegweit will be going to drydock soon but will be here over the Easter holiday period. The MV Confederation and the SS Prince Edward Island are both in good condition and are ready to handle traffic.

Quebec Police Revive Interest In Four-Year-Old Disappearance

QUEBEC (CP) — Almost four years ago, a pretty teen-age girl stepped off a bus near Shawinigan, Que. No one is known to have seen her since.

The search for Denise Therrien, 16 years old at the time of her disappearance, was vigorous at first, then waned with the lack of leads, and finally petered out.

Renewed in recent months, it now has Quebec Provincial Police planning to dig in the ground near her home-town, 80 miles northwest of Quebec City, once the thaw has softened the soil. They may take about one week.

Officers believe Miss Therrien was murdered. They now are awaiting the results of an examination on a woman's body found Tuesday in a graveyard in Shawinigan South.

The woman, identified as 30-year-old Laurette Beaudoin, of Cap-de-la-Madeleine, Que., disappeared the year after Miss Therrien vanished.

SAID SHE KNEW
Miss Beaudoin was said to have told friends one evening that she knew what happened to Miss Therrien.

Police made several searches of the cemetery early in the winter but stopped digging there Jan. 22.

They were reported to have gone directly on Tuesday to the unmarked spot where Miss Beaudoin's remains were found.

No arrests were reported in the Beaudoin death. But police said they believe a man being held on another charge may have some connection with the case.

Attorney-General Claude Wagner has said he expects a break soon in the Therrien investigation — which he ordered renewed after he took office last fall.

It was on the morning of Aug. 5, 1961, that Miss Therrien left her home, apparently to seek a job as a baby-sitter.

BOARDED BUS
She boarded a bus and rode about two miles, getting off near a motel where she may



DENISE THERRIEN

have been planning to meet a prospective employer.

The bus driver, Jean-Guy Carignan, later quoted the girl as saying she "was to meet someone at the motel."

But there was no one there when the bus arrived, so Denise stayed on the vehicle for another half-mile.

"She got off near a house to telephone," the driver said. "That's the last I saw of her."

As the subsequent investigation sagged into seeming fruitlessness, local officials appealed to any possible kidnappers of Miss Therrien to name their ransom price.

In came notes, letters and telephone calls — none offering anything but the basis for a charge of attempted extortion which was laid against one man, he received a three-year jail sentence.

Reports were received Denise — five feet one inch tall, with reddish brown hair — has been sighted outside Quebec but none proved authentic and gradually public interest in the case declined.

Then came Mr. Wagner's 1964 order and the provincial police went back on the trail.

"We're starting all over again from scratch, one officer said then."



F. J. ARSENAULT

Mount Carmel Student On Tour Of Russia

Frederic J. Arsenault of Mount Carmel, Rhodes scholar studying at Oxford, England, is taking part in a three-week educational tour of Russia.

The Anglo-Soviet student exchange is organized by the respective national unions of students and partially subsidised by the British council.

The trip will take the group to Moscow, Leningrad and Riga. The students will visit universities and meet Russian professors and students; they will have the opportunity to talk with Russian families and to meet members of youth and professional organizations.

The program will also include tours of the cities and countryside; among other attractions the students will see the Kremlin, museums, theatres, industrial undertakings and state or collective farms.

Mr. Arsenault was awarded his Rhodes scholarship in 1963 while attending the University of Moncton where he graduated with a Liberal Arts B.A. At present he is studying politics and economics and was recently elected president of the Students' Council at Oxford University.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Arsenault, Mount Carmel.

Oil Tanker Is Expected Tomorrow

Its definite sign of spring, the Irving Oil Company branch in Charlottetown is expecting an ice-breaking tanker from Saint John tomorrow morning.

This will be the first ship into the harbor this season.

William Conway, regional manager of Irving Oil here, announced that the tanker, Amy Gaudreau is leaving Saint John this morning and will attempt to come around the Western end of the Island by North Point.

Officials of the company announced that tankers are encountering very heavy ice north of Cape Breton between the Island and Newfoundland.

Last year the Irving Oil Co. tanker, Ours Polaris, docked in early April.

Gov't Survives Vote 129 To 84

OTTAWA (CP) — The minority Liberal government easily survived its first test of confidence in the Commons Wednesday, drawing support from Social Credit and Creditist MPs and two former Conservatives.

That combination enabled the government to vote down 129 to 84 a New Democratic Party subamendment to the motion to adopt the speech from the throne read Monday outlining the government's legislative program for the new session.

Defeat on the issue would have constituted a loss of confidence in the government and paved the way for an election.

It was the first test of the eight-day throne speech debate, which opens the doors to a series of votes on opposition motions. Next in line is a Conservative amendment due for a vote Friday.

The NDP subamendment, criticizing the government for not acting to institute immediately a full medical care program, was opposed by 105 Liberals, 13 Creditists, nine Social Credit MPs and two Conservatives who now sit as independents, Remi Paul (Berthier - Maskinonge - Delanau-diere) and Leon Balcer (Trois-Rivieres), voted with the government.

Seventy Conservatives and 14 New Democrats supported the subamendment, moved Tuesday by party leader T. C. Douglas.

TAX RETURNS TRICKLE IN

Revenue Minister Benson data centre in Ottawa Wednesday. About 55 per cent of individual tax returns have been filed with three weeks left before the April 30 deadline. (CP Wirephoto)

ANGERED BY BONN

Russians Display Wrath With 'Acoustical Terror'

BERLIN (AP) — Swarms of Soviet jet fighters roared over West Berlin Wednesday, fired blank cannon ammunition and buzzed the hall where West Germany's Parliament was meeting.

They buzzed the city's airports and planes flying in the air corridors.

The object of Communist wrath was the parliament, which held a four-hour session in West Berlin in defiance of the Communists. It was parliament's first meeting in West Berlin since the city was divided.

attack, the Western garrison virtually would have been helpless. The U.S., British and French garrisons have no anti-aircraft weapons heavier than 50-calibre machine-guns.

While the MIGs were still thundering low over West Berlin, West German chancellor Erhard left for Bonn aboard a U.S. Air Force transport.

On the ground, the East German Communists blocked all traffic on the autobahn linking West Berlin with West Germany for the third time in as many days.

Johnson Annoyance Seen Over Speech By Pearson

WASHINGTON (CP) — Informed opinion here leans to the view that President Johnson personally resented Prime Minister Pearson's proposal last week for a "measured pause" in air strikes against Communist North Viet Nam.

There have been some published hints to that effect. There are other signs that this was the cause and that while there was no direct friction between the two men over the lunch table last Saturday at Camp David, Md., relations were stiffer than normal.

The situation, if true, arises from several factors.

First, observers agree, is the president's marked sensitivity about South Viet Nam and the fact that he personally has been waging a mammoth program in Congress to choke off any dissent to U.S. policy. He has been largely successful.

Second, there has been steady pressure for peace talks from abroad, which in the president's eyes bears implicit criticism of U.S. determination to force North Viet Nam into going to the conference table.



CONTESTANT AT CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL

This is one little Bo-peep who definitely will not lose her sheep. Pretty little Carol Doyle, 11, was one of the contestants in last evening's Charlottetown Lions second annual Children's Costume Carnival held at the Charlottetown Forum.

More than 100 children participated in eight different categories for many prizes donated by Charlottetown merchants, and the Lions Club. Judges for the affair were W. E. Scantlebury, Percy Gay, Mrs. Walter Cox, Mrs. Moncrieff Williamson, Henry Purdy and Mrs. Fred MacMillan. (See story giving prize winners on sport page.)

Balcer Quits PC Party; Declares Won't Be Back

OTTAWA (CP) — Leon Balcer walked out of the Progressive Conservative party Wednesday, turning his back not only on leader John Diefenbaker but on the party itself.

After announcing to the Commons he will sit as an independent, he lashed out for the first time at the party he served as president in 1956.

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WON'T COME BACK

But he said even a change in leadership would not bring him back soon and that he intends to contest the next general election as an independent no matter who is leading the national party.

Remi Paul (Berthier-Maskinonge - Delanau-diere) quit the party Feb. 18 to become an independent but said his decision was taken because the PC party was controlled by one man — Mr. Diefenbaker. He indicated he would return to the fold if a new leader were chosen.

Mr. Balcer, however, said outside the Commons more than a new leader is needed. The party requires a "tremendous" change of policies and attitudes on English-French relations because its present attitudes are "35 years behind the times."

"After 16 years in the Conservative party I feel there is no room for a man like me," he said. "I'm miles apart from the policy of the party and I feel it would be a fraud for me to stay under the present circumstances."

He said Quebecers want a change from the status quo and that a "truly national party" would modernize its policies in order to reach an accommodation between the two founding races.

ASKED ABOUT FULTON

Asked whether a new leader such as E. Davie Fulton could bring him back, Mr. Balcer repeated his view more than a leadership change is needed. But he said "I wish him (Mr. Fulton) well in the Conservative party and I think it would be the right move to choose a younger leader."