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Senate opens new debate on US-Asian conflicts

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate plunged into debate Wednesday on the U.S. role in South Asia with a warning from one of its committees the nation may find itself fighting on and on in a seemingly endless war.

Addressing itself to the military movement into Cambodia, the Foreign Relations Committee report said the United States faces "the grave risk of repeating the errors of Vietnam in Cambodia, and of finding our armed forces fighting on yet another front in a war which seems without end."

The report on a military-sales bill includes also the committee-endorsed Cooper-Church amendment which would bar funds for retaining U.S. ground forces in Cambodia and place strict lim-

its on American aid and air operations in that country.

Supporters of the Cooper-Church amendment said they are in accord with the June 30 termination date set by President Nixon on the Cambodian operation. But the chairman of the Armed Services Committee said one can't be certain that deadline can be met.

"I just don't think anyone can foretell just when they can carry out a mission," Sen. John Stennis (D-Miss.), said. He opposed the amendment, saying the United States might have to renew such attacks in the future.

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana told reporters that voting on amendments to water down the Cooper-Church limit—and in effect grant

President Nixon authority for operations in Cambodia when aimed at protecting U.S. troops in Vietnam — would come "maybe this week, more likely next week."

Sen. Frank Church (D-Ida.), opened the debate by telling the Senate that the amendment which has a total of 30 sponsors "presents Congress with an historic opportunity to draw the limits on American intervention in Indochina."

He said "legislative action is needed now, not only to make certain that the avowed perimeters of our attack upon Cambodian sanctuaries are not exceeded, but also to bar the beginnings of an escalating military assistance program to the new Cambodian regime."

Guardsmen enter Denver

Peaceful protest continues

(AP)—Student strikes and demonstrations continued on many of the nation's campuses Wednesday and the echoes reached to the White House where it was announced that the President's daughter and her husband would not be attending their college graduations.

Most protests were peaceful. At some schools students sponsored petition drives and at the University of Maine students donated blood for servicemen in Vietnam.

The student strike information center at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., reported 267 schools were on strikes of indefinite length. The center reported 286 schools on strike Tuesday.

The White House announced that Julie and David Eisenhower have decided not to attend their

graduation exercises at Smith and Amherst colleges, which are among campuses disturbed by anti-war protests.

The Smith graduation ceremony was scheduled for May 29 and President and Mrs. Nixon earlier had indicated their plans to attend their daughter Julie's graduation.

The two young people decided not to return to their campuses at all. Both have good enough grades to receive diplomas without further exams, the spokesman said.

Eisenhower, 22, enters the Navy officer candidate school at Newport, R.I., in September.

At the University of Denver, National Guardsmen moved onto the campus while workmen demolished a shantytown built by anti-war portesters.

There was no violence as the Guardsmen, most with unloaded rifles, remained on the campus for about 2½ hours. The approximately 200 inhabitants of the commune, which they called "Woodstock Nation West," had evacuated before the troops arrived.

Police had torn down the tents, lean-tos and shacks Monday, but when they withdrew the protesters rebuilt the commune. About 8,300 students attend the university.

Police in Blacksburg, Va., using dogs, evicted more than 100 anti-war protesters from a building they had occupied overnight on the campus of 10,000 student Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Dr. Marshall Hahn, Jr., Virginia Tech president, said "Anarchy must be dealt with."

Muskie hit for pollution stand

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Edmund Muskie, under heavy fire from a team of Ralph Nader's student investigators, Wednesday put forth a detailed defense of his efforts to clean the air and said, "We intend to strengthen the law this year."

The Maine Democrat, who was accused of passively supporting the build-up of deadly contaminants in the atmosphere, said implementation of 1967 legislation "has not proceeded as rapidly as possible."

He said he welcomes "constructive suggestions from any source, including the Nader report," on ways to beef up the law.

Two different approaches were under review when the 1967 legislation was written, he said:

—National emissions standards, or

—Regional air quality standards tied to national criteria.

The second approach was selected, he added, "not for the dark, secret, conspiratorial rea-

sons suggested by the Nader report, but for the following reasons:

—"National emissions standards were described as minimal standards, which we feared might tend to find acceptance as maximum controls, and result in inadequate standards.

—"Such standards would apply only to industries which could be regarded as 'national' polluters. They would not apply to other sources which contribute to degradation of the air in our real problem areas.

—"Creation control techniques are not available on a nationwide scale . . .

—"The national emissions standards approach would take as much time to implement as the second approach."

After Muskie met with newsmen, representatives of the Nader team distributed a statement reiterating the findings of the report.

"Our general conclusion was that the federal air pollution effort has failed. Sen. Muskie construed this as a 'personal attack.' While the report indicates a disappointment with the senator's public performance, it contains not a single line which could be fairly characterized as a personal attack," the statement said.



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From AP Reports

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.—The Soviet chief delegate brought into the open Wednesday a deadlock in Big Four talks on the Middle East. He said the boundaries of Israel as they stood before the war of June 5-10, 1967, should become permanent. Soviet Ambassador Jacob Malik was speaking in the Security Council on Israel's Tuesday invasion of Lebanon when he blamed the United States and Britain for the failure of the four chief delegates to fashion a settlement of the third Arab-Israeli war three years ago.

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TEL AVIV—An Israeli armored force returned to Israel Wednesday after mopping up Arab guerrillas bases in the foothills of Mt. Hermon in Lebanon, the military command announced.

The withdrawal was made without resistance or interference, the spokesman added.

The air war along the Suez Canal at the same time erupted with strikes against enemy positions along the waterway by both Egyptian and Israeli warplanes. But there were not reports by either side of air battles.

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LOS ANGELES—Teachers who struck a month ago for improved wages and educational conditions voted Wednesday to return to work—and to skip an offered five per cent salary hike so the money could go for smaller classes and improved reading programs. Although it was a salary stalemate that precipitated the strike, teachers had insisted from the start that better classroom conditions were the crux of their concern. School officials, citing a \$42 million deficit for the upcoming budget, had offered five per cent before the strike.

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WASHINGTON—The Seminole Indians, who owned most of Florida 150 years ago, were awarded \$12,347,500 Wednesday for land taken from them by U.S. military forces. The award—from which will be deducted past payments of money and land—was made by the Indian Claims Commission on the basis of what it determined the land was worth a century and a half ago.

Rogers announces 'no aid to Cambodia'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sec. of State William Rogers, appearing at a surprise news conference, ruled out Wednesday any U.S. military support for the government of Premier Lon Nol in Cambodia apart from some limited arms aid.

"We don't intend to become involved militarily in support of the Lon Nol government," Rogers said.

At the same time he said the United States encourages cooperation by South Vietnam with Lon Nol.

Rogers denied under questioning that he has ever had any difficulty himself in seeing President Nixon—despite implications by

Sec. of the Interior Walter Hickel that he's had trouble seeing the President.

"When I call the President," Rogers said, "and tell him I have an important problem to take up, he says 'Come right over.'"

Hickel was asked by a newsman about Rogers', "come right over," comment as he left the podium following a San Francisco speech to the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

"It's just a matter of priorities," Hickel said.

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