

Informal Negotiations Urged on Arms Plans

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GENEVA — The 17-nation disarmament conference called on Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko Friday to start prompt informal negotiations on their rival disarmament plans.

The move, proposed by India, came in the third session of the conference after Brazilian Foreign Minister Francisco San Thiago Dantas urged the nuclear power to carry out negotiations to the extreme limit of compromise. He said the smaller nations can play an important role in seeking compromise by negotiation.

Time Limited

With much formal speech-making remaining and the foreign ministers expected to be in Geneva only about a week more, Indian Defense Minister V. K. Krishna Menon urged that Rusk and Gromyko as well as other delegation leaders waste no time in getting together for informal talks.

Rusk, who supported Menon's suggestion, met with the Indian delegation head immediately after the conference session.

Conference prospects suffered a blow Thursday night when the Soviet Union rejected President Kennedy's terms for a test ban. Resumption of U.S. nuclear weapon tests in the atmosphere next month appeared inevitable as a result.

The Soviets once more re-

fused to accept foreign inspectors on their territory to check against violations of a test ban. They appeared certain to maintain this opposition to international inspection where all other disarmament measures were concerned.

West Stand Firm

The Western powers were just as adamant in their refusal to disarm without international inspection of the Soviets. Without a break in the East-West deadlock over inspection measures, top Western diplomats saw no hope for progress—but they intend to keep on trying, for weeks or months, if necessary.

Moscow's answer to Kennedy's test ban proposal was given Thursday night by Soviet Ambassador Semyon K. Tsarapkin. The U.S. President announced two weeks ago he had ordered a new atmospheric test series to begin in late April but would cancel it if the Soviet Union would agree to ban all tests under an international inspection system.

Not a Surprise

Tsarapkin met with U.S. negotiator Arthur Dean and British delegate Joseph Godber. Later an American spokesman announced the Soviet had turned down Kennedy's proposal abruptly and completely—without qualification. Tsarapkin declared the Soviet Union would accept a ban only with a national inspection system—each

of the nuclear powers policing its own pledge.

The Soviet action was expected. The Soviets for months have contended that detection instruments are so far advanced that a sneak nuclear blast can be detected from thousands of miles away, and Gromyko reportedly again told Rusk and British Foreign Secretary Lord Home earlier in the week that his government would not accept foreign inspectors to verify compliance with a test ban treaty.

Allied diplomats found the hard fact of Tsarapkin's statement discouraging, however. There had been a persistent hope among Western disarmament experts that the Soviet Union would modify its position on inspection.

The disarmament conference got down to business Thursday, following Wednesday's ceremonial opening, with Rusk and Gromyko outlining rival disarmament proposals.

Four-Year Program

Gromyko called for total, world-wide disarmament in four years from the date of signing a treaty. He said the program should proceed by stages. Destroyed arms would be inspected, but not the arms and forces retained by each nation. Once general and complete disarmament had been achieved, then the Soviet Union would be wide open to inspection.

Gromyko said that when all armies were destroyed the United Nations should keep the peace. But Western leaders understand the Soviet Union's position is that the United Nations would not have its own army but only the authority to call up contingents from each nation—and the U.N. force would be subject to the big power veto.

Rusk's plan also called for general and complete disarmament, but instead of a final target date if proposed short-range goals for partial arms cuts which U.S. officials insisted were realistic. Rusk called for an initial 30 per cent cutback in conventional weapons and in nuclear bomb carriers such as rockets over a three year period.

Transfer Explosives

He also proposed measures to end the nuclear arms race, transfer of 50,000 kilograms (55 tons) each of Soviet and U.S. nuclear explosives to peaceful purposes and other steps to build East-West confidence while reducing the danger of nuclear war by accident, miscalculation or surprise attack.

The Rusk plan was substantially the same as other recent Western plans with variations. It was built around the central theme that the big powers cannot trust each other and must have international inspection to check on each stage of disarmament. U.S. officials indicated their inspection proposals were flexible and negotiable but the Soviets showed no interest.

Gromyko's plan, complete with a proposed disarmament treaty and a memorandum of explanation, was also substantially the same as past Soviet plans. Its central theme was disarmament on faith, without international inspection that would infringe on Soviet military secrecy.



(AP Wirephoto)

Gerald Delano Taylor, 21, of Portland, charged with the kidnap and rape of a college co-ed at Oakland, Calif., waived preliminary matters at a U.S. Commissioner's Court hearing in Seattle Thursday with the words: "What's the use?" He is held on \$25,000 bail for California and Oregon authorities. Eugene police also are investigating a possible connection between Taylor and an incident Tuesday night in which a 25-year-old woman was forced into an alley and raped by a man who threatened her with a knife.

Suspect Held

Kidnap, Rape Suspect

Extradition Waived By Wanted Man

SEATTLE (UPI)—Gerald Delano Taylor, 21, wanted in California and Oregon on charges of rape and kidnap, Thursday waived extradition when he appeared before the U.S. Commissioner here.

Taylor was arrested by the FBI and Seattle police in a motel Thursday morning. Commissioner Walter Roseburg Jr. set Taylor's bond at \$25,000.

Taylor waived extradition to California. He also waived his

Nazi Assailant Gets Reprimand

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—School officials have reprimanded the student who slugged George Lincoln Rockwell, head of the American Nazi party, at a meeting at San Diego State College.

The disciplinary action against Edward Cherry, 22, was recommended by the student body's judicial board. It also recommended one-year disciplinary probation for Warren P. von Blum and Norman A. Frankland, who admitted throwing eggs at Rockwell.

College President Malcolm A. Love approved the recommendation this week. Rockwell was invited to speak at the college by a student group advocating free speech.

U.S. Has Increased Difficulty Defining Role In Viet Nam War

By FRED S. HOFFMAN
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WASHINGTON—The United States is finding it harder to portray its military men in South Viet Nam as purely sideline coaches in the war against Communist guerrillas.

A reporter raised the point at a news conference Thursday when he told Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara "there is some confusion as to the precise U.S. military role in South Viet Nam."

McNamara sought to make it very clear that the United States is in South Viet Nam at that government's request, to supply training and equipment—not to fight.

"The Americans are under instructions not to fire unless fired upon," he said, "and this is the basic rule of engagement as it relates to our forces in South Viet Nam."

Sporadic Fire

The Pentagon chief acknowledged some sporadic fire has been aimed at U.S. personnel "and in a few minor instances they have had to return that fire in self protection."

Further questioning brought out that the fire was returned by Americans from aircraft as well as on the ground.

For some time, American specialists in guerrilla warfare have accompanied Vietnamese

army units into the jungles and rice paddies where the Communist Viet Cong lurk. On occasion, they have found themselves in the midst of shooting while aiding the Vietnamese in on the job training.

How does an American in such a situation know when bullets are aimed at him alone? Can he be expected to take the time to make sure before firing himself? Nobody here has spelled out the ground rules that explicitly.

The problem has drawn increasing attention in recent months since Americans have been flying armed helicopters carrying South Vietnamese troops into battle and teaching native pilots how to use the planes this country has been supplying.

Reports from Saigon have said aircraft flown by American and Vietnamese pilots have bombed and strafed Communist concentrations.

Tutors for Pilots

Asked about this Thursday, McNamara said among other things Americans are tutoring the South Vietnamese pilots in the operation of aircraft more complex than the planes they are now using.

"To obtain the full range of such training, it was occasional-

ly takes place under combat conditions," he said. "The great bulk of all the combat sorties in South Viet Nam are, of course, carried out by the South Vietnamese."

One reporter said that this may be interpreted to mean that some of the combat missions are being carried out by Americans. "Is that what you want us to think?" the reporter asked.

"They participate in combat type training activities which can be considered combat missions," McNamara said, "but those are very, very few in number in relation to the total number of combat sorties being carried out by the Vietnamese air force."

Even after McNamara had made his explanation, it was not entirely clear how a distinction could be drawn between the role of the Vietnamese pilot as an avowed combatant and that of the American sitting beside him on a fighting mission, but only as an adviser.

About 4,000 Americans now are in South Viet Nam and so far only one has been listed as a definite victim of the Viet Cong in nearly three years. An Army enlistment man died last December when a truck he was riding struck a road mine near Saigon.

Jackie Cruises On Sacred River

UDAIPUR, India (AP)—Jacqueline Kennedy cruised Friday on the Ganges River at the holy Hindu city of Benares, then flew to this west Indian center of palaces and temples for a quiet weekend in her tour.

Mrs. Kennedy's host is Shri Bhagwat Singhji, the local equivalent of a maharaja. He put aside an apartment in his sprawling white marble palace and installed a telephone system for her use.

Mrs. Kennedy had no scheduled event Friday night except for a private dinner. The idea was to let her rest after her busy sightseeing.

Her program Saturday includes a ride on island-dotted Pichola Lake, which she could see from the circular bedroom of her apartment. She is not scheduled to go into the dusty, bustling city.

In her cruise at Benares the American First Lady sailed past Hindu pilgrims and water buffalo bathing in the muddy waters of the sacred Ganges and bodies burning on cremation pyres along the shore.

A servant uniformed in crimson and gold held a white

silk parasol over Mrs. Kennedy's head as her 40-foot motor launch made a 65-minute cruise three miles up and down the river past the holy city which Hindus consider a gateway to heaven.

Ashore, temple bells rang. Hindu priests burned ritual incense and thousands of Indians gathered to watch America's First Lady pass. Others attended to the ceremonial cremations.

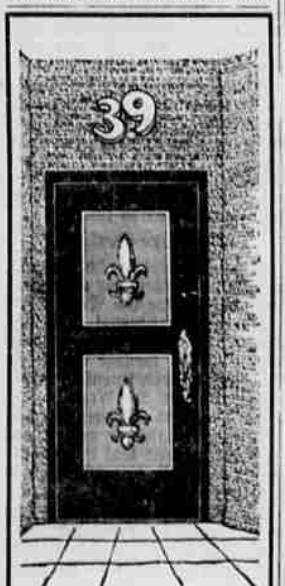
From the boat cruise she went to a factory where weavers make the silk for which Benares is famous, and paid a brief visit to nearby Sarnath where the lord Buddha reputedly preached his first sermon 2,500 years ago.

The proprietor of the silk factory said Mrs. Kennedy bought \$630 worth of silk, including five yards of loosely woven, natural-colored tussah for a jacket for the President, a length of dress brocade for herself, a blue sari and two jeweled, brocade handbags.

She also stopped briefly at a hotel which had spent more than 40,000 rupees, about \$8,400, redecorating rooms for her to stay the night in. But the U.S. Embassy plane which was to have brought her from Agra had engine trouble and she came by train, canceling the overnight stay.

School Gets Grant

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Public Health Service has approved a \$15,000 grant for the University of Oregon Medical School. The money will be used to develop a program of professional educational activities emphasizing the treating of cells.



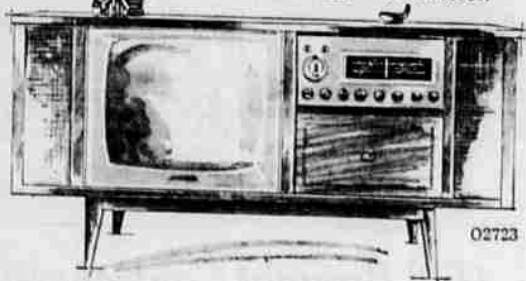
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