

McNamara says officials in Viet Nam believe war against Reds can be won

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara said today on his return from South Viet Nam that every responsible official there believes the war against Communist guerrillas can be won "if the proper effort is made."

McNamara cautioned that "there is no magic formula for winning anti-guerrilla struggle" and that "the path to victory may be hard." But he attempted to convey full confidence that the battle can be won.

McNamara and Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, make a

full report at noon EST to President Johnson on the results of their five-day, first hand inspection of the critical Viet Nam war situation.

The McNamara party arrived shortly after daybreak on their flight from Saigon via Honolulu where they stopped off for a brief conference with the U. S. Pacific commander, Adm. Harry D. Felt.

On his arrival here, the secretary told newsmen:

"In the entire week, I did not talk to a single responsible official who was unable to agree that, if the proper effort is made, the war can be won."

He refused to say what possible changes in American support for the South Vietnamese that he might recommend until after he has talked to the President.

McNamara said the trip had a twofold purpose:

—To appraise the political, economic and military situations in South Viet Nam.

—To determine what additional actions, if any, are needed to strengthen the South Vietnamese in their war against the Communist Viet Cong.

McNamara worked on his report to the President on these matters almost up to the time his plane set down just outside Washington.

During a stopover in Honolulu, McNamara told newsmen he and Taylor found the trip "very effective and useful."

Their findings and recommendations are expected to play a crucial part in determining the future of United States participation in the long war against the Communist-backed Viet Cong guerrillas in South Viet Nam.

Before leaving Saigon Thursday after his third visit in less than six months McNamara told a cheering crowd that the situation in South Viet Nam was serious and that American aid would be forthcoming "as long as it is required."

All signs pointed to no lessening—and possibly a stepping up—of that aid, which now runs at about \$1.5 billion a day and involves the efforts of 15,500 American military men who serve as training cadre and advisers.

A key role played by McNamara during his Vietnamese visit apparently was to bolster support for strongman Maj. Gen. Nguyen Khanh, who seized power Jan. 29 in a bloodless coup. Khanh overthrew the military junta that ousted the government of President Ngo Dinh Diem last November.

The United States plainly wants no more coups.

Hoffa forces prepare for appeals fight

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (UPI) — James R. Hoffa's defense forces turned to appeals battles today in their effort to prevent the 51-year-old Teamsters president from serving eight years in a federal prison.

Hoffa, convicted on two counts of tampering with jurors, was sentenced to four consecutive years on each count Thursday, and fined \$10,000 by U.S. District Court Judge Frank Wilson.

Hoffa immediately asked for a new trial, contending that U.S. marshals gave gifts to the eight-man, four-woman jury which convicted him after a marathon trial here ended last week.

Wilson, who gave defense attorneys 10 days to prepare appeals motions, took the new trial requests under advisement.

Will Continue Fight

Hoffa flew to Miami immediately after sentencing. He said on arrival, "I have been in fights all my life . . . I'm going to win this one and I'm going to show the world I'm right."

The Teamsters president and three codefendants were convicted of attempting to fix jurors during Hoffa's 1962 conspiracy trial at Nashville, which ended in a mistrial with a deadlocked jury.

Wilson handed down three year terms to the others, former Nashville local President Ewing King, Detroit Teamsters official Larry Campbell, and Nashville Negro handyman Thomas Ewing Parks.

Hoffa had faced a maximum sentence of 10 years. The others four years.

Hoffa, free under \$75,000 bond told Wilson prior to sentencing, "I stand here today and state I am innocent."

"You stand here convicted," said Wilson, "of seeking to corrupt the administration of justice . . . of tampering with the very soul of this nation."

Make Appeals

In response to a final question by Wilson, Hoffa said, "I understand the sentence perfectly and I will take my appeals."

Defense attorney Jacques Schiffer, of New York, who was cited for contempt of court by Wilson and sentenced to 60 days in jail and a fine of \$1,000, said he would appeal.

Hoffa's chief defense counsel James Haggerty filed the new trial motion, charging that a U.S. marshal was seen wrapping gifts on the night of Feb. 21 while the trial was in progress and was heard to say the gifts were "for my jurors."

The motion was accompanied by an affidavit signed by Mrs. Dorothy Vaughan of Chattanooga, who said a marshal resided in the home of her neighbor and she overheard the alleged statement while visiting.

Wilson said he would review the request and decide if it could be included in a previous defense motion for a new trial.

Accountant claims name forged to one of Baker's tax returns

WASHINGTON (UPI)—An accountant charged today that his name was forged on one of Bob-bey Baker's federal tax returns.

In an affidavit, Milton L. Hauff, the accountant, claimed that his signature on the Baker statement, as well as on a tax return for the Carousel Motel which Baker partly owned, were forgeries.

The affidavit was read to reporters by Sen. Hugh Scott, R-Pa., shortly before the start of a showdown meeting of the Senate Rules Committee to determine the future of the nearly five-month old investigation into the business and financial transactions of former Senate aide Robert G. Baker.

Scott entered the closed hearing room after talking to reporters, but emerged obviously angry a few minutes later and told newsmen that the committee had refused to accept the affidavit as evidence.

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Says Signatures Forgeries

"During the course of my association with Mr. Baker, I had never prepared any returns for the Carousel," Hauff stated. "When presented with a return by the Internal Revenue Service I noted that the signatures purported to be mine were forgeries."

Hauff added, "As a result of this I asked to look at the permanent return for Mr. Baker prepared by me and on looking at the signatures on these returns I noted that the signatures as to the person preparing these returns were also forgeries and not my signatures."

Scott cited Hauff's affidavit as proof that evidence was still coming in as part of the Baker inquiry and that more witnesses should be called. Democrats, outnumbering committee Republicans 6-3, have been in favor of ending the hearings.

Scott said it was apparent that the original tax returns filed by Hauff on Baker's behalf "were subsequently removed from the Internal Revenue Service and altered forms were substituted."

He said it was this kind of information that the committee should look into. He charged that the decision to end the hearings on the part of the Democrats was politically motivated because the investigation was a source of embarrassment for the Democrats.

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Texas Republicans refuse Rockefeller's request that he be struck from primary

By United Press International

Whether he likes it or not, New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller faces a primary fight with Sen. Barry Goldwater on the Arizona conservative's own ground—the Southwest.

Texas Republicans, overwhelmingly in favor of Goldwater for the GOP presidential nomination, refused to consider Rockefeller's request that his name be struck from the list of candidates entered in the state's May 2 primary. Besides Goldwater and Rockefeller, only Harold Stassen and Sen. Margaret Chase Smith—neither rated as strong contenders for the nomination—will be on the Texas ballot.

The two dark horse candidates—Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Richard M. Nixon, and Govs. George Romney of Michigan and William Scranton of Pennsylvania—will be permitted to withdraw their names, clearing the way for a direct contest between Goldwater and Rockefeller.

The Democrats, who thought they would be free of all intra-party squabbling because it is assumed that President Johnson automatically will become their nominee, now are faced with a controversy over who shall be Johnson's running mate.

Kennedy Movement Spreads

A "grass-roots, groundswell committee" is being formed in Wisconsin to promote Atty. Gen.

Robert F. Kennedy for the vice presidential nomination despite the late President's brother's efforts to stop the movement and leave the decision to Johnson.

The Justice Department issued its second statement in two weeks Thursday repeating Kennedy's wish that those supporting him for the nomination end their efforts. The drive, both in Wisconsin and New Hampshire, sparked reports that a feud existed between the attorney general and the President.

Kennedy Thursday personally denied any strong differences with Johnson and told a group of high school visitors he had the "highest regard" for the President. "Our relations are friendly; they always have been. He has always been kind to me, to my family, and to

Mrs. Kennedy—both as vice president and since then.

"I have read these reports about a feud. There is no substance to these reports."

The Democratic controversy is being ignored so far by the two main GOP announced contenders. Rockefeller, aiming to run up a large winning margin in the California June primary to overcome his third place showing behind Goldwater and Lodge in the New Hampshire contest, is in his second day of campaigning on the West Coast.

Goldwater Opens Drive

Goldwater, after presiding as grand marshal at a Phoenix rodeo Thursday, opens his drive in California today.

In separate California appearances before overflow crowds Thursday, Rockefeller attacked Goldwater for his stands on civil rights and criticized Johnson for his conduct of U.S. foreign policy.

The administration has been "tax in its efforts to preserve unity and consultation among free people," Rockefeller said pointing to the unilateral action on Berlin and on the test ban treaty.

During the 1960 civil rights debate, the New York governor said Goldwater had voted to return the Republican rights measure to the Senate Judiciary Committee which seldom has approved rights bill for Senate action.

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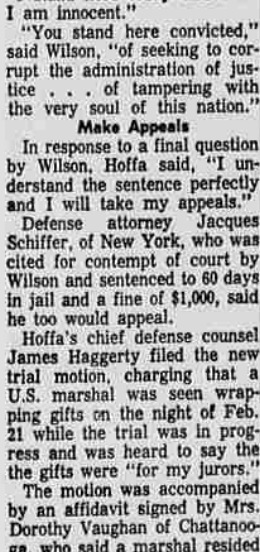
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