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When will the North Vietnamese sue for peace????

Be patient, says Secretary of State Rusk -- "that time will come: that time will come."

In his first formal news conference in nearly four months, the Secretary said the "other side is hurting, and they are hurting very badly."

Some reporters came away from the conference feeling that Secretary Rusk was sending a new signal to Hanoi -- outlining conditions of a "military stand-still" in the war -- a stand still first proposed by U.N. Secretary General U Thant.

Secretary Rusk agreed to that general proposal today -- but said both sides must understand what a stand still means -- and would have to discuss how it would be maintained. For example, said he: South Viet Nam would have to be guaranteed the right to maintain contact with all forty three

of its provincial capitals.

And -- what about that Republican suggestion for the U.S. gradually to bomb less and less of North Viet Nam?

The Secretary waved it aside, saying -- the problem is not whether to stop bombing -- but what Hanoi would do in return -- and so far, it has given no assurances it would reciprocate.

## BATTLE

A close call today for a company of encircled South Vietnamese troops and their U.S. Green Beret advisors trapped by the Viet Cong in the jungle near the Cambodian frontier.

U.S. Army helicopters -- battling a nightfall deadline, rescued the wounded, and set-down a heavy fire of rockets and machine guns -- so the Allied troops could pull back to safer ground.

In the air war -- U.S. jets have smashed more of those missile-launching pads in North Viet Nam. This time, they found them hidden in a soccer stadium between Hanoi and Haiphong, and the U.S. pilots left the playing field riddled with wrecked Soviet-build equipment.

## AIR CRASH

Tragedy in the air today -- a mid-air collision over Hendersonville, North Carolina killing all seventy eight persons aboard a jetliner -- including the new U.S.

Secretary of the Navy, John McNaughton, his wife and one son.

McNaughton had just been confirmed by the Senate, but had not yet assumed his post.

The accident -- one of those rare and almost unbelievable crashes in which a private plane plowed straight into the side of the jetliner as it took off. Ironically -- the small craft was owned by a company dealing in flight insurance. Its three occupants also were killed.

The jet -- a Piedmont airlines Boeing 727 was heading from Atlanta to Washington with stops at Hendersonville and Roanoke.

Navy Secretary McNaughton and his family had just boarded at Hendersonville, a few moments before the crash.

AIR CRASH--2

Apparently they'd been vacationing in North Carolina.

Thirty two others aboard the plane were brokers and dealers heading for the Van Camp Food Products convention at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. The convention was cancelled when the news came through of the tragedy.



## FOLLOW AIR CRASH

Another air crash today -- this one in Tananarive --  
in the Malagasy Republic -- an old D.C.-4 exploding on  
take-off killing forty of the seventy-five aboard -- and  
among the dead -- the Foreign Minister of Malagasy --  
Albert Sylla.

Tschombe

Grim news for the kidnapped former Premier of the Congo  
-- Moise Tschombe.

Informed sources in Algiers say he appears to have  
lost a court battle to escape extradition to the Congo, where  
he faces a death penalty for treason.

A closed hearing on the case was held today -- with the  
Algerian Supreme Court promising a formal decision by Friday.  
But those in the know in Algiers say there's little doubt  
that Tschombe will be sent on to the Congo, under arrest.

## BORDER

Moscow has expanded on that report last night that Red Guard youths had crossed the Soviet frontier from China, and taunted Russian troops.

Today -- the party newspaper Pravda says it's happened several times -- and in fact -- mobs up to a thousand Red Chinese have stormed frontier posts -- trying to provoke border guards to mutiny.

The paper said the Chinese were organized by military men "disguised in civilian clothes", who "whipped the Chinese into loud and ruffian crowds."

Pravda said there were no military clashes in the direct sense of the <sup>word</sup> ~~word~~ -- but it indicated that force was used. Soviet border police -- it said -- "had to display really outstanding fortitude and tenacity."



GM

The United Auto Workers unwrapped the package marked "guaranteed annual wage" today -- and immediately found itself in dispute with General Motors on the basic philosophy of working for a living, rather than loafing.

Under the plan -- a production worker would be guaranteed a full year's pay in advance, regardless of lay-offs.

GM replied -- the idea is not fundamentally ~~sound~~ <sup>sound</sup> -- would make unemployment more attractive than working; -- would freeze an employee on un-employment until his guaranteed annual wage ran out -- and said GM -- "the incentive to go out and look for a new job is not there."

The company also looked askance at the plan to give senior employees the paid lay-off, rather than the junior men. Said GM's Vice-President, Louis Seaton -- seniority has traditionally meant that the oldest man was entitled to work. If you get as much for not working, as for working the older man won't want to work.

The UAW's Vice-President Leonard Woodcock said that's the idea, "seniority is supposed to give a man not only security byt better treatment." He said the company is "seeing hob-goblins."

MORSEA

The appointment of Senator Morse yesterday to the special railroad mediation panel -- was the subject of raised eyebrows today in labor circles -- some calling it a political blunder.

The appointment of the Oregon senator coincided with a front-page article in the machinists union newspaper -- calling for Morse's defeat in the 1968 elections -- the union bitter over the senator's efforts to terminate the machinists strike against the airlines last summer.

But, there may be another side to the Morse appointment too. Some labor sources speculate that the senator himself may have requested the new assignment -- and vindicate himself with the machinists.

From the Senator himself -- only the comment that he will be "eminently fair to the interests of the public, railroad labor, and the railroad carriers."

## TIRES

The government safety agency has turned its attention from car design, to tires.

New standards were proposed today -- which would affect both the rubber and auto industries. Tires would be required to have a built-in "wear indicator" -- a distinctive mark deep down in the tread, which would show up when the tire should be replaced.

As for the auto companies -- they'd be required to equip their cars with tires suitable to the ~~max~~<sup>9</sup> weight of the vehicle. The government declined<sup>?</sup> to get involved in the question of "ply-rating". It said the term has no acceptable definition. It takes the position that if the tire is adequate -- that's what counts.

## TAXES

Reaction today to President Johnson's re-newed call for a tax increase.

The House Republican leader -- Gerald Ford of Michigan -- saying he understands Mr. Johnson is preparing for big cuts in non-defense spending.

And if so -- says Ford, no tax increase will be needed.

The Michigan Congressman said he got his hints from government sources who'd heard of a Presidential request to Cabinet members to tall him where non-defense spending can be cut by 15 per cent.

As Ford put it -- I believe only a spending down-hold is needed.

## STAMP

Is the five-cent stamp headed for oblivion?

The House post-office sub-committee is putting the finishing touches on a bill to hike the price of mailing a letter to six cents -- air mail up to ten; with corresponding increases for other types of mail.

All this -- in an attempt to get the postoffice somewhat out of the red. It now loses nearly one and a quarter billion-dollars a year.



## FOOT POWDER

As they said in Ecuador -- vote for Pulvabies -- and, some ten-thousand persons did.

This advertising slogan appeared thru-out the major cities -- Quito and Guayaquil -- and, smaller towns too.

Came election day -- and thousands wrote in Pulvabies -- then learned that its a foot-powder, trying out a novel publicity campaign.

Pulvabies -- the foot powder came close to being elected to one city coundil.

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