

RUSK

L.T. - Bush, Fisher Tues. May 17 - '66.

"I do not expect this to lead to civil war."

So said Secretary of State Dean Rusk today - in a major policy statement on the latest political crisis in Vietnam.

Dean Rusk asserting that we are using "all of our influence" -- to ~~persuade~~ persuade opposing South Vietnamese elements to forget their "lesser" differences, in order to put up a strong front - against the "major ~~xxx~~ danger" of Communism.

There "could be civil strife" - he went on.

But our goal remains free elections in the fall - followed by establishment of a constitutionally-based Democratic government.

VIET NAM

Meanwhile, U S forces in Viet Nam - today were plunged directly into the political crisis, by virtue of an unfortunate incident - at the ancient Imperial capital of Hue.

An American helicopter - bearing an American General and loyal Vietnamese General - about to take off from an attempted meeting with Rebel Army chiefs; when a wild-eyed Vietnamese Lieutenant - opened fire at the aircraft. An American machine-gunner - returning the fire, ~~kkbi~~ killing the Lieutenant - but inadvertently wounding six other Vietnamese ~~stank~~ standing by.

Buddhist reaction - swift and angry. About a hundred Buddhist students - attempting to prevent the helicopter from taking off. When that failed - Buddhist leaders quickly accusing the United States - of complicity with Premier Ky.

Some nine/thousand rebellious army troops - later setting ~~pxx~~ up defenses on the outskirts of Hue. ^{with} Their American advisers - told to clear out.

CHICAGO

President Johnson and Senator Barry Goldwater -- both in Chicago tonight -- the President -- to address a hundred dollar a plate Democratic fund-raising dinner. Goldwater -- to address a fund raising dinner -- for the Free Society Association.

The President's scheduled remarks said to be off the cuff and off the record, but Senator Goldwater scheduled to unleash a fighting speech -- reminiscent of the Nineteen-Sixty-Four campaign.

The Arizonan promising a "call to arms" -- to Conservatives -- throughout America to battle what he calls "a relentless drive for more and more executive power" in the federal government.

BATTLESHIPS

New life for old battleships - the subject under
discussion today by the House Appropriations Committee.
Vice Admiral Lot Ensey, for one - urging reactivation
of near-extinct battlewagons - for use in the Vietnamese
War. ~~Be~~ Their big sixteen inch guns - ideal for coastal
bombardment - said the Admiral. ^{he added,} Also capable of inflicting
"great psychological effect" on the enemy. - ~~said he.~~

~~Be that as it may~~ ^{But} - the outlook for the battleship
remains doubtful, at best. Congressional observers noting
that our last two battleships - were assigned to mothballs
in the ~~late~~ ^{late} Fifties. ~~This~~ by order of Defense
Secretary Robert McNamara - in the interest of ^{what he termed} maintaining
"cost effectiveness" in military spending.

MCNAMARA FOLLOW BATTLESHIPS

And
~~Speaking of Robert McNamara~~ - the Defense

~~Min~~ Secretary himself was ^{again} under heavy congressional fire ~~once more~~ today. The House Armed Services Committee calling ~~Secretary~~ McNamara - a would-be "Caesar", on grounds that he has "absolutely dominated" the Pentagon - through sheer force of personality.

The committee - in formal report - asserting that McNamara has not ~~only~~ only over-ruled the Joint Chiefs of Staff on crucial weapons policy - but has also sought to mislead Congress - as to what the Joint Chiefs really recommended. The report citing McNamara's decisions to phase out the manned bomber - to close military bases - to slow development of a ~~new~~ nuclear-powered Navy - and to reduce airlift capacity of the reserves and National Guard.

In summing up - the Committee contending that ~~Sec~~ Secretary McNamara - has an "almost obsessional dedication to ^{holding down costs -} ~~cost effectiveness~~ - indicating that he

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"knows the price of everything, and, ²as his critics put it,
"the value of nothing."

WATCHDOG

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee -- went formally on record today -- demanding a right to share in Senate supervision -- of the Central Intelligence Agency. This by placing three members of the Foreign Relations Committee -- on the present Senate Committee overseeing the CIA.

KOSYGIN

Touring Soviet Premier Kosgyin -- at it again today in Cairo. Ripping U.S. policy in the Middle East -- in a half-hour speech to the Egyptian National Assembly.

At the same time -- in Moscow, Soviet Party boss Brezhnev -- calling the U.S. a "dangerous beast of prey" in Viet Nam. And promising continued support of the Communist Viet Cong -- by "concrete deeds" , as well as "machinery, equipment, and excellent arms" -- as he put it.

MURDER

A story of murder - with possible political repercussions - comes today from Beirut. The victim - Kamel Mrowa - publisher of the Arabic Daily Al Hayat and the Beirut Daily Star; the latter - one of the leading English-language newspapers - in the ~~entire~~ Middle East.

Mrowa is said to have been shot and ~~kkk~~ killed - while at work in his office. The alleged gunman - a Lebanese identified only as Adnan Shaker - who was quickly captured by police. But why he killed the publisher - still a mystery.

SNIPER

Sudden death - followed by sudden retribution - today; near the tiny community of Burnt Cabins - in the rugged wilderness of South Central Pennsylvania.

A man sniper - who had kidnapped a school girl six days ago shooting - and killing an F B I man who was hot on his trail. Only to be trapped himself on a nearby mountain peak - by a horde of avenging ~~parx~~ pursuers. Authorities finally calling up six army half-tracks - to storm the mountain refuge. The outcome - still in doubt - at last report.

BOMB

A warning to all ships and planes - to stay clear of France's ^{South} Pacific nuclear testing ground - made public today in Paris. The warning establishing two "forbidden areas" - surrounding Maruroa atoll; the French nuclear test base - about eight hundred miles southeast of Tahiti.

A French Naval task force - currently enroute to the area - with actual tests - said to be set for some time early in July. The French expected to detonate - a number of medium-range atomic weapons. Their first H-bomb -- still a long way off.

STRIKE FOLLOW BOMB

While back in Metropolitan France -- a massive general strike was on today -- with some Seven Million workers in state-run industries involved. The twenty-four hour walkout crippling bus and subway service in Paris -- cutting off electricity and gas throughout the nation -- paralyzing the railroads, radio and television -- and forcing the closing of banks, offices, department stores and restaurants.

Thousands of marchers shouting -- "down with Charlie."

The strike -- in short -- the biggest labor tie-up since DeGaulle took office. Their protest is against government wage policies. Police today reporting great difficulty handling traffic jams. Warren -- streams of cars with tens of thousands heading for an extra day's vacation in the sunny countryside.

GEMINI

A perfect lift-off -- followed by failure today at Cape Kennedy -- as you have doubtless heard by now. An unmanned Atlas-Agena rocket -- intended to serve as a space target for the Gemini-Nine -- fizzling out short of orbit; and plunging -- back into the sea. Forcing postponement of the entire mission -- for about three weeks.

For Command Pilot Tom Stafford -- waiting with Astronaut Gene Cernan in the Gemini-Nine -- it was the second such cancellation, his only reported comment: "Aw shucks."