

U.S. TURNS DOWN THANT PROPOSAL ON TRUCE PARLEY

Says It Can Accept No Bid for a Vietnam Discussion Until 'Aggression' Ends

CHANNELS REMAIN OPEN

Hope Voiced for a Peaceful Solution—Saigon Troops Score Major Victory

By MAX FRANKEL

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, March 9—The United States has told U. Thant, the Secretary General of the United Nations, that it cannot accept his or any other invitation to a conference on Vietnam until North Vietnam indicates a readiness to halt its "aggression."

The rejection of Mr. Thant's proposal for a seven-nation "preliminary" discussion was disclosed today by the State Department. It was accompanied by a word of thanks for his efforts and expressions of hope that diplomatic channels would be held open for a peaceful solution.

[In South Vietnam, Government forces achieved a major victory Monday in the repulse of a Vietcong assault on a Special Forces camp 270 miles northeast of Saigon. The guerrillas left at least 100 dead. According to The Associated Press, one United States Marine was killed and one was wounded Tuesday in a clash with the Vietcong. Page 3.]

After issuing its statement replying to Mr. Thant, the State Department hastily altered some of the language it used to describe Washington's condition for negotiations. But in either form, the statement marked no change in the Administration's positions.

Raids Are Warnings

In fact, officials here are beginning to suspect that the Soviet Union, Communist China and North Vietnam, like Washington, are temporarily frozen in their diplomatic positions. If such a freeze persists, the Administration will soon face another major decision about how much additional military pressure on North Vietnam it wishes to risk.

By raiding a few military installations in North Vietnam in the last month, the United States has tried to warn the Hanoi Government that it faces continuing and intensified punishment unless it halts the infiltration of men and arms into South Vietnam.

These raids have raised fears in many places of a wider war in Southeast Asia and they have evoked pressures from

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RED PARTIES HINT FAILURE OF TALKS

Sought Ways to Avert Wider Soviet-Chinese Split

By HENRY TANNER

Special to The New York Times

MOSCOW, Wednesday, March 10—The Soviet-sponsored conference of 19 Communist parties that met here last week failed to produce any plan of action that might prevent further fragmentation of the international Communist movement.

A final communiqué published early today made it clear, Western specialists said, that the Soviet leaders had failed in yet another effort to meet the challenge of the Chinese Communists and to restore the Kremlin's position as the leader of world Communism.

The communiqué indicated that even the pro-Soviet parties were unable to agree on a meaningful joint course.

On the crucial question whether a conference of all Communist parties should be

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Kerr Is Resigning At U. of California; Aide Also Leaving



Clark Kerr

By WALLACE TURNER

Special to The New York Times

BERKELEY, Calif., March 9—Clark Kerr announced today his intention to resign as president of the University of California. Martin Meyerson announced that he would resign as acting chancellor of the Berkeley campus.

Neither man would answer questions beyond the brief statements handed out at a hurriedly convened news conference in University Hall, where Mr. Kerr has his offices.

Mr. Kerr, 53 years old, is responsible for the entire seven-campus university system; Mr. Meyerson, 42, for the 27,500-student Berkeley

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ARABS PUSH DRIVE TO PENALIZE BONN

League Meets in Cairo to Consider Retaliation for Move Toward Israel

By HEDRICK SMITH

Special to The New York Times

CAIRO, March 9—Pressures mounted among Arab states today for concerted and sharp retaliation against West Germany for its decision to seek diplomatic relations with Israel.

In a speech tonight, President Gamal Abdel Nasser hailed the Kuwaiti National Assembly for favoring an immediate break with West Germany, establishment of relations with East Germany and a pan-Arab boycott of West Germany.

While he was speaking, representatives of 13 Arab countries held their second urgent session of the day to reach a unified strategy against West Germany.

Adoption Unanimous

It was announced after the first meeting that the Arab League delegates had unanimously adopted resolutions and were referring them to the 13 Arab Governments. The communiqué said the Arab foreign ministers would meet here Sunday to ratify the resolutions, which were not described.

President Nasser, apparently encouraged by the progress, said at a rally at Menya, 150 miles south of here, that on the basis of what he knew, the Arabs would win "this political showdown" with Israel and West Germany. He did not elaborate.

"If the Jews win this battle then the Arabs' word is valueless, and Arabs had better go and bury their faces in the sand," he said.

Appalachia Aid Bill Is Signed by Johnson

By MARJORIE HUNTER

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, March 9—A program to invigorate the lagging economy of Appalachia became law today in the sunny Rose Garden of the White House.

"The dole is dead, the pork barrel is gone," President Johnson said as he prepared to sign into law the first of his Great Society legislation this year.

The \$1.1 billion measure cleared Congress last week. The Federal-state program of economic aid will move into action immediately. About 78 per cent of the funds will be used to build highways and access roads. The groundwork has been laid. A staff is being as-

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F.P.C., 3-1, GRANTS CON ED A LICENSE FOR HUDSON PLANT

Damage to Scenic Values Is Discounted—Rep. Ottinger Sees a Court Challenge

By WARREN WEAVER Jr.

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, March 9—The Federal Power Commission today granted the Consolidated Edison Company a license to build the world's largest pumped-storage hydroelectric power plant on the banks of the Hudson River near Cornwall.

Conservation groups had strongly opposed giving the utility permission for the \$162 million project, maintaining that it would spoil the beauty of the Hudson highlands.

One of the power plant's chief opponents, Representative Richard L. Ottinger of Westchester County, said today he was sure that there would be a court challenge of the commission decision.

Ross the Dissenter

The commission divided 3 to 1 on the issue, with Commissioner Charles R. Ross dissenting. He called for further hearings on aspects of the controversy and no decision before March 1, 1966.

[Residents of Cornwall-on-Hudson were pleased by the decision, and Consolidated Edison officials were relieved, but conservationists vowed to keep fighting the project. Page 28.]

In a single concession to the opposition, the F.P.C. agreed to hold further hearings on the route that the overhead power lines from the Cornwall project will follow on the 24-mile course between Nelsonville and Millwood. It refused to order the lines underground, however.

The additional hearings, to open in Washington on May 4, will also deal with equipment to prevent injury to fish in the area around the power plant.

Impact Held 'Minimal'

The 17,000-word majority opinion was written by the commission chairman, Joseph C. Swidler. Joining him were L. J. O'Connor Jr. and David S. Black.

"We find that the impact of the project upon scenic resources will be minimal; that it will create additional recreational opportunities, and that its advantages for power-supply purposes far outweigh any negative considerations," the commission majority declared.

"In these circumstances and viewing sympathetically the case made by the Scenic Hudson [Preservation Conference], we cannot conclude that the Cornwall powerhouse substantially impairs the scenic, historic or recreational values in the area.

"Whatever may be the negative aspect of adding this

PUBLIC BUYS OUT ANILINE OFFERING

U.S. Ends Its Ownership of Concern Seized in 1942

By JOHN H. ALLAN

A \$341 million block of General Aniline and Film Corporation common stock, the largest asset seized by the Government as enemy property during World War II, was sold out quickly to the public yesterday.

The stock was priced by the underwriters at \$30.60 a share, and it subsequently traded as high as \$36. At the close of trading yesterday afternoon, the price had settled down to about \$32.

The shares were sold by the Attorney General for the Federal Government in what was the largest sale of stock at competitive bidding in Wall Street history. Public excitement over the sale was the most prevalent since the Communications Satellite Corporation sold \$200 million of stock last June.

A nationwide syndicate of about 225 investment banking firms headed by Blyth & Co., Inc., and the First Boston Corporation submitted the winning bid of \$29.476 a share for the Aniline stock.

The Blyth-First Boston bid topped a bid of \$28.2877 a share that was submitted by a group

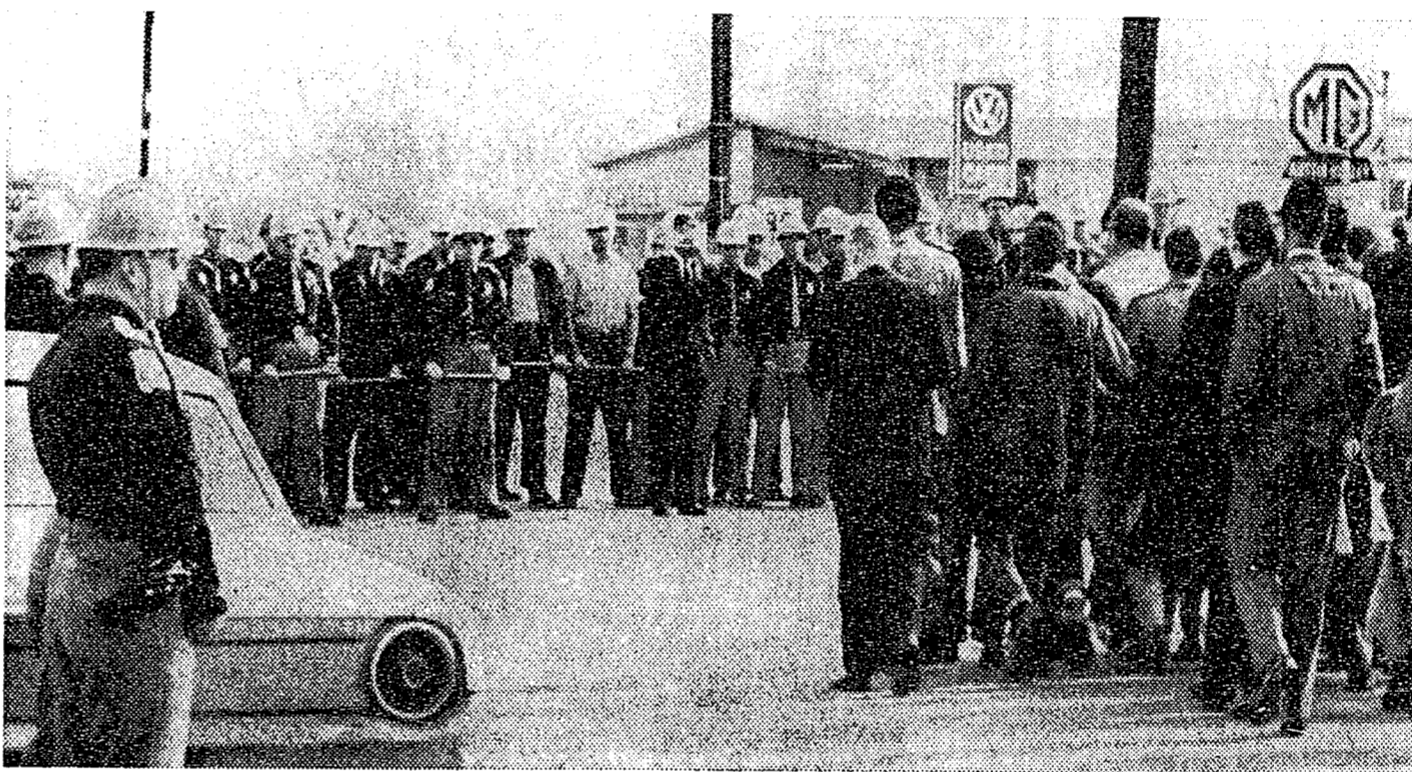
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IS THERE A MOUSSE IN THE HOUSE? Maybe. There are lots of cooking and eating items on the Women's page of the New York Times. Shopping ideas too—Advt.

DR. KING LEADS MARCH AT SELMA; STATE POLICE END IT PEACEABLY UNDER A U.S.-ARRANGED ACCORD



SELMA MARCH BEGINS: In the front row at yesterday's demonstration are, from the left: James Farmer, Bishop John Wesley Lord, the Rev. Andrew Young, foreground, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and James Foreman.



CONFRONTATION: Column of marchers approaches line of state troopers outside town. Marchers turned back.



AND A PRAYER: Demonstrators, many of them clergymen, kneel in prayer after being stopped outside Selma.

Thousands Across Nation Hold Sympathy Marches

Romney Leads a Protest

Thousands of Negroes and whites demonstrated in major cities yesterday to show their sympathy with Negroes whose voter registration march in Selma, Ala., was broken up by the Alabama police Sunday.

Gov. George Romney of Michigan led 10,000 persons in a 10-block march in Detroit. He was joined in the quiet demonstration by Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh. The march, organized by religious leaders, was allowed by the police even though a parade permit had not been issued.

Government policemen hauled a group of singing demonstrators away from the Washington office of Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach, but no one was arrested. Nearly 1,000 persons demonstrated at the White House.

There were similar demonstrations in support of the Alabama Negroes in Chicago, Los Angeles, Berkeley, Calif., Hartford, Syracuse, Springfield, Ohio, Beloit, Wis., and Boston.

Eight hundred persons participated in a noisy but peace-

10,000 March in Detroit

By DAVID R. JONES

Special to The New York Times

DETROIT, March 9—Governor Romney and Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh led thousands of persons today in a 10-block march through downtown Detroit to protest events in Selma, Ala.

The Detroit police estimated that about 10,000 people had

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The Walk Through Selma

By GAY TALESE

Special to The New York Times

SELMA, Ala., March 9—There were young blondes in polo coats and hipsters with beards, and the wives of Senators; there were white faces and black faces, ministers' collars and turtle-necked sweaters.

There were about 1,500 such people here today. They differed in age and religion, but they shared a unity of purpose. They had come to march through the streets of Selma and they were hoping to be heard, if not seen, in the state capital at Montgomery, 50 miles away.

Many had come from California, Chicago, Texas, New York, Mississippi. Some, unable to get here by bus or by getting lifts, met a farmer on the road with a tow truck. For an undisclosed

but not exorbitant fee, he drove them the 50 miles west to Selma.

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1,500 TURNED BACK

Protest Begun Despite Court—3 Ministers Attacked Later

Text of Federal court order will be found on Page 22.

By ROY REED

Special to The New York Times

SELMA, Ala., March 9—The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led 1,500 Negroes and whites on a second attempted protest march today. State troopers turned them back on the outskirts of Selma, after they had gone one mile.

But this time there was no violence—unlike a similar confrontation at the same spot on Sunday. Then, troopers and Dallas County sheriff's officers broke up an attempted march to Montgomery, the state capital, 50 miles away, with clubs and tear gas.

"We had the greatest demonstration for freedom today that we've ever had in the South," Dr. King said as he disbanded the brief march today.

Tonight, three Unitarian ministers who had participated in the march were beaten by whites on a downtown street corner. The ministers are white.

One of them, the Rev. James J. Reeb, 38 years old, of Boston, was taken to University Hospital in Birmingham with a serious head injury and later underwent surgery. The police said he had been knocked unconscious with a club.

Ate in Negro Restaurant

The Rev. Clark B. Olsen, 32, of Berkeley, Calif., and the Rev. Orloff W. Miller, 33, of Boston, were less seriously injured.

They told the police they had been attacked by five men in sports clothes after they had eaten dinner in a Negro restaurant.

The meeting of troopers and demonstrators had been awaited here with dread following the Sunday clash, in which 84 marchers were hurt.

Its peaceful resolution resulted from an arrangement between leaders of the march and the troopers worked out beforehand, with the Federal Government as mediator. The arrangement had face-saving features for both sides.

The demonstrators began their march in the face of a Federal Court injunction prohibiting the march and in spite

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PRESIDENT'S PLEA CURTAILS MARCH

Johnson Scores 'Brutality' Against Selma Negroes

Text of President's statement is printed on Page 23.

By CHARLES MOHR

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, March 9—President Johnson and his representatives successfully urged the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. today not to carry out a protest march from Selma, Ala., to Montgomery, the state capital.

Mr. Johnson and Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach believed, on the basis of Justice Department conversations with Federal District Judge Frank M. Johnson Jr., that the judge would permit the march on Thursday and enjoin Alabama officials from blocking it then.

Judge Johnson issued an order prohibiting the march today. The marchers went a mile and were turned back.

The President strongly deplored in a statement today what he called "brutality" against Negroes in Selma, where a similar march was broken up by the police on Sunday. He asked the Negro demonstrators, as well as state officials, to respect law and order.

Dr. King, leader of the civil

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