

Paris talks off to good start: Nixon

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Nixon said today the Paris peace talks on Vietnam "are off to a good start" under his new administration.

He said that is the U.S. view, but added: "Now, of course, what is involved is what happens on the other side."

Nixon told his first White House news conference the United States has offered an agenda, "a laundry list," of possible agreements on specific points.

"Where we go from here depends on what the other side offers in turn," Nixon said.

The White House East Room was the setting for Nixon's first question and answer session as President.

The initial question: His plans for a legislative program?

"I shall have a major legislative program to present to the Congress this year," Nixon said.

"I need to list problems requiring our most urgent attention," Nixon said during his first week they have concerned foreign policy.

He said the National Security Council has had two meetings and he has spent hours at night reading foreign policy papers.

But he said beyond that, the problems of the cities and economic problems require urgent attention and both have been discussed with the appropriate officials.

Nixon said he has noted expressions of interest on the possibility of admitting Communist China to the United Nations.

He said his administration will continue to oppose admission.

In the jammed news conference, broadcast live from the White House, Nixon said he favors the nuclear nonproliferation treaty and said the only question is the timing of the ratification of the pact.

He said that question would be discussed in a National Security Council meeting this week and with congressional leaders.

Then, Nixon said, he will make a decision on when the treaty should be approved.

Nixon added he also favors talks with the Soviet Union on reduction of strategic arms, but said the question again was an other matter of timing.

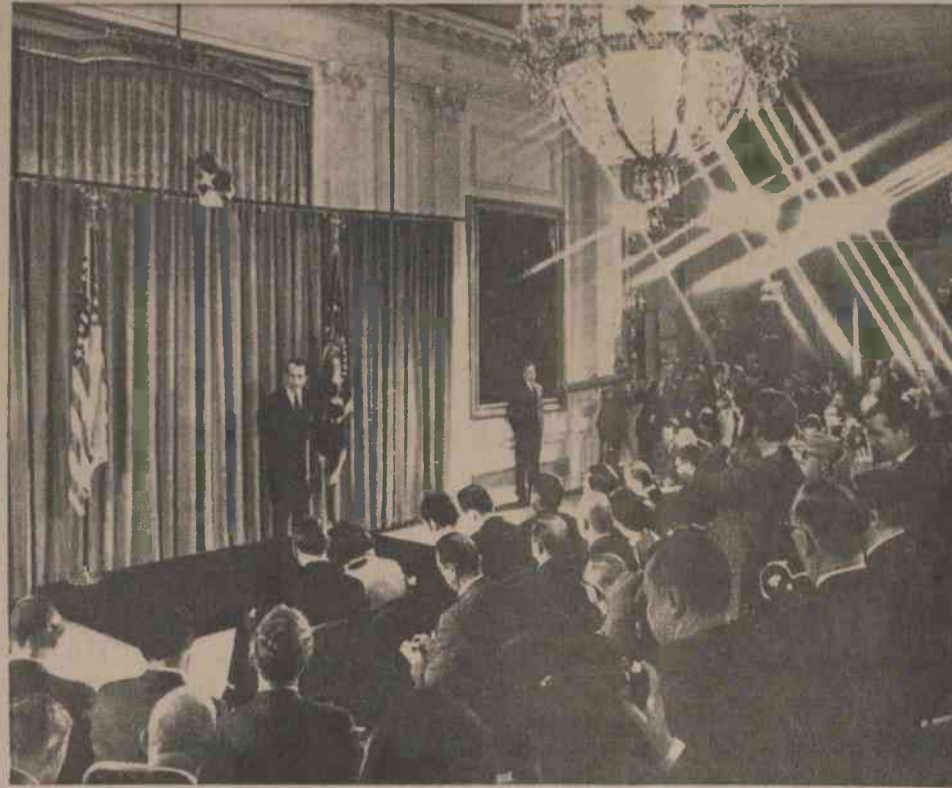
Arms reduction itself would not achieve peace, he said, adding talks are needed when they will permit solution of "outstanding" political problems at the same time.

He cited the Middle East as an example.

Nixon said there have been suggestions for four-power talks on the Mideast, that the United Nations should be the principal peace-seeking forum, that the United States and the Soviet Union should hold bilateral talks or that the parties concerned should solve it.

He said the whole question will be discussed all day Saturday, but in any case there is a need for new initiatives by the United States.

The Mideast situation could lead to "a confrontation between the nuclear powers," he said, so a solution must urgently be sought. He said he is open to any suggestions.



Presidential conference

President Nixon answers a question as he meets with reporters in a news conference held in the East Room of the White House. It was Nixon's first conference since his inauguration as Chief Executive. (AP Wirephoto)

Light of history

Archives and history moving

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Written for the Associated Press
RALEIGH (AP)—It's moving time for the State Library and the State Archives. The library is moving first because it is now occupying rented space, which is costing the state money.

Outside time estimate for moving the library is one month, hopefully less. The contractor for moving both agencies is Parker Brothers of Raleigh, who has previously moved certain divisions of Archives and History.

For Archives and History some

12,000 cubic feet of records will need to be moved. That's from 20 million to 40 million individual documents.

For the archives there is a peculiar problem. If a manuscript is lost, the chances are that it is unique—cannot be replaced. So extreme care will need to be taken.

The archives include records dating from only a few years back to three centuries and more. Some of them go far back into the colonial period.

A big problem will be to keep the search rooms (where the public makes use of the records both old and new) open during the moving, and to keep the records available for public use.

Undoubtedly some records can not be had at all times, but there will be a minimum of inconvenience to researchers.

In case of rain or snow, the work will be postponed until the weather clears. The records must not be damaged, especially by water.

Once in the new building, the records will be placed in specially designed, air conditioned, protected areas. The moving will be completed in a few weeks.

Business mirror

2,643,000 out of work in U.S.

By JOHN CUNNIFF
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NEW YORK (AP)—In November there were 2,643,000 Americans out of work; 354,000 of them had been jobless for 15 weeks or more.

Stated as percentages, these figures are small, 3.3 per cent of the labor force. In human terms, however, the numbers are lamentably high.

At the same time that so many people were out of work, the help wanted advertising index, compiled from classified ads in 52 newspapers by the National Industrial Conference Board, reached an all-time high.

In other words, while millions of Americans were seeking work, thousands of companies were running thousands of ads looking for thousands of workers. And, it might be assumed, they were not finding them.

There are some obvious reasons for this.

Among them: geographical differences, insufficient training, age, health, sex and—it cannot be ignored—race. These factors help prevent the matching of want and need. But another factor, the lack of comprehensive information on job availability, may also be involved.

On Pueblo case

High-level study is ordered

By FRED S. HOFFMAN
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird announced today he has ordered a high-level Pentagon study of the Pueblo case "to see that incidents of this kind do not happen again."

At his first news conference as Pentagon chief, Laird said he had appointed Deputy Secretary of Defense David Packard to head the study and oversee matters involving the intelligence ship, whose capture is being investigated by a Navy court of inquiry in California.

The ship was seized by North Korean naval forces Jan. 23, 1968.

Laird said "the matter is being very carefully watched" by Packard—among other things, to see that the interests of its skipper and crewmen have been and are protected.

The new defense chief said the court of inquiry is "well in hand" but that he felt the wide-spread public interest in the matter required high level Defense Department attention to the situation.

On other matters, Laird: —Announced that Packard, his second in command, will conduct a wide-ranging review of the Johnson administration's defense budget, including whether some key programs should be decreased or increased to insure maximum national security at the lowest possible cost.

—Said he will be going to South Vietnam in the not-too-distant future.

—Said the military situation in Vietnam has "improved somewhat" in the past 12 months and that the South Vietnamese army is on the upgrade.

Laird declined to discuss possible U.S. troop withdrawals from South Vietnam, saying "I don't think it would be useful to talk about unilateral withdrawal now that we are in substantive talks" in Paris.



White House session

President Nixon says the Paris peace talks on Vietnam "are off to a good start." He made the statement in answering a question at a news conference held in the White House. (AP Wirephoto)

Committee chairman opposed to revisions

By REESE HART
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RALEIGH (AP)—The chairman of the North Carolina Senate Committee which will handle proposed amendments to the state constitution made it plain today he is opposed to some of the revisions and would not introduce bills dealing with them.

However, Sen. Julian Allsbrook, D-Halifax, told the Senate Constitution Committee at its organizational meeting that "regardless of my personal views everyone will be given a chance to be heard" on the proposed changes in the constitution.

Allsbrook has been outspoken against proposed amendments to give the North Carolina governor veto power and to allow the governor to succeed himself for one four-year term.

A constitutional study commission headed by former Chief Justice E. B. Denny of the State Supreme Court recommended 10 amendments in December to revise the century old state constitution.

Allsbrook told the committee that normally the chairman of the committee introduces bills.

"But I have never believed in introducing a bill just to get

it before the legislature," he pointed out.

He said he was not prepared to recommend some of the proposed amendments and therefore would not sponsor the bills.

One senator said following the meeting, "There's a question of just who will introduce the bills since there's much opposition against some of them."

If approved by the legislature, the constitutional amendments would have to be submitted to a vote of the people.

President Nixon listed among best dressers

NEW YORK (AP)—President Nixon and Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau have been named to the 30th annual best dressed list of the Fashion Foundation of America. The foundation, an organization of custom tailors and designers, Sunday selected Nixon for the statesman category, and Trudeau for international government.

Fifteen men were named as best dressed in different categories.



She said to sell it

When S. Sgt. Robert Cilek, 37, returned home after a year's duty in Korea, one of the first things he wanted was a ride on his motorcycle. But the preservative he had put on the cycle dripped onto the back tire and when he tried to stop you guessed it. His broken ankle will mend in 8 to 10 weeks. His wife had only two words to say: Sell it! (AP Wirephoto)

Religion in the news

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—Christianity, rooted in Jewish antiquity, hatched by Jewish apostles, nurtured by Jewish Scripture and focused on a Jewish teacher, Jesus, has repeatedly turned against its mother religion.

Today, new tensions are showing between the churches and Judaism.

Behind the interfaith friction is the world's age old, presently boiling, troubled spot, the Middle East, intersection of three continents, birthplace of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, meeting point of East and West.

Ostensibly, the struggle there is political, but it has powerful religious undertones, and the feuds, interests and antipathies have spilled over to stiffen in tense religious relationships elsewhere.

The Rev. Dr. Alford Carleton,

chief of overseas missions of the United Church of Christ and an influential figure in interdenominational affairs, says a "steady slippage" has occurred in church sympathy for Israel.

"The price we may have to pay for it has caused some second thoughts," he said in an interview, citing the dangers of a collision between Russia and the United States. "We're beginning to wonder about it. Church people are getting nervous."

The shifting sentiment in some church quarters, signs of which have appeared increasingly in articles and statements in church periodicals expounding Arab viewpoints, has evoked dismay among Jewish leaders.

It "threatens to undermine Jewish-Christian relationships and stir up anti-Semitism," says Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, director of interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee.

Some churchmen said assessing the conflict on strictly moral grounds has become point less. Dr. Carleton said "may seem cynical" but which he insisted is realistic in face of the hardening impasse.

"Right or wrong, the Arab attitude is a fact," said the Rev. Dr. David M. Stowe, head of the overseas ministries division of the National Council of Churches. "We've got to deal with that fact, to diffuse it."

Dr. Carleton said critics still support Israel's right to exist, but oppose its resort to spiraling retaliatory acts.

Early this week, an off the record interfaith discussion was held here at the headquarters of the National Conference of Christians and Jews to try to find means to ease the rising tensions over the issue.



Test transmission

This photo is a test transmission by Associated Press to check their wirephoto equipment, and see if all details of the picture are being received by various newspapers. For those who may be interested, the young lady is Erin O'Reilly.

Pole sitter protests vote by Rhodesia

LONDON (AP)—A 22-year-old girl climbed up the outside of five-story Rhodesia House to cast a symbolic vote for British control over Prime Minister Ian Smith's rebellious government.

Anne Warren, a blonde student of architecture and a mountain climber, shinned up the back side of the building housing Rhodesia's diplomatic mission in Britain, then attacked the flagpole 100 feet above street level.

She pulled down the Rhodesian flag and hoisted the Union Jack. "Crowds in the teeming Strand stopped to watch, and firemen were called.

Student friends handed out leaflets in which Miss Warren said:

"As an ordinary British citizen with no political affiliation, I am making a personal protest at the presence of the Smith regime in Rhodesia House and the flying of their illegal flag over London. I have hoisted the Union Jack to symbolize my belief that the British government is neglecting its duty in allowing these people to remain."

Students have dream to rid college of debt

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—Students at predominantly Negro Allen University said today "we have a dream—getting their school out of debt."

"Instead of protesting and throwing bricks and bottles we've decided to join hands with the help of God and our university president and do something constructive," Dave Stewart of Charleston, student chairman of the project, told a news conference.



Room with a view

Actress Jeannie McNeill, 23, of Basingstoke, Great Britain, is shown as she relaxes on the terrace of her apartment in Rome, Italy. Miss McNeill is a former fashion model, and has been a resident of Rome for the past two years. She has had roles in several Italian films. (AP Wirephoto)

Schifrin supplies variety of music

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—From an office on S. Beverly Drive, amid smart dress shops and talent agencies, Argentine born Lalo Schifrin pours forth a seemingly endless supply of music, from rock to symphony.

Schifrin, an intense, dark haired pipe smoker, is the hottest new composer in films today. His album of themes for "Mission: Impossible" won him two Grammys from the record industry academy and a gold record, having sold more than a quarter million copies. His score for "Cool Hand Luke" netted an Oscar nomination.

Among his other recent scores: "The Fox," "The Brotherhood," "Bullitt," "Hell in the Pacific," "Cogan's Blues."

He is now working on the score for 20th Century Fox's "Che." And that isn't all. Other projects: original music for an MGM TV pilot, "U.M.C.," "En counters," a jazz and symphony piece commissioned by the Los Angeles Philharmonic; a cantata for the Hollywood Bowl based on his music for the TV special "The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich"; a string quartet to be performed in March at the Los Angeles County Museum; an original musical film based on "Captains Courageous."

"How does he accomplish so much?"

"Music is an idiom, like language," he explains. "When you learn grammar and can control syntax, you can write fast."