

# Secret Meetings Hinted 27th Peace Attempt Fails

PARIS (UPI)—U.S. chief negotiator W. Averell Harriman urged North Vietnam Wednesday to "abandon its aggression and join us in seeking peace." But the U.S. and Hanoi negotiators failed to reach agreement on conditions for a bombing halt.

U.S. and North Vietnamese delegations met in their 27th formal session of the Paris talks, but they gave no indication they were nearing an accord that would lead to a scaling down of the war and a full-fledged peace conference.

Harriman, however, may have tipped his hand and disclosed, accidentally, that he was meeting privately and secretly with Xuan Thuy, head of the Hanoi delegation.

After the Wednesday meeting at the old Majestic Hotel, Harriman told newsmen that "we are going to meet again tomorrow (Thursday)."

But Harriman's chief

spokesman, William Jordan, told a news conference later that the ambassador's remark was a "slip of the tongue" and that the next meeting was planned for next Wednesday.

There has been persistent speculation that Harriman and Thuy had been meeting secretly in addition to their regularly scheduled sessions held each Wednesday.

At a North Vietnamese briefing, a Hanoi delegation spokesman refused any comment on Harriman's "slip of the tongue." He declined to answer all questions relating to possible behind-the-scenes meetings.

Harriman, who met for 2½ hours with the North Vietnamese, told the Hanoi representatives that Washington was ready to move quickly toward peace.

"It is time for you to act," he said. "The choice is yours."

Speaking to newsmen afterward outside the U.S. Embassy, Harriman said: "I urged Hanoi to abandon its aggression and join us in seeking peace."

The U.S. negotiators stoutly backed the government of South Vietnam and dismissed the National Liberation Front, political arm of the Viet Cong, as a creature born and directed in Hanoi.

The North Vietnamese, in turn, attacked the Saigon regime as "puppets" of the United States whose only aim "is to collect dollars and fill their pockets."

As he did last week, Harriman stressed the economic benefits that would come to Vietnam should the

war end. "Peace benefits everyone," he said.

Harriman's statements to the Hanoi negotiators gave weight to reports over the past

10 days that the United States was anxiously awaiting from Hanoi an answer to a U.S. proposed plan to halt air strikes against North Vietnam and expand the Paris talks.

# Campaign In Michigan Termed Most Crucial

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. (UPI)—Richard M. Nixon cut a path across the center of crucially close Michigan Wednesday, imploring Republicans to work harder and urging those leaning toward George C. Wallace "not to throw away your vote."

The Republican presidential candidate, escorted and advised by Gov. George Romney, told his listeners that Michigan was "dead even."

Addressing a crowd of about 5,000 under overcast skies in downtown Battle Creek, Nixon told the crowd it could determine who carries Michigan and who carries America.

"Probably no voters have more power than the voters in Michigan," he said.

At the back of the crowd, a group of Wallace supporters chanted "We want Wallace, we want Wallace." One man waved a Confederate flag. Up front, sprinkled among Nixon signs, were other placards boosting Democrat Hubert H. Humphrey.

The mixture of the crowd reflected the makeup across the state, which casts 21 electoral votes. A Detroit News poll Sunday gave Humphrey 40 per cent of the vote, Nixon 39 per cent and Wallace 15 per cent. The remainder were undecided.

Romney told Nixon that while state GOP leaders believed Wallace had peaked and was hurting Humphrey more than Nixon, he also was drawing some strength from Republicans.

State GOP leaders view as helpful to their cause the fact, that while registration in the state as a whole is up 300,000 from 1964, it is down 100,000 in heavily Democratic Wayne

County Detroit. They attribute this, Nixon was told, to a late starting and sputtering labor effort to get out the vote.

Nixon told a crowd of several thousand at an airport hangar at Saginaw that two out of three Americans wanted a change in Washington and "I

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Dick Gregory, the Negro comedian running for

president, ran afoul of the Treasury Department Wednesday because his campaign handbills look too much like dollar bills.

Spokesmen for the Secret Service confirmed that quantities of his campaign literature had been confiscated in Nashville, Tenn., and New York City. Complaints had been received that some of the money-sized tracts were showing up in automatic money-changing machines.

Angered by the move, Gregory protested that it was his picture instead of George Washington's on the dollar-sized tract and the scales of justice actually were his astrological sign. He is a Libra,

his aides explained.

"There's no question in my mind that it has been seized because it is definitely dangerous to the machine," Gregory said. But he made clear he was not talking about a money-changing machine—rather political machines.

About a million and a half of the handbills had been distributed, Gregory's statement said, and "I expect each one of them to be negotiated as a vote on election day."

Gregory's campaign tracts are the shape and color of dollar bills with the picture of Gregory in the place of George Washington and a peace dove instead of the American eagle.

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# HHH Calls Choice Of Agnew 'Cheap Politics With Country'

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (UPI)—Hubert H. Humphrey stood in front of the Alamo Wednesday and said Republican candidate Richard Nixon was now "on the road to defeat."

Under a burning October sun, Humphrey spoke to a crowd of 4,000 that did not quite fill the courtyard of the historic old Alamo. Most of the crowd was made up of Americans of Mexican descent.

He contended Nixon had played "cheap politics with this country" when he selected Spiro T. Agnew as his running mate.

"If Mr. Nixon was willing to compromise at a convention on principles, willing to compromise on human rights, think what he will do if he gets into the White House," Humphrey said.

Humphrey finished a two-day swing through the Lone Star State, buoyed by some of the best crowds of the campaign and a Texas Democratic party more unified than it has been in years.

He then set his sights on California, to spend two days trying to raise money for his sagging campaign there and to

bring together dissident factions of the party.

In San Antonio, normally heavily Democratic, Humphrey drove in an open car down the city's main street, apparently anticipating heavy crowds on the sidewalks; but only a few passersby lined the streets as Humphrey's motorcade went to the Alamo.

He told the crowd at the spot where Davy Crockett fought at the Alamo, "We are going to have to have the same courage as those Americans had in this historic place, to turn back Republican money and power."

"Nixon and the Republicans are on the road to defeat," Humphrey said.

"In the next two weeks, I

will have smoked him out. I will get him out of those bushes."

Humphrey charged that Nixon "never did one thing for people with Spanish surnames and Spanish-Americans. He said Nixon 'has yet to utter one word for Americans of Spanish ancestry.'"

The vice president visited the John F. Kennedy High School he had dedicated four years ago. The 1,900 students are predominantly Mexican-American.

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# Sticks, Stones Assail Wallace

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Wallace was not struck by any of the objects.

At least four fights broke out between the Negro militants and Wallace supporters. Police broke up the scuffles.

Wallace replied to the hecklers in characteristic fashion.

"Go ahead and throw, friends," he said. "You are real brave boys. Everytime you fellows do that you win me a million votes. You ought to be on the payroll."

In his speech Wallace assailed Hubert H. Humphrey, saying the Democratic candidate was substituting "the politics of fear, frustration and misrepresentation" for "the politics of joy."

It was the third consecutive day in which Wallace, candidate of the American Independent Party, was met by abuse from hecklers during campaign appearances. A fracas erupted when he spoke at Moline, Ill., Monday and food was thrown at him in Oshkosh and Racine, Wis., Tuesday.

When the first missile was thrown in Youngstown's Stanbaugh Auditorium, Wallace said:

"Throw something else. You're a real fellow. Better throw it now because you're not going to throw anything after Nov. 5. I can take anything you anarchists can dish out."

One anti-Wallace heckler pushed his way to the speaker's platform with a sign with "Black Power" written on it and showed a gloved fist in an obscene gesture.

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