U.S. refuses Cuban contact

ATLANTA-Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said Sunday the United States has no intention of restoring diplomatic relations with Cuba.

Kissinger's remarks came when he left the Organization of American States conference where the first tentative steps were taken to renew contacts with the Communist regime of Fidel Castro. Members agreed their governments should be consulted about possible future involvement of Cuba in the organization.

The United States, which recently allowed American auto makers operating in Argentina to sell vehicles to Cuba, did not object to the consultations.

But in his 30-minute address to the OAS delegates Saturday, Kissinger made no reference to Cuba.

Shortly before leaving Sunday to return to Washington to deal with Middle East problems, he was asked why he did not speak of Cuba.

"Because we don't have any intention of restoring diplomatic relations with Cuba and I don't expect this will be a big subject this week," Kissinger replied.

Morgan defends staying in office

RALEIGH-In a statement prepared for submission to a U.S. Senate subcommittee Monday, Robert Morgan says he is continuing to serve as attorney general while campaigning for the Senate to protect the "independence of the office."

"I have chosen to continue to serve as attorney general while running for the U.S. Senate to ensure the continued independence of this office, its staff and its commitment to the effective administration of justice," the statement, released here

Sunday, said. The statement was to be offered as testimony to the Senate Subcommittee on the Separation of Power, chaired by Sen. Sam Ervin, D-N.C. The subcommittee is considering legislation aimed at ensuring independence of the U.S. Justice Department.

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End to South Vietnam aid seen

WASHINGTON — The United States may be able to end economic aid to South Vietnam by mid-1976 if Congress will first give Saigon another \$1.5 billion,

Ambassador Graham A. Martin said in an interview released Sunday. But Martin, the U.S. ambassador to Saigon, said Hanoi has mounted a "marvelously clever, ingeniously sophisticated and frighteningly pervasive propaganda campaign to force the American Congress to immediately and drastically reduce American aid to the Republic of South Vietnam."

Kurdish guerillas claim 4 Iraqi planes

TEHRAN — Kurdish guerrillas claimed they shot down four Iraqi Soviet-built fighter planes, destroyed four tanks and killed more than 100 Iraqi soldiers in fighting Saturday, the Iranian daily newspaper Kayhan International said Sunday.

The English-language newspaper, quoting clandestine Radio Kurdistan, said fighting was continuing in major towns throughout mountainous northern Iraq.

Tiny tribe fights for reservation

WASHINGTON — Indian tribes throughout the West are rallying around the tiny Hoopa Tribe of California to help it repel a courtbacked takeover of its reservation by another tribe.

The Hoopas are appealing to the Supreme Court from a ruling by the U.S. Court of Claims giving 3,323 Yurok Indians a share of some \$1 million in annual timber sales from the 12-mile square Hoopa reservation, created in 1864.

Warplanes duel in Mideast

BEIRUT-Israeli and Syrian ground and air forces dueled on the Golan Heights again Sunday, giving a growing sense of urgency to U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's latest mission to the Middle East this week in search of a peace settlement.

Israel claimed its warplanes hit Syrian positions around strategic Mount Hermon and chased off a Syrian MIG21 interceptor that crossed into Israel-held territory.

All Israeli planes returned safely. according to a communique from the military command in Tel Aviv.

The air strikes followed intermittent shelling around the 9,000-foot mountain and in the southern sector of the Golan front during the day.

Sunday's clashes marked the 41st straight

day of Golan Heights fighting. Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said earlier he believes the fighting is designed to bring pressure on negotiations

In other Middle East developments:

for a separation of forces on the front.

· West German Chancellor Willy

Brandt, on a tour of Arab countries, arrived in Cairo for a four-day official visit and talks on European ties with Arab countries.

· The United Nations prepared to cut its buffer troops in the Sinai between Egypt and Israel by more than 300 men in mid-May. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim gave no specific reason for the move in a report to the Security Council but diplomatic sources said he fears financial contributions for the force will fall off as tension between Egypt and Israel decreases.



