

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES and
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

1030 Monday January 11, 1965

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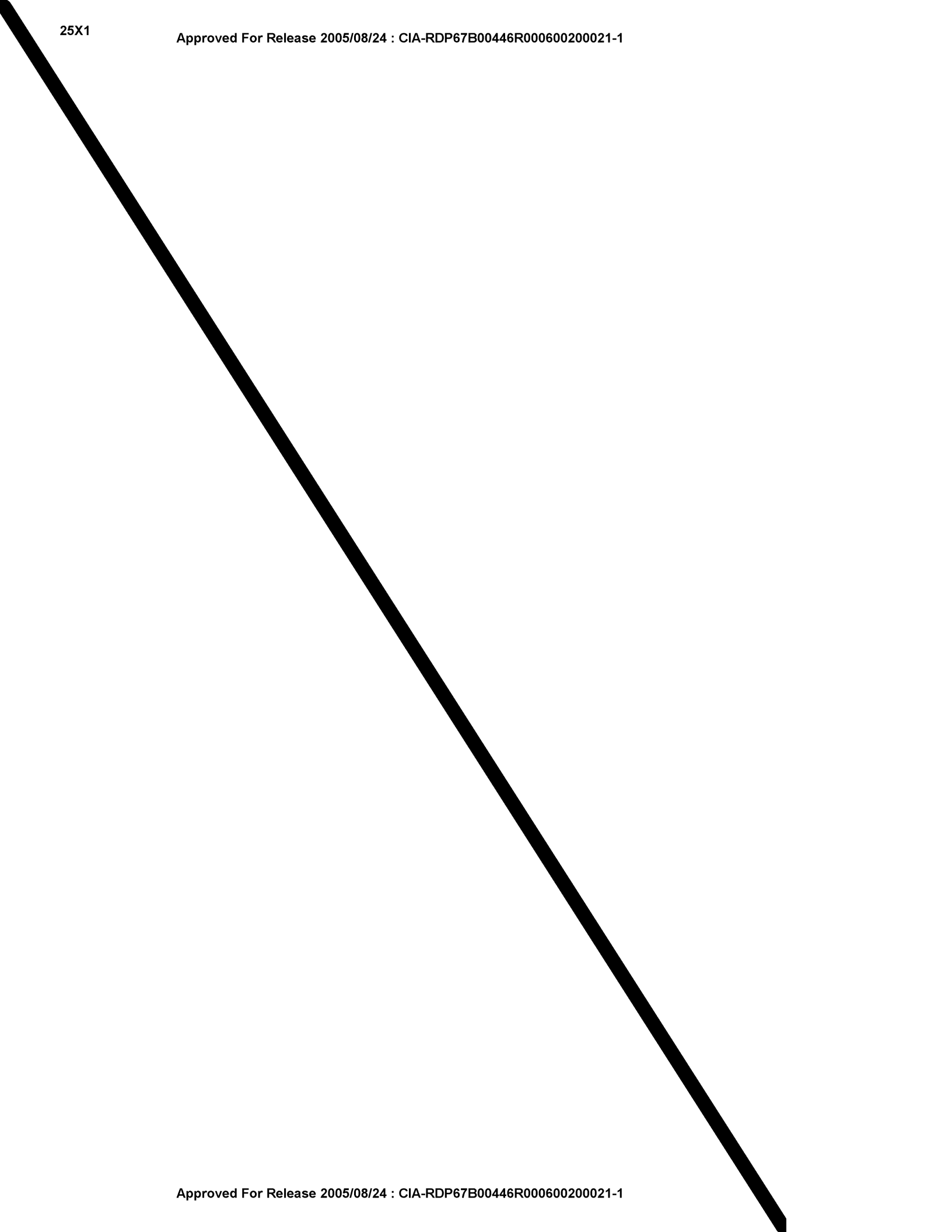
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RUSSELL VIETNAM COMMENTS

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(TEXT) NEW YORK--"WE SHALL NOT BE ABLE TO WIN THE WAR UNTIL THERE IS A STABLE CIVIL GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM." WITH THESE WORDS, INFLUENTIAL SENATOR RICHARD RUSSELL CONCLUDED THE THREE-HOUR SECRET MEETING OF THE U.S. CONGRESS DEVOTED TO THIS QUESTION.

THE SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM WAS THE MAIN POLITICAL SUBJECT UNDER DISCUSSION ON 4 JANUARY IN THE CAPITOL. AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING A SPEECH WAS DELIVERED BY CIA HEAD JOHN MCCONE, WHO PROMISED THE URGENT ASSISTANCE OF THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY TO ACHIEVE UNITY AND STABILITY IN THIS COUNTRY. ACCORDING TO NEWS AGENCIES, THE PESSIMISTIC MOOD BECAME SO STRONG AFTER THIS MEETING THAT A DECISION WAS ADOPTED TO CONTINUE THE DEBATE ON PLANS FOR U.S. AID TO THE SAIGON REGIME.

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(TEXT) WASHINGTON--THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION IS GOING TO RENDER MORE AID TO THE SAIGON PUPPET REGIME FOR STEPPING UP THE WAR AGAINST THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PATRIOTS. WASHINGTON PLEDGED TO ALLOCATE FRESH FUNDS FOR THE "DIRTY WAR" LATE LAST YEAR. HOWEVER, AFTER ANOTHER MILITARY PUTSCH BY THE SAIGON GENERALS THREE WEEKS AGO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SUSPENDED THE TALKS ON EXTENDING ASSISTANCE. YESTERDAY THE STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN TOLD CORRESPONDENTS THAT THE TALKS ON U.S. AID WOULD BE RESUMED SINCE STABILITY AND UNITY WERE GROWING IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

HOWEVER, WASHINGTON'S POLITICAL AND JOURNALISTIC CIRCLES ARE BEGINNING TO REALIZE EVER CLEARER THAT NO MATTER HOW MUCH U.S. AID TO SAIGON IS STEPPED UP, THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SECURE GROWING STABILITY AND UNITY IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

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Anthony Bell

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(380) TODAY IN WASHINGTON
BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON, JAN. 12 (AP)-IN THE NEWS FROM WASHINGTON:

VIET NAM: THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE HAS PREDICTED U.S. FAILURE IN VIET NAM UNLESS THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT BECOMES MORE STABLE.

GEORGIA DEMOCRAT RICHARD RUSSELL SPOKE WITH NEWSMEN MONDAY FOLLOWING A CLOSED BRIEFING OF 15 SENATORS BY JOHN A. MCCONE, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

RUSSELL SAID "IT IS A MIRACLE" THAT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE HAVE CARRIED ON THE WAR AGAINST THE VIET CONG AS WELL AS THEY HAVE "WITH THIS CHANGING CHAIR GOVERNMENT. UNTIL WE STOP THE REVOLVING CHAIR SYSTEM, THERE IS VERY LITTLE HOPE OF MUCH PROGRESS. . . THE SITUATION WORSENS EVERY TIME THEY HAVE A COUP AND CHANGE THEIR CIVIL GOVERNMENT." WITHOUT A STABLE GOVERNMENT IN SAIGON, RUSSELL SAID, "WE CAN'T WIN THE WAR."

SEN. KARL E. MUNDT, R-S.D., SAID HE FELT THE ADMINISTRATION IS TOO INTENT ON SOUTH VIETNAMESE DEVELOPMENT OF A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT MODELED AFTER WHAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IN THE UNITED STATES.

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WASHINGTON--FIRST ADD MCCONE-VIET NAM (A25WX) X X X

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"WE CAN'T WIN THE WAR WITHOUT GETTING A MORE STABLE GOVERNMENT THERE," HE ADDED.

MCCONE TESTIFIED BEFORE A JOINT MEETING OF THE ARMED SERVICES AND APPROPRIATIONS GROUP AT THE START OF CLOSED HEARINGS LOOKING INTO THE DEFENSE PICTURE AROUND THE WORLD, PARTICULARLY IN SOUTH VIET NAM.

RUSSELL SAID MCCONE REVIEWED THE COMMUNIST MILITARY SITUATION NOT ONLY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, BUT AROUND THE WORLD.

"I HEARD NOTHING THAT WOULD JUSTIFY LETTING DOWN OUR EFFORT BY ONE IOTA," HE DECLARED. HE SAID HE DID NOT MEAN TO IMPLY THAT THE UNITED STATES IS LETTING DOWN.

AS FOR SOUTH VIET NAM, RUSSELL SAID THE SITUATION THERE "DEPENDS ON GETTING A STABLE GOVERNMENT THE PEOPLE THERE CAN RESPECT AND TRUST."

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RUSSELL REPORTED THAT NOTHING WAS SAID IN THE BRIEFING "THAT LEADS ME TO BELIEVE WE COULD LET DOWN OUR GUARD OR IN ANY WAY DIMINISH OUR MILITARY EFFORT IN THE THEORY THE SOVIET OR THE COMMUNIST COMPLEX WAS WEAKENING, OR BECAUSE OF THE RIFT BETWEEN THE SOVIETS AND THE RED CHINESE."

RUSSELL EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE U.S. MILITARY STRIKING FORCE "IS STILL THE STRONGEST ON EARTH," BUT THE PROBLEM IS TO KEEP IT THAT WAY. HE SAID HE IS NOT HAPPY ABOUT REDUCTION OF THE U.S. MANNED BOMBER PROGRAM.

"I WOULD FEEL MUCH BETTER IF WE HAD NOT STOPPED OUR EFFORTS TO DEVELOP SUPERIOR MANNED BOMBERS," HE ADDED.

HE SAID POTENTIAL ADVERSARIES ARE WORKING AT LEAST AS HARD AS THE UNITED STATES TO GET A BREAKTHROUGH AND IMPROVE THEIR ANTI-MISSILE MISSILE.

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"I DON'T FEEL WE CAN HAVE FREE, DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS THERE AT THIS PARTICULAR JUNCTURE," MUNDT SAID, ALTHOUGH THAT SHOULD BE THE LONG-TERM GOAL.

RUSSELL WAS ASKED WHETHER U.S. INTELLIGENCE WAS AWARE OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE COUPS BEFORE THEY OCCURRED.

"WE KNEW THEY WERE IN THE WORKS, AND TRIED TO PREVENT THEM," THE SENATOR REPLIED.

HE SAID U.S. INTELLIGENCE IS NOT PERFECT ANYWHERE, BUT "THE CIA HAS DONE A VERY FINE JOB."

RUSSELL ADDED THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES WHERE U.S. POLICYMAKERS "WOULD HAVE BEEN WELL-ADVISED TO PAY ATTENTION" TO CIA REPORTS. HE DID NOT ELABORATE.

A REPORTER ASKED WHETHER THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE BETTER OFF WITH A CIVILIAN AMBASSADOR IN SAIGON RATHER THAN RETIRED GEN. MAXWELL D. TAYLOR.

RUSSELL REPLIED THAT "AMBASSADOR TAYLOR IS WELL QUALIFIED."

"SOME IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT THINK HE TALKED TOO BRUSQUELY," THE SENATOR ADDED. "I'D BE THE LAST TO CRITICIZE HIM FOR THAT. THERE ARE TIMES WHEN IT IS JUST AS WELL TO SPEAK FRANKLY."

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Russell Says Instability In Saigon Bars Victory

By the Associated Press

The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee has predicted U.S. failure in Viet Nam unless the South Vietnamese government becomes more stable.

Georgia Democrat Richard Russell spoke with reporters yesterday following a closed briefing of 15 senators by John A. McCone, director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Russell said "it is a miracle" that the South Vietnamese have carried on the war against the Viet Cong as well as they have "with this changing-chair government.

"Until we stop the revolving chair system, there is very little hope of much progress. . . . The situation worsens every time they have a coup and change their civil government."

Without a stable government in Saigon, Russell said, "We can't win the war."

Russell was asked whether U.S. intelligence was aware of South Vietnamese coups before they occurred.

"We knew they were in the works, and tried to prevent them," the senator replied.

He said U.S. intelligence is not perfect anywhere, but "the CIA has done a very fine job."

Russell added that there have

been instances where U.S. policymakers "would have been well advised to pay attention" to CIA reports. He did not elaborate.

Sen. Karl E. Mundt, R-S.D., said he felt the administration is too intent on South Vietnamese development of a democratic government modeled after what would be acceptable in the United States.

Mundt said South Viet Nam needs "an authoritative, sound, broadly based, as possible, government which has the will to win. I don't feel we can have free, democratic elections there at this particular juncture."

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RUSSELL ASSERTS INSTABILITY BARS A SAIGON VICTORY

'Changing-Chair' Regime Is
Assailed by Senator After
a Briefing by McCone

By E. W. KENWORTHY
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11—Senator Richard B. Russell said today that there could be no victory over the Communist insurgents in South Vietnam unless "a more stable government" was established in Saigon.

The Georgia Democrat said that "up to now we have been losing ground instead of gaining it." The situation is at best a stalemate that promises to be prolonged endlessly, he said.

Mr. Russell's comments were made after a 3 hour and 15 minute briefing of the Armed Services Committee and the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee by John A. McCone, Director of Central Intelligence. Mr. Russell is chairman of both Senate groups.

[A general strike called by Buddhist opponents of the South Vietnamese Government disrupted activities in Hue, Quangtri and Danang in central Vietnam.]

Aid Talks to Resume

At the State Department it was announced that negotiations in Saigon for increased aid to South Vietnam would be resumed "with the growth of stability and unity there" following the restoration of civilian control of the Government.

A three-week crisis in relations between the United States and South Vietnam was eased two days ago when Lieut. Gen. Nguyen Khanh, commander of South Vietnam's armed forces, agreed to restore control to the civilian Government headed by Premier Tran Van Huong.

General Khanh acted for a group of young generals who dissolved the High National Council—the civilian legislature, on Dec. 20 and arrested a number of civilian politicians.

Soon afterward the United States suspended negotiations on an increase in aid until the military agreed to restore the Government to civilian control. There was no interruption in the flow of scheduled aid, which has been running at about \$2 million a day.

Asks for Re-evaluation

Senator Russell said today that it was necessary to "re-evaluate" the whole United States position in South Vietnam. However, he has also emphasized that his committee will restrict itself to the military situation and not trespass on matters of policy, which are the province of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Considering the "changing-chair Government" in Saigon, Senator Russell said, it was "a miracle" that the war against the Vietcong had been carried on as well as it had.

He also expressed confidence in Maxwell D. Taylor, the United States Ambassador in Saigon. He said he understood that "some State Department people think he [Mr. Taylor] talks too brusquely to 'young Turks,'" in the South Vietnamese Army.

"I think sometimes that's justified," he added.

After the briefing, several Senators said that Mr. McCone had not concentrated on South Vietnam but had given them an intelligence picture "around the world."

Senator Russell said that he had heard nothing that would justify and scaling down of the nation's defense efforts. He said he was not happy about the reduction in the manned bomber program, but he was quick to add that the United States still had the strongest striking force in the world.

The Soviet Union, he said, possessed advanced weapons and was working hard to improve its missiles and achieve a reliable antimissile missile.



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DISCUSS WORLD PROBLEMS: John A. McCone, left, director of Central Intelligence Agency, with Senator Richard B. Russell, Georgia Democrat. Mr. McCone briefed Senators yesterday for three hours and fifteen minutes.

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Russell Lays Viet Impasse To Instability

By Warren Unna

Washington Post Staff Writer

Chairman Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.) of the Senate Armed Services Committee emerged from a closed hearing yesterday declaring he could foresee only an "endless stalemate" in South Viet-Nam unless the Vietnamese find themselves a stable government.

"Up to now we have been losing ground instead of gaining it. The miracle to me is that they can carry on the war as well as they have with the changing-chair government that they have had," Russell declared after hearing secret testimony from John A. McCone, director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

But neither Russell, nor any of the other Capitol Hill leaders, were leading the way yesterday to any change in U.S. policy towards South Viet-Nam.

Russell, who in a New Year's Eve interview had warned that the time had about arrived for a re-evaluation of U.S. policy, said in another interview with United Press International last weekend that he was not trying to rewrite Administration policy, but was just looking into the military aspects of the Vietnamese situation.

Confronted With Option

President Johnson is known to have confronted an unhappy Russell with the option of having the United States pull out of South Viet-Nam altogether. Russell reportedly acknowledged to the President that this would be no solution either.

Chairman J. W. Fulbright (D-Ark.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee also is known to have grave misgivings about the U.S. involvement in South Viet-Nam.

But his Committee reportedly is divided between "hawks," who want to see the United States step up its effort by attacking Communist North Viet-Nam, and "doves," who want to explore the possibility of negotiating a neutral Viet-Nam with the Communists.

Fulbright's Committee heard testimony from Secretary of State Dean Rusk last week and has scheduled another closed hearing with him Friday.

Others Keep in Touch

Chairman L. Mendel Rivers (D-S.C.) of the House Armed Services Committee has joined in the great congressional concern about South Viet-Nam but has given no indication what he or his Committee intends to do about it.

Chairman John Stennis (D-Miss.) of the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee said his group last held hearings on South Viet-Nam in September, has been "keeping in touch" since, but has yet to plan beyond that.

The parent Senate Armed Services Committee is expected to get into some aspects of the Vietnamese situation within a few weeks when it

summons Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara to justify military budget requests for the 1966 fiscal year.

On a CBS News Viet-Nam report telecast over Station WTOP last night, Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) again urged that the United States to pass its Viet-Nam headache to the United Nations.

But Morse's was a lone cry. Essentially, the Congress, fresh with ideas on other subjects in its new session, was showing that it is just as baffled and frustrated over what the United States should do in South Viet-Nam as the Administration is.

Meanwhile, the State Department said that discussions will be resumed with South Viet-Nam government on additional U.S. assistance to cope with the Communist threat to that country.

The announcement ended a three-week freeze in discussions of additional support, although regular U.S. economic and military support had never been interrupted.

The announcement, made yesterday by Press Officer Robert J. McCloskey, stemmed from a weekend accord in which top Vietnamese military and civilian leaders reached a compromise, reaffirming the military decision to leave affairs of state in the hands of a civilian government.

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The banner headline below appeared at the top of page one.

Russell Pessimistic On Vietnam After CIA Briefing

**WARLINKED
TO STABILITY
BY SENATOR**

**'We Can't Win Unless'
Regime Is Firmer,
Georgian Says**

Viet denial of U.S. pressure expectedPage 2

Washington, Jan. 11 (AP)—Senator Russell (D., Ga.) said, after a briefing by the nation's top intelligence officer today, "we can't win the war in Vietnam" unless a more stable government is established in Saigon.

Russell talked with reporters briefly after John A. McCone, director of the Central Intelligence Agency was questioned for three hours and fifteen minutes by a blue-ribbon Senate committee.

Hearings Are Secret

Russell, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and of the Defense Appropriations subcommittee said "it is a miracle" that the South Vietnamese have carried on the war against the Viet Cong as well as they have "with this changing government."

"We can't win the war without getting a more stable government there," he added.

McCone testified before a joint meeting of the armed services and appropriations group at the start of closed hearings looking into the defense picture around the world, particularly in South Vietnam.

Russell said McCone reviewed the Communist military situation not only in Southeast Asia, but around the world.

"Very Little Hope"

"I heard nothing that would justify letting down our effort by one iota," he declared. He said he did not mean to imply that the United States is letting down.

As for South Vietnam, Russell said the situation there "depends on getting a stable Government, the people that can respect and trust."

"Until we stop the revolving chair system there is very little hope of much progress. . . the situation worsens every time they have a coup and change their civil Government."

"Strongest On Earth"

Russell reported that nothing was said in the briefing "that leads me to believe we could let down our guard or in any way diminish our military effort in the theory the Soviet or the Communist complex was weakening," or because of the rift between the Soviets and the Red Chinese.

Russell expressed the view that the United States military striking force "is still the strongest on earth," but the problem is to keep happy about reduction of this

United States manned bomber program.

Adversaries Working

"I would feel much better if we had not stopped our efforts to develop superior manned bombers," he added.

He said potential adversaries are working at least as hard as the United States to get a breakthrough and improve their anti-missile missile.

Sen. Mundt (R., S.D.) voiced belief the Administration tends to place too much emphasis on the development in South Vietnam of a democratic government modeled after what would be acceptable in the United States.

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Russell replied that "Ambassador Taylor is well qualified."

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*Richard Russell
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Russell Holds Secret Parley On Red Power

By JERRY GREENE

Washington, Jan. 11 (News Bureau)--Sen. Richard Russell (D-Ga.), following a three-hour secret review of Communist capabilities, said today that the U.S. possesses the world's "most powerful striking forces," and the problem ahead is to maintain this superiority.

Russell, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, called a joint session with the Appropri-

CIA Director John McCone. The session was a hurry-up prelude to customary hearings on the U. S. military position, which will begin immediately after the President's fiscal 1966 budget is sent to Congress Jan. 25.

Refers to Viet War

Russell said the situation in South Viet Nam was given detailed attention and that the conviction is that the war there against the Communists cannot be won without creation of a stable government.

The Senator previously had expressed belief that the whole U.S. policy in South Viet Nam should be reviewed.

"The miracle to me is that they can carry on the war as well as they have with the changing-chair government that they have had," he said.

Accord Between Leaders

Russell lauded Gen. Maxwell Taylor, ambassador to Saigon, for his "large part" in getting an accord of sorts between military and civilian leaders in South Viet Nam over the weekend.

Committee members declined to discuss the extended McCone testimony. But Sen. Karl Mundt (R-S.D.) said they received "no encouraging information at all about Viet Nam."

"We tend to emphasize too much an attempt to develop some kind of a democratic system over there," Mundt said.

What is needed, he added, is an authoritative government, as broadly based as possible, with "the will to win."



Sen. Richard Russell
Praises Gen. Taylor

ations Committee's defense subcommittee for an analysis of Communist strength and intentions by

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RUSSELL SAYS BIG VIET NEED IS STABLE RULE

Can't Win Otherwise, Senators Warned

BY JOSEPH HEARST
(Chicago Tribune Press Service)

Washington, Jan. 11 — Sen. Richard B. Russell [D., Ga.] said today that the war against the Communists in Viet Nam cannot be won until a stable government is established in that country. He added that no one can say how a stable government can be established.

Russell, chairman of the armed services committee and the appropriations subcommittee on defense, aired his views on Viet Nam and communist power after Senate members of those committees received a briefing lasting three hours from John A. McCone, director of the central intelligence agency.

Fears "Endless Repetition"

The chairman said some changes have to be made in what is going on in Viet Nam, and that the basic need is for a government the people can respect and support.

"The miracle to me is that they have carried on as well as they have with the changing chair government they have," Russell said. "There is very little hope of establishing peace and order in Viet Nam until there is a stable government. If we don't get that we are in for an endless repetition of what has been going on."

Sen. Karl E. Mundt [R., S. D.] said the need is for an authoritative government that is sound and broadly based and has the will to win. He asserted the United States tends to emphasize too much the development of a democratic government patterned on that of the United States.

Needs Will to Win

The first step, he said, is to get a government with the will to win the war against the Communists and then move along to a government modeled as closely as possible on democratic processes.

The briefing, which opened the committees' annual review of the nation's defense posture, did not deal solely with Viet Nam, Russell said.

The Georgian said that nothing he heard would lead him to say that "we can let down or diminish our military efforts one iota." There is nothing to indicate, he said, that Russia or the communist complex is weakening in its military efforts.

"U. S. Greatest Power"

The Russians possess some sophisticated weapons, Russell said, and are putting great emphasis on research and development, but the United States is still the greatest military power on earth. The problem, he added, is to keep it that way.

Russell said he is not happy about the reduction in the number of our bombers, and would feel much better if the government had not stopped development of a super bomber.

The Russians, he said, have improved their defenses against bombers but there are some functions that a bomber can perform that a missile cannot.

"Techniques Unsatisfactory"

The senator said that he also is concerned about development of an anti-missile missile and techniques for detecting enemy submarines. He said he is not satisfied with what has been done in the latter category.

Russell said he thinks that the CIA is doing a creditable intelligence job, and that Maxwell Taylor, ambassador to Viet Nam, is doing a good job, altho he said, some state department people criticize him for speaking harshly and bluntly to the Vietnamese.

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Senators Get Viet Briefing

After CIA chief John A. McCone briefed his Armed Services Committee and the Military Appropriations subcommittee for three hours on South Viet Nam, Sen. Richard B. Russell, D. Ga., emerged and told newsmen: "The miracle to me is that they can carry on the war, as well as they have with the changing-chair government that they have had." He praised U. S. Ambassador Maxwell Taylor for his part in the take-over by a South Vietnamese civilian government. He said the CIA does a creditable job. North of Saigon, students in several cities demonstrated against Premier Tran Van Huong.

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WASHINGTON--THERE STILL ARE NO DEFINITE PROSPECTS OF A QUICK STORY ON CIA DIRECTOR JOHN MCCONE'S SESSION WITH SENATORS. THEY WERE STILL IN CLOSED SESSION AT 1:40 P.M. THE AP

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MCCONE-VIET NAM

WASHINGTON, JAN. 11 (AP)--SEN. RICHARD B. RUSSELL, D-GA., SAID, AFTER A BRIEFING BY THE NATION'S TOP INTELLIGENCE OFFICER TODAY, "WE CAN'T WIN THE WAR IN VIET NAM" UNLESS A MORE STABLE GOVERNMENT IS ESTABLISHED IN SAIGON.

RUSSELL TALKED WITH REPORTERS BRIEFLY AFTER JOHN A. MCCONE, DIRECTOR OF THE SUPER-SECRET CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) WAS QUESTIONED FOR THREE HOURS AND 15 MINUTES BY A BLUE-RIBBON SENATE COMMITTEE.

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(VIET NAM)

WASHINGTON--SENATE MILITARY EXPERTS MET WITH CIA DIRECTOR JOHN A. MCCONE TODAY, AND CHAIRMAN RICHARD B. RUSSELL TOLD NEWSMEN THE WAR IN VIET NAM CANNOT BE WON WITHOUT A MORE STABLE GOVERNMENT.

"THE MIRACLE TO ME IS THAT THEY CAN CARRY ON THE WAR AS WELL AS THEY HAVE WITH THE CHANGING-CHAIR GOVERNMENT THAT THEY HAVE HAD," RUSSELL SAID AFTER THE THREE HOUR AND FIFTEEN MINUTE SESSION WITH MCCONE.

"WE CAN'T WIN THE WAR THERE WITHOUT GETTING A MORE STABLE GOVERNMENT," SAID RUSSELL, WHO HEADS THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE MILITARY APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE.

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(VIET NAM)

WASHINGTON.--CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR JOHN A. MCCONE GOES BEFORE A SENATE HEARING TODAY TO TESTIFY ON THE MILITARY SITUATION IN SOUTH VIET NAM.

THE INTELLIGENCE CHIEF IS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR AT A CLOSED JOINT SESSION (10:30 A.M.) OF THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE MILITARY APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE.

SEN. RICHARD B. RUSSELL, D-GA., CHAIRMAN OF BOTH GROUPS, CALLED THE HEARING. HE TOLD UPI THE STUDY WOULD MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO CHANGE U. S. POLICY IN THE WAR AGAINST COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS IN SOUTH VIET NAM.

REP. L. MENDEL RIVERS, D-S.C., NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, SAID MEANTIME THAT "NOBODY KNOWS THE ANSWER" TO THE SOUTH VIET NAM PROBLEM.

RIVERS MADE THE STATEMENT AS HE PREPARED TO TAKE OVER THE COMMITTEE REINS.

UNLIKE SOME COLLEAGUES, RIVERS IS ONE CONGRESSIONAL LEADER WHO FEELS THAT THIS IS NO TIME FOR HIM TO OFFER THE ADMINISTRATION UNSOLICITED PUBLIC ADVICE ON THE TOUCH-AND-GO SITUATION IN VIET NAM.

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CIA Chief Summoned To Secret Briefing

Senate Probe

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Also Critical On Congo

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Key Senators Order Study Of Viet Nam

By the Associated Press

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Russell's Armed Services Committee will pass upon the annual authorization for military hardware — including missiles, aircraft, naval vessels and other costly items — before actual funds to pay for them are considered.

The combined membership of the two committees covers about a third of the Senate membership and includes Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana, Assistant Republican Leader Thomas H. Kuchel of California and many other influential senators.

McCone's testimony will be followed later by that of Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara and Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, plus other Pentagon leaders.

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INQUIRY-98

(INQUIRY)

WASHINGTON--CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR JOHN A. MCCONE WAS CALLED TODAY TO TESTIFY MONDAY WHEN SENATE DEFENSE EXPERTS BEGIN A WIDE RANGING INQUIRY FOCUSING ON THE DIFFICULT MILITARY SITUATION IN SOUTH VIET NAM.

CHAIRMAN RICHARD B. RUSSELL, D-GA., ANNOUNCING THE START OF THE PREVIOUSLY PLANNED HEARINGS, TOLD UPI THE SESSIONS WILL HIGHLIGHT THE "MILITARY ASPECTS" OF THE U. S. EFFORT IN SOUTH VIET NAM. HE SAID THE STUDY WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO WRITE A NEW POLICY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

RUSSELL RECENTLY TOLD NEWSMEN: "THE TIME IS ABOUT AT HAND WHEN WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO REEVALUATE OUR POSITION IN REGARD TO VIET NAM AND DECIDE WHETHER THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY OF SAVING THOSE WHO ARE A LITTLE BIT INDIFFERENT TO THEIR OWN SALVATION."

RUSSELL'S COMMENTS WERE QUICKLY INTERPRETED BY OTHERS TO SUGGEST THAT THE SENATE INQUIRY WAS DESIGNED TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR A SHIFT IN U. S. POLICY. TODAY'S ADDITIONAL COMMENTS MADE IT CLEAR THAT NO SUCH PURPOSE IS INTENDED.

THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE MILITARY APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE, BOTH HEADED BY RUSSELL, WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARINGS.

RUSSELL SAID HE EXPECTS MEMBERS OF THE TWO GROUPS WILL WANT TO EXAMINE ALTERNATIVES OPEN TO THE UNITED STATES IN VIET NAM. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT TESTIMONY ON VIET NAM WILL BE A PART OF GLOBAL HEARINGS ON THE NATION'S MILITARY POSTURE WHICH ARE CONDUCTED EACH YEAR.

HE SAID HE ANTICIPATES NO RECOMMENDATIONS AND NO SPECIAL REPORT FROM THE SESSIONS WHICH WILL BE A PRELUDE TO COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION BILLS.

MCCONE WILL TESTIFY BEHIND CLOSED DOORS. COMMITTEE AIDS SAID THEY DID NOT EXPECT THAT A DECLASSIFIED VERSION OF HIS SECRET TESTIMONY WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC. THAT WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH THE USUAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE COMMITTEE AND THE CIA.

MONDAY'S APPEARANCE MAY WELL BE THE LAST FOR MCCONE BEFORE THE TWO SENATE COMMITTEES WHICH HAVE HEARD HIM DEFEAT IN HIS THREE YEARS AS THE TOP-RANKING MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY. MCCONE IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND TO BE AWAITING THE SELECTION OF A SUCCESSOR.

DEFENSE SECRETARY ROBERT S. McNAMARA AND OTHER TOP DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ARE ALSO TO BE HEARD IN THE COURSE OF THE HEARINGS. THEIR TESTIMONY WAS EXPECTED TO AWAIT FORMAL SUBMISSION OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S BUDGET, HOWEVER, SO THAT THEY CAN OUTLINE MILITARY SPENDING PLANS.

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VIET NAM-SENATE
BY EDWIN B. HAAKINSON
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RUSSELL, WHO HAS BEEN PUBLICLY CRITICAL ABOUT U.S. MILITARY AID AND OPERATIONS IN BOTH VIET NAM AND THE CONGO, CALLED RECENTLY FOR PROMPT RE-EVALUATION OF U.S. POLICIES.

INVITED TO THE SECRET SESSION WERE THE 17 MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE AND 13 OTHER SENATORS WHO SIT ON THE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE WHICH HANDLES THE MULTIBILLION ANNUAL DEFENSE MONEY BILLS.

MCCONE, HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT'S TOP LEVEL INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION UNIT, USUALLY REQUESTS THAT TESTIMONY BY HIS AGENCY BE OFF THE RECORD.

THE BRIEFING WILL START A DETAILED SENATE EXAMINATION OF THIS NATION'S MILITARY POSTURE AND GLOBAL TROUBLE SPOTS WHICH USUALLY STARTS EACH CONGRESSIONAL SESSION.

RUSSELL'S ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL PASS UPON THE ANNUAL AUTHORIZATION FOR MILITARY HARDWARE--INCLUDING MISSILES, AIRCRAFT, NAVAL VESSELS AND OTHER COSTLY ITEMS--BEFORE ACTUAL FUNDS TO PAY FOR THEM ARE CONSIDERED.

THE COMBINED MEMBERSHIP OF THE TWO COMMITTEES COVERS ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE SENATE MEMBERSHIP AND INCLUDES DEMOCRATIC LEADER MIKE MANSFIELD OF MONTANA, ASSISTANT REPUBLICAN LEADER THOMAS H. KUCHEL OF CALIFORNIA, AND NUMEROUS OTHER INFLUENTIAL SENATORS.

MCCONE'S TESTIMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED LATER BY THAT OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT S. MCNAMARA, GEN. EARLE G. WHEELER, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, AND OTHER PENTAGON LEADERS.

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INQUIRY ON VIET NAM

ROGER SHARP: "John McCone, the Director of our top secret Central Intelligence Agency, will go before a panel of Senate defense experts on Monday. McCone's appearance is part of a wide ranging inquiry on the difficult situation in South Viet Nam. Senator Richard Russell of Georgia, who heads both the Armed Services Committee and the Military Appropriations Subcommittee, says the probe will highlight the military aspects of the effort in Viet Nam but will not be an attempt to write any new American policy for Southeast Asia."

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McCONE WITNESS AT MEETING OF COMMITTEES

WELLS CHURCH: "Today in Washington it was announced that inquiries about Viet Nam will highlight the meeting starting Monday between the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Military Appropriations Subcommittee. Chairman Richard B. Russell, Democrat of Georgia announced that the first of the witnesses to be called will be CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE Director John A. McCone. But, Senator Russell made it quite clear that the hearings are not intended to lay the groundwork for a shift in U. S. policy. Military information and military alternatives are what the committee is interested in."