

Mathias and Stevenson have introduced legislation to cut off all military assistance to South Vietnam by Oct. 1.

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VIETNAM CUTOFF

WASHINGTON (AP) -- LEGISLATION TO END ALL U.S. MILITARY AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM BY OCT. 1 WAS INTRODUCED THURSDAY IN THE SENATE.

THE MEASURE WAS SPONSORED BY SENATORS CHARLES MCC. MATHIAS, REPUBLICAN-MARYLAND, AND ADLAI E. STEVENSON, DEMOCRAT-ILLINOIS.

IT WAS OFFERED AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL 1976 PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION BILL BEING CONSIDERED BY THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE. SPONSORS ALSO SAID THEY WOULD PROPOSE IT AS AN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER LEGISLATION REACHING THE SENATE FLOOR WHICH WOULD EXTEND MILITARY AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM BEYOND JUNE 30.

ECONOMIC AND HUMANITARIAN AID WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED.

AS TO MILITARY AID, MATHIAS SAID AT A NEWS CONFERENCE, "I THINK THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION BUT THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE LONG SINCE LOST PATIENCE WITH A POLICY THAT SQUANDERS BILLIONS OF OUR TREASURY WITH NO END TO THE SUFFERING AND KILLING IN INDOCHINA IN SIGHT."

STEVENSON SAID THE UNITED STATES, BY CONTINUING TO PROVIDE MILITARY AID TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU "IS SUPPORTING A CORRUPT MILITARY DICTATORSHIP THAT CANNOT MAKE PEACE AND CANNOT WIN THE WAR."

WITH U.S. AID, STEVENSON SAID, THIEU HAS "NO INCENTIVE TO MAKE PEACE."

STEVENSON SAID THE SUSPENSION OF MILITARY AID TO THE THIEU GOVERNMENT WOULD GIVE THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION NEXT FALL AN OPPORTUNITY TO ELECT A GOVERNMENT THAT WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE PEACE.

"OUR PURPOSE IS NOT TO ABANDON THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE BUT TO AID THEM," STEVENSON SAID.

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NEW THAI GOVERNMENT  
THINKS ABOUT TOMORROW

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THAILAND

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BANGKOK (AP) -- WHILE THE GOVERNMENTS OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA STRUGGLE FOR THEIR EXISTENCE ON THE BATTLEFIELD, THE TWO-DAY-OLD GOVERNMENT HERE APPEARS READY TO MAKE NEW ACCOMMODATIONS WITH PEKING AND HANOI TO SAVE THAILAND FROM THE FATE OF THEIR NEIGHBORS.

"LET'S FORGET ABOUT THE PAST AND THINK ABOUT TOMORROW," SAID THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, CHAICHAI CHOONHAVAN, ON THE EVE OF A NATIONAL SECURITY MEETING ON THE NEW GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY.

THE DECLINING FORTUNES OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENTS HAVE MADE LITTLE IMPACT UPON THAI POLITICIANS, WHO HAVE BEEN OBSESSED WITH DOMESTIC POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES THAT HAVE LEFT THEM LITTLE TIME FOR ANYTHING ELSE.

BUT FACED WITH THE PROSPECT OF COMMUNIST-DOMINATED GOVERNMENTS IN CAMBODIA, LAOS AND VIETNAM, AS WELL AS AN INCREASINGLY SERIOUS COMMUNIST-DIRECTED INSURGENCY AT HOME, THAILAND'S OPTIONS ARE NARROWING.

ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT SET OUT ITS FOREIGN POLICY AIMS IN SPECIFIC TERMS, STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT INDICATE THE GENERAL COURSE NOW BEING PLOTTED.

THE MOST LIKELY SEQUENCE OF EVENTS FORESHADOWED BY THESE STATEMENTS ARE:

-- A DEMAND FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE 25,000 U.S. TROOPS AND 350 WAR PLANES WITHIN A YEAR.

-- THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FULL DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH THE PEKING BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

-- NEGOTIATIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAM FOR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

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