

## Russian View Of U.S. Has New Granite Hint

### British Peace Moves Ignored By Kosygin

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet posture toward the United States had a look of granite hardness Wednesday in the light of Premier Alexei N. Kosygin's contention that U.S. policies forced the Soviet Union to increase its military budget "against our own wishes."

Coinciding with his denunciation of U.S. policy, new public demonstrations took place in various parts of Moscow protesting the American role in Viet Nam. This suggested that if Soviet consumer spending would suffer because of increased military appropriations the Soviet public was being encouraged to blame the United States.

While the premier attacked U.S. prosecution of the Viet Nam conflict, he indicated his main concern was Europe and U.S. policy toward West Germany. In this context, he mentioned the decision to increase the Soviet military budget by five per cent.

Kosygin ranked Viet Nam with Germany as a primary source of aggravation of Soviet-U.S. relations. He maintained that a meeting of himself and President Johnson would "not be feasible" so long as the Viet Nam war continued.

There seemed no direct connection between Kosygin's statements, not immediately published in the Soviet Union, and the demonstrations which involved about 250,000 persons around Moscow.

The United States, said Kosygin, is the "principal barrier" to efforts aimed at reducing tensions around the world.

"We could have the best possible relations with the American people," he added. "We value the American people's wisdom, talents and abilities—all their achievements. We are ready to learn from them and develop technology and science and to organize production."

He made these remarks in an interview with James Reston an associate editor of the New York Times.

Wednesday, shortly after publication of the Monday interview, the Soviet Union issued a new statement condemning U.S. action in Viet Nam. The statement ignored British appeals for a new Geneva peace conference on the Viet Nam issue and called on the 14 members of the 1954 Geneva conference, which partitioned Viet Nam, to condemn the Americans.

British and the Soviet Union are co-chairmen of that 1954 conference.

In the interview Kosygin hinted at the German question, reflecting bitter Soviet objection to any thought of West German participation in Atlantic Alliance nuclear forces. He said:

"In Europe, for example, the United States is trying to build up tensions; create an atmosphere conducive to war. You want to create the multilateral force, the Atlantic nuclear force... but these only result in uniting the forces of one camp."

SAIGON (AP)—The Viet Cong guerrillas knocked out a South Vietnamese Ranger battalion Wednesday in a wasteland between U.S. marine bases at Da Nang and Chu Lai.

A strong Viet Cong force, screened in canefields, encircled and virtually destroyed the battalion—perhaps 500 elite fighters—in a three-hour battle.

### Martin Queried On Irregularities

OTTAWA (CP)—The question of alleged irregularities by Forestry Minister Sauve in the Nov. 8 federal election boiled up suddenly Wednesday at a press conference being given by Acting Prime Minister Martin.

The matter swept aside Mr. Martin's announcement about further trade embargos by Canada against Rhodesian goods.

Judge Joseph Duguay of Grindstone, Que., has told reporters that Mr. Sauve telephoned him on election day to protest the release of two men from jail to vote. They had been charged that day with threatening a Liberal.

Mr. Martin was asked whether Mr. Sauve had telephoned the judge in his riding, Be-de-la-Madeleine, to have two Conservatives detained in jail.

Mr. Martin said he had heard about the matter but hadn't read the newspaper account in question.

Mr. Martin added that there is a well-established legal procedure for anyone to take if he contends irregularities occurred during the election.

He said he would assume that those alleging irregularities would adopt the "legally prescribed course."

He was then asked what would happen if the persons making the allegations hadn't enough money to take the matter to court.

Mr. Martin said—jokingly—he didn't want to be asked more embarrassing questions.

Later, a reporter asked if the government planned to start an investigation.

"I know nothing about the situation," Mr. Martin replied.

### African Countries Take Fresh Look At Decision

By Reuters

Some independent African countries appeared to be having second thoughts Wednesday about a joint weekend decision to break off diplomatic relations with Britain if Ian Smith's Rhodesian regime is not crushed by Dec. 15.

They were also taking a deeper look at their second major decision: the formation of an all-African military force to smash the white regime in Rhodesia.

The decisions were reached by foreign ministers at an emergency conference of the Organization of African Unity in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The 34 countries, including nine Commonwealth members, acted in face of the Smith regime's unilateral declaration of independence Nov. 11.

But in French-speaking Africa, President Maurice Yaméogo of Upper Volta said Wednesday the OAU conference had no authority to make a decision on such an important matter as Rhodesia. He said the attending foreign ministers could only make recommendations to their heads of government.

In Tunisia, pro-government newspapers said the Addis Ababa conference went too far in its ultimatum to London.

### USE COMPUTER FOR PENSIONS

OTTAWA (CP)—A huge computer system will be acquired by the federal government to maintain records and calculate individual benefits under the Canada Pension Plan.

The finance department said Wednesday the computer is larger in most respects than any other in Canada.

Records to be maintained under the pension plan are so large it would not be practicable to maintain them by manual methods, the department said.

The computer system will have to record approximately 12,000,000 individual reports of contributors' earnings in 1966 and will file on magnetic tape information on the contributions and earnings of each individual covered by the pension plan.

"When an individual retires, it will be able to compute, in a fraction of a second, the pension benefits to which he is entitled," said the department.

### IS 'UTTER FOLLY,' COMMENT

Senator A. S. Mike Monroney (Dem. Okla.), a member of the Senate defence appropriations subcommittee, called the reductions "utter folly" and false economy.

McNamara disclosed the new plans in announcing a list of 149 military bases at home and abroad to be closed, reduced or consolidated.

### Bundy Resigns Job With LBJ

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (AP)—The White House announced Wednesday the resignation of McGeorge Bundy as President Johnson's special assistant for national security affairs. The future of the job was left cloudy.

Bundy, 46, will leave the White House staff Feb. 28 to become president of the Ford foundation at a reported salary of \$75,000 a year. His present salary is \$28,500 a year.

### Yukon Seeks Provincial Status Soon

WHITEHORSE, Y.T. (CP)—The Yukon Territorial Council has asked the federal government to start in 1967 a program that would put the Yukon in a position to seek provincial status.

The council Tuesday approved unanimously a motion asking the federal government to turn over legislative, administrative and financial responsibility to the Yukon over 10 or 20 years.

Councillor Bert Boyd, member for Yukon East, said: "We can manage our own affairs very well from our own backyard, better than those in Ottawa, 4,000 miles away."

"They won't give up the driver's seat. They want to keep us in the back seat."

### Poverty Said Intense Among Aged Persons

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### Skeleton Identified

DARTMOUTH, N.S. (CP)—The skeleton of a man found by three boys in woods near here last weekend was identified Wednesday as that of Charles Henry Sharpe, 73, of Halifax. He had been reported missing by his family in April 1961.

### 'UTTER FOLLY,' IS COMMENT

## U.S. Bomber Force Cut, New Plane May Be Used

WASHINGTON (AP)—Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara announced Wednesday a two-thirds cut in the U.S. long-range bomber force during the next few years but hinted that the controversial TFX will be adapted as an advanced bomber.

McNamara also told of plans to reduce the continental air defense system and to eliminate the navy's extension of the early warning system. And he said military airlift capability will be improved by 29 per cent.

This overhaul was linked to a "reduced Soviet bomber threat" and to "basic force levels and weapons systems changes." It brought sharp protests from senators who said undue reliance is being placed on missiles.

### EPA Pilot Completes 20,000 Hours Flying

Capt. Robert (Bob) Mills, Eastern Provincial Airways, completed 20,000 hours of accident free flying on Monday, Dec. 6, while flying between Charlottetown and the Magdalen Islands, EPA announced yesterday.

This number of hours constitutes approximately 4,000,000 miles, which is equivalent to 160 times around the earth.

Capt. Mills was born at Granville Ferry, Annapolis County, N.S. on July 9, 1919 and received his elementary and high school education in Annapolis Royal, graduating in 1938.

He joined the RCAF as pilot-in-command in 1940 and received his wings in 1941. He was assigned to RAF No. 40 Wellington Squadron and flew two tours of operations, all in Wellingtons. He returned to Canada in 1944 as instructor at the Anson School in Yarmouth.

He joined Maritime Central Airways in January, 1945, on loan from the RCAF and received his discharge from the RCAF in June the same year. He was promoted to Captain with MCA in 1946 and was based in Charlottetown until Nov. 1961 when he was transferred to Moncton. He was appointed check pilot with MCA in 1955, a position he still retains, together with his duties as line captain.

He joined EPA in August of 1963 when this company bought out MCA.

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OTTAWA (CP)—To date a total of 58 projects have been approved for Prince Edward Island under the municipal winter works incentive program, Labor Minister Allan MacEachen announced here Wednesday. The 58 projects are located in 37 P.E.I. communities and their estimated cost is \$2,198,000.

Mr. MacEachen said that an estimated 82,269 man-days of work will be provided under the program and some 1,464 men will be hired. The estimated direct payroll cost of the P.E.I. projects is \$915,000 and the federal share of these costs will be \$549,000.

The minister said the whole program to date shows every indication of being more successful this winter than last and total cost of the projects is some \$34,000,000 more than last winter.

The federal government contributes to the on-site payroll costs of approved projects carried out between Nov. 1 and April 30; with the municipalities paying the balance.

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### Gemini Pilots Yearn Coffee

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—The Gemini 7 pilots—yearning for a cup of coffee—flew on Wednesday toward their goal of 14 days in space. On the earth below, their Gemini 6 sistership was undergoing a crucial pre-launch test.

There was a slim chance the Gemini 6 spacecraft would blast off from Cape Kennedy, Fla., in pursuit of Gemini 7 as early as Sunday—but a Monday launch was more likely.

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POPE PAUL VI receives the Apostolic brief, announcing that the Vatican Ecumenical Council is formally closed, from Archbishop Pericle Felici, secretary of the council, after it was read at the outdoor ceremonies in Vatican City's St. Peter's Square Wednesday. The council had been opened three years ago by Pope John XXIII. (AP Wirephoto by cable from Rome)

## Pope Closes Ecumenical Council With Three Words 'Go In Peace'

By M. BOLTON

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Paul, a windblown figure in white against the dark-grey stone of St. Peter's Basilica, Wednesday brought Roman Catholicism's greatest general council to an end with three simple words: "It is peace—go in peace."

The Pontiff spoke with upraised arms as he faced the 2,400 bishops, assembled for the last time in council.

With this the Vatican ecumenical council passed into history. But it left Roman Catholicism with a blueprint for modernization bound to occupy the church for decades, even centuries, to come.

In his final speech at a ceremonial closing in St. Peter's Square, the Pope said he hopes the council's work would renew not only the church but all the world.

He published a papal brief officially closing the 21st council in the 2,000 years of Roman Catholicism. In it the Pope described the council as the greatest ever held, whether in size, in subjects treated or in the needs it met.

**DECISIONS BINDING**

He declared the council's decisions binding on all Roman Catholics and declared invalid anything undertaken by anyone against those decisions whether knowingly or in ignorance.

Progressive and conservative prelates alike—those who had (Continued on page 3 Col. 3)

## Illiteracy Called Serious Problem

OTTAWA (CP)—About 1,024,000 Canadians are "functionally illiterate" and the talents of only one-third of the country's academically gifted are being used fully, the federal-provincial conference on poverty and opportunity was told Wednesday.

A report prepared by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics said much of the population is "incarcerated in ignorance." The illiterate are incapable of reading or writing and able to perform only the most menial tasks.

Several other briefs gave evidence that the affluent society often talked about in this country has never touched many Canadians.

A special study by the Canadian Welfare Council of the poor in four cities—Saint John, N.B., Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver—said many persons live on far less than the \$75 a month pension paid to the aged.

Another by the council on rural poverty said some Canadians subsist on incomes as low as \$11.71 per person a month.

One report said the private market cannot provide enough dwellings needed for the poor. There was a clear need for 300,000 units for low-income families now, it said, and many of the 250,000 Canadian homes in need of repair cannot be brought up to proper living standards.

About 1,300,000 Canadians have a permanent physical disability and must be poverty-stricken before qualifying for government aid.

"Last year, nearly 10,000 persons were turned away because their disability was not assessed as total or permanent, though many were severely handicapped," a report by the federal government's special planning secretariat on poverty said.

## Harmon Base Closing, 900 Civilians Jobless

OTTAWA (CP)—The United States embassy announced Wednesday that Harmon air force base in Newfoundland will be closed by Dec. 31, 1966.

More than 900 Canadian civilians are employed at the U.S. air force base in western Newfoundland.

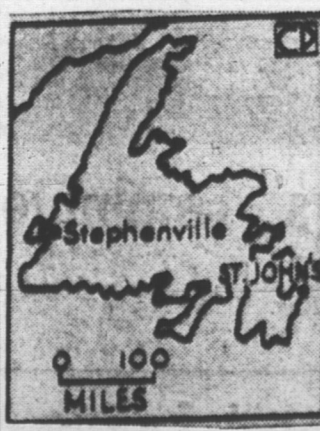
Canadian authorities said they are giving consideration to steps to be taken in co-operation with Newfoundland to meet the problem involved in the closing of the base.

They said particular attention will be paid to new civilian employment.

The base, near Stephenville, is one of the three the U.S. obtained in 1940 from Britain in exchange for 50 old destroyers. Newfoundland was not then a Canadian province.

Harmon field now is used for fighter-interceptor operations and nuclear warheads are stored there. Aerial tanker refuelling operations at Harmon were shut down earlier this year.

The U.S. embassy said "Harmon is only one of a number of bases in the U.S. and elsewhere



THIS MAP shows the location of the Harmon air force base at Stephenville in western Newfoundland.

which are being closed as a result of studies of over-all defence requirements."

Details concerning the phase-down of activities and closure of the base will be made known as they become available.

### MAYOR COMMENTS

STEPHENVILLE, Nfld. (CP)—Mayor Kevin Walsh of Stephenville expressed regret Wednesday night that the United States Air Force base here, the area's major source of employment, was closing but said he was relieved there was no longer "a cloud of doubt."

More than 1,000 residents of the area are employed on the base which is scheduled for complete abandonment by the United States Air Force by the end of 1966. The civilian payroll last year amounted to \$6,000,000.

**ONLY 14 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS**



Witnesses of a Montreal art experiment gathered around a barrel of molten metal in a barrel to produce a spontaneous form. The hot barrel exploded, injuring nine witnesses and igniting materials in the basement of a nearby factory. The fire was quickly extinguished. (CP Wirephoto)