

Board Approves Dump of Tailings

Hanoi Feeling On Peace Bid Probed by U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — China state diplomats are secretly sounding out Hanoi's willingness to negotiate its offensive, unworkable latest Vietnam peace proposal, official sources report.

Direct contacts with the North Vietnamese are reported under way in Paris and elsewhere as Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, President Nixon's adviser on national security affairs, met with South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu in a strategy session in Saigon Sunday.

Assessment of Hanoi's intentions was said to be one of Kissinger's objectives on his three-week mission to Saigon, Bangkok and Paris.

Qualifiers attached to last Thursday's Viet Cong offer to release war prisoners in exchange for a 1971 U.S. withdrawal date were described as definitely unworkable.

Informants said conditions that could not be accepted include:

—Hanoi's forces in the South would be free to go on fighting South Vietnamese troops.

—The offer would mean abandonment of Nixon's Vietnamization program and a break with the Thieu government in advance of the Oct. 15 presidential election in South Vietnam.

—Hanoi and the Viet Cong would have power to veto formation of a successor government if they did not consider it independent, neutral and democratic.

—The United States did not have 30,000 lives in the Vietnam war only to leave the people of the South to the mercy of Hanoi and the Viet Cong," one informant said.

NORWAY TO LAUNCH TIES WITH HANOI

Times News Service

OSLO — Norway will become the first North Atlantic Treaty Organization member to establish diplomatic relations with North Vietnam.

Newly-elected socialist Prime Minister Trygve Bratteli said today the move will be taken in the coming months and he is convinced it will be supported by a majority in the Norwegian Parliament.

He described the Indo-China war as an "utterly unpleasant affair which will have to be ended," urged U.S. withdrawal from the area and said Norway will be prepared to give reconstruction aid to Vietnam at the end of the war.

Jordon River Mine

Discon Development Ltd. has been granted permission to dump mine tailings into the Strait of Juan de Fuca, near Jordan River.

The unexpected decision by the British Columbia Pollution Control Board overrules an earlier decision by the board's director, W. N. Venables, who had vetoed the dumping.

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But pollution control board officials today refused to confirm the board's decision. There would be no comment until Tuesday, a spokesman said. The reason was to be "absolutely certain" that all the letters had been delivered.

Official notice: E. C. Dohell, vice-president of Crownex International Ltd., which is financially backing the project, said today in Vancouver he has seen the letter giving official notice of the board's overruling.

But Dohell said the company is awaiting further details of the specifications the provincial government will impose on the effort.

Until those details are known it is too early to say when the site project will resume, Dohell said.

THREE MONTHS: Crownex president Sidney Fowles said last Friday the mine could resume production in three months. It went out of production in 1968. Rebirth of the mine, the old Canadian Copper property known as the Nancy mine, was interrupted a month ago by Venables' refusal to allow the dumping.

The provincial departments of health and recreation were among those objecting to the application at Tuesday's hearing. Eight other persons or organizations were also recognized as objectors.

ON HOLIDAYS: Dohell said he expected the terms of the permit would be established by Venables, who is on holidays.

Shares of Crownex International took a jump from 22 cents each to a high of 30 cents on Friday morning, apparently after the first PCB letter had been delivered. They were trading around 46 cents late this morning.

The government refusal to confirm the board's decision was officially described as "courtesy" to the hearing's participants.

Dohell said the company wasn't officially informed of Venables' original denial of its application until after the permit had been informed. The company has a right to hear first, he said.

Opponents of the application claimed the tailings to be dumped would threaten lakes in the vicinity as well.

Howard Fisher, of Sooke, who appeared as an adviser to an objector at the hearing, said today he is hopeful that proper disposal facilities will be required by the pollution control board.

On the basis of the PCB letter, he said there are indications that a "fairly decent disposal system" will have to be established and that if it doesn't work properly, the company will have to make changes.

Charters Choke Toronto Airport

TORONTO (CP) — A heavy load of charter and regular flights carrying more than 25,000 passengers plunged Toronto International Airport into confusion Saturday as another 70,000 people jammed the terminals to see them off or welcome them here.

The airport, northwest of Toronto, coped with 41 charter flights and 142 regularly scheduled flights Saturday, airport manager Donald E. Harris said in an interview today.

Mr. Harris said airport officials estimate about 142 passengers to a flight and that three persons travel to the airport for each passenger arriving or departing.

Donald Munder, airport shift manager in charge of

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charter flights, said the 41 jetliners Saturday, largest number of charters in one day in the history of the airport, put serious strains on airport facilities resulting in long delays in loading and unloading, luggage servicing and customs processing.

Sgt. John M. Macdonald, head of a detachment of 24

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U.S. SABOTAGE IN HANOI DATED BY PAPERS TO '54

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Times, in its ninth and last article of the secret Pentagon study of the Vietnam war, says United States agents engaged in sabotage operations in Hanoi between the end of the Geneva conference in August, 1954, and the French withdrawal from North Vietnam's capital.

The Eisenhower administration, says the Times account, considered the Geneva agree-

ment ending French rule in Indochina a "partial partitioning of Vietnam," a disaster.

A report accompanying the Pentagon study, the Times says, describes the work of agents led by U.S. Air Force Col. Edward G. Labadie in sabotaging Hanoi's transportation system.

A section of the report is quoted as saying the team "spent the last days in Hanoi in contaminating the oil sup-

ply of the bus company for a gradual wrecking of engines in the buses, in taking action to delay sabotage of the railroad, and in writing detailed notes of potential targets for future paramilitary operations.

SABOTAGE PREVENTED: Another quoted section of the report states that "U.S. adherence to the Geneva agreement" in 1954 prevented American sabotage of water facilities and a power plant, harbor and bridge.

The Times says the Pentagon study discloses that President Eisenhower, a few days after the Geneva accords, approved action to prevent further Communist expansion in Vietnam.

These White House decisions, the Pentagon account concludes, meant that the United States had a direct role in the ultimate breakdown of the Geneva settlement," the Times says.

BASE SLAMMED BY CONG ROCKETS

SAGGON (AP) — Viet Cong rockets crashed into a United States Air Force barracks here on the Da Nang Air Base at midnight Sunday night, killing three Americans and wounding 17 while they slept. Two other airmen were missing.

It was the worst of 13 rocket attacks made on the base here this far this year. Military sources said most of the casualties were caused by a 100-pound missile that smashed one barracks. Several other barracks were damaged.

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OTTAWA, B.C. CLASH

Approved Youth Grants?

"I don't know how in the name of common sense Tom Goode can say that," Gagliardi said. "The first time I heard anything about the Opportunities for Youth, business was when it came out in the Vancouver Sun."

"We never had any opportunity to discuss these proposals," he said. "We asked for the opportunity, and were promised the opportunity."