

Blocking Vietnam U.N. entry should draw fire

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — President Ford's decision to block Vietnam's entry into the United Nations again was expected to incite a torrent of angry criticism today from the Southern Hemisphere's supporters on the Security Council.

Ambassador William W. Scranton announced in Washington Monday after a meeting with Ford that he would veto the Vietnamese application for U.N. membership because Hanoi had failed to account for about 80 American prisoners still held in Vietnam.

The Security Council is expected to vote on the Vietnamese application late today or Wednesday. Scranton asserted that the veto had nothing to do with the American presidential campaign. But a Vietnamese newspaper said, "It is no secret to anyone that Mr. Ford's real concern is not an American MIA and their families but on the veto to the election campaign."

Jimmy Carter, Ford's Democratic presidential opponent, said Monday that he agreed with President Ford's refusal to allow Vietnam to join the United Nations.

Carter also said in Phoenix, Ariz., that he would not move to establish normal relations with Hanoi "until it was confirmed personally that the Vietnamese government had done everything humanly possible to

provide a complete accounting of our men who are listed as missing in action."

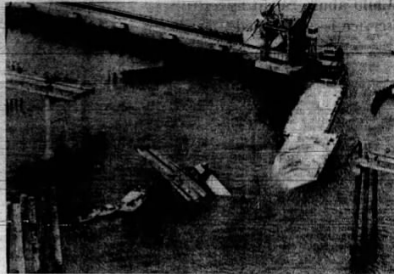
A number of diplomats whose governments are friendly to the United States said they appreciated the continued strength of the MIA issue. But they expressed regret that Washington was being so opportunistic to withhold the vote with Vietnam and counter the growing Soviet presence in Indonesia.

"It was believed that all council members but the United States would support Vietnam's application, and strong attacks on the American position were expected from Communist and nonaligned members."

"The nonaligned countries have already declared that they oppose to the admission of Vietnam to legitimacy and sovereignty, independence and territoriality."

"This has no justification for the veto," said Libyan Ambassador Munir R. El-Khatib. He said the Security Council president had promised, after Scranton's announcement, that a member must be "peace-loving and self-determining." He accused Hanoi of "harsh" and "inhuman" treatment of the families of missing men.

But other council members recalled that last year, when the United States cast two vetoes against the admission of North and South Vietnam, U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan had been doing so only because the council refused to take up South Korea's membership application.



Barge rams bridge

A truck-trailer rests precariously on a collapsed section of a high rise bridge that was rammed by a barge at Manchac, La., late Friday afternoon. The truck was one of several vehicles that fell 100 feet to the water below.

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Auto strike looks certain

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DETROIT — A nationwide strike by 770,000 Ford Motor Co. workers appeared certain for sometime today after UAW auto workers' negotiators rejected the company's latest offer, set the negotiating room with no plans to meet.

President Ford said in Washington today a strike would hurt the nation's economy and he expressed hope an agreement before the 11:30 p.m. EDT deadline.

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He said there was only a "one-in-a-hundred" chance of avoiding the first full-scale walkout against Ford since 1967.

Even Ford officials conceded for the first time that they no longer were hopeful of avoiding a strike over a new "three-year" contract. "It is not particularly optimistic," the company's top negotiator, Vice President Henry F. McGraw, said in announcing details of the firm's latest offer.

A strike would force shutdown of 180 facilities in 23 states — from Massachusetts to California — and paralyze the nation's No. 3 auto maker.

If the UAW strikes and the walkout is

prolonged, up to 17,000 auto supply employees could lose their jobs.

In addition, a spokesman for Ford-Canada said that even though both sides agreed to extend the current contract for Ford workers in Ontario, a strike in the United States could lead to the layoff of 14,000 employees within a week due to parts shortages.

Financial analysts say a brief strike would have no harsh impact on Ford, its workers or the economy. However, a walk-out of more than four weeks could begin to hurt the firm and its employees financially and dampen the nation's economic recovery.

UAW spokesmen said a strike was being held off until the UAW and Ford agree on a new contract. They said they had not yet agreed on any but basic terms, including pay, benefits and working conditions. UAW and company negotiators debated their differences and left Ford headquarters in suburban Dearborn by 8 a.m. EDT.

Both sides said they would be available to resume talks today, but no specific time and date and neither side displayed any great urgency in negotiating.

"There's much, much to be gained by a bridge in the short time remaining," a

Senate will explore campaign solicitation

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate subcommittee will explore further a charge that an aide to the Nixon White House asked a former Congressman to contribute to a \$1-million campaign in return for promoting the firm's sale of aircraft to Japan.

Witnesses expected to testify later before the panel include the aide, Richard Allen, then President Richard M. Nixon's deputy assistant for economic affairs in 1974, and some Grammarians executive Allen denied Monday that he had solicited campaign funds, and Grammarians denied making any contributions to the Nixon campaign.

Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, said that before the House subcommittee on presidential campaign expenses hearings in Sept. 14, he will try to find out if the proposed aircraft sale is mentioned in records of a 1975 meeting.

School board voting slow

Only 272 ballots were cast at a special meeting Monday night to elect a school board to take over the property and building up for high and as a vote will be for the board to keep the building and property in the hands of the school district.

Voting began at 11 a.m. at seven of the eight polling places (Hennepin, Grand, and local municipalities) to vote for the board to keep the building and property in the hands of the school district.

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Limited progress in Peak murder

WAVERLY, Iowa (AP) — One week after the body of a Waverly College sophomore was found under a tree, limited progress in the search for her killer was reported Monday.

"We have a couple of leads we're working on, but nothing like a break in the case," said Tom Elmer, deputy director of the state Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Monday.

Marie Peak, 20, a journalism major, was found last Tuesday under the tree along a gravel road north of Waverly. Authorities said the find of identification, and that she had been sexually assaulted.

Hopewell's coroner, Cassin Allen, announced reports that authorities were looking for one specific suspect.

Mayor Cecily Sheaff's Bill Boush said Monday he had not been determined where the killing took place and that authorities will not have names of suspects in mind.

Miss Peak was the daughter of Knoxville veterinarian and former city councilman Dr. Frank Peak.

She was described by Waverly assistant police chief Duane Jewell as a key figure in solving a sex-related homicide last year that sent John J. Carney Jr., 38, of Mason City to prison for rape and extortion.

Carney pleaded guilty to the charge. He had been accused of getting sexual favors from women by threatening them with physical harm. He was also accused of kidnapping a powerful Maple Grove, which authorities said he was not.

Carney was sentenced to 10 years in prison. He is serving his sentence at the Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort Madison.

There were two other arrested slayings of Waverly women in the area in the past few years, although authorities declined to link them with the Peak killing.

On March 18, the body of Julia Penning, 18, was found along a gravel road about an mile from the store where Miss Peak's body was discovered in June, 1975. The body of Victoria Kierowich, 14, was found under a bridge west of Waverly, a year after it was discovered.

Senate set to pass 5-year revenue sharing extension

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is ready to pass a 5-year extension of the federal revenue-sharing program that would pour \$2.5 billion in the nation's states, counties and municipalities.

The Senate added prohibitions on discrimination based on religion, and physical handicaps in programs receiving revenue-sharing money. A final vote is scheduled today.

The current revenue-sharing program expires Dec. 31. It was the landmark 1972-73 "New Federalism" when it was established in 1972 and has distributed approximately \$20 billion to 30,000 municipalities, counties and states since then.

No significant opposition to the extension emerged during Senate debate Monday.

In June, the House passed a 5-year extension that would guarantee \$1.5 billion for the local and state governments.

Rock Island line will get loans

CHICAGO (AP) — The Rock Island Railroad has received permission from the federal judge supervising its bankruptcy reorganization to receive \$27 million in interest-free loans to upgrade 200 miles of track in Iowa.

U.S. District Court Judge Frank J. McGarvey approved Monday a contract between the railroad's bankruptcy trustee, William W. Gilmore, and the Iowa Department of Transportation and 10 grain elevator operators and shippers in northwestern Iowa.

The line filed for financial reorganization under federal bankruptcy law March 18.

Gilmore's attorney, Nicholas G. Mann, said the agreement with the shippers will allow the railroad to carry heavier loads, decrease the possibility of downtime and permit trains to increase their speed from 19 miles an hour to 30 miles an hour.

The State of Iowa is to provide \$10 million of the total.

Defends strategy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford is pleased in the Oval Office at the White House Tuesday morning after he was interviewed on NBC-TV's "Today Show."

He defended his stay-at-home political strategy, saying that as long as the Democratic-controlled Congress is in session he has to be here to "make sure it doesn't go off the deep end." Press Secretary Jim Neeson is to be interviewed.

Weather

Mostly cloudy and cooler tonight with a chance of light rain or drizzle. The low will be in the low to mid 60s. Cloudy with a chance of drizzle Wednesday morning, becoming partly sunny in the afternoon.

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