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SEATO ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR MARITIME TRAINING EXERCISES

BANGKOK, Mar. 28.- The South East Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) today announced plans to hold major SEATO maritime training exercises, beginning late next month in the South China Sea and the Gulf of Thailand.

The combined exercises are sponsored by the United Kingdom and are scheduled to begin April 24, and to end May 2. All SEATO members have been invited to participate with ships and aircraft or observers.

SEATO Headquarters also announced receipt of notification from the Australian government that Lieut. General Henry Wells, Chief of General Staff, has been appointed SEATO military adviser for Australia to succeed Air Marshall Sir John McCauley who has retired.

SECRETARY DULLES, ADMINISTRATION AIDES SLATED FOR MUTUAL AID HEARINGS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28.- Secretary of State Dulles is scheduled to appear April 8 before a special Senate Committee which is reviewing the U.S. Mutual Security Program.

The Committee today issued a new schedule of hearings, beginning March 29 and extending through April 15.

Deputy Defense Secretary Reuben B. Robertson is also scheduled to appear April 8, and Director John B. Hollister of the International Cooperation Administration (ICA) meets with the senators two days later.

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VOICE OF AMERICA NEWS SCHEDULE (Saigon Time)

Vietnamese Language		English Language	
0730 - 13,16,19,25 meter bands		0639 - 13,16,19,25,49 meter bands	
1230 - 19 meter band		326 meters (920 kc)	
1300 - 31 meter band, 220 meters (1360 kc)		0800 - 19,25 meter bands	
1930 - 16,19,25,31,49 meter bands, 263 meters (1140 kc)		2030 - 19,25,31,41,49 meter bands, 263 meters (1140 kc), 254 meters (1180 kc)	
2100 - 19,25 meter bands		2130 - 25,31,41,49 meter bands, (1180 kc)	
2230 - 19,25,31 meter bands, 263 meters (1140 kc), 220 meters (1360 kc)		2230 - 326 meters (920 kc)	
		2300 - 19,25 meter bands, 263 meters (1140 kc)	

The Committee will consider the results of field surveys of the Mutual Aid Program, and will afford executive officials and private citizens the opportunity to express their views on aspects of the program.

HAMMARSKJOLD RETURNS FROM CAIRO BEGINS TALKS WITH U.N. DELEGATES

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Mar. 28.- United Nations Secretary General Hammarskjold began a round of discussions with U.N. delegates immediately after returning early today from his high-level conversations in Cairo.

Mr. Hammarskjold's first visitor was U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., who said after their talk: "The Secretary General brought back a great deal of information. I feel the trip has been very useful. I am consulting with Washington,

After meeting with Ambassador Lodge, the U.N. chief talked with Britain's Sir Pierson Dixon, Canada's Foreign Secretary Lester B. Pearson, and Norwegian Ambassador Hans Engen.

Later he was scheduled to meet with the seven-nation Advisory Committee on the Mid-East and French Minister Louis de Guiringaud.

U.S. DOES NOT SEEK BASES OR FAVORS, PAKISTAN ASSURED

KARACHI, Mar. 28.- Special U.S. Envoy James P. Richards reiterated here today that under the American Middle East program the United States is not seeking military bases or special favors of any kind.

Mr. Richards, beginning consultations here on the program following highly successful talks in Lebanon, Libya, Turkey and Pakistan met with Pakistani President Mirza, Prime Minister Suhgawardy and other high Pakistani officials.

The American envoy said President Eisenhower had asked him to stress the moral values of the program. "He meant what he said when he promised to aid any country attacked by international communism if that country seeks our help," Mr. Richards declared.

He added: "We do not seek bases or favors of any kind. We want nothing but friends who will fight for the democratic form of government, the President said. It was with a free heart, a heart devoted to peace that he offered to help. Pakistan is one of our most stalwart friends."

U.S. STILL FAVORS U.N.E.F. IN GAZA, OPEN SHIPPING IN AQABA SUEZ

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28.- The United States re-affirms its "firm belief" that the U.N. Emergency Forces (UNEF) should remain in the Gaza Strip in the interests of peace and security, and that Israeli shipping should enjoy free and innocent passage in the Gulf of Aqaba.

The re-affirmation was voiced by Under Secretary of State Christian A. Herter in a letter to Representative Hugh Scott (Pennsylvania Republican). The letter, dated March 27, and made public today, was in response to Scott's query on current U.S. policy in the Middle East.

"It is our firm belief that the United Nations should continue in Gaza, in the interests of the peace and security in the area," Mr. Herter said, "in accordance with arrangements envisaged in Secretary General Hammarskjold's report of February 22 to the General Assembly."

Mr. Herter said the United States is "very actively concerned" with solving the problem, and has been in close touch with Mr. Hammarskjold and interested governments. The Secretary General returned to U.N. Headquarters today after a Cairo visit.

The State Department official also said the United States on March 15 notified Israel that this nation is ready to resume mutual consultations on questions of economic and technical assistance, and sales of U.S. reserve farm commodities to the Ben-Gurion government.

The United States, according to Mr. Herter, expects to send evacuated technicians and administrators back to the Middle East "in the near future." Tourist travel to the Middle East will resume "as soon as the security situation in the area has improved," Mr. Herter said.

U.S. NEEDS NUCLEAR POWER BY 1977 TO MEET EXPANDING INDUSTRIAL RATE

CHICAGO, Mar. 28.- An ever-expanding industrial growth makes it essential that atomic energy become part of the American national economy as a fuel source within the next two decades, Norman V. Hilberry, Director of Argonne National Laboratory said here today.

He spoke before 2,500 persons at the American Power Conference. The research scientist at the Argonne Laboratory, a research center of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, said the States by 1977 will need a new source of energy to meet the expected industrial growth rate.

Another speaker, Donald S. Kennedy, said investment in privately, financed U.S. electric utility companies is expected to gain an average of more than \$4,000 million over the next decade. Mr. Kennedy, President of Edison Electric Institute, placed capital fund requirements for the current year's expansion program in excess of \$3,800 million.

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He estimated that 6.7 million kilowatts of generating capacity will be installed in the United States during 1957, and that by 1961 there will be 29.5 million kilowatts of station capacity on order with manufacturers.

During the last 50 years, Mr. Kennedy said, the output of the electric industry has grown 100 times, from less than 6,000 million kilowatt hours to more than 600,000 million kilowatt hours.

The conference is sponsored by Illinois Institute of Technology, in cooperation with 14 other universities and colleges and nine technical societies.

VIETNAM TO SAFEGUARD ITS FREEDOM, NGO DINH DIEM SAYS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28.- The Republic of Vietnam is determined to maintain its independence in Southeast Asia, Ngo Dinh Nhu, the brother and advisor of Vietnam's President Diem, said today after a White House visit with President Eisenhower.

The Vietnamese dignitary, who holds the rank of ambassador during his visit here, delivered to the President a message from President Diem in which he expressed best wishes for the good health of Mr. Eisenhower.

"His health is essential to the entire free world", Mr. Nhu told reporters "and I am happy to have seen President Eisenhower in good health".

In answer to questions, the visitor forecast an intensification of communist subversion efforts in the period ahead but asserted there is a strong feeling of decision for Vietnam to fight on for its independence, no matter what happens.

Speaking through an interpreter, the Vietnamese dignitary said the recent death of Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay may lead to an intensification of communist subversion. He also cited border trouble in Burma.

Mr. and Mrs. Nhu are on a world tour making observations on behalf of President Diem. They arrived from San Francisco Sunday and will remain in Washington until April 11 when they will be luncheon guests of the Far East Council of Commerce and Industry in New York City. In the same evening they will be entertained at dinner in New York by the American Friends of Vietnam.

The Nhuses will leave the United States April 12 for London, Paris, Geneva, Rome, Athens, Beirut, Bangkok, Lebanon and New Delhi.

While in Washington, Mr. Nhu plans to call at the International Cooperation Administration (ICA) which is financing a long range project of highway improvement in free Vietnam. President Diem's brother was accompanied on the White House visit by Tran Van Chuong, Vietnam Ambassador, William J. Sebald Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern affairs, and an interpreter.

After the White House call, Ambassador Nhu and his wife were honored at a luncheon in the President's guest house.

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Those present included Ambassador and Madame Chuong, Senator and Mrs. H. Alexander Smith, and Senator Mike Mansfield. Both Senators are members of the Foreign Relations Committee.

Other guests were Mrs. G. Frederick Reinhardt, wife of the Counselor of the State Department and former U.S. Ambassador to free Vietnam, Howard P. Jones, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, Mrs. Jones, Kenneth T. Young Jr., Director of the Office of Southeast Asian Affairs, and Mrs. Young.

U.S. NOTES COMMUNIST CHINA STILL HOLDS 8 AMERICANS IN PRISON

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28.- The U.S. State Department reminded the Communist Chinese regime today that it still had not lived up to its 1955 agreement to release American citizens "expeditiously" from the Chinese mainland where they have been held against their will.

The Department's comment was made in connection with the release from jail of Rev. Fulgence Gross of Chicago, who was arrested in January 1951 at Thingtao.

Eight U.S. citizens still remain in Communist Chinese prisons.

The Department's comment was made by its Press Officer, Lincoln White. It follows:

"Although we are of course happy to hear that Father Gross has been freed from prison, in no sense can we regard his release as fulfilment by the Chinese Communists of their agreed announcement of September 10, 1955.

"Through that announcement the Chinese Communists declared that Americans were to be allowed expeditiously to exercise their right to return. Not only have the Chinese Communists failed to take measures to expedite the release of Americans, they have also repeatedly denied to these prisoners the right of communication with the British Embassy at Peiping which is explicitly guaranteed to them.

"With regard to the eight remaining Americans in jail, we continue to hope that the Chinese Communists will abandon their cynical disregard of their unqualified pledge to take measures to release the Americans expeditiously."

GENERAL TAYLOR, CHIEF OF STAFF U.S. ARMY, ARRIVES IN SAIGON

SAIGON, VIETNAM, Mar. 29.- General Maxwell D. Taylor, Chief of Staff of the United States Army arrived today at Tan Son Nhut Airport in Saigon, Vietnam, where he was greeted by Mr. Daniel V. Anderson, Chargé d'Affaires, United States Embassy and Lieutenant General Samuel T. Williams, Chief of the Military Assistance Advisory Group of Vietnam.

