

# U.S. Opens Talks With N. Vietnamese

CAIRO -- Egypt agreed Thursday to participate in Middle East peace talks in New York but ruled out direct talks there with Israel. Israel had already agreed to indirect talks, informed sources said. This did not necessarily mean Egypt was insisting on the physical withdrawal of Israeli troops from occupied territory before peace talks. But Egypt was said to be insisting on a firm timetable for withdrawal.

PARIS -- American and North Vietnamese negotiators flew to Paris Thursday to open preliminary talks that may expand into a full peace conference and lead to an end of years of bloodshed in Vietnam.

Both sides and their French hosts expressed optimism, but experienced diplomats predicted long, weary weeks -- perhaps months -- of frustrating negotiations before a peace settlement could be hoped for.

SAIGON -- The Viet Cong hit hard at Saigon from three sides last week on the eve of the Paris peace talks, pushing closer to the center of the South Vietnamese capital than at any time since the start

East European allies last week in what appeared to be an emergency summit conference on the growing trend toward independence within the Soviet Union.

Three nations that in varying degrees have balked at Moscow's dominance -- Czechoslovakia, Romania and Yugoslavia -- were absent.

The Soviet leaders and the East Europeans "informed each other about the situation in their countries and expressed firm resolution to continue doing their utmost to develop friendship and all-around cooperation on the basis of principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian nationalism," the Soviet news agency said.

LONDON -- Britain has agreed to sell six all-British Canberra bombers to Peru for around \$4.8 million in a deal that is likely to provide some flak in Washington since the planes will be going through a loophole in United States laws. Last summer, the U.S. was able to block the sale to Peru on the grounds that the aircraft were partly financed in the early 1950s by mutual assistance dollars provided to Britain from Washington.

ser and top United Arab Republic officials.

The talks were rumored to have centered around two subjects: strengthening the Arab military posture around Israel and heading off a split between Syria and the other Arab nationalist regimes.

WARSAW -- The Polish Communist Party newspaper has urged that the "alien anti-socialist trend in the political

life" of Czechoslovakia be "forcibly silenced."

The newspaper said "this trend is aimed at undermining

the guiding role of the working class party, liquidating people's power and setting Czechoslovakia at variance with fraternal

Socialist countries."

PANAMA -- Panama's presidential campaign is in full

swing now after month-long interruptions in March caused by the opposition's unsuccessful attempt to topple President Marco A. Robles through impeachment.

On the surface there is little of the tension that appeared last March. But there is increasing speculation about what the impending elections may bring, and the speculation centers again on the National Guard, whose stand in the March crisis left little doubt of its position.

## Set Summer Hours For Nuclear Plant

CHARLEVOIX -- Summer hours for the Information Center at Big Rock Point nuclear plant, north of Charlevoix, are listed by Charles R. England, center manager.

The schedule calls for the center to be open every day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., starting May 1 and continuing through October. More than 60,000 persons visited the center in 1967.

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The toll of civilian dead and wounded was more than 2,000.

CATANIA, Sicily -- Streams of lava poured out of two new mouths on the east side of Etna volcano last week and explosions rocked the mountain's most active crater near the top, but authorities said the flareup posed no immediate threat to inhabited places.

MOSCOW -- Soviet leaders met with their four closest

But it was confirmed in London that Britain had found six Canberra planes that were wholly financed by British money.

LAGOS -- Nigeria and rebel Biafra have agreed to meet in Kampala, Uganda, to talk about ending their 10-month civil war, but they still must decide whether the Organization of African Unity or the British Commonwealth Office will sponsor the talks.

BEIRUT -- Syria's Radical Socialist leaders wound up three days of talks last week with President Gamal Abdel Nas-

## New Domed Stadium Urged By Bennett

A bill offered by State Rep. John Bennett (D-Redford) "for the purpose of building a new domed stadium to serve the Detroit Metropolitan area of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties," is being drafted in stages in the Legislature.

As outlined in a letter to the Legislative Service Bureau where bills are drafted, the bill would create a "stadium Authority" to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

This Stadium Authority would "have the power to acquire land and build a new domed stadium and necessary parking facilities in the tri-county area."

A new stadium has been in the talking stage for many years. Bennett's proposal, while not original, puts the idea into the form of a specific bill.

THIS THREE-MAN stadium Authority would be a "body corporate. . . to provide and maintain services and facilities connected with the operation of the domed stadium."

It will also have the power to float a revenue bond issue, which shall be backed by the faith and credit of the State of Michigan, "for the purpose of erecting such a stadium. Proposed as a financing plan for the stadium was a 50 cent per person admission fee; 20 per cent of gross revenue from "concessions and all other sales"; and a "four per cent use tax on all hotel and motel rooms in the Wayne, Oakland and Macomb area." These would all be " earmarked for the repayment of revenue bonds and debt service."

Bennett justified the latter levy against innkeepers on the basis of the increased business which such a stadium would bring to the Detroit area. He said the stadium should be self-supporting after five years of operation at which time this levy would be cancelled.

Tiger Stadium as "deteriorated and out-moded in many respects" and said that a domed stadium must be built soon "if the residents of Michigan are to continue to enjoy major league baseball, professional football and other outstanding sports events."

Bennett estimated the cost of such a stadium at "about \$50 million." According to Bennett's proposal, this stadium would be "an all weather, all-purpose, year around facility," where such varied activities as rodeos, boxing matches, variety shows, circuses and other "civic events" could be scheduled. He said that it has been estimated that visitors drawn to Detroit by this facility "will spend about \$40 a day in the metropolitan area." He said the Senate Majority Leader Emil Lockwood (R-St. Louis) has also agreed to "support a feasible plan to build a stadium." His final comment was that he is currently "working" on the Governor.



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