

# Nebraskan in Paris gets American cold shoulder

The 170 person delegation to the Paris Peace talks was welcomed by every nation except the United States, according to Wes Webb, a businessman who represented Nebraska.

"The U.S. spokesmen were very aloof and patronizing when they talked with us, implying that we were misinformed and didn't know the whole story," Webb said.

The delegation was composed of persons from the American Friends Service Committee, Fellowship of Reconciliation, and Clergy and Laymen concerned about the war. The group was in Paris March 5-9 and consulted with different peace talk members about the prospects for peace in Indochina.

Currently a representative for Nebraska Public Power District, Webb spoke to a Students' Spring Session audience about problems behind the peace talks in Paris.

"The foremost problem,"

he said, "was the refusal of both sides to agree on a common point in history. This common point is the North Vietnamese recognition of the Geneva accord as a valid document."

The United States was the only nation not to sign the accord, and still maintains it is not obligated to respect its contents. Because of this, no elections were held in South Vietnam in 1954, and the 17th parallel, developed as a temporary armistice line, became a division between the north and south.

Webb said the United States delegation is trying to negotiate a mutual pullout of South Vietnam, but the North Vietnamese have refused, asking how they could pull out of their own country.

The American prisoners of war are the second major negotiating point in Paris, according to Webb.

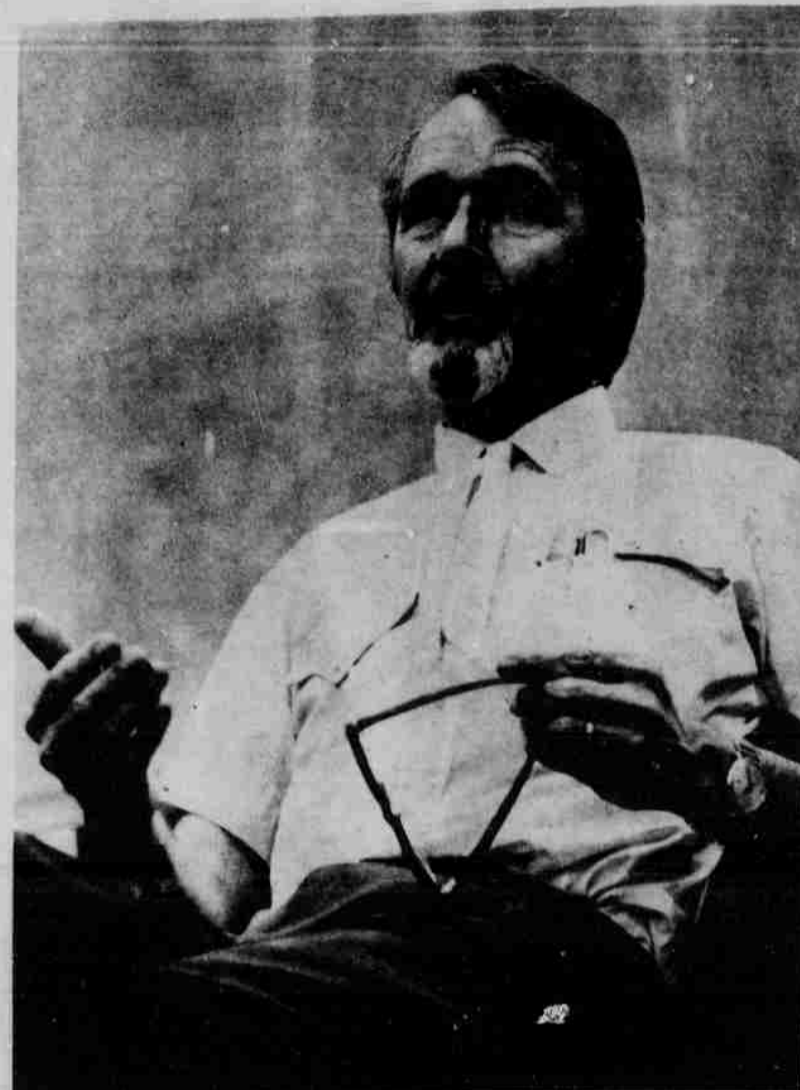
He said he feels the negotiations have reached an

impasse because the Nixon administration has refused to understand the validity of the North Vietnamese holding American prisoners until the end of hostilities.

"The Americans want them released now," he said, "but the North Vietnamese say they will wait until the cessation of hostilities, according to the Geneva rules governing prisoners of war."

The Grand Island native said the POW's could cease to be a problem because the North Vietnamese have said they are willing to negotiate the POW question as soon as the U.S. sets a definite date for withdrawal from South Vietnam.

As the quickest way to get the POW's home, he said "the U.S. should get out of Indochina, because I don't think were going to see those prisoners until a definite withdrawal date is set."



Webb . . . no prisoners will be released until withdrawal date is set.

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# Faculty Senate cuts vacations; approves longer drop period

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All students who are fond of a four-day Thanksgiving vacation, spring break at Easter and deciding whether to drop a class within four weeks had best graduate before the 1972-1973 academic calendar year.

The Faculty Senate Tuesday approved a motion extending the drop period from four to eight weeks except for lab courses and accepted a calendar which starts the 1972-1973 year Sept. 5.

William L. Sherman, associate professor of history, said that in many courses the four week drop period did not give students sufficient time to

evaluate their standing. He added that the extension to eight weeks would allow students to drop courses after down slips are mailed.

**THE MOTION**, which came from the Senate's Grading Committee, was amended to exclude lab courses from the extended drop period. Robert S. Marianelli, assistant professor of chemistry, introduced the amendment, which was finally adopted.

Previous amendments, to limit the drop period for lab courses to one week and to close drops one day prior to the last day for adds, were defeated.

Charles Wilkins, assistant professor of chemistry, noted that space is limited in lab course. He complained that increasing the drop period would contribute to some students dropping courses too late to allow other students on waiting lists to add the course.

After 45 minutes of discussion, the amended motion was approved by a voice vote.

**THE SENATE** then turned to the 1972-1973 academic calendar. English instructor, Norman H. Hostetler, proposed an amendment to begin classes Sept. 5 rather than Aug. 30. He said that the three days before a long Labor Day weekend were "educationally unwise, adding that some students on summer jobs agreed to work through the Labor Day weekend.

Because of the loss of three

days, Hostetler's amendment included a provision cutting the Thanksgiving vacation to one day. The amendment was approved 56 to 42 and the calendar accepted as amended.

The Senate also agreed that all future academic calendars will place spring break during the tenth week of the semester, approximately the last week of March.

In other action Tuesday, President Joseph Soshnik announced that since no candidate has received 50 percent of the vote, a run-off election would be held for the presidency of the Senate. Wallace C. Peterson, chairman of the economics department, and James A. Lake, professor of law, are the candidates.

During the report of the Liaison Committee by Peterson, Paul A. Olson, professor of English, expressed his preference that the Regents participate directly in the Study Committee on University Governance the Regents Saturday directed Chancellor D. B. Varner to create.

**HE SAID** that faculty members will represent the faculty, students will represent students, administrative personnel will represent the Administration and he thought that the Regents should represent the Regents.

"If the Regents don't participate directly," Olson said, they will be missing a tremendous opportunity to educate themselves as to the University."

The Senate also passed three resolutions from the Retirement, Insurance and Faculty Benefits Committee.

The resolutions support uniform and expanded fringe benefits for all three University campuses, request the Administration and Board of Regents to initiate promptly group automobile and homeowner insurance plans and request the Administration to add a cost of living benefit to the long-term group disability insurance plan.

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