

Vietnam ceasefire

President Richard M. Nixon announced Tuesday night a cease-fire in Vietnam. In a 10-minute speech from his oval office in the White House, he told the American people "we have peace with honor."

The cease-fire will begin Saturday at 6 p.m. CST, he said. He also announced that all prisoners of war (POW's) will be released 60 days later. All American troops will be withdrawn in that time period.

The agreement also assures that the people of South Vietnam will have the right "to determine their own future without interference."

The President said the cease-fire agreement was initiated by Presidential Aide Henry Kissinger and Le Duc Tho, North Vietnam's chief negotiator, at Paris' International Conference Center.

After announcing the signing of the pact, Nixon praised the American people for their "steadfastness (which) has made peace with honor possible." He also lauded the families of POW's who, he said, had "the courage to stand for the right kind of peace. Nothing means more to me than to know your long vigil is over."

He also paid tribute to former President Lyndon Johnson who died Monday. He said Johnson had "endured the vilification of those who sought to portray him as a man of war. He was a man of peace. No one would have welcomed this peace more than he."

"The important thing," Nixon said, "is to get peace. This we have done."

More than 2.5 million American soldiers served in Vietnam, he said, and the United States should be proud of them. He also expressed gratitude to the more than 55,000 American soldiers who died in the conflict. "They gave their lives so people might live in peace," he said.

"By your courage," he said to the South Vietnamese, "you have won the right to determine your own future."

He urged the North Vietnamese to seek with the United States a "peace of reconciliation," and added: "Now is the time for (major powers to exercise) mutual restraint" in Indochina.

"We must recognize that ending the war is the first step in building the peace. This means the terms of the agreement must be scrupulously adhered to. We will do everything it required of us."

DeCamp to introduce bill changing abortion statutes

by Steve Arvanette

State Sen. John DeCamp of Neligh said he will introduce a bill Wednesday in the Unicameral which, if passed, might replace the state's abortion law. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled Monday that abortion laws similar to Nebraska's are an unconstitutional invasion of a woman's privacy.

In their 7-2 decision, the court said an abortion, if performed during the first three months of pregnancy, is a private matter between a woman and her doctor.

DeCamp expressed surprise that the court "ruled as broadly as they did," and added that he had planned to introduce an abortion reform law before he heard the court's decision.

"Nebraska's law is even more restrictive than those declared unconstitutional," DeCamp said.

After the announcement of his intentions Monday, DeCamp said he had received threatening telephone calls at his residence.

DeCamp, acknowledging that the bill could be termed "political suicide" by some politicians, said that, "I'm just doing what's right. I'm not planning on

letting any actions here determine my political future." He added that he would rather complete his four-year term "knowing I didn't compromise."

In fact, DeCamp said, Nebraska, after the court ruling, has no abortion law and no criminal penalties for performance of an abortion during pregnancy.

"Theoretically the bill should receive support from both those who oppose and favor abortions," DeCamp said. Continued opposition to abortion reform by the Catholic Church and other groups would cause "abortion on demand broader than anything envisioned in New York or anywhere," he said.

Twig Daniels, director of the UNL student YWCA program, stressed the greatest problem would be implementation of a new law.

"Everybody is afraid of Nebraska being an abortion Mecca," Daniels said. She said she hopes the court decision and new laws would lower the price for abortions to a more reasonable figure. Daniels said the cost at the UNO Medical Center was \$560 if the woman had qualified under the previous state law.



State Sen. John DeCamp of Neligh . . . will introduce a new abortion bill despite telephone threats.

Brothers collect Coca-Cola bottles, history

"We collect these items because Coke has become part of American history," said Marc Wullschleger, who along with his brother, Kurt, has started to build what he thinks may be one of the only existing Coca-Cola collections.

Marc, 22, a former UNL student, said their collection includes about 600 bottles, many signs and advertisements, five electric Coke machines and five Coke ice boxes.

"I actually started the Coke part of our collection

about six years ago," said Kurt, 19, a UNL freshman. "Marc had been collecting railroad antiques for a couple of years and I just got interested in Coca-Cola."

The two brothers, who keep their antiques in an abandoned basement in their hometown, Beatrice, not only collect, but try to get deeply interested in the history behind them, Marc said. He added that Kurt is "the Coke expert."

"One of the reasons we stayed so interested in Coca-Cola items is that one of our neighbors had been owner and manager of the old Coca-Cola plant in Beatrice, now defunct. He helped us date much of our bottle collection, which dates straight back to 1900, and gave us a few items that really added to our collection," Marc said.

Another aid came from their finding an old Coca-Cola dump near Beatrice.

"We took three truck loads of signs and bottles out of that dump," Kurt laughed. "Anyone else would have called it garbage!"

Along with their search for Coke items the Wullschleger brothers have started a collection of off-brand bottles. They have bottles with brands such as Upper 10, Big Chief, plus special bottles like a Pepsi contained with a blue background behind the label instead of a clear background, Kurt said.

Marc and Kurt are considering holding a public showing of another collection—a collection of more than 100 signs. In the abandoned Beatrice basement, they have also built a General Store, which has a telephone, pickle barrel, adding machine, typewriter, antique items and old store advertisements.

The two also own a 1946 Chevrolet pickup, a 1946 Chevrolet panel truck, a Model T and a Model A Ford.



Marc Wullschleger . . . displays a collection of off-brand pop bottles.

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