

news digest

By The Associated Press

Weapons talks

Washington—Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance said Wednesday he is heading into nuclear weapons talks with the Soviet Union with no new proposals from either side after more than a month of intensive discussions.

"Nobody has moved from their positions at this point," Vance told a news conference. "But they are talking to each other."

His remarks held out little promise of an agreement when he meets in Geneva

on May 18 with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko. However, Vance said he did not want to predict "what will come out of those discussions." Almost laconically, Vance added, "It is always possible something constructive can come out of it."

Opposition dropped

Paris—The United States has agreed to drop its opposition to Vietnam's admission to the United Nations, delegations from both nations announced Wednesday. A statement was read to newsmen by Vietnam's Deputy Foreign Minister Phan Hien at the end of two days of talks with the U.S. delegation led by Asst. Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke. The announcement came after four hours of talks on the second day of the conference expected to lead to establishment of diplo-

matic relations between the two governments. Hien told newsmen the two nations had issued a joint communique but a State Department spokesman later said they had only agreed "in a general way" what they would make public about the talks. He did not, however, disagree with any part of the statement read by Hien.

Committee approval

Washington—The Senate Agriculture Committee Wednesday gave its final approval to a package of federal programs to provide price supports for farmers and food for the poor, exceeding President Carter's budget requests in two areas. The package, approved unanimously, has an estimated cost of between \$9.6 billion and \$12.6 billion, depending on the size of farm supports.

With the addition of \$500 million to \$600 million to some major-crop price-support programs for the current year, the committee's proposal also would have violated the Budget Act. But the panel at the last minute voted to have payments at those higher rates delayed until the new fiscal year.

Communion change

Chicago—U.S. Roman Catholic bishops are to consider changing a millenium-old practice by which the consecrated bread of holy communion is placed on the tongue of worshippers. If the change is approved, worshippers would have the

option of receiving the sacrament in their cupped hands.

This is "psychologically more adult since the communicant feeds himself," instead of its being done by the clergy, said a study document as the issue came before Wednesday's session of the semi-annual meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. They also went into a closed afternoon session, reportedly to consider repeal of a century-old decree excommunicating divorced remarried Catholics.

Stiffer penalties

The Legislature adopted an amendment Wednesday aimed at discouraging use of deadly weapons in crime, by providing stiffer penalties for those who use them. Lawmakers adopted an amendment to LB40, one of the bills revising the criminal statutes, after more than an hour of debate and consideration of a variety of proposals aimed at those who carry knives or guns in committing felonies.

As finally adopted, the amendment would mandate that someone who commits a felony while carrying a knife, gun or other deadly weapon would receive an additional sentence of three years. As originally offered by Blair Sen. Walter George, the proposal would have made a five-year sentence without time off for good behavior, automatically added to the original prison term. That was changed by Lincoln Sen. Wally Barnett, whose proposal provides the three years extra, but with time off for good behavior allowed.

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