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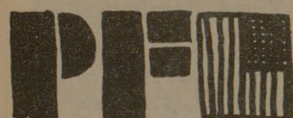


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Haiphong mining not ruled out by Melvin Laird

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird said Tuesday he would not rule out mining Haiphong harbor or establishing a naval blockade of North Vietnam to blunt the Communist invasion of the South.

Laird responded with a terse, "Yes," when asked by Sen. J. W. Fulbright if any thought was being given to these possibilities. Laird was testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee chaired by the Arkansas Democrat, a longtime critic of policy in Vietnam.

The Defense secretary said there are many contingency plans and noted that these two possibilities had been discussed by the previous administration. But when pressed by Fulbright if they were merely old contingency plans, Laird said: "I would not rule it out."

In a four-and-a-half-hour appearance before the committee, Laird said that "any area of North Vietnam, as long as the invasion continues, is subject to attack."

But he declined to state specifically whether the aerial bomb-

ing of the Hanoi-Haiphong was continuing.

"I am not going to target areas," he said, adding U. S. air power is being used in the North, in the South and in the demilitarized zone between the two Vietnams.

Prior to the committee, Laird told newsmen there was substance to reports that President Nixon has suspended bombing of North Vietnam heartland to see if Hanoi will pull off from its offensive in the south. The reports were attributed to official U. S. sources in Saigon who insist that this was the case.

At the White House, press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler asked by newsmen about reports of a bombing suspension and Laird's denial.

"I'd go along with the secretary of Defense and not a primary source in Saigon," Ziegler said.

The Secretary of State said President would take steps were necessary for reintroducing ground troops using nuclear weapons against the North Vietnamese.

Illegal profit charges made against biggest corporations

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the Price Commission said Tuesday as many as 8 to 10 per cent of the biggest U. S. corporations may be making illegal excess profits, thus risking punitive price rollbacks.

Chairman C. Jackson Grayson Jr. said consumers and the U. S. Treasury would be beneficiaries from refunds and punitive price reductions.

Grayson said also he may be forced to prescribe tight controls on food prices to prevent rising food prices from sabotaging the Nixon administration's war on inflation.

He told the congressional Joint Economic Committee the commission is considering decontrolling large sections of the economy altogether and concentrating its limited manpower on the largest price-leading firms.

Committee Chairman William Proxmire, D-Wis., disagreed with Grayson's optimistic projections that the Phase 2 system of wage and price controls is on target. "Not only has the program not slowed inflation so far," Proxmire said, "the public has no confidence that it ever will."

Calling the price-controls program a "pathetic failure" Proxmire said he was astonished at

Grayson's statement that only \$4,500 in total fines had been levied against price violators.

"This tells us there has been no enforcement of the law," Proxmire asserted.

Rep. Henry Reuss, D-Mich., said that 51 large corporations of 129 reporting showed profit margins and asked Grayson if the trend is similar to all big firms and what the mission is going to do about it.

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