

Nixon vows to withdraw 20,000 more troops by July 1

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 said, "but to get on with the constructive business of making peace."
 The first order of business, the chief executive continued, will be to get the enemy to halt his invasion of South Vietnam, and to return the American prisoners of war."
 He said he is flatly rejecting the proposal that the United States stop the bombing of North Vietnam as a condition for returning to the negotiating table. "They sold that package to the United States once before," the President said in reference to a

1968 agreement that led then President Lyndon B. Johnson to suspend bombing raids on North Vietnam. "We are not going to buy it again in 1972."
 In terms of numbers, the new withdrawal rate represents an apparent slowdown from the previous pullout pace. But Kissinger said it was in line with a schedule Nixon had decided upon last November.
 At the same time withdrawals from South Vietnam proceed, however, the United States is bolstering its military forces in other parts of Southeast Asia. There now are about 34,000 Amer-

icans in Thailand, home for a large segment of the U. S. air armada, and another 40,000 naval personnel off the coast.
 Several hours before Nixon's broadcast, military sources disclosed another 36 F4 fighter bombers were being sent to Southeast Asia, bringing to more than 200 the number of U. S. planes flown to the war zone since the offensive opened.
 Without direct mention of the raids on the Hanoi and Haiphong areas, Nixon said recent air and naval strikes on the North "have been directed only against military targets supporting the in-

vasion of the South.
 "They will not stop until that invasion stops."
 Nixon said the offensive has been resisted on the ground entirely by South Vietnamese forces.
 And, he said, while Abrams predicts there will be "several more weeks of very hard fighting . . . he is convinced that if we continue to provide . . . the enemy will fail . . ."
 He said his decisions were made after consultation with South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu, U.S. ambassador to Saigon Ellsworth Bunker, Paris negotiator Porter and "my senior

advisers in Washington."
 The President said "The great question then is how we, the American people, will respond to this final challenge."
 He added: "If one country, armed with the most modern weapons by other countries, can invade another nation and succeed in conquering it, other countries will be encouraged to do exactly the same thing . . ."
 In an almost emotional plea, the President continued:
 ". . . As we come to the end of this long and difficult struggle, we must be steadfast, we must not falter. For all that we

have risked and all that we have gained over the months now hangs in the balance during the coming weeks and months.
 "If we now let down our friends, we shall surely be letting down ourselves and our future as well. If we persist, history will thank America for her courage and her vision at this testing time."
 In urging Americans to unite "in a firm and wise policy of peace—not the peace of surrender but peace with honor—not only peace in our time, but peace for generations to come," Nixon said the respect of other nations and other peoples is essential if the United States is to lead the way in building a new structure of world peace and stability.

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 More than 11,000 persons from around the world are to attend the three-day conference starting Monday. Service companies and manufacturers from France, Canada, the Netherlands, Japan, Africa, Australia and South America will be among the record 530 exhibitors.
 The conference is a joint project of 11 international engineering and scientific societies with a combined membership of more than 400,000. In just four years, the attendance has jumped from 4,000 to more than 61,000.
 The attendance boom is in line with a world wide boom in offshore oil and gas explorations.
 Estimates of potential U.S. offshore reserves are indicative of the increased emphasis being placed on water explorations.
 The U.S. Geological Survey has estimated between 160 and 190 billion barrels of crude oil and from 820 to 1,110 trillion cubic feet of natural gas should be recovered from the U.S. Continental Shelf under current technology and economics.
 A crude oil potential study prepared by the National Petroleum Council is more conservative but still impressive.
 The council's study indicates about 60 billion barrels of recoverable crude oil in U.S. waters exclusive of the Gulf of Alaska and the offshore area adjacent to Alaska's North Slope region, where tremendous reserves discovered in 1968 still are without a market outlet.

While the council's estimate is significantly smaller than that made by the USGA, the indicated 60 billion barrels still is equivalent to nearly two-thirds of 97 billion barrels produced in the United States since 1859.
 The 60 billion barrels estimate also dwarfs current U.S. proved reserves of 38 billion barrels, including Alaska's nonproductive North Slope region.
 The domestic industry's 150-member potential gas committee has estimated U.S. offshore areas hold 238 trillion cubic feet of undiscovered natural gas. Again, Alaska's offshore areas were not included in the study.
 The 175 technical papers to be presented during the conference include a report by Cmdr. G. P. Vance, professor of engineering at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, on the behavior of oil spills in the Arctic. A study off the northern coast of Alaska produced data on the spreading behavior of oil on ice and water surfaces, the interaction of crude oil with ice and the effectiveness of burning and absorption as methods for removing oil from ice.
 J. L. Warner and J. W. Graham, professors of engineering at Nova Scotia Technical College, and R. G. Dean of the University of Florida will discuss the prediction of the movement of an oil spill on water.
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Two engineers aid in unpolluting Mississippi River

Two A&M engineers are helping solve the water pollution problems of industries located on the Mississippi River.
 Dr. R. R. Davison, professor of chemical engineering, and Dr. Cecil Hughes, chemical engineering research associate, were recently awarded a \$34,928 grant to develop new ways to remove pollutants from water.
 Two methods the team plans to develop are solvent extraction and ozonation.
 "The first uses an insoluble liquid such as oil to dissolve pollutants out of water," Dr. Davison said.
 "Ozonation uses ozone, a powerful chemical, to destroy the organic contaminants. It does not pollute the water because it quickly decomposes into oxygen," he continued.
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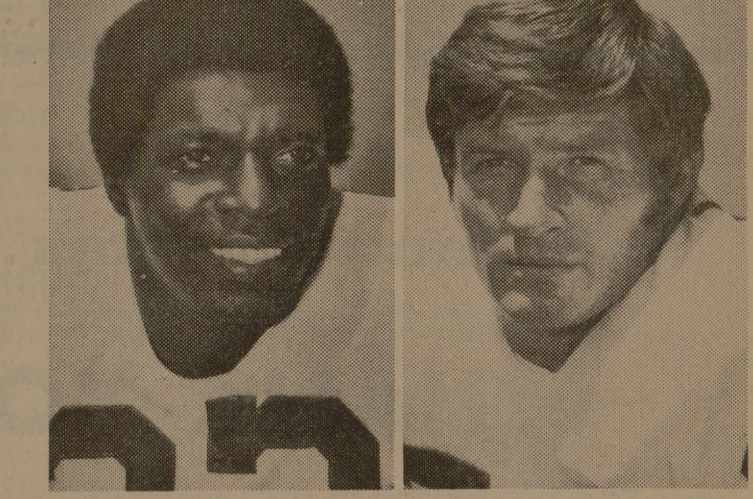
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