

Ford Blast Repudiated By McNamara



GERALD FORD ... his "mismanagement"

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Republican leader accused the administration Thursday of "shocking mismanagement" of the Viet Nam war and the nation's defense chief replied "It just isn't true."

Rep. Gerald R. Ford, the Republican House leader from Michigan, led off the exchange of news conference volleys when he said his party still supports President Johnson's basic policy in Viet Nam.

But Ford added "When I read of what is happening over there and how we are running short of bombs despite all the billions we have voted for defense, I wonder how long we can underwrite shocking mismanagement in the name of national unity."

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara lost no time in telling newsmen "I don't think there is any basis whatever" for such charges.

Of the bomb shortage assertion, McNamara said the United States has a worldwide inventory of 331,000 tons of bombs and production is rising so that by June it will match the current 50,000-ton-a-month rate at which the conventional explosives are being used in Viet Nam.

McNamara said the March total of 50,000 tons of bombs dropped was about three times the total unloaded on the enemy in any month of the Korean war.

And McNamara said the total of 23,500 sorties flown in March in support of U.S. ground troops was 25 per cent in excess of advance plans. He asserted that this rate of support sorties is three times that of World War II. A sortie is one flight by one aircraft.

Ford said "the backup of shipping in Saigon harbor is almost a national scandal."

To this McNamara replied that unloading of ships was a problem last year but now there is "just no shipping problem out there on military cargoes." He added he could not say about commercial and economic aid shipments.

Deputy Secretary of Defense Cyrus R. Vance, just back from

IRS Warns Objectors To Pay Taxes

N. Y. Times News Service WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service will, if necessary, seize cash and property owned by opponents of the war in Viet Nam who are refusing to pay their income taxes, Commissioner Sheldon S. Cohen said Thursday.

The service will take this action "in fairness to the many millions of taxpayers who do fulfill their obligations," he said in a statement in response to an advertisement urging non-payment of taxes in Thursday's Washington Post.

THE GOVERNMENT has been upheld in court on all occasions when individuals have refused to pay taxes because of disapproval with the uses to which their money was being put, revenue officials said.

One noted precedent was the case of Milton Mayer, the Quaker author, who in 1956 attempted unsuccessfully to refuse to pay one-half of his income tax, on the ground that the money was being used for purposes that violated his pacifist beliefs. The case was made on constitutional grounds under the First Amendment, which guarantees freedom of religion, but Mayer lost both in the District Court in the Northern District of California and in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

IRS and Justice Department officials could not remember a similar case that has reached the Supreme Court.

A group of Amish farmers in Pennsylvania lost a somewhat similar suit recently in the District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania when they attempted to refuse to pay Social Security taxes. Their property was seized in payment of the tax.

THE STANDARD IRS procedure in cases where taxpayers file returns but do not pay the tax that is due is to send a notice as soon as the non-payment is discovered. If the return is filed on or near the April 15 deadline, this could be as long as a month, although it is usually less than that, revenue officials said.

The initial notice gives the taxpayer 10 days to make arrangements with the IRS for a later payment. The latter is permitted in cases of unusual financial hardship.

If there is no response to the 10-day notice, the IRS generally sends a second notice. After another 10 days or so has elapsed, the service then moves to seize the assets of the delinquent. Under law, it may do this without specific authorization from any court.

Money Poses Party Problem

N. Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Democratic party officials are considering using funds from corporate advertising in a party-sponsored publication to assist Negro voting registration efforts in the South.

DISCUSSIONS about directing some of the \$600,000 profits from last winter's controversial magazine, "Toward an Age of Greatness," toward the enrollment of new Negro voters have been held between Democratic National Committee officials and representatives of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Southern Regional Council among other groups.

No decision has been made about turning over funds to their groups.

Disposition of the profits from the \$15,000-a-page ads some companies took in the Democratic-sponsored volume of praise for the 89th Congress has become an embarrassing problem for party officials.

Originally, the money was supposed to go to specially created "voter education committees" in the districts of Democratic congressmen who participated in the fund-raising venture. Charges that this was a scheme to evade the prohibition of corporate contributions to political campaigns led to the abandonment of that plan.

WIDESPREAD publicity over the original scheme reportedly angered President Johnson, who ordered committee officials to see that the money was used for nonpartisan purposes.

Negotiations were then opened with the American Heritage Foundation which for many years has conducted a nonpartisan publicity program aimed at encouraging registration and voting. After several weeks of intense negotiations, talks between Democratic officials and the foundation have been broken off.

Although Democratic National Committee officials deny that any final decision has been made, Democratic congressmen and labor political leaders who protested the reported deal with the American Heritage Foundation say they have received assurances it is off. Their protests were based on the assertion that the foundation was a business-oriented group, without effective machinery for enrolling voters in low-income Democratic areas.

Whether the current discussions about using the corporate advertising profits to register Negroes come to fruition is also problematical. Officials of the Southern Regional Council and the NAACP, jealous of the nonpartisan reputation of their established registration campaigns are reportedly insisting on strict safeguards against Democratic control of the use of the funds.

WHILE THRASHING with the problem of what to do with the advertising revenues, Democratic officials are still faced with serious budgetary problems for the 1968 campaign. The Democratic National Committee, which holds its first meeting in 15 months next Wednesday, will be told that the party still has a carryover debt of slightly more than \$2 million from the 1964 campaign. The debt, officials say, was reduced \$1 million during 1966 and another \$300,000 in the first three months of this year—largely by stringent economies in national committee operation which have drawn protests from Democratic candidates and state party officials.

Appeal Made By Ginzburg

WASHINGTON (AP) — Publisher Ralph Ginzburg made a last-ditch appeal to the Supreme Court Thursday to avoid serving a five-year federal prison sentence of obscenity.

Urging the court to reconsider his case, he argued that until the court on March 21 affirmed his conviction, neither its nine-year-old obscenity standard nor its rulings "gave the slightest warning" that the way a publication was advertised could establish the material as obscene.

In fact, Ginzburg said, the "adequate warning" of legal obscenity set in the 1957 Roth case, "has been diminished by a drawn-down of men and materiel from Europe to meet Viet Nam demands."

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