

Humphrey Agrees to Private Session

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Vice President Humphrey agreed yesterday to a compromise plan to meet with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in private, informal session.

For the past two weeks Humphrey has rejected Chairman J. William Fulbright's request that he meet with the Committee in a more formal public session.

Under the compromise plan, Humphrey will meet with the committee this afternoon on the neutral ground of Majority leader Mike Mansfield's Capitol office.

Fulbright's disagreement with another high Administra-

tion official—President Johnson—continued to simmer yesterday.

The President refused to make public the testimony he gave to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on May 25, 1961, after he returned from an Asian tour which he made as Vice President. On Monday Fulbright suggested that the President make the testimony public.

At a press conference yesterday, Presidential press secretary Bill Moyers said that Mr. Johnson had appeared before the 1961 committee meeting with the understanding

that it "would be informal and private." Moyers said that the President "doesn't regard it as appropriate to change the rules five years later" by making public his testimony.

In another development, Fulbright disclosed that the Committee would resume public hearings on U.S. Asian policy next Tuesday.

The new hearings will center on Communist China. The first witnesses will be two university experts on China—A. Doak Barnett of Columbia University on Tuesday and Harvard's John K. Fairbank on Thursday.