

# Nixon Takes Issue With Fulbright

NEW YORK, April 15 (AP) Richard M. Nixon, arriving home today from a 3½-week business trip to a number of Asian and European countries, said the United States should adopt a "harder and stronger" attitude toward Communist aggression in Asia.

The former Vice President, who made the statement to newsmen at Kennedy Airport, criticized Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Nixon, a Republican, said Fulbright recently called for a more "flexible, softer line" toward communism.

Nixon, who is frequently mentioned for the Republican presidential nomination this year but says he is not a candidate, told the newsmen he "will give some major recommendations with regard to United States foreign policy" in speeches to the New York Chamber of Commerce Thursday and the American Society

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of Newspaper Editors in Washington, Saturday.

Nixon, member of a New York City law firm, declined to make any statement on U.S. political affairs.

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# Nixon Calls Laos an Issue In Campaign

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TOYKO, April 13—Richard M. Nixon has served notice that he intends to make the Democratic Administration's handling of the Communist threat to Southeast Asia a major issue in the coming presidential campaign.

"Southeast Asia will be an issue to the extent that the present U.S. policy in South Viet-Nam succeeds or fails," the former Vice President said yesterday. "If the situation there continues to rock along as at present South Viet-Nam will, of course, be less of an issue than if the situation becomes acute.

"But in any event Southeast Asia is going to be an issue because of what's happened in the past—especially in Laos," Nixon said.

He said he hadn't met one chief of state during his 14-day tour of Asia who didn't agree that neutralization of Laos was "the greatest foreign policy mistake" the United States has made in the last five years.

If nothing had been said by the Kennedy Administration about defending Laos, Nixon said, "then Laos might not matter. But when the U.S. backed away from its pledge it convinced many Asian leaders that when the chips were down the Americans wouldn't fight."

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# Nixon Calls For Tougher Asia Policy

TOKYO, April 14 (UPI) Former Vice President Richard M. Nixon said today the United States should unleash South Vietnamese troops to extend that country's anti-Communist war to "the sources of the trouble, whether in North Viet-Nam or Laos."

Nixon, speaking to the American Japan Society and the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan, called for a tougher U.S. stand against Communist expansion in Asia.

He then took off for the United States, ending an eight-nation tour of the Far East that took him to South Viet-Nam, the Philippines, Formosa, Malaysia, Pakistan, Thailand, Hong Kong and Japan.

Throughout his swing, Nixon declined to discuss party politics. He said he is not a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination and has no intention of seeking it.

In effect, said Nixon, the Communists are arguing that they are the "wave of the future," and the West, to counter this must make it eminently clear that it is here to stay so long as help is needed.

Nixon said there are some politicians in the West who argue for softer policies—a change in the U.S. position on admission of Communist China to the United Nations, for example, or neutralization of Viet-Nam.

"At this time," Nixon said, "particularly in Southeast Asia, we could make no greater mistake than to turn that way. What we need is a stronger policy, not a weaker one, because the appeal of communism is less," and the Communists are therefore weaker.