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U.S. Has to Stay in Asia Long Time, Rusk Says

NEW YORK, May 15 (AP)—United States is committed to defend, "highly reminiscent" of South Vietnam in 1960-61, when the United States had about 2000 troops there.

The United States maintains a half-dozen large air bases in Thailand, along with tens of thousands of troops.

"If there were a mainland China that made it clear it would live at peace with its neighbors . . . the American people would be content to tend to their own problems and leave the rest of the world alone," Rusk said.

Time may be on our side, he said. "If the nations of free Asia slowly find their feet, learn to cooperate . . . and if China itself grows, like the Soviet Union, into a more moderate, less xenophobic power . . . perhaps we can have peace on our western frontier," he said.

But he added, "it takes optimism to scent that happy a future."

Wheeler was quoted as saying he finds the present situation in Thailand, which the