

Rusk Reports Gains From CENTO Talks

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ANKARA, Turkey, April 22
U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk expressed relative optimism on relations with Pakistan and Turkey and patience on Vietnam today. He was leaving Ankara after the two-day annual conference of Central Treaty Organization foreign ministers.

Rusk conferred last night and into the early hours of today with Pakistani Foreign Minister Z. A. Bhutto. "I think we made some progress, achieving better understanding of some of the points on which we have had minor differences," Rusk told newsmen at the airport.

He said the talks included the touchy question of Pakistan's increasingly close ties with Communist China. Bhutto said CENTO "must weather all storms," and that the Ankara session "has increased further our understanding and appreciation of international—and our own—problems."

On Turkey, Rusk said he had reached "complete agreement" with Premier Suleiman Demirel on the subject of U.S. troops stationed here, and that negotiations on the revision of agreements covering them would begin soon, possibly within the next two days.

The problem is of particular concern to Demirel's Justice Party, which is anxious to shed the pro-American label its opponents have tagged it

with.

There are about 25,000 American servicemen and dependents in Turkey, most of them in NATO installations. They are under status-of-forces agreements which in some cases seem tougher than comparable agreements with other NATO powers.

The Turks have complained that their officers have little or no entry into or control over American facilities, despite nominal joint command.

On the Cyprus problem, Demirel said the Turkish view is that Athens and Nicosia are trying to freeze the present situation in order to suppress the Turkish Cypriots. Rusk expressed support for Turkish-Greek talks. British Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart said he did not believe British mediation was needed to find a solution to the Cyprus problem, and added that what the sides concerned should do is to refrain from extremist actions.

(In Nicosia, Cyprus Foreign Minister Spyros Kyprianou protested over references to Cyprus in the final CENTO communique, saying CENTO was not a competent body to comment on Cyprus problems.)