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7 of 10 U.S. Cabinet Members Will Be in Honolulu Tomorrow

Admiral Harry D. Felt's quarters for distinguished guests at Makalapa are getting as crowded as a Waikiki hotel.

By tomorrow afternoon, seven of President Kennedy's 19 Cabinet members will be in the Islands.

Because Makalapa is "oversubscribed," two of the Cabinet members—Orville L. Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture, and Stewart D. Udall, Secretary of the Interior—will be shunted to Hickam Air Force Base.

Freeman, Udall, William W. Witt, secretary of La-

bor, C. Douglas Dillon, Secretary of the Treasury, and Luther H. Hodges, Secretary of Commerce, are flying nonstop from Washington in a C-130. They are due here at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow.

They will fly nonstop at 8:30 a.m. Friday to Tokyo for the annual U.S.-Japan Economic Conference.

Two other Cabinet members are here already for a "little summit" conference on South Vietnam.

They are Dean Rusk, Secretary of State, and Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense. They are staying at

Makalapa. Rusk also will attend the Tokyo talks, but McNamara will not.

The only Cabinet members left to land here in Washington are the President's brother, Attorney General Robert Kennedy, and the Postmaster General and the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

"Because of the lack of space at Makalapa, we are housing two of the Cabinet members at Hickam," said a member of Felt's staff.

"Naturally we try to give them space according to their status."



Rusk looks serious as he answers reporters' questions at Hickam.

Vietnam 'Summit' Conference Opens

America's military and diplomatic leaders met in Hawaii today to plot war and peace in South Vietnam.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk said the all-day meeting will cover all aspects of the situation in South Vietnam, militarily, politically and economically.

He said there was a need to take a fresh look at the whole Vietnamese picture since the overthrow of the Diem government on November 1 and there won't be any aspects we won't touch upon.

Rusk added that the meeting will discuss ways to bring this war to a conclusion as quickly as possible.

Rusk arrived at Hickam Air Force Base this morning from Washington.

NOT BORNE OUT

He quickly joined Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara and General Maxwell D. Taylor, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, at the Camp H. M. Smith headquarters of Admiral Harry D. Felt, Pacific commander-in-chief.

Also attending the sessions were General Paul D. Harkins, chief U.S. military adviser in South Vietnam, and Henry Cabot Lodge, U.S. ambassador in Saigon.

Their meeting—tagged the "palm tree summit" on the Mainland—may last until after dinner tonight.

Officials have not disclosed whether a statement will be issued at the end of the meeting.

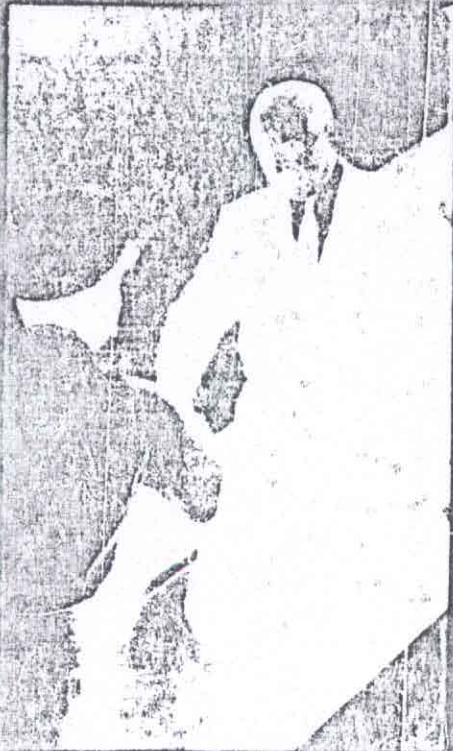
Overly optimistic head-

lines this morning on withdrawal of Americans from Vietnam were not borne out by McNamara's remarks on the question.

He merely said that small numbers of American military personnel in South

Vietnam would be able to return by end of the year, a statement made earlier by officials in Saigon and Washington.

"I expect that the return of certain of the United



Admiral Harry D. Felt greets Secretary of State Dean Rusk on his arrival.—Star-Bulletin Photos.

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