

SENATE BARS PAY FOR SOME FORCES IN CAMBODIA, LAOS

An Amendment by Fulbright
on Foreign 'Volunteers'
Passed Unanimously

HOUSE MUST ACQUIESCE

Operations Along Borders
of South Vietnam Are
Exempted From Ban

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 21—The Senate took another step today to limit American involvement in Indochina by voting to prohibit the use of American funds to pay contingents of foreign troops fighting in support of Cambodia and Laos.

If it survives a Senate-House conference, the amendment will prevent, for example, the use of American funds to pay the bills of the 5,000-man "volunteer" force Thailand has been considering sending to help the Lon Nol Government in Cambodia.

The amendment was adopted swiftly, with such unlikely allies as Barry Goldwater and J. W. Fulbright joining in a unanimous voice vote.

Would Not Affect Sanctuaries

The measure, which was offered by Mr. Fulbright as an amendment to the military procurement bill, specifically would not affect any operations in border areas abutting South Vietnam. Nor would it prevent foreign countries, without United States assistance, from sending troops to aid either Laos or Cambodia.

It would, however, bar the use of funds to support a South Vietnamese incursion into southern Laos—a proposal that has been frequently put forward by the South Vietnamese general staff in Saigon.

The object of the amendment, Mr. Fulbright explained in the debate before the vote, is "to prevent the South Vietnamese or the Thais, with our money, from going in there [Cambodia] and building a full-fledged partnership with the Government of Cambodia and drawing us in."

Agreement by Goldwater

Senator Goldwater agreed, adding this explanation: "If the Thai Government, for example, wants to attack anybody on their own, that's their business. They just would not be able to use our money to do it."

Earlier, Mr. Fulbright cautioned that the arms agreement concluded Wednesday with the Cambodian Government constituted, in his view, "a very substantial step toward a commitment to the Lon Nol Government."

The Senator gave this appraisal after the Foreign Relations Committee, of which he is chairman, had heard more than an hour of private testimony on the agreement from Marshall Green, the Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian Affairs.

Mr. Green told the committee that the new agreement, involving \$40-million in small arms and equipment, did not consti-

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tute a commitment to defend the five-month-old regime of General Lon Nol.

Another member of the committee, Senator Frank D. Church, Democrat of Idaho, disagreed. He said after the session that implicit in an enlarged program of aid "is the danger that it could lead to the assumption of such a commitment."

Mr. Church said it was clear to him that "the dimensions of American involvement are growing."

The concern of the committee, he said, is that "any escalation of our involvement in Cambodia will lead to a commitment to preserve the Government of Lon Nol."

Senator Fulbright said that Mr. Green had declined to specify the amount of military aid involved, pending formal notification of Congress. But that he

had not denied published reports of about \$40-million.

Mr. Green told the committee that the funds are to be taken out of the \$350-million available for the current fiscal year and would be granted under the President's authority to revise military aid to various countries. No Congressional approval will be required.

Meanwhile, a State Department spokesman held open the possibility that American military advisers operating with South Vietnamese forces might engage in "protective reaction" missions in Laos.

The spokesman, Robert J. McCloskey, said that "under the inherent right of self-defense, allied forces may engage in protective reaction missions which might at times involve American equipment and advisers."

He insisted, however, that the United States has no ground forces stationed in Laos.

Seoul to Seek Assurances

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SEOUL, South Korea, Aug. 21—Vice President Agnew will be pressed for assurances in connection with United States plans to withdraw troops from South Korea when he arrives Monday.

His 48-hour visit here, the first of a four-nation Asian tour, will include a two-hour meeting with President Chung Hee Park on Tuesday. According to a tentative itinerary, he also will see Mr. Park on three other occasions before leaving for Taipei Wednesday.