

## Senators Against Longer Bombing

### Washington

President Nixon would face defeat in the Senate if he asked Congress to let him continue bombing in Indochina beyond the August 15 cutoff date, senators returning from the holiday recess said yesterday.

"I don't think Congress would extend it," said Senator Milton R. Young (Rep-N.D.). "I think Congress wants that war ended."

"I doubt the Senate would extend it," said Norris H. Cotton (Rep-N.H.). "I have a feeling even the Senate has gone as far as it could."

### MAJORITY

"Under no circumstances," said Senate majority leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.). "I do not believe the Senate would go along," said Democratic whip Robert C. Byrd (Dem-W. Va.).

"I would say that right now, should he ask this week, he'd probably be refused," said Senator John Tower (Rep-Texas). "But the climate would improve to the extent there would be some chance of getting an extension in early August — I still think it would be marginal, though."

"As of the moment, I don't think" the Senate would vote to extend, said Appropriations Committee Chairman John L. McClellan (Dem-

Ark.). "There would have to be some development to warrant it — the situation would have to change to be different from what it was before, and I don't foresee any such development."

### SHREWD

These estimates, from some of the shrewdest vote-counters in the Senate, mirror the climate of feeling now existing in the upper house.

Just before the recess, both chambers of Congress for the first time voted for an immediate cutoff of all U.S. combat activities in Indochina, but under threat of a Presidential veto agreed to a compromise postponing the cutoff until August 15.

The President, in his turn, promised through House-GOP leader Gerald R. Ford (Rep-Mich.) to come back to Congress for permission should he wish to continue bombing Cambodia past August 15.

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