

Senate Hearings Vowed on Report

Washington

Senate Majority leader Mike Mansfield said yesterday the Senate definitely will hold hearings on a secret Pentagon study of past United States policy in the Vietnam war.

The Montana Democrat spoke after a federal judge in New York ordered the New York Times to halt, at least until 1 p.m. Saturday, its publication of a series of articles on the report.

Mansfield told reporters the court's final decision must stand but "regardless of what the decision of the court is, hearings will be held."

DELIGHTED

He had said earlier he was delighted at publication of the articles. Mansfield said the full story of U.S. involvement in Vietnam should be put "before the Congress and the people in as comprehensive a manner as possible" in open hearings.

Mansfield said the Senate Foreign Relations Committee or the Armed Services Committee may conduct the hearings. If they don't, he said his subcommittee on Far Eastern affairs will.

Senator Gaylord Nelson (Dem-Wis.), said the documents about war planning during the administration of President Johnson, while embarrassing to the nation's military and political leaders, do not contain any information endangering national security.

Mr. Johnson, former Secretary of State Dean Rusk and former Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara all declined to comment on the Times' disclosures.

Freberg's Anti-War Ads

Hollywood

Sound: Machine guns and shellfire.

Man: And over here we have the 1971 Vietnam war toy.

Guy: Is that the same war that's on TV every night?

Man: Right. How does it work? You just wind it down. Watch.

Thus starts one of the three radio scripts written, directed and produced by satirist-adman Stan Freberg in support of the Hatfield-McGovern amendment to set a date for United States withdrawal from Vietnam.

The one-minute "commercials," an abrupt departure from Freberg's usual comedy, have been playing for about 10 days on 125 radio stations in 25 states.

The plugs end with Freberg urging listeners to telephone their senators and congressmen. "Irresponsible demonstrations will not move them, but you may."

Freberg, 44, agreed to do the spot without fee. He was asked to do it at the request of Senator Mark O. Hatfield

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REASON

The White House said Tuesday the Justice Department took court action "because it is required by law."

Press secretary Ronald Ziegler said the President was informed of Mitchell's decision to make the move "and accepted his judgment."

Asked if the administration knew how the documents were obtained, Ziegler said "We do not."

Talking with reporters, Ziegler said there is no question that the report involved

is factual. But he said 20 to 30 individuals were requested by McNamara to put together an assessment of the Vietnam situation, and perhaps if that had been an interdepartmental study it might have "come out with different conclusions."

Secretary of State William P. Rogers told a news conference publication of the documents will cause trouble in U.S. foreign relations.

"It's going to cause a great deal of difficulty with foreign governments," he said. Rogers said there already have been complaints from other governments.

"If governments cannot deal with us with any degree of confidentiality, it's a very serious matter," Rogers said.

Rogers acknowledged "there is still a view in large segments of the American public that the government somehow isn't coming clean" about the war in Vietnam. But he said this administration is.

VIOLATION

Rogers said the American people are "entitled to know a great deal" about policy-making. But he said there are laws about the disclosure of classified government documents and "clearly they've been violated."

Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania said the subject came up briefly at a White House meeting of Republican congressional leaders.

"The general feeling at the White House is that this is an intraparty dispute," Scott said.

"Of course these revelations will not be harmful to this administration," he said.

Representative John E. Moss (Dem-Calif.), who helped get a freedom-of-information law enacted a few years ago, said the government's move against the Times amounted to attempted censorship.

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