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Paris Police Ban Conference
Of U.S. 'Exiles for Amnesty'

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PARIS, Feb. 18 — The Paris police have banned a conference of a group called Exiles for Amnesty scheduled here Tuesday and Wednesday by American war resisters. 21 FEB

The police said that the meeting, which would have brought together United States-based antiwar groups and deserters and draft-evaders living in Europe, was potentially "disruptive to public order" coming so soon before the 12-nation conference on Vietnam, which starts here Feb. 26.

Michael Uhl, a 28-year-old Vietnam veteran who works for Safe Return, a New York group advocating total amnesty, said the conference organizers would bow to the police order and go home. About 20 of the expected 80 participants had arrived in Paris.

Mr. Uhl said that "we would have been out of town well before" the Vietnam conference began.

He attributed the police move to "an extraordinary degree of pressure" he believed American officials had put on the French Government.