

Senator J. William Fulbright took note of today's news from Peking while Secretary Laird was before the Foreign Relations Committee this afternoon. Fulbright said,

[Fulbright] "I was just handed a note .. that the Chinese have cancelled the talks in Warsaw set for Wednesday. For whatever it's worth, they allege Cambodia's the reason. I think you may have misjudged not only the reaction of the people of this country but also the reaction of the Chinese and the Russians, and I think if you have, this is an extremely serious matter."

Fulbright also said the U.S. venture into Cambodia has created a great obstacle to success of the SALT talks* with Russia.

*see 2 May 70, this file