

# Ky and Senators Dine and Agree

## Washington

The Senate got out its best China yesterday and ate icebox cookies with Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky of South Vietnam. It was like a reunion of old war buddies.

Ky, who has attacked Senate critics of the Vietnam war, and 17 Senators, many of whom have attacked him as a dictator, met privately for an hour in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Things were so polite that Ky found himself agreeing with chairman J. William Fulbright (Dem-Ark.) and Fulbright said he found Ky "very pleasant."

## SHROUD

As is the custom for all visiting foreign dignitaries, a white linen tablecloth was drawn over the green felt table in the committee room which has become the central arena for criticism of the war and of the government which Ky represents. And a

similar shroud was drawn over all bitterness and discontent.

Only three members were present to greet Ky when he arrived, respectably late by eight minutes and under heavy guard. For several anxious minutes, it looked as if it would turn into a classic snub but members were pulled in from the floor and the empty table — with 40 place settings — gradually filled up.

## TALK

As Senators dozed, Ky talked for about 40 minutes and then those attending each asked him one question.

Fulbright said people in Asia "had been very mistreated by Western countries" beginning with the Opium Wars of the last century and he said "the most beneficial thing to Vietnam would be the removal of all foreigners at the earliest possible date."

"Mr. Ky said he couldn't agree with me more," Ful-

bright told newsmen afterwards.

"They were very friendly to me," said Ky. "Even Senator Fulbright didn't really give me a hard time."

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