

Diplomatic Effort for Viet Truce

Washington

Conceding that U.S. policy in Indochina has failed, assistant Secretary of State Robert McClosky disclosed yesterday the United States has intensified diplomatic efforts to obtain a cease-fire and a "controlled outcome" of the war in Vietnam.

McClosky did not deny that those diplomatic efforts involve China and the Soviet Union.

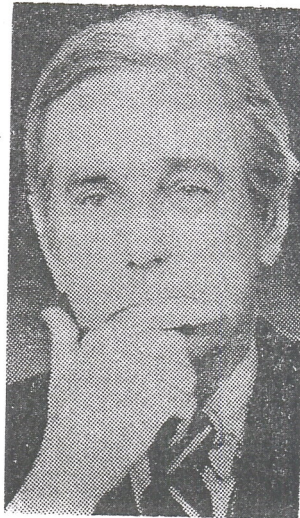
"I think you have to expect," he said, "that the United States has been involved in a series of exploratory efforts that have somewhat intensified in recent days, through a variety of channels."

He said these efforts have been made "in the hopes that a cease-fire could be brought to bear

McClosky, in an interview on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press," was asked why the United States did not seek help from China or the Soviet Union in obtaining a settlement in South Vietnam.

"I haven't said that we didn't," he replied. But then he refused to say positively that such help had been sought.

Asked whether the failure of U.S. efforts to defend



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ROBERT McCLOSKEY
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Cambodia and South Vietnam against a Communist takeover would damage U.S. relations with other nations. McClosky replied:

"I think that it is safe to say that as far as Indochina is concerned, Vietnam specifically, the policy that has been pursued for some years and by this administration has failed, failed for a variety of reasons.

"But I do think, and the secretary (Secretary of State Henry Kissinger) has attempted to say several times now, that we can manage these problems, that we have not suffered permanent setbacks in all of those other areas despite the denouement in Vietnam that we are witnessing."

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