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Marcos Sees

**No External
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Danger**

Manila

President Ferdinand Marcos said yesterday he sees no "external danger" at present to Southeast Asian states lying outside the Asia mainland, and is confident the Indochina war will not reach the Philippines.

He said "massive hostile infiltrations" are the main threats facing Southeast Asia today.

Addressing a labor congress here, Marcos also said he did not believe the forthcoming renegotiation of Philippine military and economic treaties with the United States would bring about "critical changes" in Philippine planning.

He added that as "old partners," America and the Philippines could reach a mutually satisfactory agreement in their bilateral talks. "I do not believe there will be any dislocation," he said.

To be re-negotiated are the military bases, mutual defense and military assistance treaties as well as a new trade agreement.

Marcos has eased his position from two weeks ago when he said agreements between the Philippines and the United States must be urgently updated for "reasons of survival."

He said then the Philippines will seek closer ties with the Socialist states as "the only way to insure our security . . . and survival."

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