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The World Condemns Or Supports

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President Nixon's tough new measures against North Vietnam were criticized or supported throughout the world yesterday.

Support for the President came from the governments of Britain, Australia and New Zealand, and from Nationalist Chinese officials in Taipei.

Britain's Foreign Office said the Vietnam moves offered the chance of ending the fighting within a very short time under international supervision. Countermeasures by the United States against intensification of the war by North Vietnam were inevitable, a spokesman said.

SUPPORT

New Zealand Prime Minister John Marshall said President Nixon's bold plan to end the war had Zealand's understanding and support.

In Canberra, Australian Prime Minister William McMahon told the House of Representatives his government understood and supported the decisions which Mr. Nixon had felt compelled to take.

Three Scandinavian governments, already highly critical of the American role in Vietnam, deplored Mr. Nixon's decision to mine North Vietnamese ports.

SWEDEN

Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme said he feared that such an extension could lead to the brink of a third world war.

He dismissed the proposition that vital American security interests could be at stake. "The security of the United States is not threatened by the attempt by a small nation to rid itself of its imperial past," Palme said.

The Danish government issued a statement saying that Mr. Nixon has confronted the Soviet Union and North Vietnam with a number of demands which could lead to a considerable extension of the war and affect not only Vietnam, but also result in a serious blow to attempts to ease tension between East and West.

NORWAY

The Norwegian government expressed "deep anxiety" over the serious U.S. intensification of the war.

Communist radios in Eastern Europe were unanimous in condemning the moves.

The Vatican newspaper 'Osservatore Romano' said further intensification of the conflict could lead to "terrifying chain reactions."

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