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Senator James Buckley (Rep-N.Y.) urged President Ford yesterday to "order immediate punitive air and naval attacks on appropriate targets in Cambodia" in retaliation for the capture of an unarmed American merchant ship.

Several other senators counseled moderation, however.

Calling for swift counter-

action, Buckley said, "In no other way can we underscore the fact that we will no longer tolerate acts of international banditry.

"In no other way can we guarantee the future safety of American vessels in international waters," the New York conservative warned.

Senator John Sparkman, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the United States should attempt to retrieve

the captured container ship *Mayaguez* "any way we can," including by force.

"If a person shoots at you, you've got a right to shoot back," Sparkman said.

Senator James Allen (Dem-Ala.) said on the Senate floor the seizure was "an outrage which we can't let go unchallenged."

"I don't favor precipitate action," Allen said, "but it's a question of national honor. We should take whatever

React to Ship Seizure

means are necessary to recover the ship and its crew. If force is necessary, then force must be used."

Representative Dante Fascell (Dem-Fla.), chairman of a House subcommittee on military affairs, said, "Clearly, the United States cannot tolerate seizure of its vessels on the high seas. . . . Although we cannot rule out the possible use of force, we must first attempt to resolve this by peaceful means."

Mr. Ford told the State Department to warn the Cambodians that failure to return the ship immediately "will have the most serious consequences."

Senator Jacob Javits (Rep-N.Y.), said that under the War Powers Act "the President would have the right to act."

However, Javits said the seizure might be an ill-considered move by the new Khmer Rouge government

of Cambodia.

"I believe a little patience is deserved, rather than cause a new incident or attack," he said.

Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott said leadership rests with the President in the situation. "I don't believe it is very wise for members of Congress to start playing foreign policy in an act of piracy."

Scott called the seizure "a terribly serious thing."

Senator Hubert Humphrey (Dem-Minn.) said, "We should stop, look and listen. Use reason first."

Senator Stuart Symington (Dem-Mo.) echoed Humphrey: "We ought to go more carefully. I'd like to get more facts."

Senator Charles Percy (Rep-Ill.) said, "I don't have enough facts to determine what our response should be."

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