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Sen. Sparkman Supports New U.S.-Cuba Policy

Washington,

Senator John Sparkman (Dem-Ala.), a senior member of the Foreign Relations Committee, said yesterday it would be appropriate to explore re-establishing diplomatic relations with Cuba.

He said in an interview on Alabama radio and television stations: "I think it would be a good thing if there could be normal relations between our country and Cuba, but whether or not we ought to do it now or wait depends upon the progress that will be made in diplomatic conversations."

The Senator, who usually takes a conservative position on foreign policy matters, is the third supporter of administration foreign policies to call for a re-examination of American policies toward Cuba.

Senator Gale McGee (Dem-Wyo.), chairman of the Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs, and assistant Democratic leader Robert Byrd of West Virginia also called recently for a re-examination of U.S.-Cuban relations.

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