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# McGovern Predicts Exit of Kissinger

Sen. George McGovern (D-S.D.) predicted yesterday that presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger either will be fired from that post or will resign "in a very short time."

The defeated Democratic candidate for President acknowledged that his forecast about Kissinger's fate was based on his own observation and judgment, rather than on "private information."

Speaking of Kissinger, McGovern said during a televised interview on the NBC "Today" show, "I think there's developing a fundamental conflict between his (Kissinger's) view of the war and Mr. Nixon's view of the war."

McGovern said that from reading the press and watching Kissinger on television, he is convinced that Kissinger "is being forced to do things" and "to say things on television... that he didn't really believe."

When Kissinger said on Oct. 26 "that peace was near and that it was just a matter of a few details," said McGovern, "I think he was ordered to do that by Mr. Nixon." But at that time, McGovern said, his own belief is that "there were major objections raised by Mr. Nixon which explain why

we're willing to use B-52 bombers at the present time."

White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler last Wednesday denied recurring reports of a rift between the President and Kissinger. Ziegler said the two men have "a unity of point of view."

McGovern, a bomber pilot during World War II, said the B-52s being used against North Vietnam "are sitting ducks for surface-to-air missiles."

"We've lost 11 \$8-million-bombers in the last 11 days," McGovern said. If bombing continues at that rate, he said, "the entire Indochina bombing fleet of some 100 bombers will be wiped out in about three months' time. I would say this as a former bomber pilot: there's no target in all of North Vietnam that's worth the enormous price we're paying, laying aside the moral problem of this war."

This is "the most murderous aerial bombardment in the history of the world," said McGovern, "a policy of mass murder that's being carried on in the name of the American people. And I hope the people of this country will rise up against it."

A questioner asked, "Didn't

the American people repudiate the policy you advocated and support President Nixon's policy?" McGovern replied, "Yes... they appeared to do that."

But he said that the Nixon administration "led them to believe that we could have it both ways: that we could somehow end the war and that we could get out on terms that would make certain that Gen. Thieu (South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu) stayed in power. I don't think that's possible..."

Administration officials continued yesterday to refuse to discuss the substance of U.S. strategy.

Pentagon spokesman Jerry W. Friedheim said that the United States is losing planes in the new bombings of North Vietnam at a rate of between 2 and 3 per cent of the attacking force.

"The loss rate" to surface-to-air missiles is not materially different from what it was in the early months" of April and May, said Friedheim. "The big difference," he said, "is that there are more B-52s involved" and "we're striking throughout North Vietnam, including the Hanoi-Haiphong area."



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 George McGovern: Kissinger "is being forced to do things... say things... that he didn't really believe."