



THE YOUNG RASCALS, rock singing group scheduled to appear in Sunday night's Greek Week Concert. The Rascals will take the Rec Hall stage with Rich Little, comedian, who will be replacing the ill Godfrey Cambridge. Story on Page 1.

Commission Expects Explosive Summer Cities Still Rumbling

WASHINGTON (AP) — The President's Commission on Civil Disorders has found that many cities including those hit hardest by violence last summer, have done little to ease tension, and commission members doubt much can be done to prevent another summer of rioting.

A source close to the commission said yesterday that in many riot-torn communities visited by commission members the only change they found was even greater bitterness and hostility. The same pessimistic view was expressed Monday by President Johnson.

"I don't think you can avert a bad summer. We'll have a bad summer. We'll have several bad summers," the President told a student group at the White House.

Sen. Fred R. Harris (D-Okla.) a member of the commission, said in a recent interview, "I would say the conditions in these urban ghettos where riots have occurred in the past, and especially last summer, are not getting any better."

A dissenting view has been voiced by the only woman on the 11-member commission. Katherine Graham Peden, former commissioner of commerce in Kentucky, said in an interview, "I have a feeling that the tone of the nation is one of a little more tranquility. I don't believe that we're going to be sitting on a powder keg that we saw in so many of our major cities last summer."

But a commission investigator who visited Detroit, where 41 persons died in a week of rioting last July, said he found little improvement.

He cited efforts of private in-

dustry to provide more jobs for poor Negroes as one hopeful sign in Detroit.

"But the bitterness is still there and the government is showing nothing," he said.

The Detroit riot caught many people by surprise, the investigator said, because the city was viewed as having an administration responsive to the poor and because a great deal of federal money had been spent on programs aimed at improving slum conditions.

"But despite this we found that conditions were bad," he said. "The ghetto schools and police-citizen relations were at their worst."

The commission was appointed by the President last July 29, while rioters still roamed the streets of Detroit. Members are working in secret to complete their report, scheduled to go to the President March 1. The report will dissect the major riots of last summer, evaluate federal programs aimed at helping the urban

poor, and recommend preventive action.

Many questions still are being debated and it is not yet certain whether there will be a minority report.

Sources close to the commission say it is unlikely any effort will be made to recommend expenditure of an over-all sum to fight urban poverty and unrest. There are expected to be recommendations for specific expenditures in various areas such as housing, education and law enforcement.

Many federal programs will be praised; others will be conspicuous in their absence. It also has been learned that the commission is considering a recommendation that a federal riot control force be created to help quell major disorders.

This is a reflection of the commission's dissatisfaction with the National Guard's efforts last summer.

Army and National Guard officials say they have made extensive preparations for deal-

ing more swiftly with disorders. The Army has stockpiled special equipment in half a dozen depots around the country and has developed plans for air delivery to trouble spots.

Special riot control training courses have been held at Ft. Gordon, Ga., for Army, National Guard and police officers. And detailed riot training plans, based upon lessons learned last summer, have been given to National Guard units.

Maj. Gen. Winston P. Wilson, chief of the National Guard Bureau and the deputy chief, Maj. Gen. Francis Greenleaf, will tour 40 states this spring to review state and local preparations.

"I personally feel assured the planning is adequate," Greenleaf said.

An example of the type planning being done is the 150-page "Model Civil Disturbance Control Plan" prepared by Los Angeles police at the request of the President's commission.

Hanoi Stands Firm in Rejection Of Johnson's Peace Terms

LONDON (AP) — Hanoi's top diplomat in Europe told U.N. Secretary-General U. Thant in Paris that North Vietnam is standing firm in rejecting President Johnson's terms for peace talks, British sources said last night.

Word of this development reached the British government from Paris where Thant met Wednesday with Mai Van Bo, head of North Vietnam's delegation in France.

Thant flew back to his New York headquarters after a swing through New Delhi, Moscow, London and Paris where he has been nursing his quest for a Vietnam peace conference.

Bo relayed to Thant the Hanoi government's message—which replied to questionnaire submitted last week by the secretary-general through a North Vietnamese diplomat in New Delhi.

The substance of the reply, reported by the sources, was: Peace talks with the Americans will begin "at an appropriate time" after the United States unconditionally stops bombing North Vietnam.

This response hardly sur-

prised the British. But it seems to have left Prime Minister Harold Wilson as convinced as ever that "only a very narrow gap" separates Washington and Hanoi from meeting around a peace table.

Wilson reaffirmed this view last night to Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Smirnovsky. He also gave the envoy a general outline of his talks with President Johnson in Washington last week.

This was in line with a general agreement with Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin to keep in close touch over all aspects of the war situation.

According to aides Wilson sees "only a very narrow gap" between Washington and Hanoi because:

• Johnson proclaimed his readiness at San Antonio, Tex., last September and several times since to order an American bombing halt in North Vietnam.

The President has stipulated three provisions which, Wilson argues, Hanoi can meet easily if it wishes. Peace talks must follow the standstill promptly. They must be productive or meaningful, in other words leading to peace. Hanoi should

undertake, informally if necessary, not to beef up its power in South Vietnam.

• President Ho Chi Minh through spokesmen has proclaimed Hanoi will go to the peace table after the Americans quit their bombing. But he is regarding Johnson's three provisions as conditions which are unacceptable even though

they can be met easily. For example: the North Vietnamese have said peace talks will be held between two and four weeks after a bombing halt. This seems likely to meet Johnson's first requirement.

Not all of the prime minister's advisers share his view that these are readily soluble problems.

An Attempt To Mediate

Swiss Send Envoy to Hanoi

BERN, Switzerland (AP) — Switzerland, acting on its own initiative, has dispatched a diplomat to Hanoi in an attempt to mediate in the Vietnam war, reliable sources said yesterday.

They identified him as Oscar Rossetti, the Swiss ambassador to Peking, and said he was instructed to tell North Vietnam that Switzerland is ready and willing to lend its good offices to mediation.

The new attempt was made despite U.N. Secretary-General U. Thant's apparent lack of progress in a peace mission that took him to India, the Soviet Union, London and Paris.

After meeting with a North Vietnamese diplomat in Paris Wednesday, Thant was convinced that the positions of the United States and North Vietnam were too far apart to hope for any early peace conference.

British sources said Mai Van Bo, head of Hanoi's delegation in Paris, told Thant

that North Vietnam was standing firm in rejecting President Johnson's terms and that talks would begin "at an appropriate time" after the United States unconditionally stops bombing North Vietnam.

Swiss sources said that Rossetti's trip to Hanoi was entirely on Swiss initiative and that he carried no message from U.S. authorities. Diplomatic sources stressed that a Swiss mediation attempt in Vietnam would parallel the successful mediation by the Swiss that ended the French-Algerian conflict.

The role played by Switzerland in the French war against the Algerian revolutionaries was to mediate rather than to act as a messenger between the two sides.

Official Swiss spokesmen said Rossetti was authorized to go to Hanoi to try and open the door to medical and humanitarian aid from the Swiss and the International Red Cross. The spokesmen declined comment on any other aspects of the trip.

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