

Ford urged to change strategy

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Robert Griffin, R-Mich., said yesterday President Ford was urged at a White House campaign strategy meeting to dismiss Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in an effort to defuse criticism of administration foreign policy.

Griffin said the suggestion designed to blunt Ronald Reagan's political attacks was made directly to Ford by one participant at a meeting of GOP congressional leaders Wednesday but added that "it got no reaction."

Griffin told a news conference he is urging Ford to actively seek the votes of Democratic supporters of

Gov. George Wallace of Alabama in the upcoming May 18 Michigan GOP primary in which crossover voting is permitted.

The assistant GOP Senate leader, one of Ford's closest allies in Congress, criticized Reagan for "helping the Democrats by putting the blame on Ford when he should put the blame on the Democratic Congress."

"Reagan has helped the Democrats by making it harder for any Republican to win in November," he charged.

At the same time he advised Ford to "be more positive and less defensive" in his campaign against the Reagan challenge.

Griffin, who described Ford as "concerned" over his loss to Reagan in Indiana, said there "were those — I should say there was one — at the meeting who suggested that Secretary of State Kissinger ought to go."

But Griffin said, "I don't think the President should ask for Secretary Kissinger's resignation. I don't think that would help politically and it could be damaging to our overall international situation."

Report says FBI provoked violence

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The FBI provoked bloody and sometimes fatal warfare among Black Panthers and rival groups in a secret drive to destroy the black power movement in the late 1960's, a Senate staff report said yesterday.

Rejecting FBI disclaimers of violent intent, the Senate Intelligence Committee staff report said J. Edgar Hoover's "counterintelligence program" deliberately inflamed existing rivalries that led to threats, beatings, bombings, shootings and at least four murders in California.

It also said the FBI set up the Panthers for the Chicago police raid in which Panther leaders Fred Hampton and Mark Clark were shot to death in 1969.

"Although the claimed purpose of the bureau's COINTELPRO tactics was to prevent violence, some of the FBI's tactics against the Black Panther Party were clearly intended to foster ...," it said.

"This report does demonstrate... that the chief investigative branch of the federal government, which was charged by law with investigating crimes and preventing criminal conduct, itself engaged in lawless tactics and responded to deep-seated social problems by fomenting violence and unrest."

The report said Hoover regarded the Panthers as a Maoist Communist group and "the greatest threat to the internal security of the country."

The bureau's tactics, it said, included infiltrating the Panthers with informers and provocateurs, spreading defamatory charges against Panther leaders and circulating insulting cartoons and letters about one rival faction in the name of the other.

In one case, the report said, the Chicago FBI office tried to goad the Blackstone Rangers — a powerful street gang whose armaments in-

cluded submachine guns — into attacking the local Panther group by sending the Ranger chief an anonymous letter saying the Panthers meant to kill him.

Agents seemed to take pride in their success at provoking fatal violence, according to some FBI memoranda quoted within the

46-page report on "The FBI's covert Action Program to Destroy the Black Panther Party."

After the August, 1969, murder of Black Panther Sylvester Bell in San Diego, Calif., the San Diego FBI office reported that "shootings, beatings and a high degree of unrest con-

tinues to prevail in the ghetto area," and said:

"Although no specific FBI counterintelligence action can be credited with contributing to this overall situation, it is felt that a substantial amount of the unrest is directly attributable to this program."

The memo noted the bureau

had fanned hatred between the Panthers and the United Slaves Inc. by circulating anti-Panther cartoons.

The report said the anti-Panther operation also included attempts to discredit celebrities such as actress Jane Fonda who "spoke in favor of Panther goals."

France attacks international bank plan

NAIROBI, Kenya (UPI) — France yesterday attacked a proposed \$1 billion international resources bank, a key component of a U.S. plan to combat economic instability and give developing nations a larger share of the world's wealth.

But France joined the United States and Britain in opposing reforms advanced by the Third World bloc to drastically ease the financial squeeze of the have-not nations.

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, addressing delegates from nearly 160 nations on the second day of the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development, proposed creation of a \$1 billion fund to

promote investment in poor countries.

Within hours of his speech, French Minister of Economy and Finance Jean-Pierre Fourcade attacked the idea, saying, "I am against the proliferation of banking institutions."

"I am opposed to setting up a \$1 billion fund right away when it might be years before it was used," Fourcade told the delegates at the 32-story Kenyatta Conference Center.

The French minister said investments could be channeled through existing organizations, such as the World Bank.

Fourcade's criticism did not detract from the major area of conflict shaping up between the industrialized bloc and

developing countries on ways to narrow the economic gap that separates them.

Kissinger and the British and French delegates all opposed a scheme presented earlier yesterday by Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos.

Marcos urged speedy and far-reaching economic reforms, based on a declaration drawn up in Manila earlier this year by the so-called Group of 77, actually a bloc of 110 developing nations.

Among other things, the declaration called for a system of preferences to poor nations to boost their exports and a "steady and favorable" flow of credits and investments to them.

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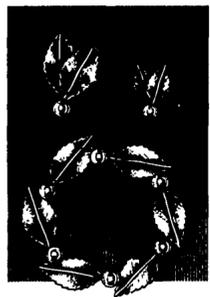


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