

U.S. drops U.N. block against Vietnam

UNITED NATIONS (UPI) — The United States formally dropped its opposition to Vietnam's membership in the United Nations yesterday and pledged to work towards "a new era of peace and cooperation" with its former foe in Indochina.

Vietnamese representative Dinh Ba Thi looked up from the back of the Security Council chamber and grinned briefly as Ambassador Donald F. McHenry, the deputy U.S. representative, read a short statement an-

nouncing that the United States no longer opposes the admission of Hanoi, kept out of the U.N. until now by an American veto.

"When the Socialist Republic of Vietnam is admitted to membership in the United Nations this fall, one more nation will join the ranks of this organization and the principle of universality will be further advanced.

"We look forward to working with Vietnam, as with all nations, to bring about a new era of peace and

cooperation, not only in our bilateral relations but in our work together in the United Nations," McHenry said.

The Security Council's certain approval of Vietnam's application was expected to come after a luncheon adjournment and the conclusion of 33 scheduled speeches.

As a concession to the United States, approval was expected to be by consensus, or general agreement, instead of recorded vote.

Diplomatic sources said the 14 other members of the

Security Council and Vietnam had "tentatively agreed" to the U.S. request for a consensus to spare it the embarrassment of having to abstain or vote in favor of Vietnam's admission.

The United States vetoed Vietnam's entry into the United Nations last November because of Hanoi's failure to account for American servicemen missing in action in the Indochina war.

It agreed to drop its veto last May after the Viet-

namese promised to supply more information on American MIAs.

Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Kharlamov, who had favored putting the Americans on the spot with a recorded vote, reportedly softened his stand at a meeting Monday night after the Vietnamese accepted the consensus, diplomatic sources said.

But Kharlamov lashed out at the United States during the Council session for rejecting Hanoi's requests for construction aid.

Gov't to give bonus for solar energy use

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In an effort to promote the use of solar energy, the federal government is sponsoring a pilot program which awards \$400 grants to homeowners who install solar water heaters in their homes, according to a Pennsylvania Senate news release.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has set aside about \$1.27 million to finance Pennsylvania's participation in the program, which will be available only to about 2,800 single family homes.

The manager of the Energy Conservation Program at the University, J. Carol Dean, said the solar hot water heaters cost from \$800 to \$1,600, and can run as high as \$2,500 in some cases. More conventional hot water heaters cost much less; about \$225 for a 52-gallon heater.

Solar water heaters use a small electric pump to circulate water through an outdoor heat collector, Dean said. The collector faces south and is tilted about 30 degrees so that the sun's rays hit it almost perpendicularly, he said. The collector is designed to heat the water inside and

prevent the heat from escaping.

Dean said that there are about a dozen types of collectors, the most efficient also being the most expensive.

The money saved by using solar water heating would pay for the system in about fifteen years, depending on its cost and efficiency, Dean said.

Attorney Bruce Singer from the Florida Attorney General's office said that they have had several complaints involving solar energy firms. Some companies have promised the \$400 to all customers when only some might, in fact, receive it, he said.

Singer also said he is investigating claims of efficiency and savings in advertising.

According to Consumers' Research Magazine, "much more research is needed before this source of energy can be employed with assurance of success and economy."

The magazine also said that consumers should be wary of companies which promise great savings and other advantages while playing down the disadvantages and costs.

B1 research funded, hedging missile flop

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate yesterday approved a \$109.6 billion appropriations bill for the military containing no money for production of the B1 but full funding for research and development of the bomber as insurance against failure of the air-launched cruise missile.

The bill backed President Carter's policy decision not to put the B1 into production and shift to the pilotless, less costly cruise missile as part of the country's strategic force.

The vote was 91 to 2 with Sens. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., and Gaylord Nelson, D-Wis., voting no.

The massive money measure will have to be

reconciled with the \$110 billion bill approved by the House which, acting before Carter announced his decision, includes \$4.1 billion for production of the B1. The House is expected to go along with the Senate.

The Senate bill is \$4.1 billion less than requested by the administration but \$4.5 billion more than appropriated for the current fiscal year.

Among the many differences that will have to be resolved by Senate and House negotiators is House-passed language which the Senate Appropriations Committee deleted and which was never mentioned during Senate debate.

The House language, which the Senate killed, would forbid the use of any of the money for the purpose of planning or executing any assassination plot against an official of any government not at war with the United States and would require the CIA to return to the Treasury any unused money at the end of the fiscal year.

The Senate Monday deleted \$1.4 billion for production of the B1 but yesterday rejected 71 to 27 a proposal that would have cut \$200 million of the \$442 million provided for research and development of the bomber.

It's a hot, hot, hot country!

By UPI

Temperature records were shattered yesterday in the summer "heat storm" of '77 but the nation's citizens saw no joy in the new marks.

The mercury in New York rose to 102 degrees, breaking the previous record of 98 set in 1930.

Boston reported 97, eclipsing the mark set in 1946 by 1 degree. Roanoke, Va., also reported a record 97 and climbing, while Providence, R.I., with 96, tied that city's 71-year-old mark.

The nation cooked at a low broil from the hot, muggy Midwestern corn belt to the steaming streets of the eastern megalopolis. Weathermen said they could find no switch to turn off the burner.

Authorities said the heat was responsible, at least in part, for seven deaths in the St. Louis area. Four of the victims were elderly residents in an apartment building which had no air conditioning.

The only refugee from the heat in the 48 contiguous states was the Pacific Northwest and northern California. It was actually cool in Washington state, where Olympia had a chilling 39 degrees.

New York Water Commissioner Charles Samowitz reimposed a water shortage alert. Consolidated Edison urged its customers to conserve power so there would be no replay of last week's 26-hour blackout.

Minneapolis housewives turned on lawn sprinklers before dawn — with temperatures at a record high morning low of 80 — and white collar workers shucked jackets before starting to work. Detroit temperatures soared into the 90s, making stench from a garbage strike a potential health hazard.

Philadelphia Mayor Frank Rizzo ordered special measures, including the shutdown of problem fire hydrants, to preserve water supplies. Water meter readers in New York turned from checking meters to driving hordes of youngsters from illegally opened hydrants. Providence, R.I., also was afflicted with an epidemic of opened fireplugs.

Twenty firemen were overcome by heat exhaustion as they battled a lumberyard fire in Greenfield, Mass., Monday night. Other firemen at the scene were ordered to munch on salt tablets.

Thousands of fish died in the Neuse River in North Carolina, victims of oxygen depletion after 15 consecutive days of temperatures in the 90s and no rain since May 26.

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