

# Disarmament committee discusses chemical and germ warfare agents

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — Secretary-General U Thant has called for a world-wide pact banning the development, production and stockpiling of all chemical and germ warfare agents for "their effective elimination from the arsenal of weapons."

Thant's three-point proposal was sent to the U.N. Disarmament Committee that opened a new round of discussions in Geneva today, to all 126 members of the United Nations and to the U.N. Security Council.

The program also urges all nations to accede to the Geneva Protocol of 1925, which prohibits the use of poisonous gas and germ warfare, and calls for a clear affirmation that the 1925 ban applies to the use in war of all germ and chemical agents, including tear gas.

The United States signed but never ratified the protocol, which has the formal endorsement of more than 60 governments. Japan is the only other major power that has not acceded to the agreement.

Thant's recommendations were accompanied by a 118-page study prepared for him by an international group of 14 experts.

The experts warned that "any country could develop or acquire" the capacity to wage war with chemical or bacteriological weapons and that there is no sure defense against such weapons. Some of them, the experts said, could endanger the future of mankind.

Although gas warfare was used in World War I and a number of nations are known to have stockpiled chemical and germ weapons during and since World War II, the experts cited only the United States as an example of a nation which has used the weapons in a recent

war. They cited American use of herbicides to defoliate jungles and forests in South Vietnam.

"There is as yet no scientific evaluation of the long-term ecological changes resulting from these attacks," the report said. "One estimate is that some mangrove forests may need 20 years to regenerate, and fears have been expressed about the future of the animal population."

The committee noted that certain bird species have migrated from attacked areas, but "there has been no decline in fish catches."

## Fulbright bucks Nixon appointees

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. J. W. Fulbright is trying to turn the tables on President Nixon by bucking administration nominees who support deployment of Safeguard antiballistic missiles—ABMs.

At Fulbright's direction the Senate Foreign Relations Committee he heads has passed over

Nixon's nomination of William J. Casey as a member of the General Advisory Committee of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Casey, chairman of the Citizens Committee for Peace with Security, is leading a publicity campaign for the administration ABM program which Fulbright strongly opposes.

All 15 appointees to the agency got caught in the same hold order.

In addition, Fulbright said he expects to recall Spurgeon M. Keeny Jr., chosen for assistant director of the disarmament agency.

President Nixon told an April news conference he had decided not to appoint Dr. Franklin Long of Cornell University as head of the National Science Foundation because of the latter's opposition to ABM.

While Fulbright didn't say so, it seemed obvious to his colleagues the Arkansas Democrat is of a mind to make the road difficult for appointees who get out in front in support of ABM, an issue that will come before the Senate after the July 4 recess.

Fulbright said he wants to explore "the published views" of Casey. The chairman made it clear he was concerned about a newspaper advertisement in which Casey's committee said a public opinion poll showed 84 per cent of Americans support ABM. Fulbright questions that assessment.



Medal winner — Sp/4 Emery Fekete, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Fekete, Rt. 1, Vesper, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for valor in action in Vietnam. Specialist Fekete entered the Army in March 1968 and arrived in Vietnam last August, where he is serving with a unit of the 4th Infantry Division, now stationed in the central highlands northwest of Saigon. He is due to return to the United States next month.

## Three killed in state crashes

By the Associated Press

Three separate accidents raised Wisconsin's 1969 highway toll to 476 today as the state prepared for the three-day Fourth of July holiday weekend. On this date last year, 543 fatalities had been recorded.

A 20-year-old Michigan man was killed in Rusk County Wednesday night when his car left the road on a curve, struck a culvert and plunged into a creek. The mishap occurred on U. S. Highway 8 about a mile and a half east of Bruce.

Authorities withheld the victim's name pending notification of next of kin.

Catherine M. Leget, 5, of Big Bend, died in a Waukesha hospital Wednesday of injuries suffered when she was struck by a car June 23 while playing near her home. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Leget of rural Big Bend.

Robert P. Houghtaling, 20, of rural Osseo, was killed early today when the car he was driving swerved off a Trempealeau County road and hit a tree.

## OUR MEN IN THE SERVICE

Sp/4 Victor Stewart, Pittsville, who has been stationed in Vietnam, was the Army escort when the body of his cousin, First Lt. Jerry Ashburn, was brought home for burial. Funeral services were conducted Monday at the United Methodist Church in Port Edwards. Specialist Stewart will return to Vietnam after a two-week leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stewart, Rt. 2, Pittsville.

Sp/4 Peter T. Dimock, son of Donald J. Dimock, 521 2nd St. S., was assigned last month to the 44th Medical Brigade in Vietnam as a preventive medicine specialist.

James F. Seif, gunner's mate third class, has returned to Alameda, Calif., aboard the nuclear powered aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, which recently completed its fourth combat tour in the Vietnam war zone. The Enterprise is scheduled to leave Alameda shortly for Newport News, Va., to undergo an extensive overhaul.

Robert S. LaBrant, 1661 2nd St. N., has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Transportation Corps upon graduation from the Engineer Officer Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, Va. He has now been ordered to Fort Eustis, Va., for further training before assignment to the logistical management agency of the Army Materiel Command in St. Louis, Mo. Lt. LaBrant received a bachelor's degree in political science from Wisconsin State University, Stevens Point, in June 1968. His wife, the former Charlyne Mittelsteadt, is a teacher at the Two Mile School.

Airman John F. Bingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bingham, 640 10th St. S., has graduated from the Air Force Technical School at Sheppard Air Force Base, Tex. Trained as a medical services specialist, he is remaining at Sheppard for advanced training.

Carl G. Marsh, damage controlman second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Marsh, Rt. 1, is serving aboard the battleship USS New Jersey, now participating in training exercises for Naval Academy and ROTC midshipmen off the coast of Southern California. The ship is scheduled to rejoin the 7th Fleet this fall.

## Little effect expected from health fee action

MADISON (AP) — U.S. Senate action to brake zooming costs of health care for the needy is not expected to have significant effect on Wisconsin's operation of the program.

The Senate this week proposed regulations designed to limit fees physicians and others working under the program may charge.

The basic provision of the new regulations is that no doctor may charge a patient enrolled in Medicaid more than what 75 out of 100 doctors in his area charged in January of this year.

Wisconsin has been using a system whereby the Department of Health and Social Services sets the fee depending upon what it feels is "fair and reasonable."

Last January, however, the department placed a freeze on all fee increases for the time being.

The Medicaid program went into effect in 1966. It cost \$108 million last year, with the federal government paying more than half. The state and counties paid the balance.

The program was \$90 million short and contributed to the state's financial crisis in January. The deficit stemmed from increases in nursing home costs.

Dr. John Allen of the Department of Health and Social Services, said that for the present at least, Wisconsin will be able to meet new standards if they go into effect.

The state has had a review board for all aspects of the program since its inception and this would satisfy one of the proposed federal requirements.

Medicaid is geared to provide medical attention and nursing home care for those not covered under other federally funded welfare programs.

### BOARD OF REVIEW TOWN of SARATOGA

The Board of Review for the Town of Saratoga will meet at the Saratoga Town Hall on the 14th day of July, 1969 at 10 a.m., as prescribed by law. Because the assessment roll will not be completed by that time, the meeting will be adjourned to a later date.

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### Won't ask ruling on bill to limit corporate farming

MADISON (AP)—A proposal seeking an attorney general's ruling on a bill to limit corporate farming in Wisconsin was defeated 48-45 today in the Assembly.

Assemblyman Frank Nikolay, D-Abbotsford, said the United States Supreme Court has already ruled on the constitutionality of the issue in a North Dakota case.

"There's no need for this to go to the attorney general—that is just a delaying tactic," said Nikolay, a sponsor of the bill.

An opponent, Assemblyman Jon Witcox, R-Wautoma, said the bill involves "confiscation of land and that's a little alien to our free enterprise system."

The bill would limit corporate farming to companies with 15 shareholders or less.

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