

**Senate Panel To Issue Laos Transcript**

WASHINGTON, April 8 (AP) — A Senate foreign relations subcommittee and the Nixon Administration have reached agreement after months of negotiations for publication of most of the transcript of hearings on United States activities in Laos. Senator Stuart Symington, (D-Mo.), Missouri, said yesterday.

Symington, chairman of the subcommittee on national commitments, told the Senate the group "will soon release a sanitized version of its closed hearings on Laos, conducted some five months ago."

Aids said the agreement was reached when the Administration dropped most of its objections to terms in the transcript after President Richard M. Nixon last month issued his own summary of U.S. activities in Laos.

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The release will come within about two weeks, aids said, and the only objections, amounting to about 10 per cent of the transcript, will be such things as intelligence operations that both sides agreed should be dropped. At one point, the aids said, the Administration sought to delete about 60 per cent of the transcript.

"I can't categorize it as a complete agreement," as a aid said, noting that Symington expects to release a list of areas in which conflict still exists between the subcommittee and the Administration on what should be disclosed.

The first Symington subcommittee transcript published, on the Philippines, stirred a political storm in that country with charges, later confirmed by the General Accounting Office, of U.S. payments in return for the dispatch of Philippine troops to Vietnam.

Besides the Laos hearings, four more transcripts remain to be issued — on Thailand, Formosa, Japan-Okinawa and Korea.

**Refers To Cambodia**

In his statement, Symington used the example of the transcript dispute to disclose details of U.S. involvement in Laos as a guide in dealing with its Southeast Asian neighbors, Cambodia.

The report about to be published he said, "is part dealt with the dangers of a past Administration policy in Laos which permitted military involvement and escalation to be wrapped in official secrecy, and thus to grow without the benefit of proper public discussion."

"There are of us who have worked to have that secrecy dropped — as it was with the President's March 6 statement on Laos — hope the unhappy reason of Laos secrecy will not be lost on this Administration as it designs its policy toward Cambodia," he said.

**Pope Reasserts Opposition To Celibacy Change**

VATICAN CITY, April 8 (UPI) — Pope Paul VI reasserted yesterday his opposition to any change in the church rule on priestly celibacy. He said relaxation of it would not slow the roads of men from the priesthood.

The Pope called the decline in the number of priests the most urgent problem confronting the Roman Catholic Church and said celibacy was only one aspect of the over-all problem.

In a message marking next Sunday as the world day of vocations, the Pope said the answer to the problem of a declining priesthood was maintaining traditional values during training.

"We are preparing for the priesthood takes place in an atmosphere of prayer, chastity and self-fertilization," the Pope said, "the problem of celibacy does not even arise."

The drop in the number of priests, especially in industrial nations, the Pope said, was partly caused by "violent turbulence" and rapid transformations in society itself. But instead of blaming society, he said, men should look at themselves and their communities.

**Mandrake Memorial At Principia April 24**

The Mandrake Memorial, a rock group which has recorded three albums for Poppy Records, will appear with Frances Van Zandt at a fundraising concert sponsored by WTKR Radio at 8 p.m. Friday, April 24, at Principia College, Elmhurst, Ill.

The entertainers, Kevin Lally, Craig Anderson and Brady Mason, are described in a release as "three human children of the '60s, who, like all of us, have been violently pulled from the natural personalities of their moat and dropped into the middle of a mass-communication super-electronic age. Their wild talents are one of both pain and awareness. When listened to by children, their music can produce a new dimension of high-tension energy — an outdoor journey. The Mandrake Memorial is one voice of the Second American Revolution."

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