

situation of the United States was such that we couldn't afford it. I don't think anybody can preclude all the contingencies of what might come up 5 years from now.

As I view this now and viewing the problems of the hemisphere, I would feel inclined to support it and support it in the future, if I could conscientiously do it. If I couldn't, I wouldn't feel any qualms about it.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Would the gentleman yield?

Chairman MORGAN. Mr. Hays, before the gentleman began his testimony today, he said he had a very important engagement and would have to leave the Hill at 12:45.

We have time for one question, Mr. Findley.

Mr. FINDLEY. Mr. Secretary, I know that our Government places the highest priority on our effort in South Vietnam. With that in mind, do you see any objection to an amendment which could be added to this resolution which would express the sense of the Congress that Latin American countries should be more active on our side in the defense of South Vietnam?

Secretary RUSK. I think, sir, that that would be tying two things together that really ought not be tied together. These countries in Latin America are not members of the SEATO Treaty. They have historically not undertaken the responsibilities or interests in that part of the world.

We would welcome such assistance as they might find possible to give South Vietnam, but I would hope that would not be made a part of this great task that we face here in any event in this hemisphere.

Mr. FINDLEY. Thank you.

Chairman MORGAN. I just want to say for the record that the Bogotá resolution passed the House by a voice vote. A rollcall was demanded, but there was not a sufficient number to support this demand and the roll was not called. This is an indication that there was not much opposition in the House of Representatives.

Secretary RUSK. I am glad to hear that, sir.

Chairman MORGAN. Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

The committee stands adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 12:45 p.m., the committee adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.)