Scott Urges OK for Arms Freeze Plan

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WASHINGTON — Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott urged adoption today of a resoution that calls on President Nixon to propose a nuclear weapons freeze when American-Soviet arms talks open in Vienna next Thursday.

The resolution was expected to gain enate approval later today.

Scott, who announced his support for it two days ago, said in Senate debate today the resolution should be adopted "for the sake of generations yet unborn." He said it would "serve as a useful and unrestrictive guideline for the President in his efforts to halt the spread of nuclear weapons."

Mutual Freeze

The resolution urges Nixon to propose in the Vienna talks with the Russians a mutual freeze on deployment of offensive and defensive nuclear strategic weapons. Nixon has called the resolution "irrelevant."

Sen. Edmund Muskie (D-Maine) proposed in today's debate that Nixon go one step beyond the resolution and propose not only a freeze on deployment, but a temporary halt in flight testing of multiple warhead missiles.

Muskie said such a mutual moratorium should be limited to six months with an option for renewal. This, he said, would "enable both sides to determine whether a continuing strategic standstill is both workable and verifiable."

Easier Now

Sen. Fred Harris (D-Okla.) said "a meaningful and effective agreement will be easier to achieve now than it might be at some time in the future when one side might have made technological advances to which the other would feel compelled to reply."

Meanwhile, a Russian journal on American affairs warned today that the U.S.-Soviet arms talks "cannot be useful" if the United States insists on dealing from a position of strength.

The monthly magazine "U.S.A." said in its leading article that the Soviet Union "is not the kind of partner that can be dealt with from a position of strength."

"Negotiations with the Soviet Union are possible only on the basis of equality, mutual respect of the states' interests and a search for mutually acceptable solutions. Without this foundation, there cannot be useful negotiations," the article said.

Truck and Bus Crash–1 Dead

EUFAULA (Ala.) — (AP) — The driver of a log truck was killed today when the truck collided with a school bus loaded with children. The bus driver and 27 pupils were injured.

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