

A subnuclear experiment, which would not involve a nuclear explosion, might not have the political effect of a full-fledged detonation. But Administration officials said they feared that any test would create pressure on Pakistan to follow suit.

"We look at this in a balance with Pakistan," a White House official said:

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POSSIBLE NUCLEAR ARMS TEST BY INDIA  
CONCERNS U.S.

(By R. Jeffrey Smith)

U.S. officials are concerned that India may be preparing to set off its first nuclear blast since 1974, an act they fear could ratchet up a nuclear arms race with neighboring Pakistan.

Both countries are said by Washington to be working busily on improvements to their small nuclear stockpiles, including developing new designs for more powerful weapons. Pakistan is relying on significant assistance from China to construct a reactor that will give it access to plutonium for use in such arms.

U.S. officials said these developments made the region the most likely nuclear flashpoint in the world, even though the risk of war between the two long-standing enemies is not considered imminent.

The U.S. concerns about India are based on recent spy satellite imagery that recorded what one official described as "activities going beyond what we've seen in the past" at India's Pokaran nuclear test site in the Rajasthan desert.

The site has been routinely maintained by India for the past two decades, but U.S. intelligence officials recently noted efforts to clean out a deep underground shaft for lowering a nuclear weapon into the earth. They also noted "possible preparations for instrumentation" of a blast to determine whether it occurred as predicted, the official said.

"We take these preparations very seriously and are in the process of raising the issue with the Indians" at a senior diplomatic level, the official said without providing details. Washington is not aware of any decision by Indian authorities to go through with such a test, he added.

The world's major nuclear powers are attempting to reach accord on the terms of a global nuclear test ban that could take effect next year, and the alleged Indian preparations may reflect a conviction in New Delhi that steps should be taken before then to improve the country's small nuclear stockpile, the officials said. "We're concerned, obviously, at any signs that any power might be testing a nuclear weapon," State Department spokesman Glyn Davies said yesterday. "If there were to be an explosive test by India, it would be a dramatic departure from India's own long-standing position against testing [and] a setback to disarmament efforts internationally."

An Indian government spokesman in New Delhi termed a report yesterday about the test preparations by the New York Times "totally speculative" but stopped short of denying it, according to Reuter news agency. Another Indian official was quoted as saying the site where preparations allegedly are underway is "an area where there are routine exercises always."

U.S. intelligence officials have said Indian scientists are trying to develop more powerful "boosted" atomic arms as well as a hydrogen bomb.

In Pakistan, they said, construction of a nuclear reactor is continuing at the city of Khushab; China is providing technical advice

to the Pakistani engineers and also may be providing vital equipment.

"This may be inconsistent with China's obligations" under the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which bars the transfer of nuclear components to projects that are not subject to international inspection and also bars any contribution to efforts by non-nuclear states to build nuclear arms, a U.S. official said.

"There is a danger of an eruption, where one state takes a step and the other matches it and goes beyond," said Carnegie Endowment Senior Associate Leonard S. Spector, a nuclear proliferation expert. "They could claim they have nuclear warheads for their missiles, and declare they are nuclear powers. . . . The whole complexion of this problem could change dramatically."

CHARLES A. HAYES POST OFFICE  
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SPEECH OF

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 19, 1995

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in heartfelt support of this measure. It gives me great honor to speak in support of the postal facility being named in honor of my predecessor in the First Congressional District of Illinois, the great Charlie A. Hayes.

Charlie Hayes was the first international union leader to be elected to Congress. He rose through the ranks of the Chicago stockyards to become International Vice President of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, then the largest union in the AFL-CIO. He has been characterized as the working man's man. His passion for changing unjust practices in the Chicago stockyards made him one of the most important labor leaders in America. His commitment to working people extended to his tenure in Congress.

Charlie Hayes continued his fight for the ordinary man in Congress. His concern for the young, and less privileged was evidenced by his introduction of legislation that was aimed at guaranteeing opportunity and quality of life for all Americans. His empathy was exemplified by his actions, for he was an ardent spokesman for the working class, senior citizens, and the underprivileged.

Mr. Speaker, the Honorable Charlie Hayes makes me proud to be a Chicagoan. His character and commitment are worthy of both praise and emulation.

INDIA'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS  
CAPABILITY

HON. ROBERT G. TORRICELLI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 22, 1995

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. Speaker, I bring to the attention of my colleagues recent press reports about India's nuclear weapons capability.

A December 15 story in the New York Times indicates that based on satellite surveillance, United States experts suspect India is

preparing for a nuclear test, its first since 1974. The Indian Government says the intelligence is being misinterpreted and that it has no plans to conduct another nuclear test.

Mr. Speaker, nuclear developments on the South Asian subcontinent should not be taken lightly. Any move by the Government of India to conduct a nuclear test will inevitably escalate the danger of proliferation in a region fraught with tensions and conflicts and threaten the negotiations in Geneva on the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

Mr. Speaker, the United States continues to pursue efforts to bring both Pakistan and India back from the nuclear brink. It is a policy that should not and cannot be threatened by India. Three times since 1947 India and Pakistan have gone to war. Tensions still simmer over the disputed territory of Kashmir.

The United States has made its policy goals for South Asia clear. We oppose the deployment of missiles, nuclear weapons testing, and production of fissile materials. We can only attain these goals if India cooperates with these guidelines. If India proceeds with nuclear testing, it will be repudiating years of efforts to end nuclear proliferation and could increase tensions with Pakistan.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to read the New York Times story and the December 20 editorial in the Washington Post on this very significant development.

TRIBUTE TO WANDA CARNEY

HON. JACK QUINN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 22, 1995

Mr. QUINN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Wanda Carney, an individual who has served the constituents of western New York for 21 years. Wanda first began working for the U.S. House of Representatives in the district office of former Congressman Henry Nowak and later as a member of my staff.

Over those 21 years, Wanda has served as a catalyst in helping literally thousands of constituents who have turned to their Congressman as their last hope. No matter the problem's size, whether it was with obtaining a passport, assisting a member of our armed forces, or interceding in adoption proceedings, Wanda addressed it with the same exemplary level of devotion.

I am sure every Member of the House of Representatives can appreciate the importance of having a Wanda Carney on their staff and the void that is left when they move on.

I join with Wanda's family, her colleagues, the Honorable Henry Nowak, her friends, and the entire western New York community in recognition of her outstanding dedication and years of distinguished service. With retirement comes many new opportunities. May she meet every opportunity with the same enthusiasm and vigor which she demonstrated throughout her brilliant career; and may those opportunities be as fruitful as those in her past.

Thank you, Wanda, for your tireless effort and personal commitment. As you enter retirement, I wish you nothing but the best.