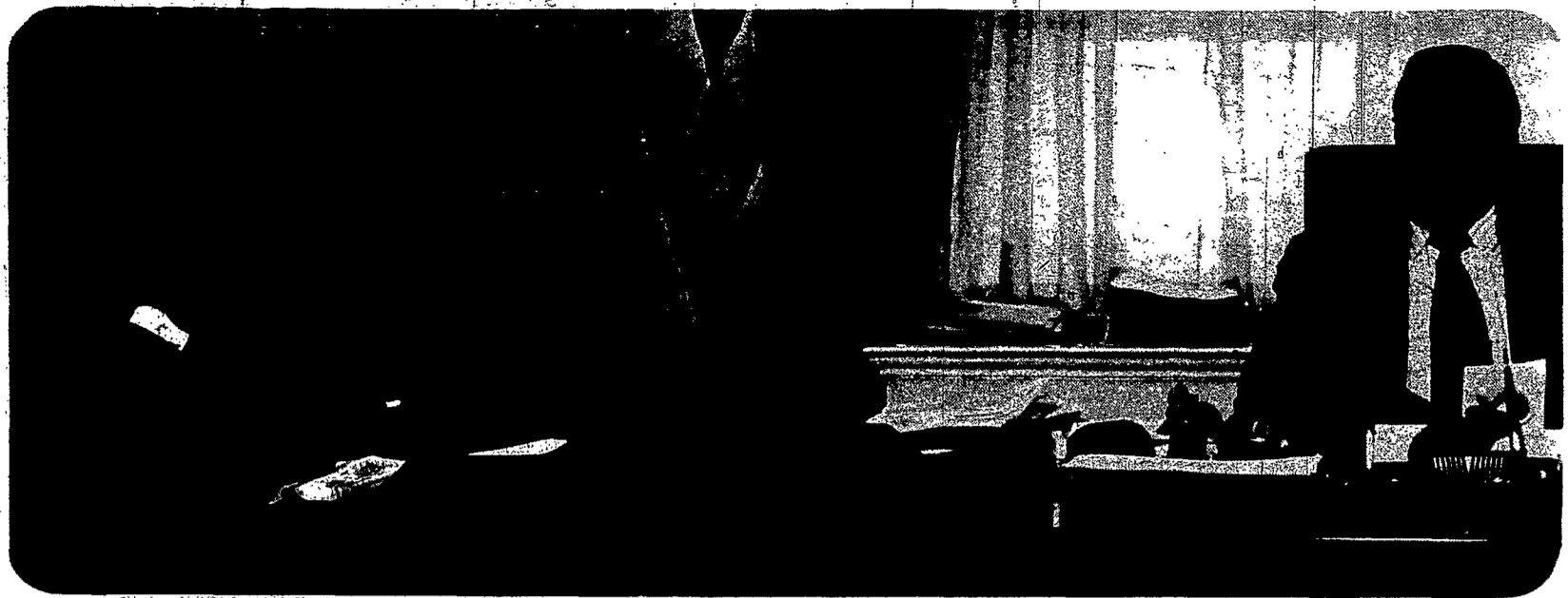
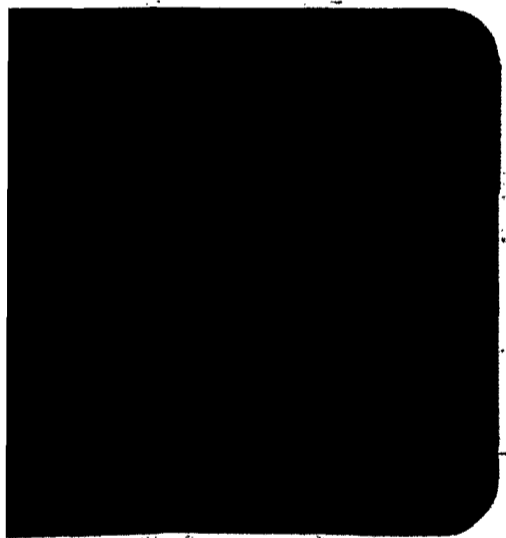




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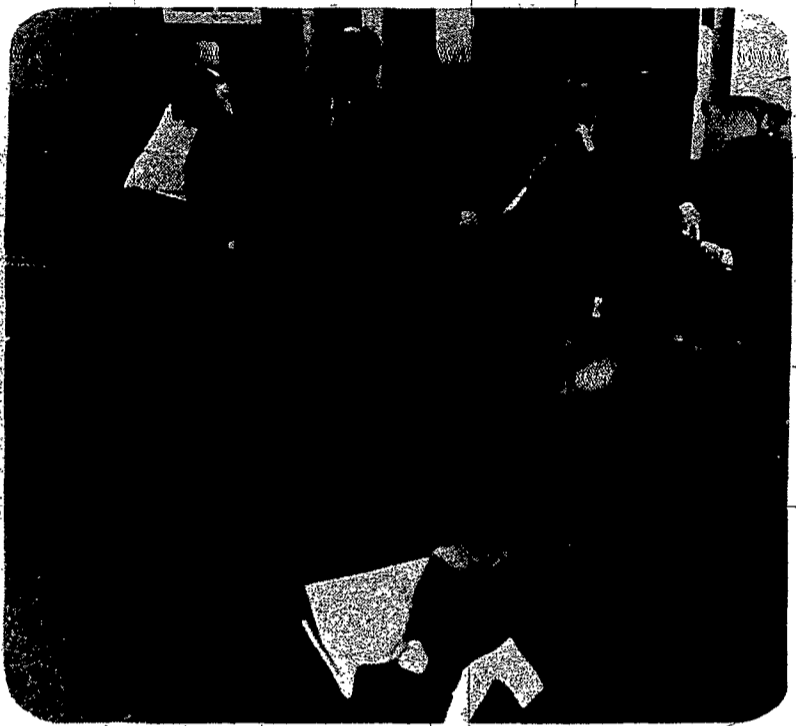
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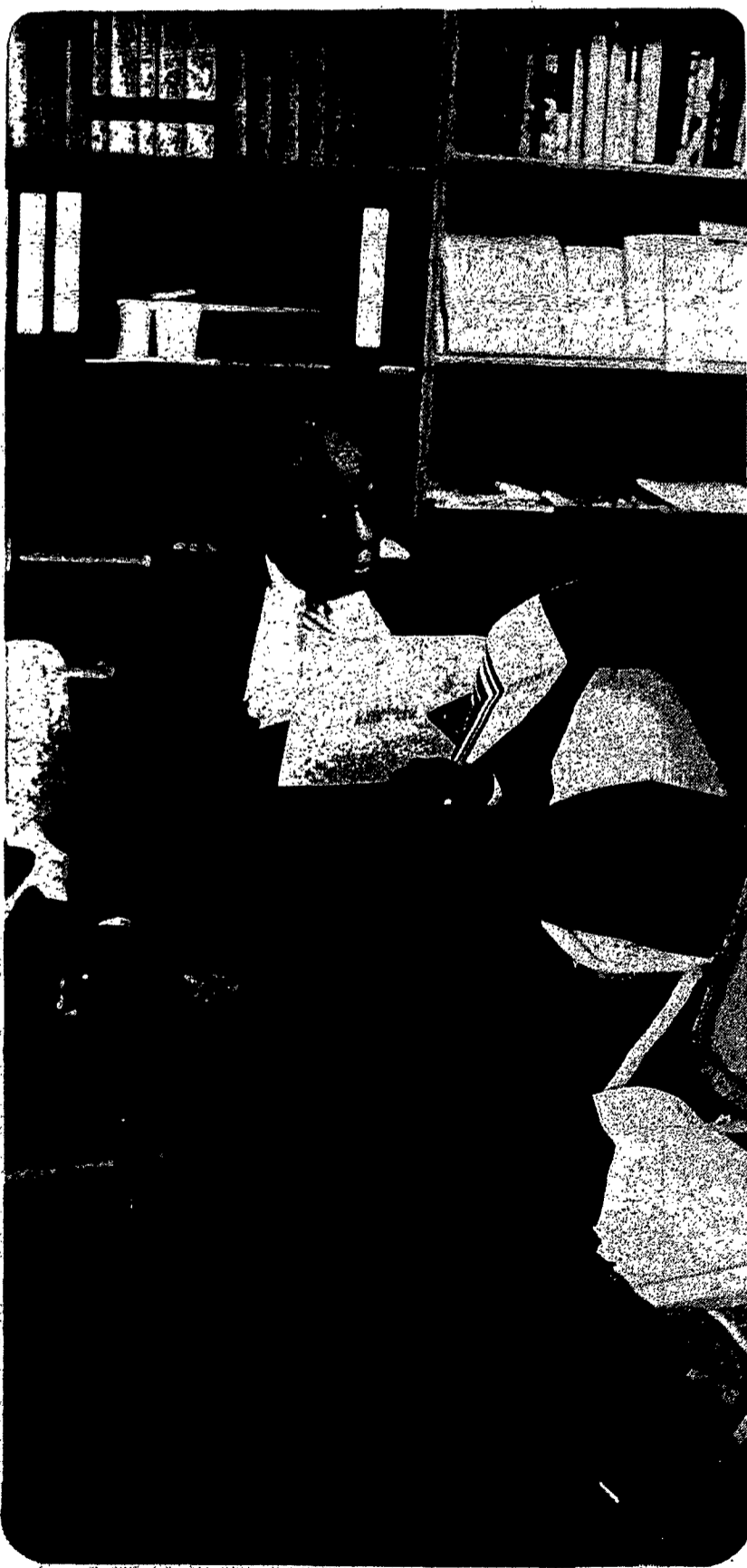
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... aides speak for Buckley



... listening to Rep. Conable



Rev. Murphy Greer relaxes in interval between meetings in offices of National Conference of Churches.

Clergy Statement

We have had a very frustrating and a very sad day in Washington.

We are frustrated because we went to our nation's capital to speak about peace and all we heard about was war.

We are also sad because we wanted to talk about people — the poor, ordinary people who have suffered for over 30 years in a worsening war — and all we heard about were tactics, strategies, national honor, which is really a pretty name for political face-saving.

We learned that Congress is actually impotent to determine whether our country shall have war or peace.

We were told we must give the President time to work out his newest policy — a policy which drops two tons of bombs every minute around the clock on the land that has already had more bombs dropped on it than the combined total of all bombs ever dropped in all of history.

Our congressmen were indeed most gracious to us. We sensed they, too, are deeply anguished and are searching for some solution to end the war.

We went to Washington together and now we want to say together to our congregations here at home: We must just simply stop blaming one side or the other. There is too much guilt and there are too many victims on both sides for either side to pretend to be wholly innocent.

We cannot tolerate an endless continuation of this war.

We must strengthen every person who works in any way for peace.

And we pledge that we will continue to speak and work and pray together to achieve these hopes — which we think are also the hopes of most Americans today.