

McGovern Recommends De-fusing Armed Conflict



SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN of South Dakota initiates Vietnam Week with a Monday afternoon speech.

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The United States should adopt a phased policy of de-escalation to bring the Vietnam war to a close, Sen. George McGovern told the opening Vietnam Week session Monday.

Speaking to 300 students and faculty members, the South Dakota Democrat called for a "de-fusing of the military conflict wherever possible accompanied by an increased effort to negotiate for peace."

McGovern's speech came on the opening day of a week-long series of Vietnam discussions. The series will be concluded by a University referendum on Vietnam next Monday.

McGovern termed the Vietnam issue "one of the most complex and painful problems that has ever faced the American people."

He countered the basic assumptions behind American policy in offering his own alternative to the present U.S. stance.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

McGovern's proposed solution is based on a plan outlined by Gen. James Gavin in 1965. It calls for a halt in bombing attacks on

the North, coupled by a reduction of the Army search-and-destroy operations.

The Senator said "we have already paid an enormous price — far beyond any cost it has brought to North Vietnam" in the bombing operations.

He cited a statement by Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense, who said the present North Vietnamese troop levels in the South are just as high as they would have been without the bombing.

McGovern said the search-and-destroy operations should be replaced with a defensive posture, "utilizing our manpower to provide the maximum amount of security in the cities of the South."

DE-ESCALATION

This military de-escalation should be accompanied by an escalation of diplomatic activity to bring a negotiated settlement, he said. Diplomats should state their desire to communicate with Viet Cong leaders.

Because the South Vietnamese now have their own elected government, this regime should carry an increasing burden of defense as U.S. commitments are

lessened, McGovern said.

McGovern challenged the argument that the "U.S. is fighting for freedom—that this represents the same kind of conflict we have fought in the past."

He said the South Vietnamese leaders we have supported are not generally associated with democracy. "Many of the most enlightened figures in South Vietnam were driven to France or to the sidelines" by various South Vietnamese regimes.

"It is very difficult to identify oneself with the cause of freedom in South because so little effort to provide democratic programs has pointed out."

SELF-DETERMINATION

He countered the idea that it is a war for self-determination, saying, "the steady escalation of the war has been accompanied not by a greater show of responsibility by South Vietnam's leaders but by the turning over more of the burden to American military leaders."

"In recent months more American military personnel have been killed in Vietnam than are being drafted in South Vietnam."

He added, "even the pa-

cification operation is being bungled by the South Vietnamese."

Looking at the argument that Americans are resisting aggression, McGovern said the war is a civil conflict that must be resolved by the competing forces or referred to the international community.

"Chinese and Russian aid to the North in the last ten years does not equal what we are pumping into the South every month."

CHINESE STRATEGIES

The U.S. is "playing right into the hands of the most militant Chinese strategies," McGovern charged, by spending \$30 billion a year and the lives of 1000 men a month on the war.

He said the North Vietnamese are being driven into a tighter alliance with Peking, when they probably would function as an independent buffer if left alone.

Ho Chi Minh has shown he is "far more interested in what he wants for North Vietnam" than in what Russia or China want, McGovern pointed out.

The United States should be encouraging strong, viable regimes and depend on "the force of nationalism against the force of Chinese communism."

McGovern said the time has come for Americans to re-examine the contention that accelerating the war will bring the U.S. closer to victory.

"I see no way that we could increase troop commitments to where we could achieve victory without involving China and Russia."

The Vietnam conflict "could very well lead to nuclear catastrophe" if the present escalation is continued, he said.

Chancellor's Committee To Study Student Rights

Chancellor Clifford Hardin's committee on student rights postponed its first meeting until next Monday because three members were absent, Vice Chancellor G. Robert Ross, said Thursday.

The committee, composed of two students, two faculty members and two administrators was created by the Chancellor to study the problems of implementing the student Bill of Rights.

Vice-Chancellor Merck Hobson and ASUN Vice President Gene Pokorney were in Ohio, Ross said, while the ASUN President was escorting Sen. George McGovern who was visiting the University campus.

The group tentatively plans to meet every Monday, he said. It is not working toward a specific deadline, but the Chancellor indicated the urgency of the matter on his meeting with them.

If the committee does not reach general conclusions within a month, it will probably "issue a progress report to the Chancellor," Ross added.

He said, "From my own perspective, I think the committee should look at the Bill of Rights in terms of its becoming University policy. But our attention will not be limited only to that."

Although the Bill will be of primary concern, the group will not hesitate to look into other issues of student rights not covered in it, Ross said.

Looking at the Bill itself, he pointed out some controversy may arise over the wording of certain articles. "Some raise knotty questions by inference," he said.

The article giving students the right to free discussion and participation in

the classroom, "might tend to restrict the teacher's freedom to act," something the University has avoided in the past.

He singled out the article asserting the student's right to be free from University discipline when prosecuted for an off-campus action as another area of possible concern.

He said these and other questions "are going to demand some serious consideration."

The committee will report directly to the Chancellor, Ross explained, but the conclusions will also be of interest to faculty, students and the Board of Regents.

Student leaders have already discussed the Bill with the Regents, he said, and the Board thought the Chancellor's proposed committee was the appropriate way to proceed.

Rent Assistance... Married Students Gain Help From City Housing Authority

Lincoln's Housing Authority has entered into a contract with the Housing Assistance Administration which provides rent assistance for full-time married students, according to Herbert Hamilton, director of leased housing.

Monthly rental for two and three bedroom dwelling units are \$70 and \$80 per month, respectively. Rents include utilities except telephone.

The Authority has 11 two bedroom, unfurnished dwelling units in a duplex complex near 1920 North Cotner Blvd., which will be available Nov. 1.

The units are near churches, shopping centers, library, and bus service.

Married students may reside in their present two or three bedroom dwellings under Authority rates, if the landlord will lease his property to the Housing

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- minimum of 12 hours per semester.
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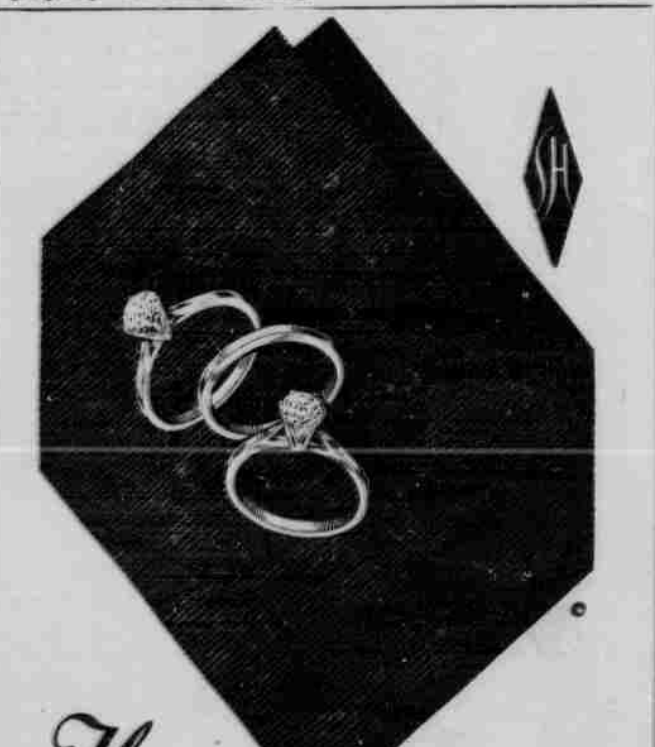
Dr. A. Robin Bowers from the University's English department will be master of ceremonies for the special program.

Entertainment will include a performance by the Three Day Ryders a folk singing group and an Orchestral act. Orchestral, a mod-

ern dance group will represent the physical education department. The group is supervised by Mrs. Dorothy Hughs, assistant professor of physical education.

Unimimes, a panomime group, will represent the speech department. The newly-formed group is under the direction of Mr. Stephen Cole and is from the University Theatre.

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