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there is still time to stop the war!

Voters in most states are denied the opportunity to express their views on the Vietnam war. Candidates of both parties are committed to a policy of war, escalation, and possibly destruction. We do not believe these views reflect the sentiments of the American people.

In Massachusetts, one candidate for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate is bringing a choice to the electorate. He is Thomas Boylston Adams, a direct descendant of two United States presidents, who is speaking out vigorously against President Johnson's war.

Tom Adams in Massachusetts speaks for Americans throughout the nation who believe that the Asian war degrades the ideals of our great Democracy.

ON JULY 26, TOM ADAMS FILED NOMINATION PAPERS WITH THIS STATEMENT:

With the filing of these nomination papers I redeem the pledge I made to the voters of Massachusetts at the Democratic Convention. On September 13th, primary day, it will be possible for the people of Massachusetts to vote on the one great issue of our time and of our generation, the war in Vietnam and the cause of that war.

The issue is not between me and two other candidates for the Senate whose names will also appear on the ballot. The issue is between the people of Massachusetts and the President of the United States.

A vote for Adams on September 13th is a vote of no confidence in the present administration. A vote for Adams is a vote for Democracy and a return to the rule of law and the balance of powers set up by the founders of our nation to protect it against tyranny.

By guile and by subterfuge the President has carried the nation into war without consent of Congress or debate in the Senate. Each step in the escalation of the war has been a denial of the official statements made at the taking of the previous step.

The Johnson administration said it was in Vietnam merely to help a legitimate government defend itself. In fact, the government was not a government, not legitimate, and not defending itself. It was a military clique incapable of any action except to maintain itself in power against the will of its own people and with the help of the United States army.

The purpose of the war is now made clear. It is to establish American power permanently on the Asian mainland. We are now involved in the major war in Asia the President promised he would prevent. We were not going beyond the 17th parallel. We have. Even the bombing of Hanoi and Hanoi, we are told, is not escalation.

There is a crisis of confidence in the United States. When John Kennedy lived, we lived in an era of hope. When a mistake was made, it was admitted. When an opportunity came to improve international relations, it was instantly seized. With the last ban treaty the world seemed to enter into the vast dimension of a new era of peace.

