

The amendment to end the war.

“LET US GET 20 MILLION SIGNATURES AND LET US CALL OR WRITE EVERY CONGRESSMAN AND SENATOR, AND WE WILL PASS THIS AMENDMENT!”

—SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN

*Excerpts from Senator McGovern's
now-famous speech to the U.S. Senate, May 7th:*

"The amendment I introduced with the co-sponsorship of Senator Hatfield a week ago today—Thursday, April 30—to end the war in Southeast Asia now has the co-sponsorship of 13 additional Senators.

"It is the hottest and most hopeful article now sweeping the campuses, concerned churches, and peace-oriented groups in America.

"The dynamics that are unfolding in the Nation and in the Senate lead me to believe that before the Senate votes on this amendment in approximately 30 days, we may have enough votes to carry it.

"No longer will we just make speeches lecturing the President on what we think we should do. No longer will we ask him to bear the risk and the opportunity alone of ending or continuing the war. Rather ...this amendment is saying: 'Mr. President, we are now going to share that risk with you.'

"But this amendment does more than that. It seeks to reclaim the Constitutional power of Congress over issues of war and peace. It seeks to prevent the arbitrary decisions of the Executive by restoring to the Congress as elected representatives of the people the power the Constitution intended.

"It provides, too, a constructive alternative to citizen powerlessness and despair and violence.

"Instead of wringing our hands, or tearing our hair, or throwing bricks, or blocking traffic, or cursing the system, let us go to work on our Congress and Senators and our neighbors and friends and make constitutional government serve our needs.

"This is a prudent, carefully drawn amendment. It

cuts off funds for military operations in Cambodia 30 days after passage. It begins the cutoff requiring withdrawal from Vietnam and Laos, effective December 31, and concluding with all forces out by June 30, 1971—unless a joint and specific declaration by the President and Congress can demonstrate the need for a specific, publicly recorded reason for an extension of time.

"Let us not talk about Nixon's war or Johnson's war or the Pentagon's war or the CIA's war. Let us take hold of this war as citizens and as elected representatives and let us vote to end it."

Do this now:

1. Cut out the petition.
2. Sign your own name on the first line, and ask other members of your family to sign.
3. Collect signatures from your friends, neighbors, relatives, co-workers and fellow students.
4. Ask them for contributions; as much as they can afford.
5. Return the petition with signatures to SANE, along with the money you've collected. (Make checks out to SANE; do not send cash.) Every dollar you send us will be used specifically for organizing work on behalf of the McGovern-Hatfield Amendment.

6. Our address is: SANE, 245 2nd Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. Telephone: 202-546-4868. (New York City phone: 889-3442.)

Let's get to work. There isn't a moment to lose.

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