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Subverting GIs Held Failure

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Rep. Richard H. Ichord (D-Mo.), chairman of the House Committee on Internal Security, said yesterday efforts by radical groups to subvert the military "have been a total failure."

The committee has spent a year examining "subversive efforts to undermine the morale of personnel in the armed forces of the United States," Ichord said.

He said the efforts included opening coffeehouses near military bases, publishing underground newspapers with emphasis on military matters, and "fomenting minor strikes" among military men.

Ichord said the committee examined such groups as the Revolutionary Union, Vencemos (Spanish for "we shall

win"), the Socialist Workers Party, Young Socialist Alliance, Movement for a Democratic Military, United States Servicemen's Fund, Pacific Counseling Service, Progressive Labor Party, and Workers World Party.

"The committee learned that, by and large, efforts to subvert American servicemen have been a total failure," Ichord said. "Despite the effort by Communists and other like-minded revolutionaries to persuade servicemen to resist discipline, rebel against their officers, mutiny or otherwise disrupt our armed forces from within, U.S. service personnel were just too intelligent, dedicated and patriotic to fall for this line."