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## Gen. Shoup Denies Viet War Vital

WASHINGTON (A) — A retired Marine Corps commandant terms "pure, unadulterated poppycock" the notion that U.S. self interest is at stake in Vietnam.

Gen. David M. Shoup, a persistent war policy critic who retired as commandant in 1963, said Monday of those who contend the U.S. effort in Vietnam is necessary to halt communism's spread:

"They just keep trying to keep the people worried about the Communist crawling up the banks of Pearl Harbor, or crawling up the Palisades, or crawling up the beaches in Los Angeles, which of course is a bunch of pure, unadulterated poppycock."

Shoup said he is happy there is ultimate civilian control over the U.S. military "because I feel sure if all the advice of the generals were taken, we'd really be in bad shape."

He said only negotiations could bring peace in Vietnam, adding: "We've grossly underestimated these people's attitudes and their determination that what they're fighting for is something that belongs to them; that they're right; and that they're going to fight to the death."

Shoup's remarks were in an interview with Rep. William F. Ryan, D-N.Y., taped for broadcast over WNYC in New York City.

Gov. George Romney of Michigan, an announced candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, met with 60 Soviet

citizens in Moscow meanwhile and — said he "heard some new ideas."

But Romney, on an international tour prefacing the kickoff of his campaign, wouldn't say what the ideas were. He is expected to meet Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin today.

In other Vietnam-related developments:

—Another touring politician, Rep. Joseph Y. Resnick, D-N.Y., said in Saigon that President Johnson is following a moderate course on the war. Resnick has announced he'll seek to unseat Sen. Jacob K. Javits, R-N.Y., next year.

The congressman told newsmen he backs Johnson although he feels the overwhelming majority of Americans are "in favor of invading Cambodia, Laos and North Vietnam, and dropping the bomb on anyone who tries to stop us."

—Nine House Republicans proposed a 60-day halt in U.S. bombing of northern North Viet-

nam during the holiday period. But they said bombing of supply routes and depots in the southern section of the country should be continued during the proposed pause.

—Rep. William F. Moorhead, D-Pa., urged a convocation of Southeast Asian nations—including North Vietnam—to seek what he termed a regional solution to the Vietnam war.

## Allen O'Hara Named Ballenger President

Allen O'Hara was president of the Ballenger 4-H Club at its recent meeting held at the Feagles Hall.

Also named officers were: David Reimburgh, secretary; Linda, treasurer; Linda, Charles, and Charles, members.

The meeting was held with ten members present.