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McGovern Raps Nixon On Vietnam

Washington

Senator George S. McGovern, (Dem-S.D.), said yesterday that President Nixon is determined to keep the Thieu-Ky government in power in South Vietnam because Mr. Nixon believes "any kind of a government, no matter how tyrannical, would be better than a Communist government."

McGovern also said the administration is willing to let keep 10,000 to 15,000 persons in political prisons.

McGovern, a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1968 and a possible contender in 1972, made his remarks during a television interview, "Profile—Metromedia."

An interviewer asked McGovern what Mr. Nixon's intentions were in Indochina. McGovern answered:

"I think he would love to get out of Vietnam if he could do it with the assurance that we would have an anti-Communist government in power in Saigon that could hold the line.

"Mr. Nixon has really devoted his public career for the last quarter of a century to fighting communism. He thinks that almost any kind of a government, no matter

how tyrannical, would be better than a Communist government — even one, I sus-

pect, that had the support of their own people.

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