

McCloskey

Anti-War Coalition

The formation of a congressional coalition which will introduce legislation to end U.S. military involvement in Indochina by Dec. 31 was announced here today by Rep. Paul N. McCloskey.

The San Mateo County Republican also declined to rule himself out as a possible opponent of President Nixon in next year's GOP presidential primaries. He said, however, that he is "not now" a candidate.

In conjunction with Oregon Republican Sen. Mark Hatfield and other congressional leaders, McCloskey said the move to get the "Disengagement Act of 1971" to the House and Senate has begun with perhaps one-half the needed 218 House votes and 51 Senate votes.

McCloskey said it is time

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for Congress "to do something it hasn't done for 30 years," and that is to assert its Constitutional powers to control U.S. war-making policy.

Saying "all of us would feel more comfortable if we could go along with the President," McCloskey said initial Congressional support for disengagement within the year would be bi-partisan but predominantly Democratic.

McCloskey quashed rumors that he might bolt the Republican Party. He said he found "Nothing about the Democratic Party" which would compel him to make the move.

Lindsay

He added that he and two other Republican congressmen had conferred with New York's Mayor John V. Lindsay last week to urge Lindsay to remain in the GOP. They said they neither asked nor received any commitment from Lindsay on the matter.

Sen. Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.) said here yesterday that he had heard from Lindsay aides that Lindsay may be planning to become a Democrat.

Lindsay was among five leading Republicans McCloskey said he could support in opposition to President Nixon in next year's primaries if the President's Indochina policies are not altered.

The others are Sen. Hatfield, Sen. Charles Mathias of Maryland, Sen. Charles Percy of Illinois and Former Health, Education and Welfare Secretary John W. Gardner.

May Be Candidate

McCloskey said the only way he might become a candidate was if Nixon continued a year from now to maintain an indefinite timetable for total U.S. military withdrawal from Indochina, and

if no leading Republican chose to oppose the President.

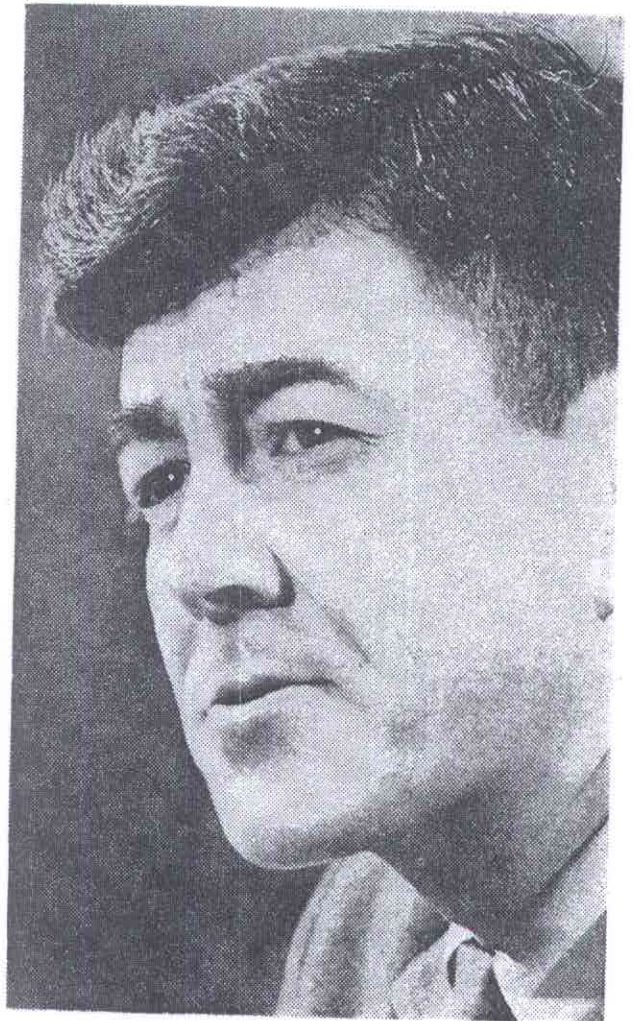
"But that just won't happen," McCloskey said, adding he believed that either the President's policies would change or a veteran Republican leader would assume the same role that former Minnesota Sen. Eugene McCarthy chose against former President Johnson three years ago.

In response to questioning, McCloskey said, "Sure we're tying the President's hands" if the Disengagement Act becomes law.

He added:

"I think it is time the Congress did tie the President's hands" in Indochina.

By disengagement, McCloskey said, he means an end to deployment of air power as well as ground troops.



"DISENGAGEMENT" IS HIS GOAL
Rep. Paul McCloskey . . . he wants out by end of '71
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Marin GOP Unit Raps McCloskey

The Marin County Republican Central Committee has voted to censure Rep. Paul N. McCloskey over the San Mateo County Republican's statements regarding a national dialogue on the impeachment of President Nixon.

The Marin County Committee does believe his recent statements are not in the best interest of the presidency, our country, state or the Republican Par-

ty," the censure resolution read.

In a Feb. 11 address at Stanford University, McCloskey suggested that one method of opposing President Nixon's Indochina policy might be a "national dialogue" on Nixon's impeachment.

McCloskey later said he was not advocating impeachment, adding a "more proper method" would be to cut off the President's war-making funds in Congress.