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Rocky Suggests A Red Issue

Taipei

Vice President Nelson Rockefeller said yesterday that the "rapid advance of Communist takeover" in Southeast Asia and other parts of the world has the makings of a political issue in 1976.

In an hour-long interview aboard Air Force Two en route to today's funeral of Chiang Kai-shek, the vice president criticized Congress for attempting to play a leadership role in foreign policy and specifically for the Turkish aid cutoff and for failure to approve the President's military air requests for Indochina.

Rockefeller deplored the tendency of some Americans to retreat from international commitments into a "fortress America." And he suggested strongly that the American people will hold Congress accountable if American lives are lost in the evacuation of South Vietnam.

"Let's say 2000 Americans or 3000, half of them are killed, half of them are taken captive," Rockefeller said. "That raises a lot of issues."

When President Ford last week asked Congress for \$722 million in Vietnam military aid and authority to use force if needed for evacuation purposes, he also said that he had no intention of blaming anyone for the outcome in Vietnam.

Rockefeller, too, maintained that he wasn't "blaming" Congress. But he gave

War Reporters Must Pay More For Insurance

New York

The military situation in Indochina has sharply increased insurance rates on news correspondents covering the story.

In the case of Vietnam, insurance brokers handling the death coverage for UPI correspondents have given notice of a raise of about 1000 per cent.

The rates for Cambodia are about 50 per cent higher than those in Vietnam.

Insurance brokers say that the rates are determined by the rates of reinsurance with such world companies as Lloyds of London.

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every indication that continued American pullbacks around the world in the face of Communist pressures are likely to produce a campaign issue in 1976.

The self-interest of the American people, Rockefeller said, will cause them to react negatively to "the rapid advance of Communist takeover by military force and subversion of other key nations."

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