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WASHINGTON AP - Economist John Kenneth Galbraith said today the war in Indochina is the work, not of businessmen, but of a military bureaucracy that controls the President and must itself be controlled.

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"Politicians, businessmen, experts, intellectuals, students, unions, civil servants actively oppose the war," Galbraith said. "Who then is for the war?"

"We remain in Vietnam and we extend combat into Cambodia because the military bureaucracy wants it. It is aided by those congressmen and senators—Mendel Rivers, John Stennis, Barry Goldwater—who are the parliamentary poodles of the Pentagon."

"We have created a vast military machine and now it makes policy and makes war on its own," Galbraith said in remarks for the annual convention of the Americans for Democratic Action.

"The President does not control the military machine," he said. "The military machine controls the President of the United States."

"The military bureaucracy is now operating outside the political system," he said. "Such control of the military must be the paramount issue in the election this autumn."

"And effective control of the military power, especially as it is manifested in Indochina, must be the single dominant issue as we move into the second half of the Nixon administration."

Galbraith, a frequent critic of big business, stressed his conviction that "this is not a businessman's war."

"No general business interest is served," he said. "The stock market falls on news of the enlargement of the war."

The ADA Friday night condemned the movement into Cambodia as illegal, said it was justification for impeaching the President and demanded instant recall of all U.S. forces from Cambodia.

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