

Students Call on Congressmen Here About War

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The faculty-student senates of Columbia and New York universities jointly confronted New York City members of Congress yesterday with calls for ending the war in Southeast Asia.

In response, Senator Jacob K. Javits said, "I for the first time myself look with favor on a cut-off of funds." The Republican Senator—target of criticism on the issue—said that "the great majority of the American people have had a bellyful of this war," but he suggested other moves, possibly invoking what he described as Congress's constitutional power to "make rules" for the land and naval forces.

In the unusual session, which was held at the Americana hotel, Representative Edward I. Koch, Democrat-Liberal of Manhattan, said that "we have to turn around 75 Congressmen" to add to the 130 House members who had already voted to cut off funds last Wednesday for troops in Cambodia.

Bowker Asks Political Action

In intensifying university political activities, Albert H. Bowker, chancellor of the 180,000-student City University system, said he would propose to the Board of Higher Education a two-week vacation period before the November election to enable students to

work for candidates sympathetic to their causes.

In a "major restructuring" of the university calendar, Dr. Bowker said his plan would also provide several days' leave during the state legislative session to enable students to visit legislators in Albany. Aside for discussion of campus problems, such as curriculum reforms, and for "spontaneous issues," with time whittled off from Christmas and other existing vacation periods, he said.

At the University of Rochester, Prof. Peter Regenstreif of the political science department said a National Petition Committee had organized 219 affiliates across the country since last Monday, concentrating on small colleges in "Middle America."

The effort, he said, is to collect 20 million signatures for Congressional action against promote a media campaign against the war and to aid sympathetic candidates this fall. With 1,500 students canvassing during pouring rain in Rochester yesterday, he said 39,000 signatures and \$26,000 had been raised in that city alone so far.

A Yale University group of students said it had incorporated a Peace Commencement Fund with branches in formation at more than 100 campuses. The aim is to raise \$1-million by persuading high school and college seniors to refrain from

wearing graduation caps and gowns and to donate the rental saved to support election of Senators and House members working for peace in Southeast Asia.

Robert Kirkman, a spokesman, said that a five-member advisory board was made up of former Attorney General Ramsey Clark; the Right Rev. Paul Moore Jr., Episcopal Bishop Co-adjutor of New York; Charles Palmer, president of the National Student Association; Sam Brown, organizer of the Moratorium Committee, and the Rev. William Sloane Coffin, Yale chaplain.

Elsewhere, the City Planning Commission made public a call on President Nixon "to disengage the nation from this senseless, wasteful and morally corrosive" war in Indochina.

The board of directors of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation published a resolution condemning the war as "an unacceptable diversion of resources" and "threat to the physical and mental health of combatants and civilians."

Back-Nixon Group Active

On the other hand, Young Americans for Freedom, asserting that it represented 51,000 national and local members, issued a call through its chairman, David A. Keene, a University of Wisconsin law student, for students to support President Nixon's policies on Cam-

bodia and "rolling back the Communist tide in Asia."

Andrew W. Cordier, the president of Columbia University and James M. Hester, of the president of New York University, had set up yesterday's exchange between their respective senates and the members of Congress, with 70 Columbia and 45 N. Y. U. Senators attending. The presidents introduced the two faculty members and two student members who presented the universities views.

Dr. George I. Lythcott, associate dean of urban and community health at the Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, a Negro physician, held that the United States had "no right to transplant our ideas elsewhere since they have not been made to work here" yet.

Dean Robert McKay, of the N. Y. U. Law School, said the nation was seeing a new phenomenon with classes interrupted "in response to national decisions." He held that President Nixon had endangered the constitutional balance by taking major decisions without consulting Congress.

The student speakers, praised for eloquence by both university presidents and the members of Congress on hand, were Phyllis Haines, of N.Y.U.'s Washington Square College, who is black, and Sally Guttmacher, Columbia graduate student.