

A Deluge of Mail About Cambodia

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The United States action in Cambodia has provoked what may turn out to be the heaviest outpouring of mail, telegrams and petitions ever received by Congress.

Each day produces a new avalanche, and workers in the Senate Post Office have fallen five days behind in sorting senators' mail, now piled up in 150 stacks that overflow the post office and wind down the corridors outside it.

Western Union reports that even the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor did not produce so

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many telegrams to Congress.

Congressional aides report that most of the messages express opposition to the use of U.S. troops in Cambodia and support legislation intended to curb the President's power to order another such venture.

The office of Senator Jack Miller (Rep-Iowa), for example, says Miller's mail is running in a ratio of four-or-five-to-one against the Cambodian operation. A. J. Montgomery, an aide to the Senator, believes that opposition in Iowa is chiefly confined to college campuses.

BALANCE

"If you eliminate mail with postmarks from college towns," he says, "the balance would be pro-Nixon." But he concedes a "substantial" amount of "adult" mail also opposes the President.

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield (Dem-Mont.), reports he receives only one letter in support of the war in Cambodia for every 200 letters opposing it. "I've never gotten so much mail in my life from Montanans or even non-Montanans," he said.

But surpassing all is the mail received by Senator J. William Fulbright (Dem-Ark.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

SUPPORT

"With thousands and thousands not yet counted," a Fulbright aide says, "we've received 30,510 telegrams and 47,400 letters in support of the Fulbright position and only 835 telegrams and 2670 letters in opposition. And petitions bearing 57,100 names supporting Fulbright and petitions bearing 175 names supporting Nixon."

An aide to freshman Senator Charles McC. Mathias (Rep-Md.), checked return addresses against his mailing list and found 80 per cent of the mail from persons who had never before written the Senator. Mathias' is running six to one in opposition to the President.

Arizona's two Republican conservatives are giving different readings from their mail. Senator Paul J. Fanin's mail is five to one against but Senator Barry M. Goldwater's office says his office is about three to two in support of Mr. Nixon.