

Bipartisan Group

Anti-War Forces Form Committee

Washington

Formation of a citizens' committee to press for an end to "the whole Indo-Chinese mess" was announced yesterday by Senate sponsors of the "Amendment to End the War."

Senators Mark O. Hatfield (Rep-Ore.) and George S. McGovern (Dem-S.D.) said the newly formed bipartisan group would wage a grass-roots effort to "educate and activate" citizen support for their amendment to insure withdrawal of all American forces from Southeast Asia by June 30, 1971.

Former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, a Democrat, and Washington lawyer Edward Burling, a Republican, are co-chairmen of the "Citizens Committee for the Amendment to End the War."

Among its members are actor Paul Newman, Mayor John V. Lindsay of New York, President Cynthia Wedel of the National Council of Churches, and labor

leader Victor Reuther.

"This war must be ended and it cannot be ended unless a specific time is set for withdrawal of all United States troops from Southeast Asia," Clark said at a news conference.

"This amendment would do that and we want to help."

Hatfield said there would be a "significant number" of Republicans supporting the amendment when a vote comes, probably within the next few weeks. He said he "would share the assessment" that there are now 35 to 38 senators of both parties favoring the proposal.

"This is not a partisan issue," said Hatfield, "even though we (Republicans) have a Republican in the White House."

"This should not be thought of as Mr. Johnson's war or Mr. Nixon's war. If we are going to fight a war, it should be the people's war."

Clark and Burling stressed that whole purpose of the Hatfield-McGovern proposal

is to return to the Congress its constitutional powers to wage war.

Among other prominent figures on the committee are athletes Lance Alworth of the San Diego Chargers and Walt Hazard of the Atlanta Hawks and Tom Seaver of the New York Mets; photographer Bradford Bachrach; publisher Bennett Cerf; actresses Joanne Woodward and Donna Reed; and Aileen Hernandez, president of the National Organization for women.

Government figures include Mayors Carl Stokes of Cleveland and Georgia state Representative Julian Bond.

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