

# McCloskey Accuses Administration of

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WASHINGTON, May 12— Representative Paul N. McCloskey Jr. of California, who is preparing to challenge President Nixon in at least four Republican primaries, accused the Administration today of lying to the American people and concealing information from them.

At a breakfast with a group of reporters, the 43-year-old former marine said: "If there is one thing about this Administration that drives me up the wall, it's their willingness to lie and conceal information."

As examples of what he regarded as deception and concealment, Mr. McCloskey said the Defense Department had refused to supply him with figures on the number of amputees among wounded American soldiers in the Vietnam war and the Administration had not made public some critical comment from Federal agencies on the supersonic transport.

Mr. McCloskey was most angered, however, by an incident during his recent trip to Laos and South Vietnam. He said that he had asked Monteagle Stearnes, the deputy

chief of mission in the United States Embassy in Laos, whether any study had been made of the reasons why refugees had fled their villages and was told that no such study had been made.

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The following day, Mr. McCloskey said, he discovered that such a study had been made, and he went back to Mr. Stearnes and demanded to see it, since it was not confidential.

He said that the study, based on interviews with refugees, showed that 76 per cent of them gave as "the most com-

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elling" reason for flight the destruction or damaging of their homes by United States air bombing, although officials insisted there was no bombing of villages, except by accident.

Asked whether other Administrations had not also lied and concealed information, Mr. McCloskey said, "I don't think they [the Nixon administration] have invented it, but they have perfected it."

Mr. McCloskey said, "I don't have the background and training to run for President, and if it weren't for the war, I wouldn't do it."

But, he said, the war and the bombing are wrong, and

"the fight had to be made in the Republican party against the President."

Mr. McCloskey said there were four other grounds for his disaffection. These, he said, are the question of "truth in government," the Administration's "lack of moral leadership on the race issue," its failure to support its "rhetoric" on environmental and urban issues with sufficient money, and its "intrusion" in the independence of the judiciary.

"The party functionaries who are appalled at my doing this ought to take a look at what

the Republican registration is among young people," Mr. McCloskey said. Nationally, he said, this group is registering Democratic three or four to one.

"I am not exactly doing a disservice to our party," he said.

He said that he had once again written to President Nixon, requesting an appointment to discuss what he saw on his trip to Southeast Asia. Five other letters to Mr. Nixon on Vietnam since 1969 have gone unanswered, he said.

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