

McCloskey Registers The Young

Los Angeles

More than 200 young people walked sunny beaches here yesterday registering the new under-21 voters and enlisting them in a movement against President Nixon and the Vietnam war.

Accompanying them was Representative Paul N. McCloskey (Rep-Calif.) who is planning to challenge President Nixon in next year's Republican primary and is an opponent of the war.

"I am going to ask people to please register republican so they can cast their first vote against the war in the republican primary in this state," he told a rally of the youthful registrars.

Under the leadership of a veteran anti-war campaigner, former Democratic Representative Allard Lowenstein of New York, the beachside registration drive was the first attempt in the state to engage in mass registration of the 18 to 21-year

old voters, who last week were given the right to vote in all elections by the ratifi-

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Laird Is in Japan

Tokyo

Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird arrived here yesterday on a visit combining business and sightseeing.

Laird, the first American Secretary of Defense ever to

visit Japan, will be here for eight days. He will confere with Japanese and American defense officials, visit military installations and tour the temples and gardens of ancient Kyoto.

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cation of a constitutional amendment.

The movement is of particular importance in California. The Federal census last year said there were 1,065,731 Californians at that time between the ages of 18 and 21.

Yesterday's registration drive was under the direction of an organization called Register for Peace, organized by Lowenstein. Registrars were sent out to all local public beaches in what the sponsors called the biggest one-day voter registration drive in California history.

In his speeches and in an interview, McCloskey has made it clear he has all but finally decided to formally challenge the president in the presidential primaries next year, particularly in the June 6 California primary.

Registrars asked the new registrants to sign petitions which called for the war to

end by a specific date.

The registrars also deal with another controversial matter, Republican California Attorney General Evelle J. Younger's ruling that persons between 18 and 21 who are attending college must register at their parents' address rather than at their temporary college address.

In the view of the peace movement, this ruling, if followed, would be a major blow because college students who live away from home comprise a major part of the movement.

Whenever the registrars encountered potential voters living away from home, they were told that they could not be signed up — that the attorney general had forbidden it. Then the potential voter was encouraged to make a court case of the matter, hopefully to force a legal test of Younger's ruling.

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