

# McGovern Warns on Viet Vote

SAIGON — (CDN) — Sen. George McGovern strongly suggested today that Congress would cut off aid to South Vietnam if President Nguyen Van Thieu went ahead with his one-man presidential election.

The Democratic presidential hopeful said Thieu's unopposed candidacy Oct. 3 was "a one-man exhibition" that won't give South Vietnamese voters "no real choice."

The South Dakota senator thought it was significant that Sen Henry M. Jackson (D - Wash.), whom he described as "one of the two or

three most ardent" supporters of the war, had said he was "seriously considering" withdrawing his support in view of the one-man election.

"I think you will see that view widely shared by a good many Americans," McGovern said. "We have attached great importance to that election. President Nixon said it was one reason for the continued U.S. military presence in Vietnam."

McGovern, who went directly from the airport for a conversation with Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker, is scheduled to meet with Thieu

Wednesday. After a 45-minute session with Bunker, McGovern said he disagreed with the Ambassador's view that the Vietnamization program was proceeding quite well.

"It was more or less a courtesy call," said the South Dakota Democrat. He gave me his views of how things were going. He said he thought South Vietnam was strengthening its military position.

"I don't accept the American interpretation," McGovern declared. "I'm here to check my own views. It is not my view that Vietnamization is proceeding success-

fully. I don't see the Vietnamese having the capability of sustaining the Thieu regime without continuing American support indefinitely.

"My position is that we have to disengage and leave the future to the Vietnamese," said McGovern.

McGovern, who stopped off in Paris before coming here, said he was assured by North Vietnamese and Viet Cong negotiators that they meant it when they said that American prisoners would be freed and U.S. troops be allowed to depart safely if President Nixon agreed to withdraw all troops by Dec. 31.