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Protest Calls To Tunney, Cranston

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WASHINGTON — Both of California's U.S. Senators were bombarded with phone calls and telegrams today protesting President Nixon's Monday night speech.

Senator John Tunney's office reported that the President's decision to seal off North Vietnam brought the most intense reaction on a single subject since Tunney moved up from the House to the Senate 17 months ago.

Alan Cranston, California's senior senator, was unable to get a phone call through to his Los Angeles office for some time yesterday because of the volume of incoming calls deploring the war's escalation.

Both Senators are Democrats whose antiwar posture is well known.

"Even so," Win Griffith, Tunney's press secretary said, "an awful lot of people in California are telling the Senator, 'You've got to do something.' The tone is intense and angry."

A count of 200 wires received by Tunney showed them 12 to 1 against the President's policy.
