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Teller Rips McGovern's Peace Plan

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Dr. Edward Teller, known as the principal architect of the hydrogen bomb, blasted Senator George McGovern yesterday as being responsible for prolonging the war in Southeast Asia.

"The Vietnam war would be over except for one factor — George McGovern," Teller told some 200 persons at the Berkeley Commons Club.

The nuclear physicist said the South Dakota senator's candidacy for the presidency has offered hope to the North Vietnamese that if McGovern is elected they will win the war.

"A staunch supporter of Senator McGovern, a former attorney general (Ramsey Clark) has visited Hanoi and given us a message—if we vote how Hanoi wants us to vote, then we'll have peace," said the Hungarian-born scientist.

"If McGovern should be elected and he does what he

says, the consequences will be disastrous," said Teller, a professor at large at the University of California.

"A surrender at this stage by the United States will have a very clear cut and irreversible effect," he said. "Who will ever want Americans as allies? No other country will ever trust us."

An ardent backer of President Nixon, Teller told the audience: "Our chances of peace are excellent after the November election when the President is re-elected."

Teller received a standing ovation from the luncheon audience.