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Demo Candidates Blast War Move

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Three Democratic office seekers held separate press conferences here yesterday and were unanimous in their denunciation of the Cambodian campaign.

Two of them are seeking the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senator, the third is running for a Democratic nomination to challenge Republican Congressman William Mailliard.

Congressman John Tunney, candidate for the Senate nomination, termed the Cambodia adventure "a constitutional crisis," and said President Nixon acted improperly because he did not consult Congress before ordering troops into that country.

Tunney also said that under the terms of the SEATO treaty, the U.S. should not have sent troops to Cambodia without that nation's asking for them.

Los Angeles Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, also a Democratic candidate for the Senate nomination said Mr. Nixon "owes this country a full explanation.

"On April 20, he said he was pulling 150,000 troops out of Vietnam. Then ten days later he announced we were invading Cambodia. What happened in that ten-day period?"

Russell Miller, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress, called on Representative Mailliard, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, to

announce what he will say to President Nixon when the committee meets with Mr. Nixon today.

Miller, former press secretary to Tunney, said that on Nov. 7, 1969, "The present Congressman urged his constituents to support President Nixon's policy in Southeast Asia.

"... Does he (Mailliard) support escalation, couched in the rhetoric of withdrawal — and blunder, justified in the name of patriotism? We are here to ask 'Where do you stand, Congressman?' The citizens of San Francisco and Marin have a right to know."

Mailliard's office said the Congressman will issue a statement "after his meeting with the President."

Tunney - see also KCBS News, 3 May, this file