

Wires to Fulbright 10-1 Against Nixon's Action



Support

Senator William J. Fulbright, long-time opponent of the Viet war, holds some of the 4000 telegrams sent to him since President Nixon's speech on Cambodia. According to the Arkansas senator, they ran about 10 to 1 against the invasion.

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WASHINGTON — (UPI) — From a man in Crab Orchard, W. Va.: "Just once will you stand up on any issue involving communism and say that your country is right instead of wrong?"

From a couple in Aldan, Pa.: "Stop the madman. Get on TV and tell the people your side of Vietnam."

From Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to whom these messages were addressed: "We have never seen anything like this before."

Since President Nixon spoke Thursday night, about 4000 telegrams have arrived here addressed to Fulbright. He said they ran 10 to 1 opposing Nixon's Cambodia decision.

White House

In contrast, the White House said its telegrams are "overwhelmingly" in support of the President's action and at an equally unusual volume.

A random sampling of the telegrams the committee has received:

From a retired Air Force major in San Diego: "You Chamberlain, you would give away my son's birthright through self-appeasement."

From a woman, her mother and her grandmother in San Francisco: "Bravo. Thank God for people like

you to speak up for people like us..."

From a "professional self-employed, unhappy taxpayer, Republican and former member of the 'silent majority,'" in Troy, Ohio:

"... No, no, a thousand times no. He cannot get out too fast..."

San Leandro

From a woman in San Leandro, Calif.: "... Run for President."

From a Chicago man: "Our Quaker President kills Asians and lies about his popular support. God bless you, senator."

From a Detroit man: "Keep mouth shut. You have already cost 10,000 American lives."

From a man in the Bronx: "You are an isolationist, a traitor and the top Communist advocate in Congress."

From a woman in Cherry Hill, N.J.: "Presidential message April 30th patently patronizing pap. Am offended by implication of low level of intelligence attributed to American citizens. This is deeper involvement, not disengagement we promised."

A man in Waco, Tex.: "Damn the gutless senators. Full speed ahead."

A man in Hayward, Calif.: "Congress is dead, long live King Richard."

A couple in Eureka, Calif.: "Stop war. Impeach Nixon. Bring our boys home."

A doctor in New Orleans: "... We are concerned about your recent behavior concerning foreign policy and suggest that you seek appropriate medical help to ascertain extent of your mental facilities."

A professor in La Jolla, Calif.: "Suggest roll call vote, House and Senate, on position Cambodian adventure. Public should know whom to defeat in November."

A Seattle clergyman: "... Do anything within your power to stop President Nixon."

Baltimore man: "Thanks for stabbing my son in the back. I hereby volunteer to end the war by dropping the bomb on Hanoi provided you and your ink are there when it explodes."

A San Francisco man: "When will you cease wringing your hands and start acting to prevent American Presidents from becoming dictators?"