

HOUSE IS SENDING OWN INQUIRY TEAM ON INDOCHINA WAR

Votes, 223 to 101, to Create
12-Man Group for a Study
of Involvement by U.S.

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WASHINGTON, June 8—The House of Representatives voted today to send a fact-finding mission of its own to study "all aspects of United States military involvement in Southeast Asia."

Backed by many of the House's most vocal hawks and doves, the plan for a 12-man bipartisan committee was approved by a vote of 223 to 101. No Senate action is needed.

The committee, to be named by Speaker John W. McCormack, was instructed to "depart immediately" and report back to the House within 45 days.

Creation of the committee came as a similar Presidential mission headed for home after a four-day inspection tour of American operations in Cambodia.

Some Oppose House Move

Some House members complained that there was too much Congressional quarter-backing about the war. Representative Durward G. Hall, Republican of Missouri, said:

"The hawks and doves are being turned into carrier pigeons who will come back and act like mynah birds."

Meanwhile the Senate, which has long been embroiled in the issue of the war, prepared to vote Thursday on another of a series of amendment involving a cut-off of funds for future military operations in Cambodia.

The vote will come on an amendment by Senator Robert Byrd, Democrat of West Virginia, to allow the President to take any action, including a new incursion into Cambodia, if he felt it was needed to protect American troops in South Vietnam.

The House move was generally viewed as evidence of Congressional concern over President Nixon's decision late in April to send troops into Cambodia.

War Backer Offers Idea

Significantly, the idea for a House inquiry was originated by Representative G. V. Montgomery, Democrat of Mississippi, long a supporter of American military action in Vietnam.

"We're tearing ourselves apart over this business," Mr. Montgomery told one antiwar colleague some weeks ago. "Let's find out for ourselves what is happening over there."

Within days after American troops entered Cambodia, Mr.

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Montgomery and 70 co-sponsors offered the resolution to create the special committee. The co-sponsors included Republicans and Democrats, liberals and conservatives.

The Rules Committee first shelved the resolution, but then resurrected it after striking a preamble that some feared too harsh an indictment of the Administration.

The preamble stated:

"Whereas the use of United States troops in Cambodia and increased air activity over North Vietnam have added a new dimension to the war in Southeast Asia, and

"Whereas such use of military forces of the United States has become the subject of intense debate in Congress, and

"Whereas the Congress, to fulfill its constitutional responsibilities, should have accurate and detailed information regarding the extent of the United States involvement in Southeast Asia . . ."

Efforts by antiwar forces to restore the original preamble were defeated today by a vote of 210 to 84.

But even without the preamble, many of the House's most vocal critics of the war viewed creation of the committee as significant.

"I look upon this as a repealer of the Wright resolu-

War Casualties

WASHINGTON, June 8 (UPI)—The Defense Department announced today the names of the following men from the New York area as having been killed in the war in Southeast Asia:

Army

KESTER, Richard L., Specialist 4, Angola, N. Y.
OLIVO, Rafael, Specialist 4, Brooklyn.
PORTER, William R., Sgt., Oneida, N. Y.
TORRES, Arcadio, First Sgt., Mount Holly, N. J.

tion," Representative Hugh Carey, Democrat of Brooklyn, informed the House. He was referring to a resolution, adopted by the House last December by a vote of 333 to 55, affirming support for the President in "his effort to negotiate a just peace in Vietnam."

Some House members asked that the fact-finders named by the President should be allowed to report before the House sent off a committee of its own.

Others protested that creation of the special committee would intrude on the jurisdiction of the Committees on Armed Services and Foreign Affairs. And still others contended that it would be a waste of taxpayers' money.