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**Foes of Nixon on Vietnam
Planning Steps in Congress**

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 — There were strong signs today that President Nixon's halt in bombing above the 20th parallel in North Vietnam had brought him little, if any, respite from Congressional criticism of his Vietnam policies. House Democrats will caucus Tuesday—the day before Congress is scheduled to convene—and vote on a sense-of-the-party resolution calling for a cut-off in military spending in Southeast Asia.

Later in the week a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee will hold hearings on the effect of the Vietnam bombing policy on United States diplomacy in Europe, with special emphasis on the strained relationship between Washington and Stockholm.

Sponsors of the two moves insisted in interviews today that neither the halt in the bombing north of the 20th parallel nor the announcement of the resumption of the secret peace talks in Paris on Jan. 8 would affect sentiment for strong action.

The Democratic caucus resolution was proposed last week by Representative Lucian N. Nedzi, Democrat of Michigan, who declared today that his views on the President's Vietnam policies had not been altered by yesterday's White House announcement.

Nixon Criticized for 'Secrecy'
"We still don't know what he has in mind in the event he is not able to arrive at a cease-fire agreement," said Mr. Nedzi, who is the eighth-ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee and chairman of its intelligence subcommittee.

The Michigan Representative accused the President of "doing everything secretly."

"Not only are the people and the Congress unaware of his intentions," Mr. Nedzi added,

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"but some high-ranking people even in his own Administration don't know."

House aides said that the pending resolution — which would establish a Democratic party policy on the Vietnam war for the 93d Congress—had attracted the support of many of the more moderate members.

Some members suggested that the Nedzi resolution would provide an immediate test of the leadership of the House Speaker, Carl Albert. Mr. Albert, Democrat of Oklahoma, was quoted by news agencies as praising the President's decision to halt the bombing, declaring that it would "take away a very divisive issue while we have so many other things to do."

Hours after the White House announcement yesterday, Common Cause, the national public service organization, made public the text of a telegram it had sent to all House Democrats urging support of the Democratic caucus measure. In a special message to Mr. Albert, the Common Cause president, Jack Conway, declared that the pending measure was "a signal that the war should not continue endlessly."

"In no way does this hurt the President's negotiations," the telegram said.

Similarly, Representative Benjamin S. Rosenthal, chairman of the House Foreign affairs subcommittee on Europe, emphasized that his group would begin hearings this week despite the scheduled resumption of peace negotiations.

A State Department spokesman said that Secretary of State William P. Rogers would not appear before the subcommittee, which will investigate the effects of the Vietnam bombing policy on United States diplomacy in Europe. In view of the renewal of negotiations, the State Department official said, Mr. Rogers "does not consider it would be appropriate" to testify.

Mr. Rosenthal declared that in his view the halt in bombing "doesn't change what's going on."

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"We don't know when we're going to begin another one of these orgies all over again," he declared. "We have to have an orderly diplomatic process. We can't treat foreign governments like naughty children, put them in a closet and spank them."

The State Department also said today that Mr. Rogers would not appear at a special session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, as requested by the committee chairman, J. William Fulbright, Democrat of Arkansas, to discuss the Administration's Vietnam policy.

A spokesman for Senator Edward M. Kennedy, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Refugees, reaffirmed that Senator Kennedy would pursue his inquiry into the rules of engagement covering the bombing of North Vietnam and the Pentagon's assessment of civilian war damage.