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Dellums Asks 'War Crime Policy' Probe

Washington

Representative Ronald V. Dellums (Dem-Calif.), urged yesterday that Congress investigate what he called the "war crimes policy of the United States Government."

Dellums issued a statement announcing that he is providing space in his office to the Citizens' Commission of Inquiry on U.S. War Crimes in Vietnam, a private group based in New York and sponsored by such anti-war people as David Dellinger, Dr. Benjamin Spock and Jane Fonda.

The commission, he said, will make available to members of congress photographs, documents and testimony presented at a national veterans' inquiry in Washington last December on alleged war crimes in Indochina.

"Vietnam veterans who have been witness to or participants in atrocities committed in Indochina will be present at the office on a daily basis for those members of Congress who wish to interrogate them," said Dellums, a freshman congressman.

"The testimony collected by the citizens' commission demonstrates the urgent need for Congress to convene for full-scale inquiry into war crimes policy of the United States government," he said.

The commission will have a news conference today to outline its plans.

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