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DALLAS, TEX., MARCH 7 (AP)--"INSIDERS RUNNING THE SHOW" IN THIS COUNTRY AND IN RUSSIA WANT TO PROLONG THE WAR IN VIETNAM, SAYS JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY FOUNDER ROBERT WELCH.

HE SAID THE GOAL OF THESE UNNAMED INDIVIDUALS IS TO PROMOTE A COMMUNIST TAKEOVER IN THE UNITED STATES.

WELCH, OF BELMONT, MASS., SAID HIS ORGANIZATION PROPOSES "THE MOST MASSIVE PLEA EVER DIRECTED TO THE AMERICAN CONGRESS" FOR HALTING "ALL AID IN ANY FORM TO OUR COMMUNIST ENEMIES."

ABOUT 1,300 PERSONS PAID \$2 EACH LAST NIGHT TO HEAR WELCH DETAIL VIEWS WHICH HE SAID STEMMED IN PART FROM A RECENT TRIP TO THE FAR EAST.

"THE ADMINISTRATION HAS NO INTENT OR DESIRE," HE SAID, "TO WIN THE WAR OR END IT--BUT ONLY TO ENLARGE IT...THE SOVIET UNION HAS NO MORE INTEREST IN WINNING THIS WAR THAN THE ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON. THEY BOTH WANT TO KEEP IT GOING."

WELCH ADDED THAT AMERICAN FORCES ARE COMPELLED TO FIGHT UNDER RESTRICTIONS AND HANDICAPS, SUCH AS BANS ON BOMBING MANY NORTH VIETNAM TARGETS--"ALL THE IMPORTANT PLACES ARE FORBIDDEN TO THEM," HE SAID. WELCH DREW THIS CONCLUSION:

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WELCH DREW APPLAUSE A DOZEN TIMES IN A 64-MINUTE SPEECH DEPLORING U.S. WHEAT SHIPMENTS TO RUSSIA AND OTHER NATIONS, RELAXATION OF BARRIERS TO TRADE WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AND MULTIMILLION-DOLLAR U.S. FOREIGN AID PROGRAMS.

MUCH OF THE FOOD AND MONEY FROM THIS COUNTRY EVENTUALLY GOES TO NORTH VIETNAM, NORTH KOREA OR CUBA THROUGH VARIOUS RUSSIAN SATELLITES, HE DECLARED.

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HE ASSERTED THE GOAL OF THESE UNNAMED INDIVIDUALS IS TO PROMOTE A COMMUNIST TAKEOVER IN THE UNITED STATES.

FOR THAT REASON THE RETIRED CANDY MANUFACTURER FROM BELMONT, MASS., SAID HIS ULTRA RIGHT WING ORGANIZATION PROPOSES "THE MOST MASSIVE PLEA EVER DIRECTED TO THE AMERICAN CONGRESS" FOR HALTING "ALL AID IN ANY FORM TO OUR COMMUNIST ENEMIES."

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WHILE U.S. TROOPS CONTINUE TO DIE IN VIETNAM, HE WENT ON, RED TYRANNY HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO ONE SATELLITE AFTER ANOTHER.

"NOW FORCES IN WASHINGTON ARE MAKING THEIR MOVES TO IMPOSE THIS TYRANNY ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE," SAID THE BIRCH SOCIETY LEADER. "IT'S TIME TO TELL THEM: 'YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH IT!'"

AT THE OUTSET WELCH SAID FIGHTING COMMUNISTS IN VIETNAM WHILE HELPING THEM ELSEWHERE IS THE MOST SERIOUS AMONG HUNDREDS OF QUESTIONS THAT CAN BE RAISED ABOUT THE PRESENT WARFARE.

"WHEN MEASURED AS TO COSTS IN THE NUMBER OF MEN AND CASUALTIES," HE CONTINUED, "THIS ALREADY IS THE LARGEST WAR IN AMERICAN HISTORY-- AND IT'S STADILY GETTING LARGER."

CONCERNING STEPS TO GRANT RUSSIA A FAVORED NATION TRADE STATUS, HE SAID: "MOSCOW HAS NO OTHER COURSE BUT TO BEG, BORROW OR STEAL FROM CAPITALIST COUNTRIES TO PREVENT ITS OWN COLLAPSE . . . "THE UNITED STATES PERIODICALLY GOES TO THE RESCUE. THIS HAS BECOME SO FAMILIAR THAT IT IS LARGELY OVERLOOKED."

IN ADDITION TO WHEAT AND CASH, WELCH SAID THE UNITED STATES IS EXPORTING FACTORIES, EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGICAL KNOWHOW TO THE SOVIET UNION, OFTEN IN THE GUISE OF CULTURAL RELATIONS.

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