

## Hatfield hits continuing war

Senator Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.) issued the following statement in Washington, D.C. on April 12th:

"The course of U.S. actions in Cambodia in recent days brings back memories of the early stages of this country's intervention in Vietnam. I fear the pattern of secret commitments and public denials is being repeated. I am profoundly worried and concerned over the present trend of events in Indochina. My anxiety has intensified since questioning State Department and Defense Department officials at a classified session of the Foreign Operations Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee.

We are achieving neither peace nor honor in Indochina. Developments in the past days heighten the unpleasant but unavoidable truth that the U.S. is not out of Indochina and that we are on the verge of more, rather than less, involvement in the continuing Indochinese war.

The conflict in Cambodia is basically a civil war - this

should be made clear to everyone. Cambodians are fighting Cambodians, and yet one side is being besieged by U.S. bombs dropped from U.S. planes flown by U.S. pilots. Innocent civilians are being killed by those bombs.

Our bombing, our military aid, our airlift and sealift of supplies, and even further steps, such as supporting another possible South Vietnamese invasion of Cambodia, all are seen as indispensable for the survival of the Lon Nol government. Yet, Congress and the American public repeatedly are told that the Administration has no 'commitment' to that government. Such hypocrisy must halt.

No shred of constitutional authority nor any legal justification exists justifying our military actions in support of the Lon Nol government.

U.S. efforts to insure Lon Nol's survival fly in the face of clear Congressional directive spelling out that authorized military and economic aid shall not constitute a commitment to the defense

of Cambodia.

Executive autocracy must not be allowed to trample the Constitution and the will of Congress. We are intervening in another civil war. We are killing innocent people. We are violating the Constitution of the United States. We are ignoring the law of the land.

In the words of the prophet Jeremiah: They say 'peace, peace', when there is no peace.

Let this be clear: The Administration should expect no funds from Congress for continuing this way while boasting about peace."

The Department of Revenue has installed a direct toll-free telephone line so taxpayers may learn the effect on their tax liability of the tax relief and a school finance program that is on the special election ballot May 1.

The toll-free number is 1-800-452-0330.

## Demos choose Blacks

Democratic National Committee Chairman Robert S. Strauss said that of the 303 members of the Democratic National Committee, 36 are Black. Twenty-eight members were elected from their States. Eight were among 28 new at-large members of the Committee recently added by mandate of the 1972 Democratic Convention. Those include:

- Former Ambassador Patricia R. Harris, a Washington,

- D. C. Attorney
- Mrs. Mary Widener of Berkeley, California
- State Senator George L. Brown of Denver, Colorado
- Mayor Richard G. Hatcher of Gary, Indiana
- State Representative Orchid Nee Jordan of Kansas City, Missouri
- Mr. Mattilyn F. Rochester of Willingboro, N.J., an educator
- New York attorney Percy Sutton, Manhattan Borough

President  
• Attorney Matthew Perry of Columbia, South Carolina  
Three Blacks are members

of the DNC's powerful 25 member Executive Committee: Ruth Harvey Charity, C. DeLores Tucker and Basil

A. Paterson. Chicago editor-publisher Louis Martin was elected Committee Vice-Chairman for Minorities.

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## Meetings explain tax plan

Schools for the City, an independent group of citizens, is sponsoring a series of public forums in the Portland metropolitan area during the next two weeks. The purpose of the public forums is to discuss the impact of the McCall tax program on the Portland taxpayer and its effect on Portland schools. The tax relief school finance measure will go before the voters of Oregon on May 1st.

The following schedule is a list of the public forums scheduled by the Schools for the City Organization.

7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 19, 1973 - Public Forum, McCall Tax Relief Plan, at the Washington High School cafeteria, 531 S.E. 14th Avenue. Speaker is William E. Bade, State Liaison, School District No. 1.

8:00 p.m., Thursday, April 19, 1973 - Public Forum,

McCall Tax Relief Plan at the Jackson High School, 10625 S.W. 35th Avenue. Speaker will be Representative Mary Rieke.

12:00 p.m., Friday, April 20, 1973 - Public Forum, McCall Tax Relief Plan, Loaves and Fishes Center, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 6437 S.W. Virginia. Speaker is Mrs. M. Bernard Silverman, Tax Chairman for the Schools for the City.

7:30 p.m., Monday, April 23, 1973 - Public Forum, McCall Tax Relief Plan at the Adams High School Library, 5700 N.E. 39th Avenue. Speaker is Representative Howard Cherry.

7:30 p.m., Monday, April 23, 1973 - Public Forum, McCall Tax Relief Plan at Kellogg High School, 6909 S.E. Powell. Speaker is Representative Earl Blumenauer.

1:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 25, 1973 - Public Forum,

McCall Tax Relief Plan at Portland State University, Smith Memorial Center, Room 338. Speaker is President of the Senate, Jason Boe.

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 25, 1973 - Public Forum, McCall Tax Relief Plan at the Roosevelt High School cafeteria, 6941 N. Central Avenue. Speakers are the President of the Senate, Jason Boe, and State Senator Bill Stevenson.

8:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 25, 1973 - Public Forum, McCall Tax Relief Plan at Madison High School Library, 2735 N.E. 82nd Avenue. Speaker is Representative Lloyd Kinsey.

7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 26, 1973 - Public Forum, McCall Tax Relief Plan at the Grant High School new cafeteria, 2245 N.E. 36th Avenue. Speaker is Representative Lloyd Kinsey.

## McCoy asks priorities

State Representative William "Bill" McCoy, (Dem-Portland), was the keynote speaker in Seattle at the National Council on Aging regional conference. Speaking before 400 persons, McCoy claimed that state government needs to insist on certain priorities for the use of federal money at the local level, even when those amounts are earmarked for elderly programs. "We're finding out that local people often think of a social center for seniors as the first order of business, and the elderly poor, who need home services, or transportation, are often neglected," McCoy said.

In addition, McCoy called for community assistance to the elderly, who need reve-

nue sharing money to support local programs that are being "shut down" by a termination of federal funds. "In a very real sense, these senior programs are in the same crunch that children's services have found themselves in," he said. "But seniors are still the 'invisible' ones at the local level, and need all the help they can get in obtaining their 'fair share' of money at the local level."

McCoy, who is on leave as Director of a Foster Grandparent Program in Portland, is a first-term legislator, serving as Co-Chairman of the Joint Committee on Aging, and as a member of the Joint Ways and Means Committee.



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