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A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH IN CONGRESS:
THE FLYNT - GIAIMO AMENDMENT

Two highly respected Congressmen, John Flynt of Georgia and Robert Giaimo of Connecticut, have announced that they will introduce an amendment on the House floor to the Defense Appropriations bill to cut military aid to South Vietnam to $750 million, about half of that requested by the Administration (but still roughly equal to this year's level).

This amendment marks the first attempt in the normally conservative House of Representatives to cut aid to Saigon substantially below one billion dollars. While preparing their amendment, Congressmen Flynt and Giaimo have emphasized that U.S. aid to Thieu is primarily responsible for the continued killing and destruction in South Vietnam today, and that it is the responsibility of American citizens to put a halt to it.

Although $750 million is still an unconscionable level of armaments for Saigon, this amendment is vitally important as an indicator of Congressional attitudes toward U.S. policy in Indochina. In the past, military aid bills have featured a high House appropriation, a much lower Senate figure (where anti-war amendments have fared much better), and a conference committee "compromise" unfortunately close to the high House figure. The passage of this amendment, however, would be an essential first step toward achieving a final figure substantially lower than last year's.

THE VOTE WILL COME ON THE HOUSE FLOOR
DURING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 5 - 9

Last Spring's successful struggle against the $474 million supplemental request showed that organized citizens can help defeat a military request. Now, more support and work are needed to repeat that stunning victory.

We should not kid ourselves; we face an all-out, up-hill battle (Ambassador to Saigon Graham Martin returns to Washington this week to lobby Congress for more aid). However, if people around the country support Congressmen Flynt and Giaimo by demanding that their amendment be supported, we can win!!

We should emphasize to our Representatives that no compromise with the Flynt-Giaimo amendment is acceptable.

CONSTITUENT PRESSURE A NECESSITY!

(please read reverse side)
1. -----------Write to your Representative in support of the Flynt-Giaimo amendment.

2. -----------Arrange to talk with your Representative or their foreign policy aide (in the district, by telephone, etc.).

3. -----------Get at least five friends, neighbors, or relatives not previously active to write in support of the amendment.

4. -----------Have your Church, civic or political organization write in support of the Flynt-Giaimo amendment. Any group which has already endorsed the Indochina Peace Resolution should now be asked to implement their position by writing and wiring their support of the amendment.

5. -----------Write letters to newspapers about the Flynt-Giaimo amendment, being sure to mention the Representative's name in the letter (as well as directly sending a copy to their Washington office!).

-------------REMEMBER-------------

EVERY REPRESENTATIVE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON THE FLYNT-GIAIMO AMENDMENT TO CUT MILITARY AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM TO $750 MILLION DURING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 5-9.