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Senator Gordon W. Roseleip, a member of most patriotic veterans groups which have taken a stand in support of the President on Vietnam, is quite disturbed about Congressman Kastenmeier's position at this time of national crisis. He commented the following:

"Although I would not make bold to say that Representative Kastenmeier's Vietnam hearing was deliberately stacked with ultra-leftists and pro-Communists, I would say that the "pull out now and give South Vietnam to the Reds" sentiment which so much pervaded the conference is not characteristic nor representative of the people of Wisconsin. Speaking specifically of Mr. Kastenmeier's district of which my constituency is a part I cannot believe that the good people of 2nd district could reconcile themselves morally and ethically with a policy that advocates turning over millions of South Vietnamese citizens to Communist tyranny.

My great concern, therefore, is that Mr. Kastenmeier will attempt to persuade the Congress and public at large that those high priests of anti-Americanism which the University of Wisconsin so generously provided, those Communist front groups and various other left-

wing eccentrics that contributed to the circus are really echoing the thought of the citizen of Green, Dane, Columbia, Jefferson and Dodge counties. This, of course, is untrue.

Also, in spite of the fact we are used to the grossities of Mr. Kastenmeier's past performances in dealing with the Communist conspiracy, it is still difficult to tolerate the Congressman's allowance of Professor Evan Stark's treasonous remark (as recorded by the Wisconsin State Journal, Sunday, August 1, 1965) that we support the North Vietnamese over the free South Vietnamese people. It is such lunacy that elates the enemy and convinces them even more that the Vietnam war can be won by deluding the American people ~~on the~~ ~~people~~ on the Home front. Witness, articles in the publication called the Daily Worker, the chief newspaper of the American Communist Party:

A number of us have been trying to convince the public that certain individuals and organizations sympathetic to the cause are playing their hand right into the Communist conspiracy against the United States, such as the open letter to President Johnson of April 3, 1965 published in the Daily Cardinal's issue of Thursday, May 6, 1965, signed by 150 University of Wisconsin professors under the heading "A Committee to End the War in Vietnam." This also appeared in the Communistic Worker of May 11, 1965, page 2--"Wisconsin Profs Tell L.B.J. to Stop the Bombing."

At the Democrat convention in Green Bay, Wisconsin, a resolution

to support the determination of the President to accept the challenge to stay in Vietnam, to win the war and to win the ensuing peace. Professor Emeritus William Graham Rice of the U. W. Law School offered the motion which was adopted to reject the above resolution. This appeared in the Communist Worker on June 22, 1965, page 3 under the heading "Wisc. Democrats Reject War Support Resolution." The Worker on July 27, 1965, page 3 printed an article under the heading "Rep. Kastenmeier to Hold Wisconsin Hearing On Vietnam." I ask you the people how one can play into the Communist plan more than this? When it comes to protecting God and my country against atheistic Communism I firmly believe there are not two sides to the issue. We must support our fighting force in Vietnam until a just and honest peace is attained for God and country.

Recalling Lenin's comment that the "Communist world will be built by non-Communist hands" perhaps one could suggest to our fighting sons abroad that the most effective enemy is not in the Rice paddies but in the Namesake of Congressman Robert W. Kastenmeier and his clique of Du Bois club devotees."