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Anti-Reds Dominate War Group

Right-Wing Appears
Better Represented
Than Center, Left

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THE NEAREST THING to a common denominator among the 103 charter members of a new pro-Vietnam committee is hard-line—in some cases doctrinaire—anti-Communism.

Although the Citizens Committee for Peace with Freedom in Vietnam says it speaks for the "great silent center of American life," the right appears better represented than the center or left.

There is a scattering of well known conservatives, including some prominent professional anti-Communists.

Among the latter are John M. Fisher, Frank R. Barnett, Christopher Emmett and David Martin.

Fisher, listed as president of the American Research Foundation of Chicago, heads the American Security Council, originally a private loyalty-security black-list operation since expanded into a research organization that promotes right-wing causes through radio programs and a newsletter. Fisher heads the council's affiliate, the conservative Freedom Studies Center near Culpeper, Va., as well.

BARNETT, listed as president of the National Strategy Information Center, Inc., formerly was research director of the Richardson Foundation, supporter of many conservative causes, and now operates right-wing "strategy seminars" around the country.

Emmett is chairman of the American Friends of the Captive Nations, a group representing political refugees chiefly from East European Communist countries.

Martin, a speech writer for Senator Thomas J. Dodd (Dem.), Connecticut, was an early participant in the Freedom Studies Center.

A number of the charter members of the new committee were leaders of an informal coalition of conservatives and strongly anti-Communist liberals that supported the containment policies of the



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Spokesmen for a group of high-ranking former government officials that has strongly endorsed the United States involvement in Vietnam, issuing a policy statement at a press conference in Washington yesterday. In the group (from left) are: General of the Army Omar Bradley; Mrs. Oswald Lord, former delegate to the United Nations, and former Senator Paul Douglas (Dem.), Illinois.

Truman and Eisenhower Administrations at the height of the cold war. Both former Presidents are also members.

Among those who figured in the cold war coalition were Dean Acheson, former Secretary of State; Thurman Arnold, former Solicitor General of the United States; Gen. Lucius D. Clay, now senior partner of Lehman Brothers; Dr. James B. Conant, former United States Ambassador to Germany and former president of Harvard University; Paul R. Porter, now a Washington lawyer; Lewis L. Strauss, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, and Abbott Washburn, former deputy director of the United States Information agency.

Former Senator Paul H. Douglas (Dem.), Illinois, who says he conceived the idea of the new committee, is a liberal in domestic matters. In foreign affairs, he has advocated hard-line anti-Communism and took a leading role in keeping the Communist regime in China out of the United Nations.

As organizing chairman, Douglas told a press conference yesterday that the committee was not committed to support President Lyndon B. Johnson, but was supporting "the office of the presidency."

AN INITIAL policy statement gave unqualified support to the Johnson Administration's present policy and conduct of the war, including the line, emphasized repeatedly in the last two weeks by the President, Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and Secretary of State Dean Rusk, that the U.S. has a "vital national interest" at stake in Vietnam because of the aggressive and expansionist policy of Communist China.

The statement suggested that if the United States abandoned Vietnam "Peking and Hanoi, flushed with success" would "continue their expansionist policy through many other 'wars of national liberation.'" Named as possible victims were Burma, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand.

Among the academic members of the new group, most have already stated their strong support for the Administration's Vietnam policy. These include Dr. Harry D. Gideonse, chancellor of the new School for Social Research; Dr. Edmund A. Gullion, former ambassador to The Congo and now dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University; Dr. Oscar Handlin, director of the Charles Warren Center for studies in American History at

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Department, University of California; Dr. James B. Conant, former president of Harvard University and former Ambassador to Germany; Prof. George E. Taylor, director of the Far Eastern and Russian Institute, University of Washington, and Frank N. Trager, professor of international affairs, New York University.

It was disclosed last year that a book by Trager strongly supporting American intervention in Vietnam was subsidized by the United States Information Agency.

OTHER ACADEMICIANS include Allan Nevins, the historian; Prof. Milton Sachs of Brandeis University; Dr. Paul Seabury, professor of political science at the University of California; Dr. Frederick Seitz, president of the National Academy of Science; Dr. Harold C. Urey, professor of chemistry-at-large, University of California, and Eugene P. Wigner, professor of physics at Princeton University.

Several members of the new group are closely identified with Mr. Johnson. One of these is Archbishop Robert E. Lucey of San Antonio, a friend of the President, who has denounced from his pulpit critics of the Vietnam war.

Another is James H. Rowe Jr., a Washington lawyer who was a special assistant to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Rowe is an old friend the President Johnson and frequently takes assignments as a trouble shooter.

Writers who have joined the group include Holmes Alexander, Ralph McGill and Roscoe Drummond, syndicated columnists; Marc Connelly, the playwright; Eric Hoffer, the essayist and longshoreman; Howard K. Smith, news analyst and commentator; Ralph Ellison, author, and James T. Farrell, the author.

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