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KEATING SPEAKS AT UNIVERSITY

MISSOULA---

Edward M. Keating, publisher and editor-in-chief of Ramparts Magazine, said Tuesday night at the University of Montana that elimination of oppression, poverty, ignorance and disease "will cause communism to die on the vine."

Speaking in the University Theater at the first program of the new year sponsored by the Associated Students of the University and the UM Public Exercises Committee, Keating told an estimated 300 listeners that the military might such as the U.S. has been using in Vietnam won't eliminate or isolate communism at all.

In his speech, entitled "A Radical's View of America," Keating criticized Secretary of Defense Robert MacNamara for being "the architect of our policy in Vietnam."

Keating said that in the last two years in Vietnam, the U.S. has doubled the tonnage of bombs used in North Korea and also the tonnage of bombs used during World War II.

"We have used 1,400,000 tons of bombs in Vietnam since 1966," Keating said.

Keating criticized MacNamara for backing President Johnson's Vietnam policies.

Keating referred to present life as "the era of the big lie." He said that in 1964 President Johnson was running for office as the peace candidate, but Keating indicated that the President somehow has changed his way of thinking about Vietnam since then.