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MISSOULA---

"Street dialogues" in Missoula launching Moratorium Day, Wednesday, against the Vietnam War attracted only a small number of enthusiastic passers-by Wednesday morning.

A number of University of Montana students circulated petitions urging President Nixon to "take all extraordinary measures to de-escalate the war in Vietnam," and to "quickly and drastically reduce the American involvement." The signed petitions will be delivered to the Missoula City Council following the day's activities.

Many townspeople tried to avoid the petitioners by saying they "haven't time," or that they aren't "educated enough." Some said they did not want to be brainwashed. Others said they agreed with the petitions but they would rather not sign the petitions. Many just nodded their heads "no."

Mary Katherine Hodges, Helena, a UM senior political science major who was among those seeking signatures for the petitions, said, "I've been called a Communist, a member of the S.D.S. (Students for a Democratic Society) and a hippie. I don't care. I'm interested in ending the war."

Nance J. Weimann, Troy, a UM journalism major who also was circulating petitions, said, "Seventy-five per cent of the people won't sign. They won't even read the petition." She said one man told her he couldn't communicate because he was "deaf in both ears and unable to read lips." She added more women than men were disinterested in signing.

Gerald M. Ashmore, 3330 Hollis, Missoula, a businessman, did not sign because he said he could not agree with everything on the petition. Said Ashmore, "Our national purposes are clearly defined and the petition reads as if our purposes are vague."

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Meridan H. Bennett, 315 Keith, Missoula, signed one of the petitions because, he said, "We should have never gotten involved in this national catastrophe."

Marc Kouzmanoff, Glen Ellyn, Ill., a UM freshman in wildlife biology, signed the petition but added, "Now my name will probably be up first for the draft."

In a Moratorium Day speech in the University Lodge Wednesday afternoon, State Sen. John L. McKeon, Anaconda, commended about 350 UM students and others participating in the anti-Vietnam demonstrations.

"It is a tremendous thing you are doing today," said McKeon. "This is a symbol of what the youth of America can do and have done" for their country.

The senator said he feels "we are not going to get a mutual withdrawal of forces" on the part of North Vietnam. "There has been no change in Vietnam," even under the present administration in Washington, McKeon added. "There is no peace in the course we are now following."

McKeon asked, "Are we living up to the standards established for us by the Constitution of the United States?"

He said he feels there will be no meaningful negotiations concerning the Vietnam situation so long as the present governmental regime remains in power in South Vietnam. McKeon said it would be better to let the people resolve their own political problems in South Vietnam and "end the slaughter and devastation."

He said 158 Montanans had been killed in battle in Vietnam through August and that another 44 had died from other causes in that country. He said more than \$100 billion has been spent on the conflict.

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