



B'nai B'rith Speaker

James Hofford, right, former Boston newsman and now a professor at Boston State College, chats with officers of the Portland Chapter, B'nai B'rith, Harry K. Goldberg, left,

vice chairman, and Murray Rosen, chairman, at a dinner at the Jewish Community Center Tuesday night. (By Staff Photographer Elwell)

Congress Should Outline U.S. Role In Viet Nam, Chapter Told

The next session of Congress is going to have to make a vital decision on the role it will take in the Viet Nam war, a Boston State College professor said at a dinner of the Portland Chapter of B'nai B'rith at the Jewish Community Center Tuesday night.

James Hofford, who as feature correspondent for the Boston Globe and the New England Press Association, went to Viet Nam last January, said victory becomes less and less possible with the passing months.

"The Congress should spell out for America very specifically what our policy is in Viet Nam so that there will be no confusion as to our aims."

He said that Congress should then act in endorsement of these aims.

"Congress should further express itself as to whether the military in the field can carry out this policy effectively," the speaker said.

Hofford declared that there is a widening sense of frustration on the part of commanders in the field because of re-

strictions placed on them by the government.

Hofford said that neither the U.S. Marines nor the Air Force is being given the freedom of action it would ordinarily exercise in warfare.

He said congressional support of a specific policy for Viet Nam is a requisite if the war is to be pursued to a successful end.

Hofford also declared that South Viet Nam and their Asian allies are hamstrung by political pressures in the conduct of guerrilla activities.

South Vietnamese rangers are particularly well equipped to carry out guerrilla action against the North Vietnamese without a sizable amount of casualties to noncombatants.

Hofford said the war could go on indefinitely unless the U.S. is willing to take some action to cut off supplies from the north.

Other points made by Hofford included the one that "America's commitments around the world are far too extensive".

He said the government is not as open as it should be about the number of service personnel stricken with diseases. He said these include many cases of malaria, tropical fever and skin diseases.

Westbrook

Lobster Roll Luncheon To Be Served Thursday

WESTBROOK — A lobster roll luncheon will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday in the Westbrook Congregational Church in conjunction with the Kris Kringle Bazaar sponsored by the Ladies Guild. Mrs. Clifford Libby and Mrs. Wilton Chick are cochairmen. They will be assisted by Mrs. Ernest Kinmond, Mrs. Philip Jordan, Mrs. Walter Shaw, Mrs. Carleton Meserve, Mrs.

Roland G. Riopel, Romulus Phaneuf, Lionel N. Galipeau, Ovide Gallant, Dr. Maurice J. Sheehy, Robert L. Harnois, Robert J. Carrier, Joseph H. Soucy, Joseph T. Theriault, Landry Barrieau, Bernard S. Blanchet, Theodore M. Gallant, Alphonse L. Guillimette and Raymond V. Lachance.

A cooked food sale will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Bradlees. It will be