

50 Make Protest At Lunch Hour

U.S. Rep. Jack McDonald's Farmington office received a key-press protest from 50 of the 19th Congressional District constituents last week.

The one-hour protest was against U.S. bombing of North Vietnam and the use of anti-personnel weapons.

McDonald (R-Farmington) wasn't in his local office to see them, but the people wandered in and out over an hour's time at mid-day to

write him notes on index cards.

VISITORS WERE mostly women, some bringing their young children, and several ministers.

Some stopped to talk to McDonald's aide, Paul Scuphalm, and voice concerns about the bombings and anti-personnel bombs being dropped on the North Vietnamese.

"We're on the edge of a science fiction horror story,"

said Rev. Ed Duncan of Lake Orion, protesting the "anti-militarism" brought on by the anti-personnel bombs.

Rev. Duncan said the bombs are filled with plastic or fiber glass pellets which penetrate the body on impact and which can't be detected by X-rays, causing the victims to die slow and inhumane deaths.

"We're saying that our human beings are worth a lot and their human beings are

not worth anything," he said. "We don't like being told the war is winding down when the air war is stepping up," another person added.

MRS. MYRA KRUGER of Birmingham, who had invited people to come to McDonald's office and voice their feelings said that the inhumanity of the bombings is what spurred most of the participants to come.

"This is what is really hitting us," she said, explaining that people are

concerned over the money and research being poured into devising more inhumane ways to kill others.

Mrs. Kruger is active in the Oakland County Peace and National Priorities Center, which was formed as an anti-war resource center in Church of Our Savior in Birmingham.

She was "delighted" with and Friday so the participants the turnout for the protest because it wasn't organized and only spread by word of phone.

But Scuphalm said McDonald would personally answer each of the notes.

will certainly do all in my power to express their viewpoints to the Congressman," Scuphalm said as the final visitors drifted out.

McDonald was on the Detroit Chamber of Commerce cruise from the Virgin Islands on Thursday and Friday so the participants couldn't speak with him either personally or over the telephone.

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PROTESTING U. S. bombing in North Vietnam, Rev. Homer Nye Jr. (left) of Farmington and Mrs. Myra Kruger of Birmingham made their feelings known to Paul Scuphalm (right), manager of U. S. Rep. Jack McDonald's office at 23623 Farmington Rd., in Farmington. (Evert photo)

Retardates May Face Strain In Community

ANN ARBOR

Mentally retarded patients are being moved out of institutions and into the community in such numbers and haste that, for many, the new accommodations could be a setback instead of an improvement.

"The trend in itself is praiseworthy and exciting," declared University of Michigan Prof. Robert M. Segal at the recent conference of the U.M. Institute for the Study of Mental Retardation and Related Disabilities.

"But we must begin releasing them with more careful planning, more compassion and humanness so that the strain and anxiety they tend to face can be minimized," said Segal, a faculty member of the institute and the School of Social Work.

HIS REMARKS were based on interviews with 50 former patients of institutions for the retarded who now live in their own homes, group residences, nursing homes and other facilities. Segal also spoke with some of their parents, "houseparents" and staff members of agencies and institutions.

"By and large, the residents seem to be making a good adjustment to the community. Although some said they missed old friends and attendants, not one said he would prefer to return to the institution," Segal reported.

"The change in environment has a positive effect. The institutional structure affords no privacy and implies to the retarded person that he is not an in-

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