

Carter's Message

the troubled region. He also noted the closeness of the Soviet border to the Persian states and said the U.S. faces serious strategic problems in meeting any Soviet military challenge to our interests there.

"We need our allies to support our doctrines in the Middle East rather than return to an attempt at being the policeman of the world," Lundine said.

The congressman said he would support a U.S. boycott of the Russian summer

Olympics if Soviet troops are not removed from Afghanistan. But he re-emphasized that the president must be tougher with our allies and avoid unilateral actions against the Soviet Union.

"We don't want a repetition of the business in Iran where we cut off our oil purchases and our ally Japan goes out and makes huge oil purchases," he said.

Lundine said he is confident that no imbalance of military power exists between

the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.

The president last night left the prepared text of his address and gave support for the Equal Rights Amendment, now stalled and needing the support of three more states if it is to become part of the Constitution.

Lundine said he expects the president and Mrs. Carter to continue their efforts to have the ERA approved before the deadline is reached in three years.

him as a vice-presidential running mate.