

# Busch ready to challenge McClure for U.S. Senate

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Pete M. Busch, retired Marine lieutenant colonel, announced Tuesday he is preparing to challenge Republican U.S. Sen. James A. McClure in next year's general election.

He said Tuesday he is sending letters to county chairmen and legislative district chairman of his intention, telling them "it will require input and support from each of you."

In his letter he wrote "I am a moderate man who is not satisfied that the people of Idaho are receiving the best possible representation. I believe that people programs, such as Social Security, protection against crime, help for the aged, and eradication of cancer have been subjugated by fascination of the draft during times of peace."

He lamented the mention of MX missiles systems, "absurd discuss-



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sions" of nuclear wars, neutron bombs and chemical nerve gas as weapons to negotiated peace.

"I strongly believe," he said, "that our grandchildren should not have to pay tax increases, prepare for war in Central America or provide assistance to other countries until America has taken care of her own people."

He noted that last month, mayors of major cities conferred and declared that the biggest problem facing the American cities today was hunger.

"Isn't that pathetic?" he asked.

He said "crime is another area where national attention and assistance is needed. People are becoming unsafe in their homes."

He said what he needs from county and legislative district chairman is a list of the 10 most critical issues facing their area, an opportunity to meet with them and their organizations this fall and three approximate dates so that he can develop a statewide schedule, likely in September.