

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

On March 23, 1972, I introduced in the Senate legislation to halt immediately further U.S. bombing in Indochina and to require the total withdrawal of all U.S. military and paramilitary (e.g. CIA) personnel from Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos within 30 days after enactment. This bill, S. 3409, is explained fully in the enclosed remarks reprinted from the Congressional Record, and a copy of the bill itself is included on page two.

The U.S. air war over Indochina has escalated steadily during the past several months, in direct contradiction of President Nixon's public assertions that the war continues to wind down. Due to public pressure American ground troops are slowly coming home, but they are leaving an automated war behind. Computer technology and a small number of troops manning aircraft and artillery are creating a U.S. destructive presence that may literally hover over Southeast Asia for years to come. The President's troop cuts in South Vietnam do not affect U.S. firepower in Southeast Asia at all because the planes are based in Thailand and on aircraft carriers in the Gulf of Tonkin.

At the same time that the President is stepping up the bombing, he is imposing even more serious strictures on the release of information about the air war. Newsmen have never been allowed to go out on bombing raids outside of Vietnam, and all information about the air war except gross tonnages and sorties has been kept from the public by classifying it secret. Official statistics released on the air war are now more bare-bones than ever, and press briefings are designed to accentuate the positive rather than provide hard facts on the continuing U.S. role in the war. Most recently, for the first time since bombing of North Vietnam began eight years ago, the U.S. Command in Saigon refused to give out figures on the number of planes flying missions in the North.

In the face of this news blackout on the air war I want to encourage you, as the editor of your school's newspaper, to provide your readers with candid information on this issue, and thus to join me in this election year to force an end to the war. Students have been leaders in pointing out the tragedy and mistake of Vietnam, and their help will now be vital in turning out of office those politicians who will not join us

in ending the war.

I hope that those Americans throughout the country who are concerned about the immorality of the war will attend political meetings wherever there is a candidate, and ask him this very simple question: "How do you stand on ending the war?" If the candidate does not stand for ending the war as provided in my simple and clear proposal, then I hope the American people will not vote for him, for he does not deserve to occupy a high position in the government of this country.

S. 3409 now has fifteen cosponsors in the Senate, and identical legislation introduced in the House of Representatives is supported by 44 members of that body. I am enclosing a list of the names of those individuals so that students may see if their own senators and representatives are included.

If you need further information on the legislation, please contact my office or the National Student Lobby, which is coordinating efforts on behalf of this bill within the student community.

Sincerely,
Mike Gravel

Cosponsors of Gravel Bill To End the War

Senate

Birch Bayh, Alan Cranston, Mike Gravel, Fred Harris, Philip Hart, Harold Hughes, Edward Kennedy, George McGovern, Walter Mondale, Edmund Muskie, Gaylord Nelson, William Proxmire, Adlai Stevenson, John Tunney and Harrison Williams.

House

James Abouzeck, Bella Abzug, Joseph Addabbo, William Anderson, Herman Badillo, Nick Begich, Jonathan Bingham, Phillip Burton, Hugh Carey, Shirley Chisholm, John Conyers, Ronald Dellums, John Dow, Robert Drinan, Bob Eckhardt, Don Edwards, Donald Fraser, William Green, Gilbert Gude, Seymour Halpern, Michael Harrington, Ken Hechler, Henry Helstoski, Robert Kastenmeier, Edward Koch, Arthur Link, Paul McCloskey, Spark Matsunaga, Ralph Metcalfe, Abner Mikva, Patsy Mink, Parren Mitchell, Robert Nix, Bertram Podell, Charles Rangel, Thomas Rées, Donald Riegle, Benjamin Rosenthal, Edward Roybal, William Ryan, Paul Sarbanes, James Scheuer, Jerome Waldie and Charles Vanik.

Fellow students,

Four weeks from today, you will be deciding who will be the officers for the SGA for the 1972-73 academic year. Many goals have been achieved during the present administration but the people who will be chosen for next year must face more serious problems.

The organization which has been built in the past year is just a foundation on which future administrations must work. It is therefore, through consideration and solidification of the present system that the power and the influence of SGA and of the student body can be increased. This must be the major function of student government next year.

The problems that will face us, some known, many not, are not insurmountable if we elect dedicated people whose first priorities concern the student body. Their knowledge of the system of government and how to use it for the benefit of the students is the most important factor in choosing our new officers.

As a present member of the Senate, and a past officer of other student governments, I am fully aware of the accomplishments that can be made through a strong organization. This being my major reason, I have decided to seek the Presidency of the SGA, using my knowledge and skill in formulating and executing policies and duties of the office for the benefit of the students on this campus.

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Junior Senator at Large

State Scholarship Applications

State Scholarship applications for the academic year, 1972-1973 are available in the Financial Aid Office, E-106.

These applications are only for those students who have never applied for a state scholarship before. Current scholarship holders will receive a renewal application at their permanent home address.

Deadline for initial applications is May 31, 1972.

Deadline for renewal applications is April 31, 1972.

Students are requested to see Miss Toni Jennings in E-106 if they have any questions or financial problems.

Statement of Purpose

The Hot Line is a telephone connection. At the end of the line is a student. He or she is there to help with your problems from 8:00 PM until 8:00 AM. The Hot Line is run by the members of the Head Shop. Since January of last year, we have researched organizations that can help you with specific problems like Abortion, Pregnancy Tests, Draft Information, Drug Information, etc. If you call we can tell you how to contact the right people. If you are just feeling down, we can talk about that too.

944-1033.

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Your Decision--Hah!

Last term, we offered a suggestion that those who thought that five dollars for a Cap & Gown was a bit of a waste, might get together with their five dollars and do something worthwhile with all the money. The responses poured in. Those of you who still feel that way, please stay with me for a minute while I recount some of those responses.

First, to those who responded with some thought involved, thank you for your efforts. But as usual on this campus, they were probably wasted. Some responses indicated that the student would rather wear the Cap & Gown -- fine, that's your decision to make. Others agreed that the Bangladesh Relief Fund or the Camp Curtin Breakfast Fund would be worthy benefactors. One dear student, in addition to some serious suggestions, even thought that we should establish a Lee Nell rehabilitation fund. Well, thank you all.

On the other hand, many students felt that our suggestion was some sort of attack on the school, or on them or something. As we said at the start, if you want to wear the Cap & Gown, we sincerely hope that you enjoy it. But after sixteen years in the educational system, some of you, presumably, still can't read. Some students responded with name calling or with anatomically impossible suggestions. To those who took the time to respond in such manner, we have one further suggestion. At graduation, place your diploma firmly in your right hand, wrap it tightly in your five dollar Gown complete with Cap and tassel, and shove it right up your ass.

Now, please don't think that because you prefer to wear the traditional garb, I have just requested that you shove it. That went out to only a certain few low-rents.

Back to the business at hand. Since there was no clear indication of what would be the most preferred way to dispose of the \$5.00 contributions, we will drop the matter with only a few more suggestions. In other words, the idea flopped.

So, if there is anyone who still feels as I do, there are several ways of putting the money to use. The Bangladesh Relief Fund and the Camp Curtin Breakfast Fund are certainly as deserving as before. George Dressler suggested still another use -- that of the loan fund here on campus. Surely, that could be of significant benefit.

But, for now, that's as far as we've gone. It is clearly impossible at this point for

the Capitolist to act as a collection agency for three or more funds. I will suggest that you do as your conscience dictates on this matter. And in the next few weeks, I will find out the addresses for Bangladesh and Camp Curtin and, also, just how the loan fund will be used. As for the Lee Nell rehabilitation fund -- send it in immediately.

Capitol Hosts Statistics Conference

On Friday, April 21, 1972, Capitol Campus will host the third annual Conference on Pennsylvania Statistics.

The conference, sponsored by the Harrisburg Chapter, American Statistical Association, will examine state and federal roles in improving statistics.

Speakers for the morning session of the conference, chaired by Capitol's Dr. Roger Saylor and focusing on the federal level, include Albert Mindlin, Chief Statistician for the District of Columbia, and Charles Ellet of the Executive Office of the President.

Chaired by Governor Shapp's economic advisor, Dr. Ernest Jurkat, the afternoon session will focus on the state level and will include Dr. Francis Splane, Albert Smidel and Joseph Riggione as speakers.

Conference features include a presentation by Dr. Winston Richards of a statistical analysis of Red China's admission to the UN.

During a luncheon meeting, Dr. William Shaw, a member of President Nixon's Commission on Federal Statistics and president of the American Statistical Association, will discuss the role of the federal commission.

All persons interested in statistics are invited to attend the conference.

ANNOUNCING

"NEW STAGES", our resident drama group, is soliciting membership for our Spring Term production, a series of one-act plays to be announced at a later date. Anyone interested in any phase of production please attend the meeting tonight (20 April 1972). The time and date will be posted in advance.

Joseph A. Luciani
Malcolm Y. Gregory
-officers

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