

End The War! NOW!

by Lee Nell

In all likelihood, by the time this is printed, nearly everything that can be said about the War will have been said again and again. But since some students may want to know where we stand, we will write briefly on the subject.

There will not be many original thoughts in this editorial because the war has become a subject about which original thoughts are immediately rejected, and because nearly everything has been said before.

The point is that we want this war to end now. Not tomorrow, not next week. NOW! We have been bought off too many times with promises of "as soon as possible." And we think it's about time that some real action must be taken. "Soon" has arrived.

Of course, no one wants to see the POW's lives tossed away. And we are not suggesting that we pull out at the cost of the 60,000 American lives still remaining in Viet Nam.

But the question none of the war-promoters are thinking about is the one of how many more lives are being lost with every day of continued fighting. But here the other idea of racism enters.

Since most of the recently lost lives were Vietnamese, that's OK. After all, they're less important than the American lives. And even if that's not a consideration, how many of their lives would be saved if the war would end. And it would end if the USA would pull out its support.

But again, American lives are being lost. And if the recent assinine step-up is not called off, the number of American losses will undoubtedly skyrocket. A helicopter went down the other day; total deaths - 32. How many men are on a ship. Multiply that by the number of ships now within artillery range, and it gets very grim.

So now, our inept leader asks for "national unity." In other words, "Shut up, kids. We're doing something you know nothing about." Shut up yourself, man. We're the ones who are fighting this stinking war.

"National unity" Hah! It's pretty bad when the nicest thing one can call the President is inept. With leadership like that, there can be no chance of national unity.

The problem, he says, is that North Viet Nam, the "enemy" has invaded the south. This is a clear violation of the 1968

agreement. Without even considering the stupidity of agreements in a war like this, we can repudiate that argument by noting that the US has violated it a number of times as well. (Our sources say over 150 bombing missions over the north since this agreement.) But since those were in the interests of freedom, that's acceptable.

Maybe this war would make more sense (admittedly, it's rather foolish to use the words "war" and "sense" in the same sentence) if we just started calling them "gooks" and then nuke the crap out of them. At least then we would do what the military has wanted to do all along. And the administration would not have to make up lies or excuses to the people of the country or of the world.

If you aren't convinced by now that this war is a travesty and it must end immediately, we are not about to change your minds in one week or even in one year.

But we do want to say to anyone who's listening that we do not want any part of this war, we never did, and we detest the recent escalation. We are as American as anyone else around, and as Americans, we do not wish to be associated with the official US policy.

If that statement destroys national unity, then so be it. It is an election year, and if we want a President who does not listen to public opinion, who does not think any further than the Pentagon, who couldn't care less what the rest of the world thinks of our "freedom, honor and liberty" then, perhaps, we deserve to return Nixon to the White House.

But, short of doing something that gives the police an excuse to bust heads, we owe it to ourselves to let our feelings be known. The Berrigan trail proved that free speech is still alive even if it is rather badly kicked around. And we can still let our leaders know what we feel.

Trying to find a way to express it is difficult with this administration. We've tried everything, and nothing worked. But we urge you not to let the Peace movement struggle along with only tacit support.

Write someone. Scream about it. But let someone know somehow that you do not want to be a part of bombing women and children or anyone else for this war.

If the USA continues to call

the North Vietnamese aggressors on land that they liberated from French domination, if we continue to bomb everyone in sight for the purpose of maintaining a regime which couldn't care less about democracy and if the administration continues this war for another day in the face of mounting opinion against it, then we might as well kiss goodbye any chance we could have to make this world a better place to live.

We might have had that chance, too. And to even think of having it again, the price is "national unity." We cannot afford to increase by one more the number of countries who had that chance and blew it.

Barbary's Philosophy Class Nixon Morally Right

To Mine

Robert W. Bonaker

"President Nixon was morally 'right' when he ordered the mining and naval blockade of North Vietnamese harbors." This notion was decided by a Capitol Campus philosophy class last week.

Dr. George F. Barbary's class, Phil. 345, assessed Nixon's move from a philosopher's vantage point and concluded by a vote of 25 to 4 that he took a justifiable action. One student abstained from the voting.

The class considered the following question:

"Disregarding policies that he might have followed in the past, and faced with imminent danger in Viet Nam, was the President morally justified at the time he made the fateful decision?" The ethics class decided he was justified, pointing out that the action was intended to protect United States troops and Prisoners of War.

Barbary's group also considered the ramifications of Nixon's move in the Far East, analyzing moral, ethical and philosophical determinants. The class briefly discussed possible actions Nixon may take in the wake in the blockade. Many students, though, were caught up in the constitutional aspects of the question of the morality of the President's policy.

The class based its discussion on three concepts. One angle was the assumption that Nixon was acting from a sense of duty. Another was that Nixon believed that the over-all end result would justify his move. The third was the consideration of the immediate situation. The class thought that the President was trying to balance the concepts of good and evil by mixing benevolence and distributed justice.

While discussing the problem, the student philosophers established a list of basic areas, each posing stumbling blocs which the President had to consider, while reaching his decision. Among them were: National and international political ramifications, economic, constitutional, moral, social and military problems, and the image of the United States in the eyes of the nations in the world, and the philosophical basis of foreign policy.

Dr. Barbary stressed that the class consensus dealt only with the question of the morality of Nixon's action in the immediate situation that faced him. "Nixon believed that he had exhausted all other alternatives and made the right decision," Barbary stated. "Yet history may prove him wrong. Who knows, maybe events happening as early as next week will show that."

Letters To The Editor

current fantasy

Dear Students,

well boys and girls-----we are here again. we all get to exercise our gawd-given right-----it's s.g.a. election time. capitol campus being the true reflection of democracy in action that it is, has seen fit to arrange a political orgasm for all of us-----even you kazonka-----can be president . . . provided, of course, that you fulfill 817 requirements established by the administration via the student government association (that hopeless caucus of munchkin demigods).

the great white father administration has provided us with the s.g.a. it is an avenue for mature and conscienceous communication-----as long as we use their words, on their grounds, and on their issues-----or no money, sonny.

with my classic case of paranoia, i see the s.g.a. as another means by which the administration can further isolate and/or insulate the students from the reality of their powerlessness.

DIRECTIVE

Because of the 417,386 students on the waiting list, all faculty residents living on Viet Nam Avenue in Meade Heights must move.

what possible good will come of these few vacancies? it will

certainly keep the students and teachers apart so that they can't find out that they both have the same bungling - idiot p r o b l e m ----- the administration and its s.g.a. junior partner.

by now i suppose you are a little embarrassed about reading this garbage thus far-----well here's the clincher . . . i offer you an alternative to the absurdity of electing pinocchio to the s.g.a. presidency. i here announce my candidacy for non-president of your non-s.g.a. i make no promises of change and reform because it is administratively impossible, and because i am not interested enough to bother.

all you have to do to elect me non-president is to get out there to the polls on election day and don't vote. after all the votes are counted, if the number of students who haven't voted is larger than the number of students who have voted i will proclaim myself to be your non-president.

i have great faith that you will make the right non-decision. i don't have a petition, but i'm yours just the same.

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ELECTED OFFICIALS

— GODS?

or Richard M. Nixon the Omnicient!

OUR WAY

Sirs:

I was dismayed to find that yet another presidential commission has delivered its report and because the conclusions drawn do not agree with the prejudices of our elected officials their findings were scorned. I am referring to the commission on over-population whose finding that it is desirable to have abortion available on demand was denounced by the "HONORABLE RICHARD M. NIXON THE OMNICIENT, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND WARDER OF OUR MORALS" as an unacceptable solution.

I would like to know why after studying problems for months the conclusions of many presidential commissions are

rejected offhandedly. If the politicians "know" the answers, why form a commission? I'm tired of "Big Brother" telling a woman she must have a child just because she had the misfortune to become pregnant in Pennsylvania and not in New York or in a more liberal country. Surely some people can afford to go to New York to have an abortion but these are mostly the people who can afford to have another child.

Please!! Let's pay more attention to the people who have studied the problem and less to our own personal preconceptions. Let's try to solve some of the great problems facing us!

Sincerely,
Francis M. Fox

We didn't get our way again. By we, I mean good ole' tricky dicky has not convinced the North Vietnamese to unconditionally give up their liberation struggle. So since we didn't we're gonna bomb, blockade and mine. WHY??? The effectiveness of bombing is doubtful and Richard the Great should realize it by now; I mean it didn't bring England to its knees for the Germans and the figures show that massive bombing didn't effectively reduce Germany's industrial capacity. Will the USSR honor the blockade and what if a Russian ship hits a mine. But here we are risking a third World War because Dicky didn't get his way!!!!!!!

Anonymous

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