

# Dismay in the Senate

South Vietnamese president Nguyen Van Thieu said yesterday that to win the war quickly more U.S. troops are needed in Vietnam.

For the first time in recent years a Vietnamese request subtle as it is for increased U.S. involvement in the war might be falling on increasingly unsympathetic ears.

For if there has been anything at all encouraging about recent developments in the Vietnamese situation it has been the growing trend among citizens and legislators toward a reappraisal of the American role in Vietnam.

Senator Joseph S. Clark speaking here Sunday night made the kind of comment more and more of his Senatorial colleagues have made of late.

Clark said that his recent fact-finding trip to Vietnam convinced him that "our top people are living in a dream world in their thinking about Asian affairs."

If top officials are still living in a dream world it seems that finally members of the Senate, even those who have been firmly committed to the Administration's policy, are beginning to enter the real world.

Clark's views are echoed by Kentucky Senator Thurston B. Morton who has been quoted as saying that there is a decidedly negative reaction within the

Senate to what he termed "the continued bland and probably inaccurate statements of confidence" issued by Gen. William C. Westmoreland, Deputy Ambassador Robert W. Komer and the White House.

Senator Robert F. Kennedy added to the chorus of dismay last week saying that the Vietcong offensive had "shattered the masks of official illusion."

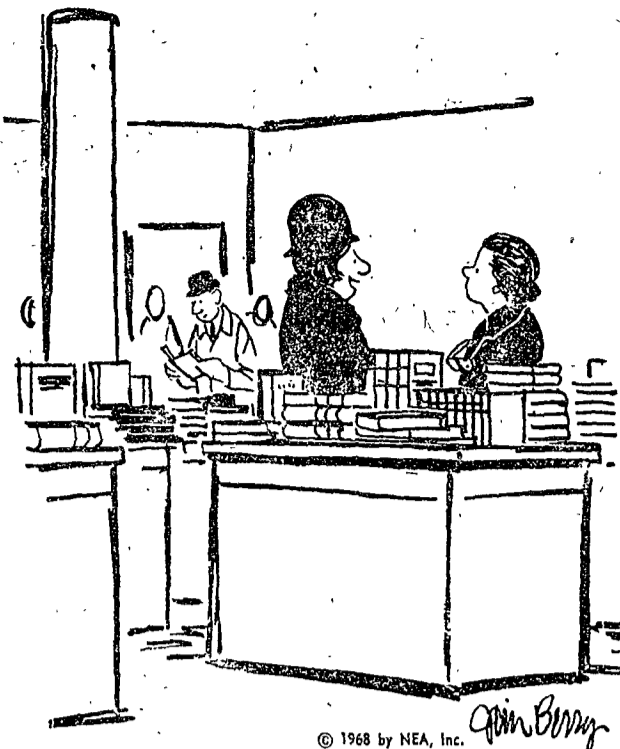
Along with the growing disbelief in official reports on the war's progress some Senators are beginning to contend that the United States may already have fulfilled its commitment to the South Vietnamese government.

Failure of South Vietnamese forces to come to the defense of the American Embassy or beleaguered provincial Capitols during the Tet holidays has cast considerable doubt on whether South Vietnam is carrying its share of the war effort.

Senator Clark's observation on the dreamworld existence of our top officials is in agreement with much of the Senate's thinking. Hopefully his statement that the end of the summer will find the U.S. involved in peace negotiations will become a reality.

If President Johnson is indeed the "political realist" Clark terms him, perhaps the growing legislative dismay with the war may prove fruitful. Hopefully, from the dismay will come peace.

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## reportage

# An American Dilemma: The White Problem

by richard ravitz

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The paradoxical nature of race relations was summed up by Ebony magazine in August, 1965, when it devoted a special issue to "The White Problem in America."

The white problem is, in brief: How can the majority of the people knowingly and at times unknowingly suppress the economic, social and political advancement of a racial minority in the most prosperous, progress-minded democracy in the world?

The white Anglo-Saxon Protestant majority in the United States is certainly not a collection of barbarians and racist tyrants. But it has accepted acts of barbarism and racist tyranny inflicted on Indians, blacks and other minorities.

And now, after four summers of riots, the affluent descendants of immigrants are losing their old sense of kinship with the people on the bottom of the social ladder.

The white liberal, an affluent, educated, socially responsible citizen in the eyes of his peers, poses a grave challenge to American democracy.

The New York Times, Dec. 17, 1967, reported that a substantial number of white liberals in the academic community agree with black nationalists that "racial separation" is the best policy for advancement in the ghetto cities at this time, or as some contend, in the foreseeable future.

Racial separation in Afrikaans reads apartheid. In the South it used to be called Jim Crow or segregation. The white liberals do not like these terms. The white conservatives are too embarrassed to speak.

It is ironic to find a Harvard scholar believing that separate development will not create new injustice or worsen the injustice already in existence in 1968, when only four years ago he attributed urban unrest to the segregated pattern of society.

A sociologist here at the University said that urban riots will hamper civil rights, will "set the cause back." This view is widely held by well-meaning people.

In the first place, the exercise of civil rights does not cause riots. Riots are expressions of hopelessness, futility. The youth who loots a store is not concerned with constitutional questions.

Summer riots did not kill the proposed open-housing legislation in Congress, but they did provide an excuse for legislators to shelve an unpopular measure.

The ghetto teenager who throws rocks at the police is not going to move next door. The middle-class black wants the house.

But returning to the white liberal, what can be done about him? Bayard Rustin, long-time rights leader in New York, reminds us that the civil rights acts of 1964 and 1965 dealt only with legal equality and were passed a century after emancipation. A situation which was allowed to deteriorate for a century does not greatly improve overnight.

Martin Luther King, the symbolic leader of the civil rights movement, said in 1965 that the white liberal must come to grips with his own racial prejudice, instead of self-righteously denying he has any hate or antagonism.

Malcolm X, while no apostle of brotherly love, said the races do not love each other and there is no reason they should, but the races should respect each other on the basis of deed.

University students are notorious for patronizing blacks, quite unintentionally. The black on campus is still a new experience for many students. If he is not integrated into college life, it is because he is not integrated into society at large. But progress is being made.

The solution to the racial problem may ultimately lie in education, for black and white. Only through the schools can a meaningful dialogue between persons take place. The races have stared at each other, cursed each other and shot at each other. They should now read about each other.

## TODAY ON CAMPUS

Arts and Architecture Student Council, 7 p.m., Hertz Hall Building ballroom  
Chinese Class, 12:30 p.m., 214 HUB  
Circle K, 12:30 p.m., 217 HUB  
German Film Club, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly hall  
Greek Week College Bowl, 6:30 p.m., 215-216 HUB  
Hillel, 8:30 a.m., HUB ground-floor  
Interfraternity Council, 3 p.m., 216 HUB  
Liberal Arts Student Council, 6:45 p.m., 171 Willard  
Panhellenic Council, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB  
Peace Corps, 9 a.m., HUB ground floor; 2 p.m., 215 HUB; testing, 3 p.m., 217-218 HUB  
Students for State, 6 a.m., HUB ground floor  
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## On WDFM Radio-91.1

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6-6:05 p.m. — WDFM News  
6:05-7 p.m. — After Six (Popular, easy-listening)  
7-7:15 p.m. — Dateline News (Comprehensive campus, national and international news, sports, and weather)  
7:15-7:45 p.m. — After Six

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7:45-8 p.m. — USG Press Conference (WDFM and The Daily Collegian interview USG President, Jeff Long)  
8-8:10 p.m. — The Sound of Folk Music with Danny Estersohn  
8:10-10:15 p.m. — WDFM News  
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## Letters to the Editor

### The Traffic Is Terrific

TO THE EDITOR: I think the traffic problem of the University has reached such proportions that it is time to call it to your attention.

At eleven o'clock a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 23, I drove around the campus and around the city for a half hour searching in vain for a legal place to park so that I might confer with a professor on the advisability of returning to college for a master's degree.

It is my honest opinion that the University is shifting the burden of the parking problem onto the city which is unwilling to accept it. If you force cars off the University property, will people stop operating them? No! They will find a place in the city to ditch them. Thus the problem is compounded.

Both the city and the University say they take cognizance of the problem. Actually, they turn the problem into a profit by penalizing professors, students, and visitors to the area with numerous traffic laws, stiff fines, and parking meters with short time limits.

Has anyone ever estimated the amount of money taken in by selling parking permits and issuing endless streams of tickets? Even rough conservative calculations result in staggering amounts of money. Why isn't this money earmarked for solution of the obvious parking problem? A student would not mind paying a five, ten or fifteen dollar fine if he felt it would eventually mean free parking or a place to park at reasonable rates in a parking garage built for students and professors.

I maintain that since the University has everyone associated with the University "over the barrel" no constructive and positive action will be taken to correct such a profitable situation!

This generation, more than any other, is a mobile generation. We should face reality with understanding and reason so that solutions for problems can be found instead of avoiding issues, postponing positive action, and antagonizing everyone.

Gary A. Wolfe '65

### The Big Deception

TO THE EDITOR: We feel that the U.S. Army is undermining the consciences and minds of all Americans. Our soldiers wear uniforms with a great pride thinking that they are warriors protecting liberty, democracy, and freedom throughout the world. We feel this is a grave error.

In order to compensate for this error we have devised a plan. We would suggest that the uniforms of our armed forces be changed so that the people will know exactly who they represent when they do battle.

For example, if they are fighting in South America for freedom and democracy, they should have large lettering on their backs spelling out UNITED FRUIT! If in Thailand, CHASE MANHATTAN BANK; If in Peru, STANDARD OIL; If in Spain, TEXACO OIL; If in Chile, ANACONDA COPPER; If in Nigeria, MOBILE OIL.

It would be a marvelous idea, for our boys would no longer have any doubts about what they are dying for. The public would no longer be divided on the war. There would be no credibility gap.

Also, when people watch the war on TV, they could actually see their favorite companies doing battle. By having such uniforms, the stock market and Wall Street could change so that soldiers would be counted instead of points, eliminating the false notion that statistics lie.

Who knows, people could get extra dividends by investing their sons in corporations. Of course, some of our boys will get killed or wounded. But you know, business is business in America.

Laurey S. Pelkov '69  
Edward C. Dicenzo '69

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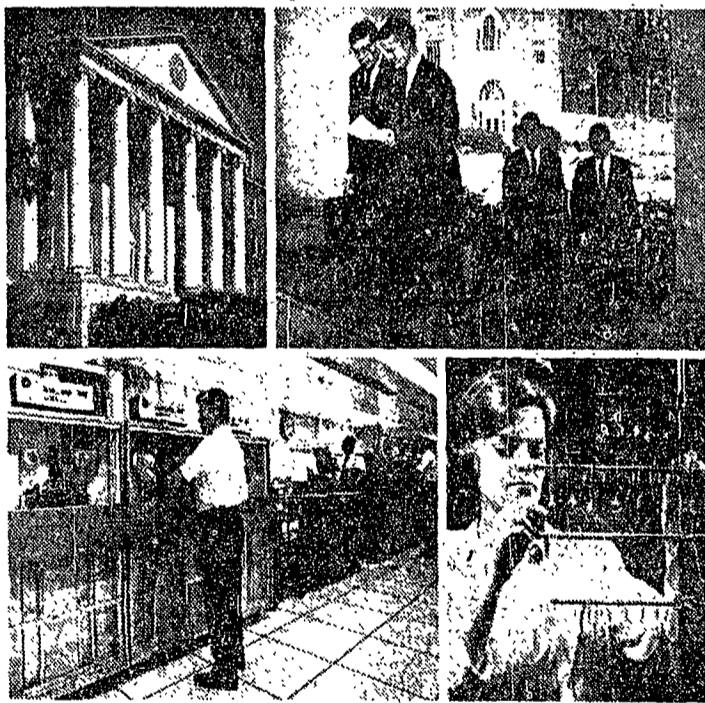


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