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VIETNAM SUMMER

We have marched and protested, written letters and signed petitions. The escalation of the Vietnam War continues. Now we must escalate our opposition: we must reach more people, more quickly and more deeply than we have yet done. This required grass roots action on an entirely new scale.

We believe that large numbers of people -- students, faculty members, housewives, clergy and others -- are prepared to devote time and energy to community organizing against the war, if an effective program can be provided. Hundreds of thousands of Americans can be reached through such organizing, Americans disaffected from the war and from the Johnson Administration, ready to join in anti-war activities -- if they can be brought together and given some serious work to do. We propose to bring them together through a VIETNAM SUMMER, analogous to the Mississippi Freedom Summer of 1964.

The objective of VIETNAM SUMMER is to weld the widespread opposition to the war into an organized and active constituency capable of exerting powerful pressure to end the war. VIETNAM SUMMER will inaugurate a massive organizing effort in local communities with a combined program of study and action to strengthen and unify the forces opposing this war. In ghetto areas and among youth of draft age we will undertake a program to activate and give expression to sentiment against the war.

The organizational model suggested for the VIETNAM SUMMER is that of a largely autonomous and discrete program, not tied to (nor in conflict with) the activities of existing organizations, but supported, and where

possible, aided by many different groups. The VIETNAM SUMMER project will have its own staff, do its own publicizing, recruiting and fund-raising, but will seek the active involvement of all major peace, civil rights, student, and church groups, in ways to be worked out with each group separately. Some organizations will assign staff members to work on the VIETNAM SUMMER; others may supply us with lists of supporters and contributors; still others with existing community bases will form the nuclei to which Summer workers will be assigned.

On April 23, Dr. Martin Luther King, Dr. Benjamin Spock, Robert Scheer, Carl Oglesby and other prominent spokesmen held a press conference in Cambridge to announce VIETNAM SUMMER. This press conference received extensive national television and newspaper coverage and marked the beginning of a major publicizing and recruitment effort for VIETNAM SUMMER. Advertisements have been or will be placed in the New York Times, The Nation, The New Republic, The New York Review of Books, The National Guardian, and New Left Notes. In addition, recruitment ads for VIETNAM SUMMER have been sent to every one of the 1,300 college newspapers in the country. Speaking, organizing and recruitment tours are underway in Philadelphia, New York, Cleveland, Columbus, Baltimore, Houston, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver, St. Louis and throughout New England. The effort has begun to recruit a minimum of 10,000 workers for VIETNAM SUMMER, primarily from the student population, but also from university and high school faculties, churches, neighborhood organizations and anti-war groups. A network of regional and community field organizers will prepare the initial groundwork for the Summer project and will organize the workers assigned to each community. It is anticipated that projects will be undertaken in some 500 communities.

Participation in VIETNAM SUMMER will take many forms. The majority of participants will be volunteer part-time workers devoting several afternoons or evenings each week to their project. We hope to recruit 2,000 full-time workers, most of whom will be students. These workers will be asked to support themselves wherever possible. For those students requiring full or partial support, several options will be available: community groups will seek out local residents willing to provide room and/or board for student workers; some students will secure full- or part-time jobs in factories, stores, etc. which will provide financial support as well as give the opportunity for organizing work among fellow workers; and some funds will be available to pay a limited number of full-time workers a small salary (about \$25-30 per week).

Each community effort will be independent, with basic decisions about strategy and activities made by the local group, in conjunction with the "indigenous" peace community.

The central office or the regional office of VIETNAM SUMMER will relate to the local groups in six basic ways:

1. To supply a "menu" of suggested activities (together with supporting materials) for the local group, intended to convey possibilities for action as well as an evaluation of how these activities have been found to work in other areas.
2. To train the field organizers and run short-term training institutes for Summer workers.
3. To recruit and assign workers.
4. To evaluate, on a continuing basis, the results of local activities, as an on-going guide and corrective for local projects.

5. To provide continuous national publicity for the VIETNAM SUMMER project as a whole.
6. To raise funds nationally to support local projects (which will, in addition, carry on their own fund-raising activities). Funds will be made available to local projects on the basis of their need for outside support and the project's potential effectiveness.

The Program for VIETNAM SUMMER

Community "teach-outs" Starting with door-to-door canvassing to identify those who oppose the War, "teach-outs" proceed to neighborhood educational meetings and seminars. When a group is ready for action, possibilities include petition campaigns to bring the district Congressman home to hold open hearings on the War or to recall Congressional hawks; public referenda on the War in the 1967 municipal elections; anti-draft activities and distribution of information on conscientious objection; leafletting in public places and door-to-door; ads in local papers and letters to their editors; resolutions against the War by local Democratic and Republican Committees; running candidates in 1967 municipal elections; community speak-outs on the War and panel discussions before local organizations; consumer boycotts of companies which are directly involved in war production; fund raising to aid war victims and send medical supplies to Vietnam.

Selected Projects in Poor and Working Class Communities. Some existing community organizations or Unions might be sympathetic to seeing educational and perhaps action programs tied into their work. In addition, some anti-war projects have been undertaken directly where there was no

local organization. The Summer should also provide opportunities for extensive work in the black ghettos around issues related to the war.

Draft Opposition. The Summer should provide an opportunity for work by the increasing number of students who have conscientiously and increasingly questioned the war. Organizers will locate young people opposed to the war in various communities, and set up education and action programs.

VIETNAM SUMMER Is Underway

-- Three pilot projects for Vietnam Summer involving nearly 200 students, faculty members and local residents, have been organized in the Boston area. In the four precincts that have been canvassed on a door-to-door basis, slightly over 50% of those contacted have signed a petition calling for their Congressman to hold an open hearing on the war, and of these, half have agreed to attend discussion groups on Vietnam. Similar projects have been organized in Washington, Chicago and other major centers.

-- Tens of thousands of dollars have already been raised toward our minimum budget of \$325,000, indicating that with an adequate fund-raising campaign the financial resources needed for the project will be available.

-- VIETNAM SUMMER headquarters have been established in Cambridge, and recruitment and fund-raising materials have begun to flow from this office.

-- Recruitment of national staff (field organizers and office workers) has already begun. Applications for positions in the national and local organizations and offers to do volunteer work are being received in large numbers. We encourage comments and criticisms of this initial draft.

J O I N U S N O W !

How will you Teach?

- *Thoreau's tax refusal*
- *New York civil war draft riot*
- *Nuremburg trials*
- *Montgomery bus boycott*
- **VIETNAM**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Subjects: _____

- I want to learn more about what teachers are doing about the war.
- I want to work on some aspect of curriculum development.
- Please put me in touch with a group near me.
- I want materials that will be prepared this summer.
- I want to receive the teacher newsletter from Vietnam Summer that will describe different projects.
- I would like to work on draft counseling.
- I am interested in some other type of activity. (Describe below)
- I want to be a local coordinator. Please send me an application.

SEND TO:

Teacher-Student Project

Vietnam Summer

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Cambridge, Massachusetts 02140

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Will you teach about Vietnam?

We, in the Boston area, have begun —

Because we are opposed to the war, and because we are concerned about the restricted scope of issues brought into our schools, we plan to spend the summer preparing educational materials which will confront those vital issues that the war raises for Americans.

We Know That —

- teaching materials are not readily available
- traditional academic approaches and limited curriculum inhibit discussion of controversial topics
- many teachers who are isolated because of their opposition to the war, lack the confidence to initiate programs which may challenge fundamental assumptions of current American policies

To Overcome These Difficulties —

we are exploring ways in which to bring our concern about the war into our schools and classrooms.

This summer we will work with teachers and high school students to prepare materials (literature, documents, bibliographies, tapes, slides, photo collections, games and speakers' lists) on:

- history and socio-economic structure of Vietnam
- various analyses of the war and its effects on American Society
- the meaning of revolution in poor nations and the possibility of more Vietnams

We Hope To

- encourage students to look at Vietnam and America's international position with a new perspective
- develop a sense of empathy for the sufferings and aspirations of peoples different from themselves
- provide teachers with the tools with which to approach such critical subjects
- develop on-going and informed groups of teachers and students within our schools to stimulate public debate and active local participation in policy decisions

Will you join with us?

The war raises fundamental questions about the teacher's academic freedom and the direction of American education. There is not a consensus about the war, but a wide range of opinion, often a sense of confusion and a desire to know more. We, as teachers, have a responsibility to make education a relevant and meaningful experience for our students, for ourselves, and for the community at large.

To avoid discussing the war is to make the teacher a "service person" whose function is to explain positions rather than to explore problems.

What other teachers groups are already doing

BALTIMORE: exploring ways of teaching about war and peace

SAN FRANCISCO: working with students on the meaning of conscription in a democratic society

NEW YORK: teachers and students are holding community-wide forums and organizing apartment house meetings on the war

DETROIT, SAN FRANCISCO, NEW YORK, AND OTHER CITIES: pressing their union locals to take a stand against the war

CHICAGO: talking about racism and the war; holding public meetings with speakers taking various positions

HOBOKEN: working with students on neighborhood canvassing

**What are
you doing
during
Vietnam
Summer?**

WHAT ARE YOU DOING DURING VIETNAM SUMMER 1967?



"It is time now to meet the escalation of the War in Vietnam with an escalation of opposition to that War. I think the time has come for all people of good will to engage in a massive program of organization, of mobilization. This is the purpose of Vietnam Summer. And I'm happy to join as one of the sponsors of what I consider a most necessary program, a program that may well determine the destiny of our nation."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,
at press conference announcing
VIETNAM SUMMER,
Cambridge, Mass., April 23, 1967

In 1964, the Mississippi Freedom Summer Project mobilized thousands of students, clergymen and concerned citizens in the struggle against racial injustice.

The time has come for an even more massive effort to arouse the conscience of the nation — this time against the brutal and unjust war in Vietnam.

VIETNAM SUMMER is a call for 10,000 volunteers, including 2,000 full-time workers, to spend the summer in 500 communities organizing and educating against the War. During the next four weeks speakers and field organizers will visit campuses and cities around the country recruiting participants for VIETNAM SUMMER. All peace, civil rights and civic groups and all concerned citizens are invited to join in this nationwide effort and to begin preparation in local communities for a VIETNAM SUMMER project.

VIETNAM SUMMER is a project to reach the millions of citizens in communities across the nation who oppose the war in Vietnam but whose voices have not yet been heard. The goal is to create a new, independent force in America which will undertake a broad range of concrete actions to end the war. In many communities, VIETNAM SUMMER will focus on establishing a powerful political base of anti-war sentiment capable of electing candidates in 1968 who call for an immediate peaceful settlement of the war. VIETNAM SUMMER will support and organize opposition to the war in ghetto areas of the nation and among young men of draft age who in ever greater numbers are refusing to fight.

VIETNAM SUMMER is an unprecedented attempt to bring together the hundreds of thousands who marched against the war on April 15, who voted against the war in 1964 and again in 1966, and the millions of Americans who want peace.

Dr. King's call for VIETNAM SUMMER is supported by Dr. Benjamin Spock, Robert Scheer, Dr. John C. Bennett, Dr. Albert Szent-Gyorgi, Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan, Rabbi Abraham Heschel, Carl Oglesby, William Pepper, Carey McWilliams, and many others.

VIETNAM SUMMER urgently needs your support (a minimum budget of \$350,000 is required). Let us hear from you right away.

Rev. Robert Holtzapple, Treasurer

Send to: VIETNAM SUMMER, 129 MT. AUBURN STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASS. 02138

- I want to work for VIETNAM SUMMER Tel: 617-492-6700
- I want to organize a local VIETNAM SUMMER project in my community
- I enclose a contribution of \$_____ for VIETNAM SUMMER (please make checks payable to Vietnam Summer)
- I am interested in making a substantial contribution to VIETNAM SUMMER and would like to talk further to one of your representatives
- Please send further information

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PEACE IN VIETNAM

What does the former U.S. Marine Commandant say about the war?

"I want to tell you, I don't think the whole of South East Asia, as related to the present and future safety and freedom of the people of this country, is worth the life or limb of a single American...

I believe that if we had and would keep our dirty, bloody, dollar-crooked fingers out of the business of these nations so full of depressed, exploited people, they will arrive at a solution of their own. That they design and want. That they fight and work for. And if unfortunately their revolution must be of the violent type because the 'haves' refuse to share with the 'have-nots' by any peaceful method, at least what they get will be their own, and not the American style, which they don't want and above all don't want crammed down their throats by Americans."

General David M. Shoup, U.S. Marine Corps (retired)
Los Angeles, California May 14, 1966

VIETNAM SUMMER - A CALL FOR ACTION

The United States' policy in Vietnam is leading the world to the brink of destruction. We must work to tell the American people that the war is a disaster for the Vietnamese, for us, and for the entire world. We must show them that Johnson's policies serve only to widen the war. We must speak now!

VIETNAM SUMMER is a program of people talking to their neighbors. It is an expression of the concern we all feel. During the summer, thousands of volunteers will be ringing doorbells across the country to make our concern the concern of everyone who will listen. Every citizen must confront the issues and make his own decision.

VIETNAM SUMMER is a search for new ideas to bring a message of peace to our fellow citizens.

If you belong to a group working for peace in Vietnam, we would like to discuss what you are doing and how we might be able to help. Or if you would like to work with us, there is much to be done. Please call or visit the office of

COLUMBIA VIETNAM SUMMER

207 Fayerweather Hall, Columbia University
Telephone: 280-3650

RALLY TODAY - COLUMBUS AVE. AT 104TH - 2:00 PM

PAZ EN VIETNAM

Que dice el ex-Comandante de Los Infantes de Marina sobre la guerra en Vietnam?

"Quiero decirles que no creo que todo el sudeste de Asia con relacion a la seguridad y libertad presente y futura del pueblo de este país valga la vida o la integridad de un solo americano ...

"Creo que si tuviésemos que, y quisiésemos mantener nuestras manos sucias de dolares y sangrientas fuera de los asuntos de estas naciones tan llenas de gente explotada y deprimida, ellos llegarían a sus propias soluciones. Eso es lo que ellos quieren y proponen. Por eso luchan y trabajan. Y si desgraciadamente su revolución debe ser de tipo violento, porque los que 'tienen' rehusan comparitir pacíficamente con los que 'no tienen', por lo menos lo que obtengan será suyo, y no a la americana, lo que no quieren, y por sobre todo no quieren ver impuesto por los americanos."

General David M. Shoup, Infantería de Marina
(retirado)
Los Angeles, California 14 mayo 1966

VIETNAM SUMMER - UN LLAMADO PARA ACCION

La política de los Estados Unidos en Vietnam esta llevando al mundo al borde de la destrucción. Debemos trabajar para decirle al pueblo americano que esta guerra es un desastre para los vietnamitas, para nosotros, y para el mundo entero. Tenemos que mostrarles que la política de Johnson sirve únicamente para acrecer la guerra. Debemos hablar ahora!

VIETNAM SUMMER es un programa de la gente hablando con sus vecinos. Es una expresión de la preocupación que todos tenemos. Durante el verano miles de voluntarios irán tocando a las puertas a través del país para hacer nuestra preocupación la preocupación de todos aquellos que quieran escuchar. Todo ciudadano debe mirar los problemas de frente y tomar sus propias decisiones.

VIETNAM SUMMER es una búsqueda de ideas nuevas para llevar un mensaje de paz a nuestros conciudadanos.

Si usted pertenece a un grupo trabajando por la paz en Vietnam, nos gustaria hablar sobre lo que ustedes estan haciendo y como podriamos ayudarlos. Y si ustedes quisieran trabajar con nosotros hay much que hacer. Por favor llamenos o visitenos en la oficina de

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