

ATTENTION

You will be hearing this order more often in the next year or two. All young men between 18 and 26 are eligible and likely to be drafted and sent to Vietnam. Many of these men -- including us -- have decided not to go. These are our reasons.

The War is Bad for the American People

This is a rich man's war fought with poor men's sons. The people fighting the war are those who are too poor to go to college whether black or white, Latin or Anglo. The people who aren't fighting are George Hamilton, Pat Nugent (LBJ's son-in-law) and other sons of people with influence or money.

Big business profits from this war since their foreign investments are protected, and they get big war contracts while ordinary Americans suffer. We pay higher taxes because of the war. Unions aren't allowed to strike because of the war. The people's needs are so ignored in some parts of America -- the richest country in the world -- that people have to loot and burn to get the government to pay attention to their just demands. The black and white poor people of Detroit just burnt down a large part of the nation's fifth largest city, but the U.S. government still is ignoring the problems at home to make problems for itself in Asia. Problems that could kill us. America should solve its own problems before it tries to solve the world's.

The Army is Bad for You

The military is a brutal institution designed to brain-wash you and take away your manhood. The Army doesn't make you a man; it makes you a robot -- a machine that will do what it is told no matter what that may be. A marine explained it this way: "when entering any military organization be prepared to be intimidated. The basic reasoning behind this is sound. Tear a person down, destroy his individuality, and your chances for molding him to your likeness are increased. In the military it's a battle for control of your mind. Immediately upon induction the individual is placed in a semi-suspended condition. Half conscious, half unconscious. While in this ambivalent state keep your cool. Don't blow it or get up tight. When you panic, you suffer. Stay loose. Baby, they want you to blow your cool. The only way they can get through to you is by keeping you off balance, out of it. I was inducted in January 1966, and it was my luck to be inducted by the Marines. I couldn't dodge the draft since my parents put some pressure on me. I was foolish for not stating my beliefs at the time of induction. I just let it take me. So here I am. Some people have to go through so they can get out and tell everyone just what is happening."

There it is. The military is designed to make you into a machine that is capable of shooting women and children in South Vietnam or Detroit, Michigan regardless of whether it is right or wrong.

The Vietnamese People Support the Viet Cong

The government of South Vietnam was set up by the U.S. and is run for the benefit of a small group of rich Vietnamese and the U.S. government. Because of this, Vietnam is one vast Detroit. With one difference, the

South Vietnamese Army will not and cannot put it down. That is why the U.S. Army is there. In Vietnam, Americans are supposed to fight and die for General Ky a North Vietnamese military man who fought for the French against his own people and holds power because the U.S. government put him there. The U.S. press admits that the people of Vietnam support the Viet Cong. As the Pentagon has stated, a guerilla force cannot exist without the overwhelming support of the people. The V.C. have that support. How else could they keep blowing up U.S. bases without getting caught?

The War is Unjust—We Should Get Out

At this time the U.S. has troops stationed in over thirty countries. Most of these countries are run by corrupt governments that benefit only the few. The United States has become the policeman of the world. We support dictators from Greece to Thailand. Even with our vast military power we cannot keep down the people of the world forever, particularly if all they want is justice and freedom. Two hundred years ago, a tiny guerilla army led by George Washington with important outside help from France defeated the most powerful country in the world. Similarly, the Vietnamese are defeating the U.S. today. If Britain could withdraw from the U.S. in 1783, the U.S. can withdraw from Vietnam in 1967. If enough men like you and us refuse to go, we can stop this bloody war.

Who We Are

We are a group of draft age men, as you are.
We support American men in Vietnam or anywhere else;
We want to bring them home alive.
We want you to live in America as a human being,
Not die in Asia as a military weapon.

You don't have to go.
Read our other leaflets -- contact us
NOW! Tomorrow may be too late.

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