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Faculty, students, and staff of the Stanford University Medical Center declared peace with the peoples of Southeast Asia today. Over 250 people at a general meeting voted to extend efforts in working for peace by collecting money for medical supplies for the peoples of North Vietnam and Laos and obtaining signatures on a direct Peace Treaty with the people of Vietnam. With only two dissenting votes, the meeting of the Stanford Medical Community for Peace reaffirmed their commitment to last year's strike demands: OUT OF SOUTHEAST ASIA; AN END TO THE COMPLICITY OF ALL UNIVERSITIES AND OF OURSELVES IN THE WAR; FREEDOM FOR ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS.

Doug Ishii, graduate student in pharmacology, proposed the supplies collection. "One way to reassert control over that power which legally belongs to us is to deny the legitimacy of the present administration, to say, 'No! We here at Stanford are not at war with the people of Indochina.'" His statement was interrupted by long applause. Passage of Ishii's proposal was by more than 3/4 of those assembled.

The Peace Treaty with the Vietnamese people, which will be circulated by the SMCFP, declares in brief that we did not desire the war, that our government does not seem to be genuinely moving toward peace, and that we, as individuals, are prepared to accept the terms of peace proposed by the Provisional Revolutionary Government of Vietnam. Copies of the terms are appended to the treaty.

Paul Rutala, speaking as part of the SMCFP, said: "We, as individuals concerned with saving life, will make it clear by these actions that we repudiate the genocidal war being conducted in the name of the American people. And further we will repudiate a life style that appears all too ready to employ violence and warfare to achieve ends, whether in the United States or abroad."

The SMCFP "nerve center", an office in the Medical Student's Lounge, was reopened this week. All campus personnel interested in working on these projects are welcome.

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What we can do - NOW!

1. CANVASSING: Collecting signatures for the Peace Treaty with the People of Vietnam. Sign-up sheet in M-127. Or leave a note for Beverly Woo, Year I Med School mailbox if you are interested.
2. MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR NORTH VIETNAM: Sign-up in M-127. Meeting of those interested on Wednesday, February 17, 8 p.m., M-127.
3. NON-VIOLENT ACTION: Refusal to serve in U.S. military, Munitions Train blockade, March and Sit-In: Contact Scott Brassfield (321-2196) or Roy Hankins (364-4010), Yr. I.
4. MAILINGS. Envelopes need addressing in M-127. Copies of the Peace Treaty and news of our activities should be mailed to friends in the labor unions, the community, and at other universities and medical centers.

DO WHAT YOU CAN.

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MEDICAL AID TO NORTH VIETNAM

An organizational meeting will be held Wednesday February 17 at 8 p.m. at the Stanford Med Center, Rm. M127 to implement the proposal voted upon and approved by medical center personnel at the open meeting of Thursday February 11. The group voted to "establish a committee to raise funds for the specific purpose of buying medical supplies to be sent to the people of North Vietnam and Laos as an indication that the employees of this Medical Center do not accept the decision of the U.S. government to invade Laos without our consent."

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CIVIL DISOBEDIANCE:

MUNITIONS TRAIN TO BE BLOCKED

Following Thursday's mass meeting individuals interested in non-violent actions discussed possible civil disobedience tactics. They decided to cooperate with Columbe House (the non-violent house) to stop a munitions train by lying on the tracks.

Scott Brassfield explained why this action can be effective:

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The Committee on the Study of Violence will resume meeting under the chairmanship of Jack Farquahar, Assoc. Prof. of Medicine. He has asked that any interested persons contact him at Ext 6051. Three years ago this committee produced a book Violence, the Struggle for Existence edited by David Daniels, former Assist. Prof. of Psychiatry.

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"I NEVER PROMISED YOU A COURTYARD"

Thursday noon 250 concerned citizens of the Med Center discussed the Laos invasion on the Med Center lawn. Inside, the medical building courtyard lay virtually deserted.

These people had planned to hold their meeting in the courtyard, but the Medical School administration refused permission, citing a five month old policy that noon meetings were disruptive of normal medical center activities. The

The deserted silence was not disrupted. So now the meeting is over but the question lingers: What do such policies prove? Certainly it proved that the administration will not grant reasonable exceptions to peace groups or to the black workers who earlier requested use of the courtyard for a Martin Luther King program. The med school intends to remain isolated from such issues. Unfortunately, it is very difficult for an institution to function as a leader of a world it apparently wants to be isolated from.

CIVIL DISOBEDIANCE (cont'd.)

1.) The clear connection between the munitions trains and the war will express directly our rage against the American war machine. 2.) Our willingness to be arrested will show how deeply committed we are in protest against the war. 3.) Members of the medical profession are respected in our society; therefore our action should receive serious attention.

Many people are needed. All need not lie on the tracks-some may carry signs or do publicity. Some participating will risk arrest, but others will not. Most important, if you believe in this civil disobedience action against the war - JOIN US, YOU ARE NEEDED.

Please contact Scott Brassfield or Roy Hankins, Med School Yr. I.