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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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