

The purpose of this pamphlet is to give direction to people who feel a need to respond to the intense situation in Indochina in a manner that is consistent with the notion that a true peace must be achieved through peaceful means. This latest invasion of Laos and threat of further escalation, including the use of nuclear weapons, reinforces our belief in the criminality of America's war-makers. We therefore feel moved to respond in a manner that is both creative and responsible. It is not only important that in our actions we demand that the U.S. government reverse its murderous policy throughout the world but that we recognize that we can in fact act effectively towards that end.

*So be it. We have tried to underscore with our tears, and if necessary with our blood, the hope that change is still possible, that Americans may still be human, that death may not be inevitable, that a unified and compassionate society may still be possible. On that hope we rest our case.*

Daniel Berrigan

We must not be overwhelmed by the seeming immensity of our task. If people would cease feeling intimidated by other people's statements and actions, and clarify a few facts for themselves, they would then be able to act creatively and effectively. It is important to realize that the task of saying "too long", "too many lies" to the controlling powers of the murderous American system is a necessary one. Actually implementing the words "no more" requires the unrestricted creativity of each person. Those of us who have been gathering at the Columbae House in the last few days recognize the wide range of modes of commitment to this task and are encouraging each other to follow the course of action with which he or she feels best. The major areas of work which we have already initiated are: