

## VIETNAM

As you probably know, today is the day of a nationwide protest against the Vietnam War. Most of the plants and laboratories around here take their money from the Department of Defense or from defense contractors. And, the way the Peninsula economy is structured, our well-being seems to rely on the War or the Department of Defense. But in the long run, the opposite is probably closer to the truth. We realize it's pretty hard for someone whose paycheck comes from what is often called the "military-industrial complex" to work against the War, but what many of us are beginning to realize is that the War has never served anyone except the men with big money.

Probably the best reason to oppose the War is that the Vietnamese don't want us or the corrupt generals running their country, but there are many more reasons, closer to home.

President Nixon and his friends have said a lot about inflation lately, but their solution is more unemployment and higher taxes. Corporate profits grow, but salaries and wages effectively shrink. Even the Wall Street Journal admits that the War is the major cause of inflation today. The Defense Industry gives a lot of people jobs, but it does not produce much for consumption. The resulting surplus of spending money is what makes inflation. Yet increased productivity for domestic use is a necessity--witness the housing shortage in Santa Clara County.

And those of us who rely on the defense industry for jobs know that no job dependent on the whims of the DOD is secure. Basic research and development has been cut back, both in industry and on the universities, unless it has been shown to be related to the Vietnam effort. And the big Defense contractors like Lockheed shift people around the county to match DOD production and development schedules. And small contractors and subcontractors live and die according to the day-to-day demands of the government and larger corporations.

When people work they like to do something which will serve people. Workers, on the whole, prefer to build something that will not just explode or fall into the ocean. And scientists and engineers, who have spend years in college learning the latest in science and technology, don't generally like to prostitute their talents to the profit-making gimmicks of brass-hat generals or ambitious tycoons.

The only way any of this is going to change is for people to begin to get themselves together. There is no reason why the people who do the work for industry can't decide what work is going to be done.

JOIN US in stopping the war and redirecting the resources of our area. Form discussion groups where you work. Talk to your friends. Figure out what you can do, and do it. Many people are staying out of work today, and more will stay home November 13-14. Many people will be coming to tonight's 8:00 rally at Stanford.

WE ARE ASKING THAT THE UNITED STATES PULL OUT OF VIETNAM IMMEDIATELY!