

4/30/71: QUARANTINE OF THE OAKLAND INDUCTION CENTER

The high mortality rate resulting from military induction forces us to declare quarantine of the Oakland Induction Center as an act of preventive medicine. According to the Army, "In the war to win men's minds, medicine can be a weapon." We reject this perversion of medical ethics and international law. The purpose of medicine is to promote health and cure disease. We despair that the appalling use of mass violence by our nation on the peoples of Indochina makes insignificant our attempts to preserve human life. More people are killed every week in Indochina than any one of us will be able to save in a lifetime. By declaring this induction center a public health hazard, we issue a call to Americans to place all induction centers under quarantine.