

WINSLOW - SWENT

PEOPLE'S PEACE TREATY

We actively support the People's Peace Treaty, a declaration of the fact that the Vietnamese people are not our enemies. The Peace Treaty, in addition to declaring peace between the Vietnamese and American peoples, acknowledges the integral connection of both our struggles. It is qualitatively different than another petition to end the war -- as we sign it, we commit ourselves to take action to implement our declaration of peace. As the government is making war, we must make the peace.

Implementation here means taking Stanford out of the war. Stanford's complicity in this war and in planning counter-insurgent actions against liberation movements in the Third World has been laid bare in recent years. The resources of the university must be diverted from war related work to community work in solving local and Stanford-created problems (such as day care centers and low and moderate income housing) and avoiding the creation of more (such as stopping the Willow Expressway). Off campus we must act against war criminals like David Packard and war profiting companies like FMC (Food Machinery Corporation) in San Jose, which is engaged not only in war production but in the manufacture of detergent phosphate and dangerous pesticides.

On the campus itself, implementation suggestions include opposing the attempt of the medical administration to deny tenure to Professor Aguilar for doing too well at getting the minority students program going; supporting the referendum to change present policy on military and corporate recruiting on Stanford lands; fighting arbitrary job dismissals for political reasons as in the Sam Bridges, Bruce Franklin, and John Keilch cases.

STANFORD AS A WAR SUPPORT FACILITY

We call for students to demonstrate their opposition to Stanford's continued participation in the war effort, not only by ratifying the peace treaty referendum, but by stopping this year the stream of administration rubber-stamp student presidents. When the "elected representatives" of the students choose not to speak out against the war relationships of the university, and when they do not unmask the political choices implicit behind Stanford's "neutral" policies, they misrepresent the real desire of students to end the war in Indochina and to create a new society.

We will cooperate with the Inquisition (formerly Stanford War Crimes Commission) in uncovering the ties between Stanford and the war machine and destructive domestic and international corporate practices. As information comes to light, we will take it to the community. We must take Stanford out of the war to make peace with the Vietnamese.

WOMEN AND IMPERIALISM

The liberation of women cannot be achieved without changing the system which perpetrates the war in Southeast Asia. Just as the Vietnam war is not a "mistake" that American policy makers blundered into, just as white lynchings of black men are the work not of a few sick people but the product of racism, the daily rape of thousands of American women is the outcome of the disease of sexism. Racism, sexism and imperialism are intimately related. Women make enormous profits -- and very little trouble -- for the men who run the corporations, because their labor is so much cheaper. Since they see themselves first as women or wives who happen to be working, rather than identifying primarily as workers, they are slow to fight their economic exploitation. Our sisters who are doing unpaid labor in their homes find it just as difficult to organize because they have been trained not to view their work as productive labor. Sisterhood is powerful -- and none of the anti-imperialist struggles can be won without it.