

# COUNSELORS

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Vietnam war still  
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## AND THE PEOPLES PEACE

started Counselors for  
Peace and  
Social Change

Do you agree that the war in Vietnam must end immediately?  
If the answer is yes - RATIFY THE PEACE TREATY.

**NO GROUP** in the United States should be more concerned about the effects of the war in Vietnam than counselors. After a decade of death it is clear that this war not only results in the death and maiming of our youth, it pollutes the whole texture of our society, dividing families, disrupting schools, destroying idealism and even hope among an entire generation. Billions desperately needed to fight poverty, rebuild cities, improve education, etc. are diverted into "defense" production.

Disrupted  
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Convention

**WHAT** has been accomplished in Vietnam? Political agreement is farther away than ever, quite ruthless dictators reign in Saigon, hundreds of thousands of Oriental people are dead, millions are refugees, much of the land area of Indochina has been sterilized by defoliation or churned into bomb craters. Polls indicate that the people of South Vietnam want Americans to leave. How could we imagine otherwise?

**SINCE** American polls also show that a majority of people want to set a specific date to get out of Vietnam, there seems to be great basis for agreement. The people of Vietnam, the people of the United States and certainly the GI's in the field want America out of Indochina.

**WAR** policy, however, is made by Richard Nixon. Period. Realizing this, the 1970 Convention of the United States National Student Association decided that peace must become a people to people proposition since governments will never end this war. Delegations were sent to both North and South Vietnam. Out of these conferences came the "Joint Treaty of Peace between the People of the United States and the People of South Vietnam and North Vietnam." Little negotiation was needed since the treaty is merely a simple and basic outline of the conditions for a reasonable peace. The treaty is to be carried to every organization in both countries for ratification during the spring and summer months. If the war still goes on after the Treaty has been massively ratified, it is the responsibility of every ratifying organization to decide for itself appropriate methods of treaty implementation. Implementation means non-cooperation with the war machine. If everyone did it, the war would have to stop.

**AS COUNSELORS**, I think we should initially set our sights on having the peace treaty ratified by the APGA convention in Atlantic City this spring. Right now I see this as a three part strategy. (I sincerely welcome suggestions.)

**1. C.P.S.C.** Ratification by Counselors for Peace and Social Change is the first step. PLEASE RETURN THE TEAROFF AT THE BOTTOM OF THE ENCLOSED COPY OF THE PEACE TREATY. IF YOU ENDORSE IT -- SIGN IT. IF YOU REJECT IT CHANGE ENDORSE TO DO NOT ENDORSE AND SIGN IT. MAIL IT TO: Charles Ream, 1018 Church St., Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104, NOT to the Washington Peace Treaty office.

The treaty will be considered ratified by Counselors for Peace and Social Change if positive responses exceed negative ones on April 1, 1971.

## 2. PEACE COMMISSION

Ratification by the official APGA Peace Commission should not be too difficult since the Peace Treaty is so completely in accord with the Commission's name and objectives. The cooperation of the Peace Commission is critical since its official status within APGA makes it the channel for presenting the Treaty to the APGA governing body.

## 3. A.P.G.A.

Ratification by the governing body of APGA in Atlantic City.

## CPSC GROUP

The initiative of CPSC and the Peace Commission might not be enough to insure APGA ratification of the treaty. For this reason, I would like to be part of a group of CPSC people at the convention who want to spend some of their time there working on and publicizing the Peace Treaty campaign. With only eight or ten people, we could do a significant job of education among the conventioners and focus attention on the main ratifying vote. If you can spare any time for this important work, please let me know so we can begin to plan.

## DONT FORGET

— Return the tearoff from the bottom of the treaty to me —  
either yes or no.

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*...because  
the  
people  
are making  
the peace*