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BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES SOUTH VIETNAM & NORTH VIETNAM

INTRODUCTION

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Be it known that the American and Vietnamese people are not enemies. The war is carried out in the name of the people of the United States, but without our consent. It drains America of her resources, her youth and her honor.

We hereby agree to end the war on the following terms, so that both peoples can live under the joy of independence and can devote themselves to building a society based on human equality and respect for the earth. In rejecting the war we also reject all forms of racism and discrimination against people based on color, class, sex, national origin and ethnic grouping which form the basis of the war policies, present and past, of the United States.

PRINCIPLES OF THE JOINT TREATY OF PEACE

AMERICANS agree to immediate and total withdrawal from Vietnam, and publicly to set the date by which all U.S. military forces will be removed.

Vietnamese agree to participate in an immediate cease-fire, and will enter discussions on the procedures to guarantee the safety of all withdrawing troops, and to secure the release of all military prisoners.

AMERICANS pledge to end the imposition of Thieu, Ky and Khiem on the people of South Vietnam in order to ensure their right of self-determination, and to ensure that all political prisoners are released.

Vietnamese pledge to form a provisional coalition government to organize democratic elections, in which all South Vietnamese can participate freely without the presence of any foreign troops, and to enter discussions of procedures to guarantee the safety and political freedom of persons who cooperated with either side in the war.

AMERICANS and VIETNAMESE agree to respect the independence, peace and neutrality of Laos and Cambodia.

Upon these points of agreement, we pledge to end the war. We will resolve all other questions in mutual respect for the rights of self-determination of the people of Vietnam and of the United States.

AS AMERICANS RATIFYING THIS AGREEMENT, WE PLEDGE TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTIONS ARE APPROPRIATE TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS OF THIS JOINT TREATY OF PEACE, AND TO ENSURE ITS ACCEPTANCE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Signed: Signed: Signed: (individual) Signed: (organization)

The terms of this treaty were worked out in discussion among members of student associations in South and North Vietnam, and in the United States. Other citizens' groups plan meetings with Vietnamese citizens to discuss terms for peace.

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THINK that people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of their way and let them have it."

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IMAGINE that most of you, wherever you come from, have been getting less and less peace in the past few years. People in Vietnam have been getting nearly none. America recently celebrated the tenth anniversary of our war on Indochina, and we watch the dissension caused by this war (and all the cruel absurdities it exposes) tear the heart out of this country.

COUNSELORS are supposed to help people. We justify our existence by assuming that we can help people to fulfill their potentialities and learn how better to deal with mental and emotional problems. But while this war has been going on, what have we done about the hundreds of thousands of dead in Vietnam who sacrificed their potential to stop a bullet? Can we feel confident about the future mental health of maimed nineteen year old veterans, or of high school students with needles in their arms, trying to blot out a world that holds so much evil? By then, it is too late. If we really love people, we must stop the war.

LAST JAN. 31 a Gallup Poll revealed that 73% of the American people want the United States out of Vietnam by the end of 1971. Because of our concern for humanity, the voice of counselors, through APGA, should be heard loud and clear - in the forefront of the chorus for peace. To this end, the Peoples Peace Treaty will be presented to the APGA Senate for ratification during this convention. Ratification by individuals is also very important. If you agree with it, don't forget to sign it.

The Peoples Peace Treaty represents a real intensification of the American peace movement. It is a nationwide, coordinated, non-violent effort, not just another proposal or resolution. It is also more than just a petition. To ratify the Peace Treaty means making a commitment not to be at war with the people of Vietnam. If governments continue the war, implementation of the treaty must follow its ratification. Each person or organization has the responsibility to determine its own method of implementation. Counsellors might devote themselves to studying the Selective Service System and the history of the war so that they can provide their clients with true and relevant information. The APGA might adopt the resolutions of its Peace Commission and/or refuse to facilitate military recruiting.



Support the Peoples Peace Treaty.

WE MUST ALL ACT NOW