

Americans must become responsible

By the Oct. 14th Coalition

Wherever there is a country that poses a situation of war, the international implications of that situation poses a warlike situation in the world.

At the outset of the American involvement in Vietnam, we find the verbiage of American presence there "advisors" or "support troops", or "military technicians"; but in fact what we had was a dispersal of a part of the American ground troops from an area or areas where they were either concentrated or dispersed (stored in the bottoms of ships, stationed on Okinawa or in West Germany). They were dispersed and transferred from some advance point in S.E. Asia to Vietnam, or they were flown strategically from rear military bases in America. This is typical of the technological advances of American ordinance. The Cause Celebre being the support of puppet governments and the military defeat of French colonialism and imperialism which left a vacuum for

United States colonialism and imperialism. We must make it crystal clear that at no time have the Pentagon strategists been able to entertain the thought that the United States was in control of either dispersing or concentrating American troops and war material.

It was not a desire of the Vietnamese people to have the United States occupy their country. This violation of the Geneva Accord and the international violation of rights of territorial sovereignty of the Indochinese people by force and deceit is unprecedented. Nevertheless, these agrarian farmers and peasants have forced the government of the United States to concentrate the largest air, naval and land assaults in the history of warfare. Their will to resist forced the United States to concentrate over 500,000 ground troops, an unceasing aerial and naval bombardment complemented with a one million man mercenary Saigon army, a two million man secret police force, and

another additional 200,000 shock troops from other "rent-a-soldier" programs — the Vietnamese people forced them to concentrate, and now because of their high caliber of resistance, they are forcing them to disperse. The United States government wants to call it withdrawing with honor, but it's the nature of imperialism, the nature of aggression, to leave only when forced.

A country whose industry is based 90 percent on a military budget cannot afford to have peace, because if the war industries were to stop, millions upon millions of American industrialized workers would be out of a job. They need not be, but nevertheless, that is how the American people have let the American government run things.

So now we say, "Where next?" Now that the big concentration buildup is phasing out, United States imperialism is recycling itself again. The military, logistical retreat from Vietnam is already in the process of manifesting its aggressive

behavior in Africa, Latin America, and other parts of Asia. It is highly probable they will surface in the Middle East, which is the northern section of Africa, more strongly than before. They are already there; or they'll be in Latin America. They need a war to survive on.

It is the responsibility of the American people, the American soldiers, the parents of those people commonly called "of a draftable age", to become well aware of the nature of the United States government, of the nature of imperialism, of the war machine, because the American people get caught up in it and they will find themselves on some far and distant shore acting and perpetrating like the government was a victim of an unprovoked attack. And maybe the next time the Congress of the United States, the people of the United States, the workers and students of the United States, will not be so gullible as to allow themselves to be pressganged into a so-called "backwards" country.

Letters . . .

Be People

I feel that it is unfortunate that the game of knocking your opponent is so prevalent in the Emerald letters. Mr. Porter's supporters haven't been working with positivism. A campaign of mud-slinging is a rut which I hope that people will climb out of.

In getting the folks for Porter to stand up for their candidate and not just sit around knocking their opponent I think a point should be made. Mr. Porter has spoken in favor of cuts in Military Appropriations. That's great, many are a waste. But the record shows that he voted for every single Military Appropriation Bill while he was in Congress. Even to the level of backing a bill for the construction of 143 National Guard Armories which the Department of Defense felt were unnecessary.

There are a lot of good people on both sides of the political spectrum. It would be a crime to see respect, friendship and people take a backseat to politics.

Mike Marsh
History Major

Likes service

My wife and I are students at the University who live in the Amazon Housing Project. Every day we receive the Oregon Daily Emerald at our apartment. We wish to express our appreciation for this service.

Paul T. Abrams
Anna Lee Abrams

Open letter to Bogen

Based on the information you have forwarded to us, on September 7, 1972, we are responding to the position the University has adopted with regard to the Lettuce Boycott.

The University has taken the following position: (1) The Erb Memorial Union and dormitories will offer salads made with and without iceberg (head) lettuce. (2) The University purchases its lettuce from Emerald Fruit and Produce Co., a firm which tries to buy United Farm Worker picked lettuce. To take such a position makes little sense and has the effect of taking no position at all.

First, the fact that Emerald Produce tries to get United Farm Worker (UFW) picked lettuce, in no way reflects humanitarian sympathies on the part of the University. Emerald Produce's first consideration in buying lettuce is price and quality. (This is also true of Pacific Produce and the chain stores.) We have tried to talk to them about the human price and the quality of life involved in this struggle. While some were sympathetic,

we were told that such things do not apply to business decisions.

Second, the present policy means that the University will buy non-union lettuce when UFW is not available. Whenever the University spends any money on scab lettuce it is financing the exploitation of farm workers.

Third, the University believes it is offering students a choice by serving salads with and without head lettuce. In so doing, the University ducks its responsibility to take a stand on a moral issue.

In addition, because the University never specifies if it is serving UFW lettuce, the choice offered isn't much of a choice. On the one hand, you are offering students the chance to boycott UFW lettuce. On the other hand, you are inviting students to join with you in financing exploitation.

Because the present policy has the above implications and effects; and because our previous attempts to gain a humane policy have been unsuccessful, we are calling on students to organize resistance to the present policy and pressure for a policy of buying only union head lettuce.

We are dismayed by the fact that the University has been unable to see the human price and quality of life for farm workers involved in this issue.

Mel Kang

Eugene Friends of the Farm Workers

By Lee Gilbert Boutell

The current proposal for a downtown auditorium convention center is to be voted on November 7. Those backing the measure say that the convention center is for all the people of Eugene and that the center will benefit all. Which raises these questions:

1. Why build in the heart of downtown (between 6th and 7th, Oak and Olive) and increase traffic congestion, noise, and air pollution when there are more favorable sites with more room such as in the Autzen Stadium area?

2. Why choose a "local firm backed up by a Seattle firm" as has been done, to do the designing and construction when the necessary energy, creative force, and resources are right in Eugene? Lets keep the money and jobs right here.

3. Why use a 20 year property tax increase to raise the desired \$5.5 million for the issue when private or municipal bonds can work with less red tape and waste, and in a voluntary much fairer manner? With the proposed tax a person owning a house and property with a value of \$40,000 would pay 40 times \$.83 for 20 years which amounts to \$664.00. Property worth \$60,000 would be taxed \$996.00, and so on. Increased federal and state funds could be solicited instead.

4. Why design the auditorium with only 2,800 seats and have the structure obsolete even before construction? A seating capacity of at least 12,000 should be considered if this facility is in fact for all the

people of Eugene. Ticket prices for events would be in the \$6 to \$10 range or higher with only 2,800 seats, whereas increased seating would allow tickets at peoples' prices.

Why build a structure to be "owned by the city and probably controlled by a commission appointed by the City Council" when comprehensive university-county (or city) control could satisfy the needs of a larger part of the Lane Community and people of the whole state? The university needs a good auditorium facility and it should be included in the plans. The present proposal would have the taxpayers own the structure but have no say as to its use.

Lets have a well-planned multi-use auditorium and recreation center for the people of Lane County, but lets include all the people. The present proposal as to be voted on November 7 obviously favors certain interested parties with economic interests, as does the 1990 Plan in general, of which the convention center proposal is a part. Lets stop this problem before it is forced on us. Remember, as you read this the freeway and the bulldozer are moving in.

By using our constitutional decision-making powers and by standing behind them we can in fact do much to create a happy, healthy, educational living environment for ourselves and future generations within the beauty of our surroundings. Power to all the people.

Moo!

To Mr. Ken Kesey, in care of the lovely editors of our very own Daily Emerald.

Your letter Ken, well it struck me. Choice appears to be back, working like a cornstarch of ecstasy. Everybody's having a grand old time learning how to spell X. Wish this tea would turn into X. Wish the sky "vote today, partner". Ah, the song of gratifying human fallacy. Scuse me if I'm inpolite, I suppose the letter was written purely concerning the application of language to voluntary behavior modification; anything to make clarity out of illusion, right old boy? Here I am, blowing my nose, standing in line with everyone else waiting to manipulate the voting machine. Moo! On! Hare Krishna! Honesty! Ultimate choice! Humbug! It's almost the big day. Well, thanks for the serious moments of high Baroque contemplation, Ken. See you in November shot to flowers and higher consciousness about things that matter in the Cosmos. Tell me, does my number look identifying? Maybe we'll shake hands at a poll.

Ronald Smith
Student

More cycle parking

While a bicycle appears to be the most popular and convenient method of transportation to school for many students,

there are an increasing number of students arriving by motorcycle for their advantages over a car in parking and economy of operation. But I have noticed a pitiful lack of parking space for motorcycles where they are needed most. Converting one automobile space adjacent to the most popular cycle parking spots to motorcycle use would render a valuable service to our minority number of cycle riders.

I would suggest that those in authority over parking take a deserved look into this.

Steve Fitch
Grad Student, Education

L.A. stickers

In the race for Congress locally, an issue of importance appears to be the state of the economy and who will do more to gain new jobs for the people of Oregon. Charles Porter has said that if elected he will work to provide new jobs for unemployed workers.

That is very interesting in light of the fact that Porter has bumper stickers printed in Los Angeles. Perhaps someone should show Mr. Porter the boundary lines of this congressional district. Or perhaps we should just assume that workers in Eugene, Springfield, Roseburg, Medford, and Coos Bay aren't capable of doing the job of their contemporaries in Los Angeles.

JoAnne L. Whitman
Junior U of O

Naslund endorsement

Every trial deputy district attorney on the present staff of the Lane County District Attorney's Office wishes to express to the people of Lane County that Robert K. Naslund has our unsolicited and complete support and confidence. We urge you to retain Robert K. Naslund as your district attorney and keep this office in the hands of a man whose honesty and integrity are unquestioned.

Stephen H. Keutzer, Chief Deputy
and 13 names on file

Desmond needs money

I've hand written over 7,000 letters since December. Now I'm broke. A few people have given me a dollar without my asking. Now I'm asking.

I can't receive money from your paper but I can receive it from your readers.

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