

To the Faculty of Yale University:

The expansion of the Indochina war takes place today under a system of deceptions proffered by the administration to the American people. The transition to an automated air war, a technological reign of terror over the peoples of Indochina, is masked by the periodic announcement of American troop withdrawals. In the face of an increasingly aggressive and vicious military policy, and the simultaneous attempt to isolate the American people from this reality, the need for a public reaction, an application of pressure through all available channels, is greater than it has ever been.

The People's Peace Treaty is an organizing tool to help bring about this pressure. It came about through the efforts of a group of American students from the National Student Association and North and South Vietnamese student organizations. The American students went to Hanoi in December 1970 to negotiate with students there and though denied visas into South Vietnam one American student managed to enter and meet with students there for a short time. The final negotiating of the treaty took place in Paris with Madame Binh of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam. The Treaty is supported by businessmen, Buddhist organizations, and other civic groups of South Vietnam.

Now the treaty must be and is being taken to all sectors of American society, to individuals and organizations offering people the occasion to declare a separate peace with the people of Indochina, to "take themselves out of the war." The treaty is not a petition. It is a set of principles prescribing the conditions for peace in Indochina and can involve people in a process of real questioning which will help them make an active commitment to bringing an end to the war in Indochina.

We are asking you as the faculty of Yale University and as individuals to make this active commitment. You can carry out your commitment by taking the treaty to other groups and individuals with whom you have contact, by participating in the extensive lobbying campaign being waged in Washington this spring or by organizing your own forums for expression of your dissatisfaction with the administration and military policy on the war. It is only the accumulation of what seem to be small efforts that will bring mounting pressure to bear.

Contributions to our office are much needed and would be greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to People's Peace Treaty.

For more information and copies of the treaty call or write:

People's Peace Treaty Office
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Thank you for your attention.