Following editorial appeared in the "Ghanaian Times", 5th May.

Begins: "Australia is embarking upon a senseless dangerous almost inhuman adventure by her decision to move platoon of combat troops to Vietnam to assist invading United States forces.

Particularly monstrous is the fact that the move should be made at a time when demand for end to aggressive war in Vietnam has reached its height and nations and allies of the United States alike are mounting serious demonstrations to compel turnabout.

Australia's move is to pour more fuel in the burning crisis with the risk of either provoking others into retaliation or drawing more figures into the Vietnam pie.

We know Australia's policies have never been shaped to oppose imperialism and neocolonialism. The same interests that gave birth to the evil systems work for the economy of Australia and country has not been able despite its pretensions to eliminate rock of racial descrimination on which large segments of her society are constructed. But it is a new one for her to act with the audacity and brazen efferontry of master Imperialist power wielding big stick.

She must pull back in good time before force of world opinion rakes up the skeleton in cupboard and sweeps away her pretensions."

Ends.

2. Page 4 news article in "Ghanaian Times" 30th April, reported proposed despatch of Australian battalion to Vietnam. Front page article in "Daily Graphic" 5th May reported brief report of Calwell's statement on battalion and gist of Prime Minister's reply.
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