THE INDOCHINA WAR

As I write, I think of the latest expansion of the war, of the villagers of Snoul, bombed and driven from their homes, of the fantastic struggle of the Indochinese peoples against the weight of American technology. At home, we are treated to the now predictable distortions of fact, outright lies, and lack of understanding of events - all emanating from the man we have supposedly "chosen" to be our President. Add what some spokesmen have described as inevitable, the death of four of our fellow-students. Their crime? - standing against this war, voting with their feet at a time when voting in any other way seemed scarcely relevant. All of us who have stood facing lines of troops or other armed guardians of the order know in our guts that it could have been us, and that it has been and is the Vietnamese, the Laotians, and now the Cambodians.

The spread of student strikes and the furious protest against the war is impressive and must continue. I speak here of what we see in Berkeley - buildings throbbing with activity, speakers' bureaus, mimeograph machines, neighborhood canvassing, protest demonstrations, over 1000 draft cards collected at a single session, professors - yes, professors - advocating the conversion of the university into a center for anti-war research and action.

Berkeley and Stanford CCAS chapters have mobilized for this crisis. Both are producing material to be used in educational efforts and in helping those going into the community to speak. As reports come in, it is clear that these activities are happening many-fold across the country in other chapters. They are a concrete way in which our special knowledge and access to information can be made of use to our fellow-students and to the community at large.

We must continue - as organized groups, as individuals, to wage this battle. The government may learn that it can't get away with calling students "bums," but that is not enough. Who cares what they call us? The thing we must show them they can't get away with is the War, any future such wars, and the whole institutional machinery that creates them.

Join the strike! Join the struggle!

THE CONVENTION

The Second Annual CCAS Convention was held April 2-4 in San Francisco. Many of you were able to come, and our membership was sent a program prior to the meetings. (If any of you didn't get a copy, write to the Berkeley office, 2168 Shattuck, Rm. 316, Berkeley, Cal., 94709.) Panels were abundant, well-attended, and many were very good. We were particularly glad to have two "special guests," Jacques Decornoy, the Le Monde correspondent for Southeast Asia, and Lillian Hellman, the author. Jacque participated in both the Laos panel and the discussion on journalism in Southeast Asia. Miss Hellman joined with John Melby, Orville Schell, John Fairbank, and Jim Peck in a discussion of the McCarthy
period and its legacy. The Committee of Returned Volunteers, the Bay Area Institute, and Asian-American groups also helped us put in panels. Tapes are available for almost all the panels.

At our business meeting on Friday, April 3, new officers were chosen for the coming year. The two new national coordinators, replacing Jim Peck and Orville Schell, are Al McCoy of the Yale chapter, and Felicia Oldfather of the Berkeley chapter. Editors of the Bulletin for the coming year will be Jim Peck and Mark Seldon, replacing Jim Sanford.

The convention ended Saturday night with the "Phantasmagoria," a multi-media presentation. It was quite a show, including slides, skits, various films or pieces of films from sources as varied as the NLF and the U.S. Army. It was climaxed by the lively presentations of The Moving Company, a guerrilla theater group. Suffice it to say that it was not what one usually finds in the Hilton Hotel.

The convention coincided with the meetings of the Assoc. for Asian Studies across town. As the weekend began, a contract between UCLA and AID was uncovered, a contract which clearly related various American scholars on Thailand to counter-insurgency work. Some CCAS members, responding to this, attended a panel on Thailand presented by some of these scholars at the AAS Convention. There they raised questions about the legitimacy, morality, and political bias of this research.

During and after the convention there has been much discussion on its strengths and weaknesses. While the panels were very good, everyone realized that there was not enough time for informal discussion. We had a lot of good experiences, but not enough shared ones. One effect was a paucity of resolutions at the business meetings, and scarcely enough time for what we had. Except in one or two workshops, there was little collective opportunity for talking about the future of the organization, aims, goals, projects, etc. Many suggestions have been offered: more efforts next year to have regional meetings, a different kind of national convention, no national convention, a national convention at a different time from AAS - in other words almost all possible options! We need ideas of the membership on this as soon as possible, so plans can be made for next year. If you have any thoughts to share, please send them to Dave Marr, Southeast Asia Program, 108 Franklin Hall, Ithaca, New York, 14850, or Carl Riskin, Dept. of Economics, Columbia University, New York, New York, Feel free to send them to other people, too. The more rapping on this the better.

At the end of this newsletter is a list of chapters and chapter heads, plus addresses. If any of these are incorrect, outdated, or if any chapters have been left out - please let us know. There are probably mistakes, but we won't know until you tell us!

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During the past year, Japanese citizen groups, working closely with American G.I. organizers and dissident G.I.'s, have created the basis for a powerful organized movement in American bases in Japan. These bases are critical for the perpetuation of the war in Vietnam. At present four G.I. underground newspapers, including the 12-page monthly, "We Got the Brass," are being circulated to more than 10,000 G.I.'s in Japan - with special editions recently appearing for Okinawa and Vietnam. Organizers believe that the time has come for a major upsurge of organized G.I. resistance in Japan.
A plan is in operation to bring to Japan this summer 20 Americans to engage in full-time G.I. organizing and counseling in coordination with Japanese groups operating at the major bases. They seek three kinds of participants. First, specialists, a lawyer or someone acquainted with military law, a skilled Black organizer, and highly-trained G.I. counsellors or experienced organizers. Second, individuals who have worked in G.I. counseling or resistance in the United States and want to continue working in Japan. Third, some people interested in Asian problems such as Japanese and American imperialism, Vietnam, etc., including some familiar with Japanese language and culture. They are hoping here for people from Committee of Returned Volunteers, Committee of Concerned Asian Scholars, Asian-Americans For Action, and other Asian-American groups.

Efforts are being made to raise funds to support the program. The goal is to provide air transportation and movement-style living expenses of $100 per month for all volunteers. However, they are requesting that individuals who are able to pay part of their way, or whose groups can provide support, to do so.

Anyone interested should contact Miss Adrian Fong, West Coast Counseling Service, 14th Guerrero St., San Francisco, Calif., giving their interests, qualifications, etc. Any CCA3 people should also contact the national coordinators, so they can help with fund-raising.

### KEY CHAPTERS

**University of Arizona:** In March, a CCA3 chapter was formed on the campus at Tucson, Arizona. They hope to arrange panel discussions at local high schools and set up a colloquium in the fall centered on one topic. They hope this colloquium will serve as a launching pad for their participation in the CCA3 convention next year, and also serve to establish a workshop topic for the proposed Asian reader.

**Duke University:** Also in March, a chapter was set up at Duke in Durham, North Carolina. Their local membership includes about an equal number of East and South Asianists, drawn from the departments of history and political science. They have been planning meetings on such issues as "the Pathet Lao in the context of Revolutionary Movements in Southeast Asia," "The U.S.-Japan Security Treaty," and "Chinese, Japanese, and Indian Interests in Contemporary Southeast Asia."

One of the main problems at Duke is isolation from other chapters. Because of this, they are especially anxious to receive research papers and other useful information from CCA3 chapters. They would also like to have any CCA3 member who plans to be in the near future to visit them at Duke, either to speak on a topic of general interest to concerned Asian scholars, or to report on activities of other chapters.

**Contacts at these chapters:**

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Tucson, Arizona, 85706

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At the recent national conference in San Francisco, the CCAS unanimously passed the following resolution against the Center for Vietnamese Studies and Programs at Southern Illinois University:

We believe that the State Department (A.I.D.) funded Center for Vietnamese Studies at Southern Illinois University is intended to perpetuate the horror that is the war in Vietnam. The Center's emphasis on post-war development is based on the assumption that the United States will have a central role in post-war Vietnamese society...in effect, that the United States will win the war. We oppose such a program designed to train scholars and professionals with a deep personal commitment to the success of the American intervention.

The terms of the A.I.D.-Southern Illinois University contract clearly show that the Center is open to direct political control and utilization by the United States government. This case raises broader issues: the United States government's control of finances, structure, and programs of a university center. Such a situation is a serious threat to the integrity of all American scholars, especially those concerned with third world studies.

We support the efforts of the students and faculty of S.I.U. who are opposing this program. It is our position that this program represents the continuation of attitudes and policies which produced the war in Vietnam. We declare our opposition to programs of this nature.

To implement this resolution, which in effect is a boycott of the center, CCAS members and the national coordinators have been working on the following:

1. Distributing information about the Center. A 100-page set of documents, correspondence, minutes, and news coverage has been sent to each CCAS chapter. Additional copies may be ordered from CCAS, Rm. 305, 1737 Cambridge St., Cambridge, Mass. 02138, at $5.00 a set. Copies of the complete 400 page kit (all available material on the center) may be ordered from Mike Castell, 106 South 15th St., Murphysboro, Ill. 62966, for $20.00.

2. Petition Campaign. Petition texts modeled on the Univ. of Chicago CCAS statement have been circulated to all chapters. At Chicago they collected 50 signatures in one afternoon, including 10 faculty members. These signatures could help support the actions of the people at SIU, where the petition has been publicized. Please send completed petitions quickly to Doug Allen, Dept. of Philosophy, Southern Illinois Univ., Carbondale, Ill. 62901.

3. A CCAS Chapter. From the actions at SIU against the Center there has grown a new CCAS chapter. Doug Allen, the "leader of the anti-Center elements," according to the local college newspaper, will be the chapter contact.

4. CCAS Conference at SIU. Co-sponsored by the SIU Committee of Returned Volunteers, the conference will take place May 22, 23 at Carbondale, Ill. It will explore such problems as the future of Vietnamese studies in the United States, the Michigan State experience in Vietnam, as well as that of SIU, definitions of scholarly competence and activity, and strategy and tactics of opposition to the center. Favorable responses for participation have been received from David Marr, Huynh Kim Khanh, Troung Bui Lam, Stanley Sheinbaum, and others. Attendance by CCAS people will be crucial. Financing is a huge problem, and people coming may have to pay
part of the expenses of the trip. If any of you have any ideas for panels, participants, etc., please get in touch with Doug Allen at the above address.

The issue of AID funding and external control is by now a well-known national issue. At the recent AAS convention, the AID-University of California contract for counter-insurgency research on Thailand was sharply questioned by CCAS members and others; at various campuses campaigns against the contract are going on. Meanwhile, AID has given the Asia Foundation $5,000,000 to support Vietnam studies at the East-West Center in Hawaii. Wesley Fishel, well-known for his Michigan State-Vietnam activities and in residence at SIU this year, will head for Hawaii. He will be replaced at SIU by I. Milton Sacks. These things will continue to go on unless very strongly attacked. This issue is of direct concern to scholars in Asian studies, as well as those concerned with the American strategy for control of the Pacific area. Such "educational" programs as the SIU Center are a part of this strategy, and our awareness of this fact must be made painfully clear to all involved.

The Pan-Am Boycott: Repression in Colombia

In early April three Americans in Bogota, Colombia, got a strong response to their efforts to organize support for the Pan-Am Boycott. On the basis of the article published in Hard Times by Al McCoy and Angus McDonald, they prepared a leaflet and distributed it in the "American Community" Presbyterian church. (The three, Richard and Aimee Martin and Gail Hagerman, are employees of the United Presbyterian Church.)

The very next day they were called in by the Colombian security police, questioned separately for 1½ hours, called political subversives and agitators, and told that if they held their educational meeting, they would be deported. The man who gave them this news was the chief of the Colombian secret police. He broadened his threat by saying that they would be deported if they did anything to threaten U.S. business interests in Colombia.

But who is really interested in squashing this action? These "agitators" later discovered that their leaflet, a summary of the Hard Times article, had been studied by a high official in the U.S. Embassy in Bogota. He called the Pan-Am argument "childish," and said that protestors would get "clocked" in any country where they might try to organize.

Temporary efforts to organize in Bogota have halted, due to the quick crackdown and a very tense election situation. Anyone interested in further information should write:

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Cornell CCAS with the help of other chapters, is in the process of establishing an audio-visual library on Asia. Films would be available at very low cost — lower to CCAS chapters and members than to other groups — to liven up the old lecture format. Other possible uses might be to show films in conjunction with speaking dates, or as a money-raising venture. At some campuses, radical organizations raise much of their money by renting films cheaply, and showing them for a cheap price, say $1 or so.

So far the efforts of the Cornell group have concentrated on Vietnam, but they are interested in obtaining films on China, Japan, India, and other parts of Asia. They need help on sources of films, and in producing the final offerings.

If you have suggestions for them, or want to make use of their film library, write:
Audio-Visual Group, CCAS Cornell
214 Rand Hall, Cornell University
Ithaca, N.Y. 14850

Cornell has started a project here that can be helpful to other chapters. Perhaps some of you have an idea or two on a project you could begin that could centralize resources in a particular area. Then other chapters could use them, saving duplication of labor.

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP

The present issue of the newsletter is being sent to all members and subscribers. It was decided at the business meeting of the CCAS Convention that from now on the newsletter will only be sent to members, since most of the newsletter information is for the benefit of members only. Below is an application for those subscribers who wish to become members. Members are those who agree with the CCAS statement of purpose. The additional membership fee does not apply to those who have already paid 2 and are members.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I wish to become a member of CCAS and am enclosing the $2 membership fee.

I wish to become a member of CCAS. Please bill me.

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