

and individual, and without both liberation and freedom he is only half a man.

It is against the above background that one can appreciate the cruel fate which has befallen the Vietnamese people--a victim of the mistakes of the statesmen of the great powers, as well as the follies of their own leaders.

Both the physical war and the psychological war are being fought here at several different levels. There is a struggle to build and destroy infrastructures in each of some 16,000 hamlets. There are squad and platoon-sized engagements between local guerrillas and government militia called Popular Forces. There are terrorist bombings of luxury hotels and in peasant markets.

The Viet Cong are trying to build up troop concentrations while avoiding pitched battles in the rich Mekong Delta; government leaders, largely through the intermediate agency of U.S. Special Forces, are trying to win the loyalty of the Central Highland Montagnards, who are generally looked down upon by all Vietnamese, Communist and non-Communist.

South of the Demilitarized Zone, full-pledged conventional battles rage between battalions (roughly 1,000 men each) of American Marines and North Vietnamese regulars, "Pacification" cadres from one side or the other are at work in every one of South Viet Nam's 42 provinces.

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The struggle has now spilled well beyond the borders of South Viet Nam and has become in effect a regional war. Anti-government activity is reported increasing in Laos, northeastern Thailand, and even Burma, while the Hanoi government claims North Viet Nam is about to be invaded.

Finally, the international political implications for the rest of Southeast Asia--from Indonesia to East Pakistan--are enormous. And however Americans want to slice it, Southeast Asians are the two major protagonists--competing for power, influence and the vindication of ideology--as the United States and China.

This, then, is your simple war.

It is true that American warplanes are bombing and killing civilians, more than you will ever read about in the papers. It is also true that the Viet Cong disembowel good province chiefs, or bad ones, and they do run prison camps under conditions not so far removed from those of Dachau. The only thing these two statements prove is that war is hell, and modern guerilla war is worse than any other kind.

What is going on here has two sides, in every usage of the word. It is not just a slaughter of particularly innocent, peace-loving villagers. Nor is it a particularly democratic defense of freedom against terror and tyranny from without. It is a total war.



Always in the shadows?

C.U.S.

C.U.S. in principle deserves your support. Whether it deserves as much financial support as its student members give it is another question. In principle it is made up of the president of the University Student Council of each member University campus, and a certain number of delegates appointed by each Student Council (that number based on the number of member students per campus); plus, and most important, the C.U.S. executive which is elected at the annual C.U.S. Congress. In theory the Congress decides general policy and priorities for the coming year and the Executive carries them out to the best of its ability throughout the year.

C.U.S. is a voice of Canadian students. It can claim a hand in pressuring the Federal Government to increase its aid to higher education, pressure which has resulted in part in the Canada Student Loan Plan (which the Ontario Government has "red-taped" beyond recognition). The student means test done two years ago was a major credit to C.U.S. and the results were accepted by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The S.G.R.S. is a student information service which gives valuable assistance to students and student councils on a vast number of subjects. C.U.S. has in the past attempted to participate in many causes to student benefit, e.g. student housing, student orientation programs; discussion to determine the role of the student university government. It offers an insurance plan; charter flights to Europe; and now reduced accommodation at Expo. It has submitted clarifying comments on various reports of government and non-government commissions on higher education, (e.g. re the Duff Commission). In other words it has tried to represent the interests of Canadian students.

Yet people have begun to question the value of C.U.S. We should

too. All this questioning appeared to begin with the formation of U.G.E.Q. (Union General des Etudiants de Quebec) and the secession of the French members of C.U.S. It was symbolic of the separatist designs of the French Canadian youth. It may, as Doug Ward, President of C.U.S. claims, have been a creative step on the part of the French speaking members. Nevertheless, English speaking members began to question the value of C.U.S., especially since it no longer could claim to speak for all 200,000 Canadian university students.

Like others, I can find fault with the present C.U.S. Firstly I would suggest that C.U.S. concentrate on her programme at home. Of \$20,000 (approx.) spent directly on the core program in 1965-66 (i.e. not including operating expenses which ran to \$46,000), approximately \$5000, (i.e. one quarter of the budget) went to the International Program. I feel that until C.U.S. is back on her feet solidly, this money should be spent at home. (The fact that on a priority list at the most recent Congress the International Affairs program was twentieth, shows, I hope, a changing trend.) Secondly C.U.S. should investigate means of revenue to supplement the per capita levies which in 1965-66 accounted for approximately 95% of the \$86,000 revenue. There are many other suggestions in policy that could be made if the program were carefully studied.

As students you should demand first that your council investigate the policy of C.U.S. and try to change it before deserting a "sinking ship". Let York go on record as trying to shape policy rather than merely running from it. C.U.S. has had its very good days. Now she may appear to be in a slump. To abandon all that was worked for because of one or two rough years would be wrong and would show weakness on our part.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

So God is dead; then I am damned.
The Pearly Gates have just been slammed
right in my face! and in their place
There's nothing left but outer space.

'Tis trickery, if you ask me;
For I've spent years expectantly
of small space in heavenly grace -
But now the Boss has closed the place?

Things sure have gone from bad to worse
when the maker of the Universe,
Without real cause against His Laws,
Just ups and leaves us with our flaws.

It must be rumor and not true.
If so, we should spread one, too.
Let's all decide to publish wide;
'The devil committed suicide!'