

Wirkowski in profile

The man on the right is Nobby Wirkowski, York's much hampered football coach. Nobby arrived at York with the task of making it a football school.

He ran into a great deal of opposition from both people and lack of proper organization by others. Yet he was able to inspire the boys of the team out of a slump after their first two games and on to victory against teams that should in all rights be able to smash us.



Scott McMaster

Whether you are a football fan or not, and whether or not you happen to think that football belongs at York, I believe that it must be recognized as fact that this man has got something.

Soccer team triumphs again

Last Saturday, the York soccer team won yet another game. The unfortunate victims on this occasion were those defiant and courageous representatives of Trent University.

With this win York has placed itself in a position from which the securing of the league cham-

pionship is not too distant. If they are to be champions it will be decided this coming weekend at Trent.

This rendering of York soccer stinks. That is because the people who usually cover the sport have slipped into the doldrums of laziness.

Sarge Speaks - Paris Pow-Wow

by Sgt. Gregory Young

In the light of recent developments in the Paris peace talks the question of a bombing halt in

the Vietnam aerial war is one that demands very careful and highly realistic considerations before any regrettable steps are taken.



Sarge?

First let us be realistic, any cessation of US raids on the North will not bring an immediate end to the fighting. However, the real issue is that if the air offensive is stopped, will it foster any worthwhile results in Paris? But don't jump the gun gang, what seems to be very obvious is not quite as simple as it appears, so before you say "Well why don't they try it and see?" you should first consider several important points.

The foremost problem is one of trust and it involves the security and safety of the U.S. and allied forces in South Vietnam. Furthermore, the safety of the civilian population in the South is also at stake. If the air offensive is halted, will the enemy take tactical advantage of the lull in order to repair infiltration routes and to pour troops and supplies into the South to reinforce their combat units? In order to take such a calculated risk, the U.S. command must then unfortunately have to consider past bitter experiences concerning cease fires with the enemy.

The possibility of favourable reaction to a bombing halt from the North Vietnamese must be weighed against the possibility of more attempted enemy offensives in the South during or after the cease fire.

The most unfortunate experience with truces was suffered by the U.S. in January of this year when the North Vietnamese took advantage of the Lunar New Year bombing halt to launch their huge Tet offensive in the South. The result was that they were able to move troops into the South unhampered by air assault and launch more than twenty-nine major attacks on South Vietnamese cities and bases especially on the capitals of Saigon and Hue. Hundreds of civilian and military casualties were suffered which might have otherwise been avoided.

The answer becomes all too clear in view of the Tet failure and other cease fire violation by the North Vietnamese. If there is to be any bombing halt in the U.S. air raids over the North, then the North Vietnamese must reciprocate honestly and immediately. A bombing halt must be met by the North with a reciprocal cessation of hostilities and infiltration in the South. Unless these two conditions are met, a bombing halt that would jeopardize the safety of U.S. troops, allied troops and civilians is unthinkable. Furthermore, if the compromise is violated then the air war should be resumed with greater intensity.

Take note that the reciprocal nature of such a compromise leaves it open to The North Vietnamese to initiate such a cease-fire. By proposing a cessation of their hostilities and infiltration in the South they could very easily bring about a U.S. agreement to halt the air war. However, has Hanoi publically proposed this step? It has always been the U.S. which first suggests that they would be willing to initiate their part of the compromise.

Gang, the North Vietnamese have made it obvious by their constant reference to the U.S. air war that the raids are indeed effective. The air war is the great lever against Hanoi—the NVA carries the war into the South via infiltration and the Viet Cong and the Viet Cong and the U.S. reciprocates by carrying the war to the North via their aerial offensive. It looks like reciprocity is the name of the game so my advice to you, old Ho Chi baby, is to play along either by starting a peace compromise or at least following one up.

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