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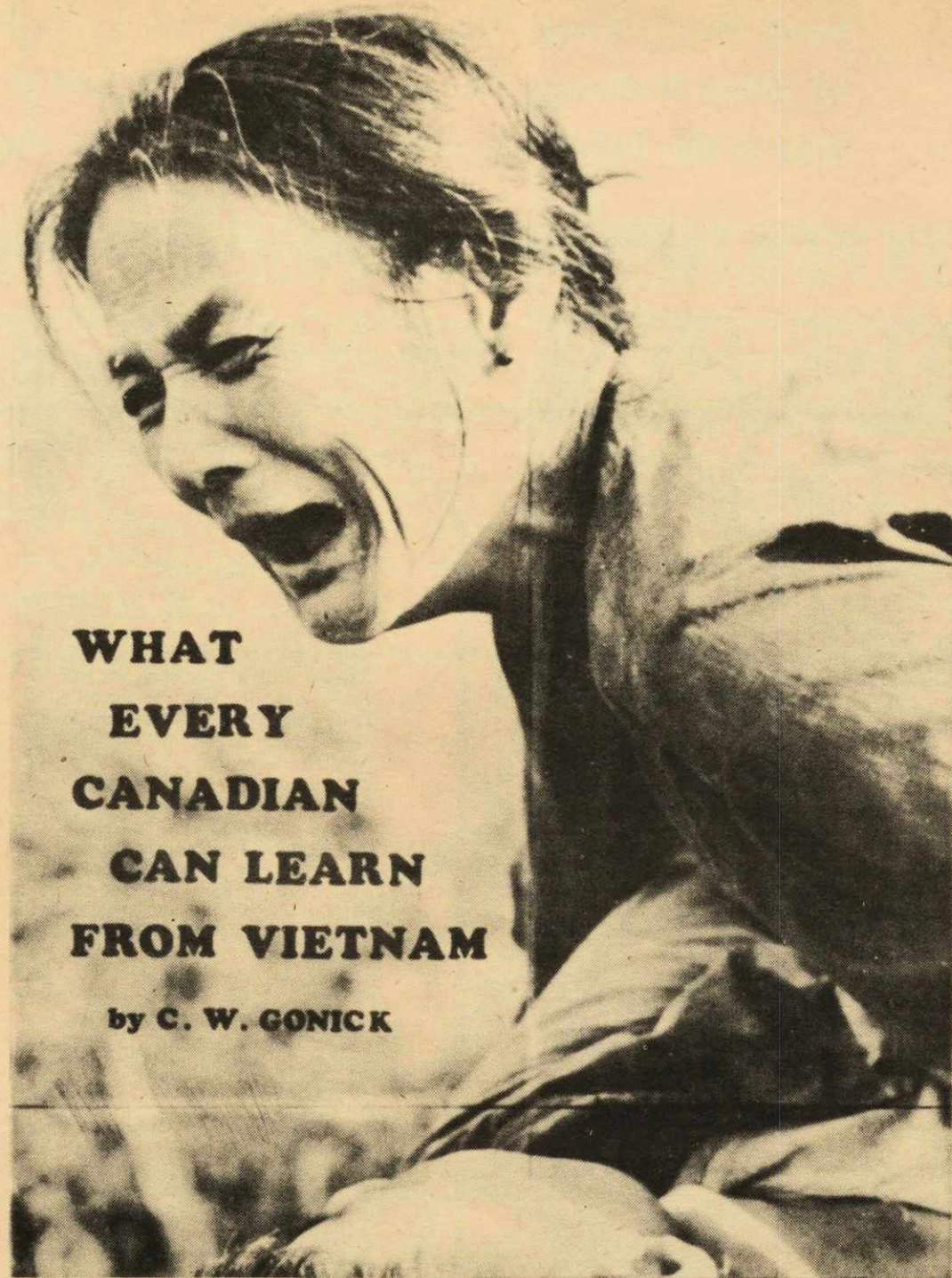
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Pentagon bungling, war mongers, gullible politicians and an ignorant, apathetic public are just some of the reasons why there is a war in Vietnam. Moreover, Canada is one of the wars strongest supporters.

"What Every Canadian Can Learn From Vietnam" is an up-dated version of C. W. Gonick's earlier pamphlet, "What Every Canadian Should Know About Vietnam." Written in the late spring of 1968, this pamphlet gives an excellent condensed look at the United States involvement in Vietnam. The author gives a brief summary of Vietnamese history, dating from the defeat of the Han Dynasty in 969 A.D. the French occupation in 1885, until Vietnam's seizure by the Japanese in 1940 and the eventual establishment of the "Provisional Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam" in August 1945, under the leadership of Ho Chi Minh.

From the beginning of the first Indo-China War, until the current U.S. involvement, Gonick does not hesitate to express a fully documented view of the war. He clearly indicates the sheer atrocities committed by the powers in the war, pointing out the striking change in the American military stand and the carefully planned manoeuvres to try to justify her involvement in the war. Vietnam is not just an accident in history, but a striking example of the American realization of her manifest destiny in Asia. Gonick suggests that the war has been sufficiently rationalized as an anti-Communist war so as to cover its real purpose - a playground for military maniacs and American domination.

Gonick really strikes home in his appraisal of Canada's role in the war. Although Canada is not belligerent, it gratifies the U.S. State Department's international position with its moral support. Here the incompetence of former External Affairs Minister Paul Martin is evident. Furthermore, Canada is guilty of economic and material support, however, since Canada is a puppet to the purse strings of the United States government, she has no alternative but to be securely inter-meshed in American foreign policy - or has she?



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Brandon U. Student Boycott Dies

BRANDON (CUP) - The Brandon University boycott died Wednesday (Sept. 18) when students voted to accept a compromise proposal from the administration that will effectively stall action on democratization of the university for over a month.

At a late night meeting, 450 students, well over half Brandon's enrolment, accepted without reservation or condition the settlement of and ad hoc committee to review all existing senate committees and recommend possible changes.

Four students will sit on the committee of 11 which is to report by Oct. 25.

Student leaders had earlier called for a boycott if the senate did not grant students representation on two key committees, the discipline committee and the adult admissions committee. Senate refused to cede the students seats but its proposal of the ad hoc committee staved off the boycott.

After the senate meeting, and before the mass meeting later in the evening, student president Dave Rinn told students he had "just spent a couple of hours with people (the senate) who are screwing everybody here."

Canadian Union of Students field secretary Don Kossick, visiting the Manitoba campus of 850, told the students to strike: "This is a favorite administration tactic - put everything into committee. If the students are going to get anything, they must stop playing administration games."

The adult admissions committee had kicked off the whole affair by expelling student George Armstrong for "abnormal behavior" Thursday (Sept. 12). The committee is empowered to allow "mature students" (at least 21 years of age) to register without high school matriculation in the university. Students are unhappy with the committee's right to place anyone admitted under this program on indefinite suspension.

About 60 students picketed the administration building all week and some 15 boycotted senior registration Friday (Sept. 13).

The issue was confused when administration president John E. Robbins informed four African students that "adverse publicity" over the week's

action at Brandon had reduced contributions to a scholarship fund and would force cancellation of their scholarship. At least one student involved, Harke Bhagat, called the action a retaliatory measure aimed at his involvement in the protest over Armstrong's expulsion.

Students were reportedly more concerned about finding funds to sustain the foreign students than they were about restructuring the two troublesome committees and turned the mass meeting that way.

The meeting organized a fund raising committee to help provide money for the four Africans.

Two Councils Reject Tokenism

OTTAWA (CUP) -- Two university student bodies rejected Wednesday (Sept. 18) tokenist attempts by administrations to restructure university government.

The University of Manitoba Students' Union refused to send seven student senators to the university's 90-man academic senate.

At Toronto, student council declined to accept administration president Claude Bissell's offer of two seats on a commission to examine university government.

At Manitoba, UMSU set the following conditions to their acceptance of the seven seats:

- * that council determine the method of election of student senators
- * that students be guaranteed seats on the board of governors
- * that senate and board meetings be open to the public (two representatives of council walked out of senate Wednesday when a motion to open the meeting was tabled.)

But the Manitoba administration apparently does not accept UMSU's right to reject the seats. In a letter to student president Horace Patterson, administration president Dr. H.H. Saunderson said he regretted members of council would not be running for senate election, but added "we could hope with the large number of capable students in the university, it should be possible to obtain able representatives of the student viewpoint as members of the senate". In other words, if council rejects the seats, he would expect someone else to take them.

Thursday (Sept. 19), Saunderson was to meet with student leaders of the various faculties. There are fears that the meeting, closed to the public, will produce a mechanism bypassing council.

The Toronto council came back with a counter-proposal of a new commission made up of four elected faculty members and four elected student members with ex officio administration representatives.

Reagan Denounces Appointment

LOS ANGELES (CUP) - The appointment of Black Panther leader Eldridge Cleaver as lecturer at the University of California in Berkeley has roused California Governor Ronald Reagan to demand the black militant be fired before he ever reaches the lecture podium.

The University's Board of Regents, meeting at UCLA, faced a decision Thursday (Sept. 19) whether to overrule a faculty group which approved a student proposal for the course on racism led by Cleaver or to bend to the governor's pressure.

Reagan denounced the appointment as "quite an

insult to the people of California," and said an overwhelming amount of mail indicated that they were "fed up".

One of the Berkeley professors in charge of the course, Edward Sampson, said Cleaver would appear no matter what the action of the regents. He said the lectures would be moved off campus if necessary.

Cleaver is currently free on bond charged with assault with intent to commit murder after an alleged two hour gun battle with Oakland police.