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This report forwards a copy of the Veterans Stars & Stripes For Peace (VSSP) and information concerning this Anti-Vietnam War Movement Propaganda Newspaper dedicated to ending the war in Vietnam. The VSSP, distributed by the Veterans & Servicemen for Peace in Vietnam, P.O. Box 7553, Philadelphia, Pa. 19101, was received by McINLLY on 14 December 1967 through the U.S. Mail in envelope (2), postmarked FM 11 Dec 1967 Philadelphia, Pa. 1A with a return address of Mr. and Mrs. DAVID ERICH, 8117 Cedarbrook Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 3A.

1. Source could not give any explanation of why he had received this publication but advised that during past couple of weeks he has received 200 or so letters.
and cards mostly from Girl and Boy Scout Groups and School children, all wishing him well and a Merry Christmas. All the cards and letters were addressed in the same manner as enclosure (2), except they were hand written and not labeled. Enclosure (2) with enclosure (1) was received along with this other mail. None of the other mail mentioned Vietnam.

3. This was the first Anti-Vietnam Material Source has received and it was unsolicited. To Source's knowledge this is the first newspaper of this type received by anyone in his command.

COMMENTS: This is the first reported instance of the receipt of VSSP by Naval or Marine Corps Personnel on Okinawa. Due to the fact Source received 200 other cards and letters addressed in the same manner as enclosure (2) it is probable that a relative or friend of Source released his name and address in some way to the public, which is the way anti-war type groups and newspaper publications in the past have acquired the names and addresses of servicemen.

The VSSP use of anti-Vietnam comments by former flag and general officers could have an adverse affect on the morale of active duty personnel. The VSSP is the second anti-Vietnam newspaper to be sent free and unsolicited to active duty personnel.

Files of USNAVYJAPAN contain no information regarding subject publication, and no indication that it has been previously received by other members of the U.S. Navy or Marine Corps.
PENTAGON SIEGE OCT. 21! See below

GAVIN QUITS DEMOCRATS, HITS PRESIDENT JOHNSON

General Shoup Blasts War on A.B.C.-TV Show

A.B.C.-TV's SCOPPI is a weekly news program dealing entirely with the war in Vietnam. The show has been running for over a year and a half. In that time, SCOPPI has examined almost every aspect of the war.

Everyone to Washington Oct. 21!

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Following the uprisings in Detroit, Newark, and numerous other cities across the nation, the President called for a national day of prayer on the 1st. His words were heartfelt: "We must do more than pray for them. We must stand with them and fight for them."

On this day of prayer, I came to the White House to speak with the President. Among the issues we discussed were the situation in Vietnam, the ongoing civil rights movement, and the possibility of a peace settlement.

As I left the White House, I reflected on the gravity of the situation. The world is watching us, and we must be strong. We must stand together and fight for what is right.
Vietnam election, a farce

Major Donald Duncan, a much-decorated Special Forces (“green beret”) hero, with 19 years’ service including nine tours of duty in Vietnam, is due to publish a battlefield commission as Captain to come home and report the Viet war in the famous article “The Whole Thing Was a Lie” in the February, 1965, issue of Ramparts Magazine.

The Johnson Administration has been unable to provide any of its alleged justifications for its Vietnam War. For it: there is a strong report in The New York Times, reported in London, June 1, 1965, that Mr. Johnson had been carrying his book about the Gulf Resolution of August, 1964, around for weeks waiting for a story to submit it. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson in a booklet, “Vietnam and Beyond” (Duke University Press) show clearly that Eisenhower made no military commitment whatsoever to the Saigon Government. Even the General Eisenhower himself stated that he was not even "talking about military aid to South Vietnam." "Now Reapable.” In Independent analysis completely refute the charge made in the Times story. The story, it seems, was written in July 1965, that North Vietnam was not involved at all to the South Vietnamese, there was no American military occupation. The story was written in Independence and not published in the Times. The story was written in Independence and not published in the Times.

If the elections are not fair, we should pack up and leave Vietnam; otherwise our soldiers there are not fighting for a just cause. We should fight for the freedom of the Vietnamese people. The elections are a farce.
from Post area would cause little damage, and the total loss would be of about 15,000 dollars. (New York Times, Aug 3, 1925.)

And the article is signed by J. E. Lattimer, of Colorado, chairman of the joint subcommittee on the war, and A. H. M. McManus, of Massachusetts, who are both Republicans, and who are both members of the committee on the war. The article is a direct attack on the foreign policy of the United States, and in particular on the policy of the League of Nations. The author argues that the United States should not be a member of the League, and that it should not support the League's resolution on the war in China. The author also argues that the United States should not support the League's resolution on the war in China.

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by Dan Cramb, Viet Vets Editor

We, the veterans of the Vietnamese war, stand ready to defend our nation against the Communist aggression. We believe in freedom, justice, and democracy, and we will fight to protect those principles.

VIET VETS WRITE TO SENATOR FULBRIGHT

The following is from the Congressional Record of 15 June, 1967:

Mr. FULBRIGHT. Mr. President, along with several other veterans, I have been involved in numerous speeches in opposition to the continued escalation of the war. This statement was made as part of the ASK-IV's campaign against the war.

These letters are by no means all of the letters that I have received, but they are typical, and they convey a conviction and a determination which seems to me to be unassailable. The young men who wrote those letters make one proud of their generation, and they are courageous and dedicated to their country, but beyond that they are humble and realists.

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October 21st...

(Continued from front page)

A letter to the President

The following letter was sent to President Lyndon B. Johnson by a Chicago voter.

Dear Mr. President,

I was so excited to receive your letter in the mail this morning. It was a beautiful day in Chicago and I was able to spend some time outside with my family. We enjoyed a picnic near the lake and it was such a nice break from the everyday life.

I wanted to share with you how much I appreciate your leadership and dedication to our country. Your commitment to bringing peace and unity to our nation is truly inspiring.

I believe that your actions have set a great example for our children and future generations. Your vision for a better world is something that we can all strive for.

Thank you for all that you do and for your continued service to our country.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Additional text:

Shoup...

(Continued from front page)

Vietnam was willing to negotiate.

The program opened with the following tribute paid to General Shoup by President Johnson in a White House ceremony in recognition of his retirement as Commandant of the Marine Corps:

We have come here to the first home of the land to honor General David M. Shoup, not because of the victories that he won in the field, but also for the honors he has brought to our heritage. He is a man of great discipline who cares about the service whose members numbers are too small and whose duplication is too rare. I don't believe that, with respect to the freedom and security of the people of the United States of America, for today or in the future that the whole of South Vietnam is worth the life of a single American.

Atlanta vets march, visit Captain Levy

Atlanta's Hiroshima Day Peace Parade, the largest demonstration against the Vietnam war so far in the South, with over 600 marchers, was led by the newly formed Vietnam Veterans for Peace in Atlanta. The two dozen vets, black and white, and wearing their caps, included the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, a leader of Dr. Martin Luther King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Atlanta vets organized a solidarity delegation which visited Chief noodles, the Army doctor court-martialed after his allegations, on Sunday, Aug. 20th, at Ft. Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina.

They reported Dr. Levy in excellent health. Levy's health has improved since the nurses who took care of him during his return to the States. Levy's health has improved since the nurses who took care of him during his return to the States.

Dissent right perilous

Congressional hawks and segregationists are pushing a series of bills aimed at stifling dissent and dissent. These include the Cramer (so-called) "anti-subversion" bill (H.R. 9092 & 10291), the defunct Subversive Activities Control (McCarren) Act (H.R. 9092) & (H.R. 87), and the "war canister" bill (H.R. 8229).

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to send you the list of veterans against the war who live in New England (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont).

Also, I would like to get your help in finding a church in the New England area where we can hold a meeting to discuss the war and its implications.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
HOW SHOULD WE SUPPORT OUR MEN IN VIETNAM?

1. Do we send more to be killed and maimed? Already (to be filled in with current figure when published) Americans have been killed and wounded. Over 1,000,000 Vietnamese men, women and children are casualties.
2. Or should we bring them home now? **

**We were Vietnam and earlier were in line with Gen. David M. Shoup (Ret.), U.S. Marine Corps Commandant during the Cuban missile crisis, who said: I believe that if we had had and would keep our dirty, bloody, dollar-cocked fingers out of the business of these nations so full of depressed, exploited people, they would arrive at a solution of their own. That they design and want. That they fight and work for, and not the American way, which they don’t want and above all don’t want crammed down their throats by Americans.**

We are happening, no matter how carefully and slowly the military escalation has progressed, may be projecting us towards another World War.

REAL SUPPORT FOR OUR MEN IN VIETNAM COMES FROM THOSE WHO DEMAND: **BRING OUR TROOPS HOME NOW!!**


**Writing to the editor of the Palo Alto, Calif., Times, March 3, 1966.**