

# Southeast Asia Crisis : An Albright Response

## Grim Realities

by Edward Harkness

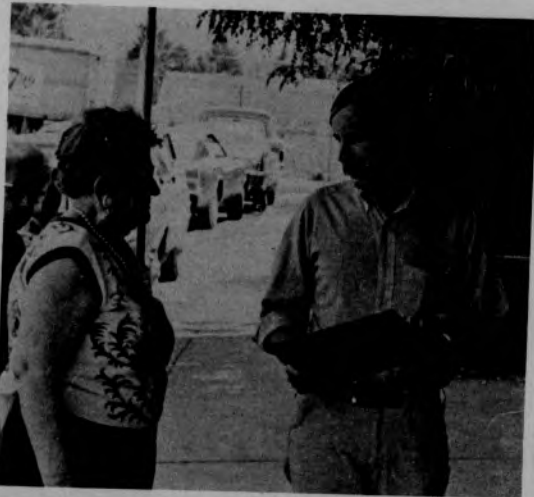
"PEACE NOW! PEACE NOW!" If you observed the recent anti-war demonstration in Washington, D.C., those cries should raise this question: Is peace really possible? Several years ago an historian searched the pages of history in search of the number of years that mankind has experienced peace. It was found that some 14,531 wars have taken place in the last 5,560 years of recorded history. That averages out to 2.6 wars a year. Only 10 generations out of 185 have seen peace.

The twenty-five years since 1945 and the end of World War Two have seen 40 wars occur. The threat of thermonuclear war has led people to believe that war is too dangerous to fight. Yet, the nations of the world still engage in war to gain their national ends, and they will continue to do so until they believe that fighting wars will not gain them their ends.

One glance at the daily paper proves this fact. The Israelis are still fighting the Arabs after some twenty years of conflict. The violence will continue since both sides vow to fight on until they get what they want. Fidel Castro is still exporting his brand of communism to the rest of Latin and South America with guerrilla conflicts. Not long ago, one of the communist Cuba's top guerrilla's-Che-Guevera-was killed while fighting in Bolivia. The Russians have announced a policy of "peaceful co-existence." But this policy means only that Russia will not start a war on the nuclear level. Below that level the Russians have helped create tensions and conflict in the world by shipping arms to the Arabs of the Middle East, the black guerrillas of southern Africa, the Guerrillas in Latin and South America, and finally, to the North Vietnamese in South East Asia. The result has been war and much bloodshed among the neighbors of Russian armed nations. And the Russians show no sign of decreasing their arms exports.

In the middle of the current world scene stands the United States. As a result of World War Two, this nation has become the most powerful nation on Earth. This position was not by choice, but by accident and necessity. No one else had the resources to put the world back into shape after that devastating war. America went to work and the

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Tom Campbell attempts to obtain signatures on a petition.

## Mall, Two Guys Off-Limits for Petitioning

by Bob Clark

Albright Students and Faculty Against the War were informed last Monday by both the Berkshire Mall and Two Guy stores that they can no longer petition on their premises. If students do, they will be prosecuted for illegal trespassing.

The action by the new Mall came as a result of a complaint registered by the Holiday Shoe Store, located at the Mall. Holiday Shoes registered the complaint after one of its clerks destroyed an Albright coed's petition, and then spat in her face.

The incident occurred on Thursday, May 14th while the coed, requesting not to be identified, was soliciting signatures for a petition calling for the withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Southeast Asia by the end of 1970.

A clerk from the Holiday Store, reportedly disturbed by the anti-war petitioning, left his post in the store. He milled about the group taking signatures and, upon being asked for his signature by the coed, grabbed away her petition and tore it to shreds.

Something about his not having the right to do that was uttered. That spurred him to spit into her face. He then told her to pass the word among her cohorts to

which she replied, "Why don't you tell them yourself?" This he did, only this time to an Albright professor. After some discussion with that professor, the clerk tried to repeat the act, but was prevented. A threat was made upon the professor's life by the clerk, it was reported. At that point, three construction workers, helping to complete an as-yet unfinished store, threatened other male members of the group with violence. By this time the group felt consultation with a lawyer was eminent, so they left the Mall.

Two more trips to the Mall were made that evening. The first, including the coed, was to appeal to the clerk's moral sense. They failed. The clerk, in fact, denied that he spat in the coed's face at all. They left. (Now the clerk insists that he was spitting at the petition, not the coed's face. But the petition by this time was on the ground, a difference of 90°.

The second trip, made by another party, was to obtain the clerk's name. It is unknown whether or not it was. It is thought the act was the clerk's own idea. The manager of Holiday Shoes, however, felt the clerk had as much right to tear up the petition as the petitioning group did to be there in the first place.

On Friday, May 15th, a complaint was officially registered before an alderman at City Hall in Reading. A hearing was set for this Monday. The clerk, mean-

by Hammett Worthington-Smith (English)

I can only view the military involvement of our government with great reservations. For, it seems that a war solves little-if anything. Dr. Karl Shapiro in "Elegy for a Dead Soldier" observes

"For this comrad is dead, dead in the war. A young man out of millions yet to live. One cut away from all that war can give. Freedom of self and peace to wander free."

I do not claim to know why the military forces of the nation are involved in skirmishes on foreign fields. It does seem, however, that our government is demonstrating that lives are expendable. Herein lies a great moral concern - if this be true, I believe that the observations by Senator J. William Fulbright continued to be echoed by him should not go unheeded.

It is unfortunate that within American culture one must use the demonstration technique to focus the attention of the citizenry upon issues not in harmony with Hebrew-Christian postulates or with the Constitution of the nation. Through the awareness of many American

students, one does hear Jeremiah: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." It may be true that the moral awareness of many American students may be the redeeming feature in the life of our nation.

I concur with Senator Hugh Scott in believing that silence is what our country needs most in the sense that the prophet cries "Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord!"

I believe that each of us in an academic community may best serve our nation by not interrupting the routine of academic pursuits. For, our nation needs responsible people who have pursued well that which is to be gained through study in the true sense of liberal education.

Finally, I believe that a rational and an unbiased examination of problems which affect American culture must be the order of the day in the academic community as well as in edifices of religious instruction within each community. It follows, then, that the members of this community and that the members of our churches and synagogues must serve as the conscience of our nation.

## CO's

by Todd Richards

If we strip away the rhetoric and the noisy demonstrations, we see that the whole question of the draft and war is one of a confrontation between the individual and his government. Anything short of such a confrontation is merely escaping the issue. Only when men say no to the government that demands their bodies to fight its wars, will war cease. Conscientious Objection is one method of confrontation. Such a position allows the individual to deny the military complex his body, and, while performing alternative service, to acquaint others with the nature of and alternatives to war and the draft.

Conscientious Objection is also a realization that war is never justified. War never solves problems or improves the world situation. War, as the most extreme expression of violence, merely perpetuates itself. For war and violence to end, men must realize that human life is sacred and must respect the common humanity in all men. Conscientious Objection recognizes this sacredness and this humanity.



Bill Sharp engages in discussion with Reading citizens.

while, has been "moved to another store" out of the area, and "his whereabouts are unknown." The only purpose of the proceedings is to make him admit that he was wrong.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## "Lest We Forget"

To the students of  
Albright College:

The National League of Families of prisoners of War in Southeast Asia needs your help in our efforts on behalf of the men who are Prisoners of War and Missing in Action. As of May 16,

1970, a total of 1,579 American

servicemen were prisoners of war or missing in action in Southeast Asia, one of which is my brother who has been missing in North Vietnam for two and one-half years. More than two hundred men have been listed as POW's or MIA's for more than three and one half years. This period of time is longer than any U.S. serviceman was held during World War II.

Propaganda films rarely have all the answers which we desperately seek. In one case, twenty different wives claimed the picture of one, as yet unidentified, prisoner as their husband. The films show men with serious injuries and burns. Are they receiving adequate treatment? We have no way of knowing.

Public opinion is our most powerful aid in gaining North Vietnam's adherence to the Articles of the Geneva Convention. We need letters telling of your concern and request for humane treatment. There are three items which are very important and should be stressed in your letters.

1. The release of a complete list of the men being held.
2. Inspection of the camps of detention by an international committee.
3. Immediate release of the sick and wounded men.
4. Regular flow of mail between prisoners and their families. Letters have been received from less than two hundred men. That leaves 1,300 families who have never had one piece of mail.

Letters of this kind should be addressed to:

Prisoner and MIA Concern  
Box 100,000  
Bala Cynwyd, Pa. 19004

They will be forwarded en masse to Hanoi in the near future.

We also need to keep the plight of our men squarely before our government. Therefore we also request that you write as many Congressmen and Senators as you can manage, requesting:

1. that a joint session of Congress be convened promptly devoting the full day to statements about the plight of our men.
2. that the prayer at the beginning of every session of Congress particularly refer to the desperate situation of the men.
3. that every elected official make the POW and MIA's situation a part of his platform for re-election.
4. that replicas of the bamboo canes, solitary confinement cells, and other horrible confinements in which our men are spending their days be placed in well traveled areas of the Capitol buildings so that all who work and visit these places may be reminded daily about the inhumane treatment our men must endure.

I know that all of you are busy during this period of finals, but if your husband, son, or brother were a prisoner or missing in action, I'm sure that you would take the time to speak and act in his behalf. If you can find the time to help us it will be greatly appreciated by all the members of the National League of Families of Prisoners in Southeast Asia and especially by me.

Sincerely,  
George Minnich

## The Other Side

Dear Editor:

For the past few weeks I have seen and heard the anti-war group express themselves through dialogue, petitions, arm bands and their protest. I agree with their premises on stopping the war, gaining peace, involving students, and community, and becoming an informed citizen.

However, I deviate from their idea that the Cambodian action is a drastic escalation of the war which will only lead to prolonging the arrival of peace. After talking to a few other students, I have found that they agree with me. They wanted peace as much as the anti-war protestors and honestly believed that the action in Cambodia was the fastest and best way to bring peace. Therefore we have become "THE OTHER SIDE".

Personally, I disagree with the idea of calling the anti-war protestors the peace movement, for I feel that the overwhelming majority including "THE OTHER SIDE" want peace. Apparently we only differ in the process to be used to gain it.

In talking to members of the community while petitioning, I have found that they have been surprised that the students are interested in the nation's involvement and are willing to give up their spare moments to further their cause whether it be

"pro" or "con". Therefore, I see a great value in the student body being involved as they are presently. No one can say definitely who is right on this issue, but we can stimulate and inform the public.

We clearly see on campus that two opposing forces can dialogue and demonstrate peacefully their own desires. This is what our men are fighting for in Viet Nam. So many of our citizens do not take advantage of the liberties earned by their predecessors. The fighting men in Southeast Asia are striving to give the people in that area the liberties that were once won for Americans. Who can deny that any human being, no matter where he lives, should be given the chance to gain his freedom?

Jan Nedal

Because of the overwhelming response to THE ALBRIGHTIAN'S request for comments on the Asian War THE ALBRIGHTIAN was forced to chose representative samples of campus opinion. We hope that those of you who so graciously submitted articles will understand and accept our thanks and sincere apologies.



## Together

Black Students  
Position

Dear Editor:

In a country where freedom of speech is not only an abstract idea, but also a reality, I find it hard to restrain myself from not speaking up. I have done so, and I have also found people who agree with me concerning the current Southeast Asia crisis. I feel as do most of the supporters of "The Other Side", that Nixon is doing everything possible to de-escalate the war and to bring our troops home as quickly and as safely as he can. I do not advocate either war or violence and in this respect I feel "The Other Side" has a lot in common with those who do not see Nixon's actions in the same light as we do. I realize people have different opinions and I respect the individual for making a decision and adhering to it. I have honestly tried, and urged my followers to try to understand that opinions differ, but nevertheless, we should respect the individual.

"The Other Side" has a policy of not being in opposition to anyone with different views because we are all working for peace—but through different channels. I would like to thank the "Albright Students and Faculty for Peace" for helping us in any of the ways they have. I appreciate all cooperation among students and faculty regardless of beliefs and hope it will continue. Peace!

Andy D'Angelo

Dear Editor:

The National Association of Black Students supports the strike, however, we must realize that this extension of the war, into Cambodia is only a logical progression of America's insane foreign policy. The peace movement now has its casualties just as the civil rights movement had its casualties. It is clear to us that when you are for the cause of humanity and survival this country strikes back with troops, guns, tanks, and bombs.

We do not necessarily urge black students at this time to join in with white students because the two groups relate to this country from different perspectives. However, on a local level where there are similar analyses, that decision should rest with the respective black student base.

We encourage black students in their own way to strike and take those actions which will halt the atrocities and the genocide of peoples of color.

What is transpiring is indeed an educational experience.

This can be printed in your newspaper and we would also appreciate if you would also make an announcement of our first black students convention to be held at Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, from June 26 until July 5, 1970.

Yours for the Revolution,  
Gwen Patton Woods

## FRESH AIR

Editor, the Times,

I am a senior pre-theological student at Albright College and would like to share with you some thoughts concerning the present crisis which is besetting our nation. In reiteration of President Nixon's remark, "when peaceful dissent turns to violence, it can only result in tragedy," let me suggest that there are always two sides to the political spectrum, a radical left and a radical right. I would personally denounce both extremes as unconstructive to the American system which allows for peaceful dissent (in the words of our President) and constructive criticism, Thomas Lane wrote an article yesterday (May 19) entitled, "Campus Radicals likened to Hitler Youth." To keep the moderate, peaceful,

God-fearing, patriotic American college student in perspective, may I suggest to Mr. Lane that he compose an essay entitled, "N.Y. Construction Workers likened to Nazi Storm Troopers," or perhaps, to paraphrase Martin Luther, "Against the Rioting, Hard-hitting Construction Workers." A letter to the editor of the N.Y. Times recently said, "Happiness to a patriotic American is Spiro Agnew and the hard-hitting construction workers. Both are like a breath of fresh air." If this type of happiness were to become normative for the American Scene, I would most anxiously desire to breathe my fresh air wearing a gas mask, and a button, saying, "Down with air pollution." AMEN, brother.

Bob Albrecht  
Albright College



Robert Albrecht, the author of the above letter, was down at Washington and responsible for the photos from there.



# poetic indictment of the United States

## There, Beneath the Blue Suburban Skies

by Dave Sierer

I asked them, and they didn't care.

The war? How do I have time to worry about that?

The draft? I served my time; why can't you?

Poverty? Who's poor in the United States?

The Black man? Why can't he work his way up like me?

The starving? Do you want the farmers to plant more and ruin the economy?

Crime? You don't see any around here, do you?

Pollution? My air-conditioned house, car, and office aren't that bad; you have those things too, don't you?

They were amazed when the people of the city marched upon them, with eyes full of hate from long frustrations.

They were even more amazed to see their children leading them.



## The Armies of the Night - Mailer

The death of America rides in on the smog. America - the land where a new kind of man was born from the idea that God was present in every man not only as compassion but as power, and so the country belonged to the people...Great and dangerous ideal... Brood on that country who expresses our will. She is America, once a beauty of magnificence unparalleled, now a beauty with leprous skin. She is heavy with child...Now the first contractions of her fearsome labor begin...she will probably give birth, and to what - the most fearsome totalitarianism the world has ever known? or can she, poor giant, tormented lovely girl, deliver a babe of a new world, brave and tender, artful and wild?



## My Brother Came Home

by Carol Heckman

My brother came home in a box but he didn't go away that way.

With his head up high a sparkle in his eye (a tear too—too little to see) He saluted me and grinned goodbye - I didn't cry.

He said he'd come back and he did always keep his word. He'd said he'd come back and he did - in a box, not at all like he went away

They'd said that we better not look - he wasn't presentable,

a sight rather ghastly. Caught in a blast, he came back without half of his head.

So we never did open the box he came back in. I always wondered was it really him? They'd said it didn't matter you couldn't tell anyway - he wasn't really all there.

Well, I could always tell my brother. But I didn't want to look. It must have been him because he never came back anymore any other way.

Now we're different. part of us is missing - like my brother.

A man from Washington sent us a letter saying it was too bad my brother came back that way

## That Dog

by Carol Heckman

That dog (I swear it) just grinned at me as I hustled him out of my way

And barked "Listen buddy your species is in Vietnam, not mine"

Reclaiming the right of way he took a leak and left me with a stained sidewalk

"So without shame, I spoke: "I will be wise, And just, and free, and mild, if in me lies Such power, for I grow weary to behold The selfish and the strong still tyrannize Without reproach or check." I then controlled My tears, my heart grew calm, and I was meek and bold."

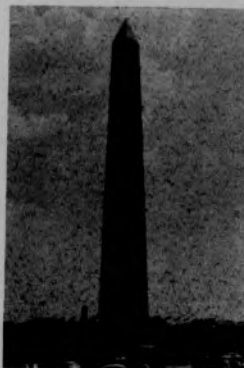
The Revolt of Islam - Shelley

## To The Tune of "Fool On The Hill" An Analogy

by Robert Albrecht, Jr.

Death after death - How long will it last? The days of Dunkirk Are long gone and past. But Cambodias an encore, unlike the time of Warsaw, Cause it's only for our pride, and a just peace he cried. That's why we're over there. And we'll stay over there, Till we've done our fair share.

--said the fool on the hill.



## Take Heed, Citizens!

by Dave Sierer

Critical thoughts the seed of Idealism, which grows to bear the flower of change.

Our schools are maiming individuals of their imaginative creativity.

And packaging plastic people for the switch-board circuits of our complex society.

The product is plug-in engineers, toggle switch teachers, and disposable units of humanity to be expended in useless wars.

Any component, maintaining a sense of individuality, is discarded as defective, radical, or revolutionary.

It is then added to the potential stockpile of social dynamite, Because it has learned that no one can do his own thing in someone else's society;

It has been disfranchised from a society, which rightfully should be his!

The plastic people "earn" millions from their fellow citizens of unequal opportunity.

Money has polluted their minds as their actions have the air; The root of man's evil has become other men's goodness.

The lives of few pattern the lives of many; the youth, foaming with idealism, is shorn and molded by the "practical life."

Should it be so? Should not the society reflect the individual man? ALL of them...equally?

They are not the government or the establishment! They are you!

Can you, as parents, send your children to learn and then justifiably fear what they learn?

Must all Romeo's and Juliet's die for the sins of their elders? Is there no empire that reasons before it falls?

Take heed, citizens, lest you be as the Romans, the Americans, or the Panasians of the planet Earth.

When the flower of change is strangled by the vine of senseless traditionalism, the thorns of revolution will appear.

"But when did men ever learn from history?"—Aristotle





# Anatomy Of The Streets

by Ron Rasansky

There is no better way to become acquainted with the people of the community than by petitioning. By no means was this the prime motivation in my petitioning in downtown Reading and the shopping plazas, but it is an interesting and hardly amusing reaction that cannot be overlooked.

Students have been accosted and called everything from "John Bircher" to a "Communist". None of those petitioning wore either a red shirt or the American Flag. Though they exhibited tags proclaiming their abhorrence of violence, many were accused of being "burners".

It is seemingly difficult to understand how the public can react to people who are exercising their right to petition and who are trying to also stimulate a civic awareness and show concern over this country's foreign policy.

"We fought our war, you go fight yours." People cannot seem to realize that this is not just our war. They are paying for it. It is their sons who have done, or will do the bulk of the fighting. Surely, they should exhibit some concern over the plight of our nation. "Anyway you slice the bologna it's treason." Hardly. It is not un-American to openly express your moral and political views. In fact it is as American as "Mom and Apple Pie." But the people keep walking, accepting, not even questioning.

"You should be studying in the dormitory where you belong" Just who is to say where I belong? I thought that the function of college was to prepare the student for his existence in the world, not merely to turn out walking encyclopedias with a rubber stamp engraved "Ready For Use" or "Factory Guaranteed." I'm going to be practicing medicine, and I can think of no better place to be than among the populous to whom I will render my services regardless of their political views and affiliations.

"I'd rather have my son over there than here in Reading." It



Weary petitioners wait for a ride home.

sounds so ridiculous, so ironic. Conditions in our country's cities are bad,--but are they reaching that intolerable summit?

"I'm an American." But I'm also an American, born and raised in the good old U.S.A. --Philadelphia (City of Brotherly Love).

"Shove it up your \*\*\*!" I'm gonna slit your \*@t% throat!" Violence on the campus? More like violence on Penn Street. But done in the name of God and Country. That makes it right?

"Draft Dodger." "What War?" "Has the trouble hit up there at Albright?" "You look nice, but Albright is a Communist organization." "It'll wind up itself." "God will send his own little person to solve it." "They ought to put all those black people over there." "Greatest threats to this country are socialism, communism, and protestantism." "I don't like Albright people."

Those were some of the remarks that crossed my ears and those of others. Somehow they lack humor. Somehow you hope that

they were made in jest or by a misinformed few. But you realize that this is not the case. You realize that even if made in jest they are a tragic testimony to the ignorant.

But at the same time you are rewarded. An Albright trustee approaches you and even though he won't sign your petition, he tells you that what you are doing is worth while. Others disagree with you but respect your right to petition. It is not those as much as the ones who have "no opinion" or "that doesn't concern me" that bother you.

By walking the streets not only do you educate people, but you also receive an education in a course entitled Life. You look at the people and wonder how many of them, despite their dollars and veteran's notices have flunked.

You realize that this petitioning will not solve all the world's problems. But it is a start. It is the initiation of awareness. And that is important--much more than a baseball game and a can of beer.

# Summer Anti-War Program

An estimated 125 students and faculty members gathered in the Campus Center, Tuesday evening, May 19, to hear the latest progress made by the Albright Students and Faculty Against the War. After John McCahill led a moment of silent prayer for those students murdered at Jackson State in Mississippi, and Augusta, Georgia, the business aspect of the meeting began.

more printed material when they go out.

The most important aspect of the gathering was the discussion concerning continuation of the Anti-War Program over the Summer. All students in the Reading area are encouraged to sign up on the blackboard in the Campus Center if they desire to work for peace. Those not in the local area were told to work at home through the organizations of other campuses in their respective locales. Plans were made for the involvement of high school students.

The fact that students should not, and could not let the movement die, was repeatedly emphasized. Also a plan similar to that of Princeton University, wherein students will be granted a vacation period prior to election day, will be brought before the Administration at a later date. Lastly, students were asked to donate a small portion of what they spend during the summer in regard to luxuries to the Albright Students and Faculty Against the War. A similar abstinence fund was established at Drew.

Court charges will be brought against the assailant of one of the students on Monday. The meeting concluded with a tape recorded message from the United Klansmen, concerning the reestablishment of true Americanism.

Dennis Newburne told of plans to get a bus to go to Washington, so that Albright students and faculty could present Senator Hugh Scott with the over 9000 names on the petitions in favor of the McGovern Bill. After a hand vote, Tuesday, May 26, was selected as the date. The bus is slated to leave Albright at 7:00 A.M. and return shortly before dinner. All those wishing to attend may register in the Student Council office.

Also, on Wednesday at 10:00 A.M. students will visit the meeting of City Council as a show of concern rather than a show of force in an effort to promote a discussion of the President's Southeast Asian policy.

Other general areas were discussed. First, petitioning at Berkshire Mall is now prohibited, and students were told to stay away or face charges of trespassing. Secondly, those canvassing were told not to get discouraged and to dispense

## WE ARE THERE

by Andy D'Angelo

different priorities along the way. What can we do?

"It's Nixon's war" the protestors cry. But should he get the blame? He didn't get us into the war. He's trying his very best to get out with honor. This war was in the making long before Mr. Nixon became President. If we try to blame the war on Johnson or Kennedy before him, we are actually wrong. It's OUR war, declared or undeclared, WE do the fighting and the dying.

First, we must not lose faith in our President, Mr. Nixon. We all hope and pray that he does what is right for the nation as a whole.

Secondly, it is useless to argue at this time why and how we got into Vietnam. The most pressing fact is that we are there! The question is: What can we do to leave the area? The President is desperately trying to get us out. What he needs is a little time to arrange it so that we can get out of Vietnam and bring our boys home.

But we aren't going to get out by revolting against the government, or by violent acts.

and just why are we fighting in Vietnam? Why are so many young men dying there? The reasons are not very clear. Our government leaders have not been very frank with us on the goals or conduct of this war. It seems to me that we have had

# The Otherside

by Barry Comen

Last Tuesday night, May 12, 1970 there was a student rally to tell the students the faculty had accepted their demands. Students who wanted to work for the anti-war movement could now have several alternatives on how to finish out their classes. During the meeting Andy DiAngelo got up and said there is to be a meeting of all those supporting President Nixon in the south lounge. At this meeting plans were made to meet again the next day at 3:45, again the best way to peace was to support the President, believing that he too wants peace. They feel for the President's program

in the south lounge.

Some 40 people turned up at this meeting, some of them students (some supporting the President and some who did not) and several faculty members who also supported the President. The meeting began with a statement that this group wanted peace as much as anybody else. They merely feel that to be successful he should have the country behind them.

The group is now going to the citizens of Reading with their feelings. They are petitioning at many area department stores, their petitions say that the undersigned support the President of the United States in his

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world is much better for it. As one U.S. President put it, "We did not choose to be the guardians at the gate, but there is no one else."

By our presence in South East Asia, the United States hopes to

Vietnam petitions. The group hopes to bring their signed petitions to Pennsylvania's senators in Washington, D.C. sometime next week.

Some members of the group have gone to several Reading organizations to speak and let them know their point of view. Like every issue in the world, the war movement at Albright now has two sides, two sides that are being heard.

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maintain some reasonable stability in the area so that "peaceful change" may occur someday, and not the violent change that the communists are striving hard to reach. The critics of American policy claim that they prefer to let the area fall to the communists and piously preach "human life and values" as their reason. The tens of thousands of men, women, and children who died after Ho Chi Vinh took over control of the north in 1954 and the 1968 massacres in Hue during the TET "truce" are not promising signs for the people of South Vietnam if the communists are victorious.

Still other critics of the U.S. policy in Asia want the U.S. to

turn inward and "set an example" for the world if they desire to follow it. The effects of such a policy would be frightening for the future of this country and the world. For the number one nation to "drop out" of the world, and leave the problems to grow beyond any point of solution would give generations unborn a world in more horrifying condition than it is now.

To ensure a brighter and better future for the world and its people, the United States has taken a stand in the jungles of South East Asia. To run away now from the problems of Vietnam will help no one - except the communists.



# NEW DORM

by Bob Clark

Have you wondered at all about whatever became of the blueprints to build "New Dorm No. 5," as it is called? They exist and are safe in the office of Mr. Withers, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds.

The idea of a new dormitory was first conceived in the Fall of 1968. Most of the remainder of the year was used for planning. The idea was discussed with architects. Students were asked for their opinions on what the features of a new dorm should be and provide. Application for financial assistance was made to the state. It was "a year to get ready..."

"...and a year to go." The 1969-70 year, then, was to make some more definite arrangements. Approved drawings were completed by the architect. Bids were opened, a contractor was selected, and the Trustee Finance Committee's approval obtained. Financial assistance for the project was approved by the state. Documents finalizing actual construction were motored to Harrisburg as recently as Saturday, May 9th.

The 60'x142' structure, housing a capacity of 140, will cost over one-million dollars to build. Construction on the four-story residence hall for men will begin this June and is expected to be completed by July of 1971. It will be completely furnished and ready to move into the ensuing September.

"New Dorm No. 5" will be located on the land tract north of Smith Hall and 280' east of 13th Street, such that it will actually be behind the three homes situated on the north side of Richmond Street, between Linden and 14th Streets. Parking facilities enough for 60 cars will be on the 280 foot section east of the dorm. Albright owns all the land north of Smith Hall to David Crystal, and up to the back of the Jewish Community Center, forming an L-shaped property. This is the most probable location for other future development. Bids for the new dorm were opened in Harrisburg on April 9th. Seven bids were offered, the lowest being \$150,000 above the architect's original estimate. The contract was awarded to Frank Construction Co. of Flourtown

Pa., after the Trustee Finance Committee met and voted to accept the low bid on April 14th. Dean Kelsey, vice president of business, traveled to Harrisburg May 9th, carrying the signed documents finalizing construction of the new dorm.

The expense of "New Dorm No. 5" will be \$1,092,647.00 for construction only. At approximately \$7800 per bed, this makes Dorm. No. 5 the most expensive dorm built to date. East Hall, the most recently built dorm, cost approximately \$691,000.00, or about \$5100 per bed. This substantial difference is due to both an increase in living space per student and rising building costs. Architect fees will total another \$75,000 or 7%.

Dorm No. 5 will be financed by the Pa. Higher Educational Facilities Authority. The Authority was able to do this through the sales of some of its own tax exempt state bonds last November. Only with the U. of Penna. did the Authority do this before. As such, the Authority will technically own the new dorm, leasing it to Albright until the college can reimburse the Authority. Installments will be included in the lease payments.

Albright's immediate problem is that of raising the \$150,000 the construction firm will need over the original estimates. In addition to this, another \$48,000 will be needed for furnishings, i.e. desks, chairs, beds, bureau, lounge furniture, draperies and carpeting. Some help has come in the form of a \$34,000 grant from H.U.D. (Housing and Urban Development), but more money is needed.

Located on the new dorm's ground floor will be a reception area, a house father's apartment, four double rooms, a lounge, a large recreation room, a kitchen, the laundry, a linen center and a storage area. Double doors will enter from the front and back. Two single doors will be on each side.

On the first, second, and third floors will be 20 double and 4 single rooms each. This will allow for a capacity of 44 men per floor, with 8 men on the ground level. Each floor will have its own lounge, dividing the floor into halves.



Architects' conception of New Dorm.

## Marat Sade

Although this issue of THE ALBRIGHTIAN is devoted to the discussion of the current Asian crisis, comment on Marat-Sade is necessary.

Mr. Sargent's Domino Players gave a flawless rendition of Peter Weiss' The Persecution and Assassination of Jean Paul Marat as Performed By The Inmates of The Asylum of the Marquis de Sade. The choice of this play was extremely timely as it parallels the inflamed, revolutionary society of France in the 1800's and today's world.

The players proved that their acting skills, production, direction and set construction are all on a professional level. Particularly difficult and worthy of note was the actors' ability to portray the double role of psychiatric patients in action therapy and the resultant "play within a play."

Bill Wyatt, Mark Shaw and Laura Beattie were excellent in the leads of Marquis de Sade, Jean-Paul Marat and Charlotte Corday, while Steve Schwartz and Shelley Moser were superb in their supporting roles of the Herald and Simonne Evrard. In addition Van Clark made a worthy contribution on the organ. But more important than individual effort was the group effort and team spirit the audience sensed from the stage.

Mr. Sargent deserves a special commendation for this performance. Over the years, he has brought The Domino Players a long way. In the future he will have a very difficult time topping this performance.

This year The Players have proved over and over again that The Domino effort can be extremely fruitful. The intangible benefits to the students involved are priceless. We hope that the Student Council, the English Department and the College will continue to support Mr. Sargent's Domino Players in every way possible.

## HONORARY DOCTORAL DEGREES

An accomplished concert pianist who has contributed markedly to the cultural development of the Reading and Berks County communities, is among four persons named to receive honorary degrees at the 111th commencement exercises of Albright College Sunday, May 31, Dr. Arthur L. Schultz, president, announced.

Miss Gertrude Sternbergh who has been hostess to performing artists of international stature at her home, "Sterling", 1120 Centre ave., will be awarded the degree of doctor of humane letters.

His Excellency Mr. John J. Akar, M.B.E., ambassador to the United States from Sierra Leone, West Africa, commencement speaker, and the Reverend Doctor Gardner Calvin Taylor, pastor of Concord Baptist Church of Christ, Brooklyn, N.Y., who will offer the baccalaureate sermon, will receive the honorary degree doctor of humanities.

Mr. Donald H. Kent, director, Bureau of Archives and History of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg, will be awarded the doctor of literature degree.

The commencement exercises will be held in the Albright College Fieldhouse, beginning with the traditional academic procession of distinguished guests, trustees, faculty and graduates at 2:15 p.m. Approximately 285 seniors are candidates for undergraduate degrees.

The baccalaureate service will be held earlier that same day, at 10:30 a.m. in the college's Merner-Pfeiffer-Klein Memorial Chapel. The Rev. Dr. Taylor will speak on "A Dialogue in Depth".

## Alpha Pi Omega Goes Phi Sigma Kappa

After many months of careful deliberation the brothers of Alpha Pi Omega fraternity have decided to affiliate themselves with the national fraternity, Phi Sigma Kappa.

The brothers, realizing the many possible advantages of national affiliation, began investigation around the middle of the first semester with the specific intention of finding the best national fraternity for their needs. Many fraternities were considered: among them Delta Sigma Phi, Alpha Sigma Pi, Delta Kappa

Epsilon, Alpha Tau Omega, to mention a few. Approximately one month ago the decision was made to go "Phi Sig," largely on the basis of 1. financial aid 2. dues and other expenses 3. pledge requirements and 4. the overall reputation of the national.

A week ago the move was "O.K.'ed" by the board of trustees and on the evening of May 19th, representatives from the Phi Sigma Kappa installed Alpha Pi Omega as a "Phi Sig" colony.

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# Peace, Justice, Harmony, and Freedom

by Ellery B. Haskell

One who talks of these four aspirations in 1970 seems to have lost his head in the clouds of Neverland. Immanuel Kant wrote of peace among nations as a consummation of human potentialities. Plato spoke of justice as a human community in which men contributed according to their ability and were fulfilled in their deepest need. Confucius endeavored to lead men into a harmony with the cosmos: sky-god, earth, and man. Hegel and John Stuart Mill talked of freedom and liberty in different ways but as an increasing possibility for all men. Despite the armament race and much current slaughter and partially because of the threat of atomic energy, men may achieve international peace soon. Despite terrible exploitations and inequalities of opportunities for great segments of the human race, there are creative sensitivities among many men that may change institutions and individuals toward more justice. Despite the devastating of the environment and the alienation of man from God that are so prevalent, there are alert leaders and prophetic souls who would lead us to cosmic harmony. And despite the weight of widespread dictatorships and the intolerance of diversity there are men who strengthen the social structures that make for government by consent and for that openness that widens the blessings of freedom.

In any day, any individual has the option of being part of the obstacles to achievement or part of the means to success. We can be part of the problem or part of the answer.

In what follows is a brief attempt to apply some of the above to one of the most urgent concerns of our American and world-wide situation: the war in Vietnam and Cambodia. No pretense can be made by anyone of being aware of all that is involved; each one must expect to learn in dialogue for conciliatory solutions. We need to search out the presuppositions about man, culture, and Ultimate Reality that move diverse Americans and Vietnamese, to say nothing of Chinese, Russians, and various Southeastern Asians and Western Europeans. We can find common ground in the nature of man and his concern for the four ideals with which we started. And we can patiently consider the diversities as to meaning and to means.

A concrete expression of this concern is for all of us to refamiliarize ourselves with American history and to study the history of Vietnam. (I for one experienced a considerable change of mind three or four years ago when I read books and pamphlets on the history of Vietnam; and I have continued that study process.) Government by consent cannot mean blind following of elected leaders. Our founding fathers believed in the fallibility of both the electorate and elected leaders and provided for various checks and balances and for redress of grievances.

War is a serious matter: destroying others and ourselves. All of us want peace. There is diversity of opinion as to the origin of American participation in Vietnam, and concerning the degrees of rightness and wrongness of our policy. (For example, concerning Cambodia, read the editorial by Norman Cousins in *Saturday Review*, May 16, 1970, pages 24 and 91)

If we failed to abide by national self-determination in 1956 and 1962 in not having elections that had been agreed upon for Vietnam because, as President Eisenhower later said, the evidence was clear that the people would have voted against the existing South Vietnam government, then our present policy should bring forth deeds worthy of repentance. The efforts to end the war and to negotiate with more generous offers, suggested by some of our leaders, should receive attention. Former ambassadors, cabinet officers, military men, and present Representatives and Senators point to more rapid disengagement and more determined negotiation. Senator Mike Mansfield, the majority leader, thinks the time to get out of Cambodia and Vietnam is now and let the Vietnamese and Southeastern Asians emerge with their own governments. If negotiations are conducted in earnest, he thinks there need be no bloody reprisals. I believe Ambassador Harriman agrees. Former Defense Secretary Clifford has a similar judgment. Senator Hugh Scott, minority leader, is working for a compromise between Presidential policy of slow departure, occasional military escalation even in territory not hitherto occupied by Americans, ostensibly to protect American soldiers, and a type of negotiations without first-rank American representatives and relatively inflexible stands, and an increasing view represented by numerous amendments: Cooper-Church, and McGovern-Hatfield, in the Senate that we come out of Cambodia this summer and out of Vietnam by the end of the year or by next summer. Parents, relatives, and friends of American soldiers who have served or are serving in Vietnam need to remember that no soldier dies in vain who does his duty in carrying out military strategy, good or bad. No soldier dies in vain who does his duty in carrying out a civilian foreign policy, good or bad. But this is no reason for continuing bad strategies and policies.

It is not easy to simplify a complex situation. We apparently interfered with a national effort to end French colonialism and to bring about internal changes because we thought we were dealing with international monolithic communism. One towering fact is clear: there have been and are not yet any Chinese and Russian soldiers in Southeast Asia; the foreigners have been and are chiefly American. Let us end the violence, reconcile, and rebuild. Senator Mansfield, on TV program *Face the Nation*, Sunday, May 17th, suggested a realistic

political program for Americans: visit your Congressmen but remember they have chores to do, more importantly work in your election districts and states this summer and fall to dialogue with voters and candidates, and to contribute to better American policy. This may be the best concrete way on this concern to achieve more of peace, justice, harmony, and freedom.

## McGovern Hatfield Amendment

By FLOYD NORRIS  
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WASHINGTON--(CPS)--The "Amendment to End the War," which Senators George McGovern, Mark Hatfield, Charles Goodell, Harold Hughes, and Frank Church, went on Nationwide television to support, is picking up support in the Senate, and its sponsors think it has some chance to pass.

The amendment to the military appropriations bill, which probably will be voted on in early June, provides that all forces will have to be withdrawn from Cambodia within 30 days from enactment, from Laos by December 31, 1970, and from Vietnam by June 30, 1971.

Supporters of the bill claim that despite the ultra-hawkishness of the Armed Services Committees, there is a chance they will leave the amendment in the bill in order to retain other parts of the appropriation. Another possible tact would be for the House to instruct its conferees to insist on the section. This would be done after the Senate passes the bill, but before it goes to a House-Senate Conference.

If the House does vote on it, the chances are slight that the anti-war forces can muster enough votes. Anti-war measures have never been strong in the House, and the leadership of both parties will oppose the amendment.

In the Senate, support has grown at a phenomenal rate in the past few weeks. When the amendment was introduced in September, only Senators Goodell, Hatfield and McGovern were willing to co-sponsor it.

By the end of April, only Senator Hughes had joined them, but the Cambodian invasion, coupled with an unprecedented outflow of indignation from around the country, has brought 17 new co-sponsors and supporters claim they have a total of at least 30 votes guaranteed.

The major immediate problem confronting the proponents is getting further Republican support. All 21 co-sponsors, except Goodell and Hatfield, are Democrats, and a bi-partisan group of sponsors is crucial.

Additional co-sponsors include Senators Birch Bayh, Alan Cranston, Mike Gravel, Fred Harris, Vance Hartke, Daniel Inouye, Edward Kennedy, Eugene McCarthy, Lee Metcalf, Walter Mondale, Gaylord Nelson, Stephen Young, Church, Abraham Ribicoff, Ed Muskie, Phillip Hart, and Thomas Eagleton.



Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, three symbols of death as portrayed by student protestors at the White House Mobilization May 9.

## On Final Exams

by Ken Meredith

Now that the cataclysmic events of last week have been added to Albright's glorious record as Reading's vanguard of revolution, perhaps there is time to consider a few comments from one of the handful of nay-voters at May 11's "spontaneous" midnight rally. It was repeatedly stressed at the rally that our personal feelings about Southeast Asian policy were not involved, but only the right of deeply concerned students to express their views without being excessively punished for it. So be it. What I question is the need to cancel or postpone final exams to gain this freedom of expression.

From the beginning, I want to make clear that I am not concerned with those students who will take advantage of the administration's concessions to express their profound obligation to the golf links or the seas ore. The fact that some will cynically seek to profit from an effort that others believe in is no more of a cause for an overall condemnation of this protest than the gains that certain industries (like Standard Oil) make from

the Vietnamese War are grounds for blaming the war's continuation on their profits. Nor am I really referring to those anti-warriors whose moral convictions are so overwhelming that they only came to the surface when all difficulties were removed and who can persuade themselves that few hours a day all-expense-paid tour of beautiful downtown Reading is enough of an effort to justify such special consideration. That is a question of personal integrity that each individual must decide.

What I do question is the basic justification of this sort of special treatment for students undertaking political activities. Last year a number of students became quite deeply involved in the local political campaigns and somehow kept up their work loads. How long do five finals take? Ten hours, a mere six

hundred minutes that can surely be spared over a week and a half. Thus it is not a question of skipping finals but of finding the time to prepare for them (unless, of course, they are being skipped as a "protest", an option that, by its very nature, can ask for no official sanction, and which has been made totally meaningless by the administration's acceptance of the demands.) The concerned student would not face the threat of automatic, arbitrary failures, but rather the need to skip classes (a whole five days of them!), do his propagandizing, and prepare for finals. To the best of my knowledge, the anti-war activities do not run eighteen hours a day. Surely the deeply motivated student could find time to study for finals, even if not as thoroughly as he would like. But we are talking about highly motivated, morally dedicated people, for whom education is presently of secondary importance and who falter only when threatened with academic homicide by certain reactionary factions of the faculty! Surely such activities would be willing to accept a few lowered grades in the cause of peace. Surely the activists would not want to undermine their own moral effectiveness in the community by shirking their other responsibilities without the slightest personal sacrifice while the rest of the population, no matter what its views on the matter, must continue its normal obligations and occupations. Some few students had already been both working hard for peace and studying for finals. Apparently the rest of our dedicated activists are not quite that dedicated.

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