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GOVERNMENT VIOLENCE MUST STOP

The President of the Monash Labor Club, Mr. Michael Hyde, said
today that violence by the Australian government must end; or else
the government would have to face the consequences of its actions.

Mr. Hyde said that he did not want to interfere with the right to
dissent, and that he would defend the government's right to express its
views on foreign policy. "However these views must be expressed in
a peaceful way", he said, "the government is not entitled to resort
to violence as it has done in Vietnam".

PROPER CHANNELS

Mr. Hyde said that if the government disagreed with the action
being taken by the Vietnamese people it should voice its dissent
through the proper channels. "We live in a democratic world and there are
numerous ways in which the government can make a peaceful protest", he said.
"They may put their views at the United Nations, write a letter to Ho Chi
Minh or even drop leaflets on Hanoi."

Mr. Hyde said that the Labor Club would defend the right of the
Australian government to express its opinion on the war in Vietnam,
but that the Club could not tolerate the governments use of violence,
particularly since this violence had endangered the lives and property
of innocent Vietnamese citizens. "The Australian government seems to think
that it is in some special position so that it can trample on the rights
of the ordinary decent Vietnamese citizen who merely wants to grow his
rice crop and parhaps get a new water buffalo", he added. "If politicians
continue to act in this irresponsible and anti democratic manner some
thought will have to be given to the cancellation of priviliges like V.I.P.
flights and overseas junkets.

LEADERS TO CONFER

Mr. Hyde said that he would soon be flying to Sydney where he would
attend a conference of socialist students to discuss ways of ending
government violence.