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How Many My Lais - How Many Vietnams?

SATURDAY DECEMBER 20

10 a.m. CITY SQUARE

The shock and outrage about My Lai expressed by the pro-Liberal press, US politicians and other erstwhile apologists for the Vietnam aggression should not deceive anyone.

The VCC believes that My Lai is only one incident in a far greater atrocity - the Vietnam war.

No imperialist power can concede any defeat, and US imperialism knows that a clear-cut military humiliation by the Vietnamese people would produce waves of revolt in areas already rumbling with signs of approaching conflict.

Increased bombing, accelerated aggression in Laos and Cambodia, and the replacement of white bodies by yellow ones are only some of the methods which the Americans (and Australians) are using in their never abandoned drive for victory.

Demonstrate with us on December 20, not only to protest against the My Lai massacre, but to express our total opposition to the war and our belief in the final victory of the Vietnamese people.

FREEDOM RIDE

A Freedom Ride in support of gaoled non-complier Brian Ross will leave from Swanston Street outside Melbourne University on Saturday December 13 at 10.30, and should arrive at Sale Prison at about 2.30 pm. Please put placards, posters, etc. on your car. Sponsors of the Ride include the Trade Union Anti-Conscription Committee, Students for a Democratic Society, Save Our Sons, and the Committee in Defiance of the National Service Act.

VCC MEETING

Over sixty people attended a special meeting of the Vietnam Co-ordinating Committee in Unity Hall on December 4, to discuss the future of the Committee. A proposal was put to the meeting that the VCC had not functioned effectively in recent months as a broad co-ordinating body, and should be replaced by a more flexible structure.

After lengthy discussion, the meeting agreed unanimously to set up a special sub-committee, similar to the one which planned the July 4 demonstration, to plan a series of actions in the immediate future. These actions will include the demonstration on December 20 and participation in the Moratorium. Rod Quinn was later appointed as convener of this organising sub-committee.

The meeting also decided unanimously that the sub-committee should initiate discussion on the future structure and policies of the VCC, and affirmed that these organisational problems arise basically from political differences.

AGNEW

In a press statement issued last Sunday, the VCC called on the federal government to cancel the proposed visit to Australia in early January by Vice-President Spiro Agnew.

MORATORIUM

The Vietnam Moratorium Campaign was set up on November 25 in Canberra to organise nation-wide demonstrations on April 17-19 1970. A meeting in Melbourne on December 9 elected a provisional committee which will convene a meeting of campaign sponsors within the next few weeks. This sponsors' meeting will then take responsibility for organising the Moratorium in Victoria. For further details and sponsorship forms, contact the Vietnam Moratorium Campaign, Box 114A, GPO, Melbourne, 3000.

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