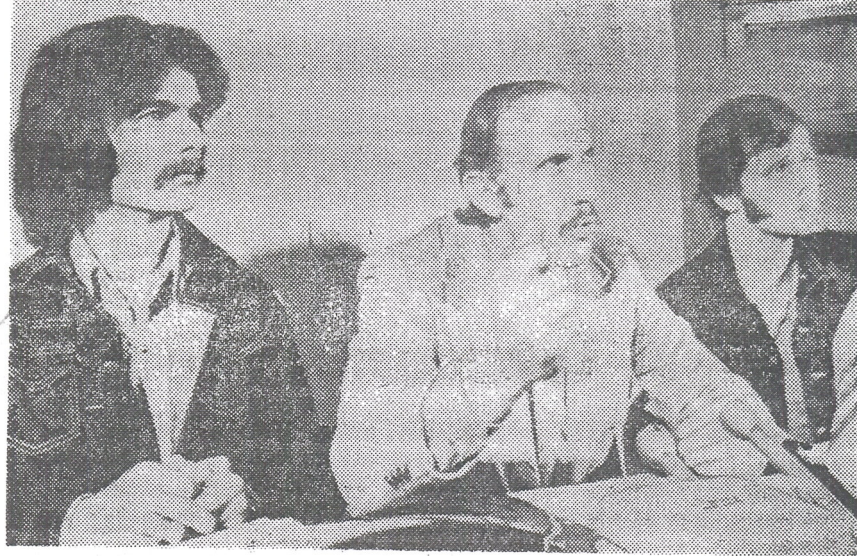


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JOE BELISARIO (LEFT), BART BONNER AND CRAIG ACHESON
They say they're ready to parachute in, if necessary

They'll Fight Reds In Either Vietnam

Washington

A group calling itself Veterans and Volunteers for Vietnam (VVV) says it will begin sending combat-trained men to fight Communists in South and North Vietnam within ten days, even if the Saigon government tries to keep them out.

"We're going to make every effort to go even if the South Vietnamese don't give us permission to go," said Bart S. Bonner, executive director of the organization, which espouses strong anti-Communist sentiments.

The South Vietnamese Embassy here has said its government has a policy against permitting aliens in its army.

Bonner said at a news conference yesterday that if unable to land in South Vietnam, "many of our personnel are qualified to jump."

Bonner, a 34-year-old former Marine, formed the group April 10 in Washington. He says it now has a strength of 100 men, and is receiving offers from other volunteers throughout the country.

The VVV is working out of a donated house in southeast Washington, the walls of which are papered with letters and telegrams with offers to volunteer from a number of ex-servicemen.

Bonner, of Watertown, N.Y.; Craig Acheson, 25, of Philadelphia, N.Y.; and Joe Belisario, 25, of Laurel, Md., identified themselves as leaders of the efforts to send the volunteer fighters to Vietnam.

Bonner said he envisions 5000 to 10,000 volunteer fighters within a few weeks after the first 100 leave.

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