

Service Academy Vets Condemn War

A new organization of United States military academy graduates — its members all combat veterans of Vietnam — took advantage of Flag Day yesterday to declare it “a time for all patriotic and concerned Americans to speak out against the war.”

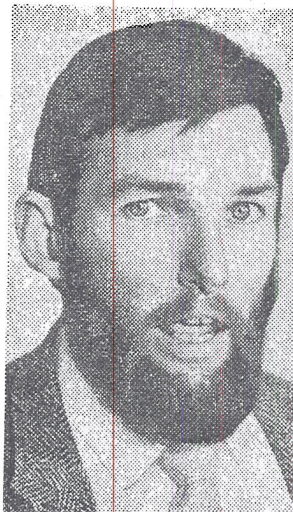
“This war cannot be won,” said Dan Embree, a 1963 West Point graduate who spent a year as a combat adviser in Vietnam. “I has no military objective. The objective is the mind of the Vietnamese peasant, and guns cannot accomplish that.”

Embree, 28, was one of six such veterans to talk to reporters on behalf of Concerned Academy Graduates, an anti-war lobby group formed here after the entry of American troops into Cambodia.

“We are neither effete snobs nor sincere but uninformed students,” Embree said on behalf of his 13-member organization. “Nor are we anarchists or tired radicals. Our knowledge of the war comes from experience in the field where we have discovered — reluctantly, painfully, belatedly — that we have been marching to the wrong drum.”

Embree said that while his group is now in its infancy, it will quickly grow larger because “there is a substantial anti-war sentiment within the military that the public is not aware of.”

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DAN EMBREE

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my graduate who spent 1967 as a bombardier and attack navigator, said the war “reflects the gigantic military monster we have unleashed against underdeveloped countries struggling for survival.”

Dan Lavery, who said both his brother and father were graduated from Annapolis before him, also called on Americans “to remember what the flag used to be, and what it means today.”

Another Annapolis graduate, Frank Morrow, 30, said he could “find no justification for the war.” A veteran of more than 100 combat missions as an attack pilot, Morrow called for “a return to the concept of government by the people” in America.