

PEOPLE'S PEACE TREATY

We the undersigned endorse the substance of this treaty, which was drafted cooperatively by a special delegation from the National Students Association of the United States, the South Vietnam National Student Union, the South Vietnam Liberation Students Union, and the North Vietnam Student Union, at meetings in Saigon, Hanoi and Paris, December, 1970.

In signing our names to it as individuals with the support of our organizations, we indicate a moral obligation to go beyond education and publicity for the treaty, to concrete acts that will give meaning to our signatures.

In any or all of the following ways, we would seek to make clear the need for individuals to break their ties to our warmaking government: the refusal of military service, the resistance to payment of federal taxes, the refusal to work on military contracts for defense research, the willingness

to join in support of mass nonviolent civil disobedience in Washington D.C. and around the nation this spring, and the political defeat of and opposition to all in office who support the Administration on the war. We believe this treaty contains the essentials of a just and immediate peace, which would not only end the horror of war for the Vietnamese, but would make it possible for us to use our resources in our own country to combat poverty and racism.

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A JOINT TREATY OF PEACE BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, SOUTH VIETNAM AND NORTH VIETNAM

INTRODUCTION

Be it known that the American and Vietnamese people are not enemies. The war is carried out in the name of the people of the United States, but without our consent. It drains America of her resources, her youth and her honor.

We hereby agree to end the war on the following terms, so that both peoples can live under the joy of independence and can devote themselves to building a society based on human equality and respect for the earth. In rejecting the war we also reject all forms of racism and discrimination against people based on color, class, sex, national origin and ethnic grouping which permeates the war policies, present and past, of the United States.

PRINCIPLES OF THE JOINT TREATY OF PEACE

AMERICANS agree to immediate and total withdrawal from Vietnam, and publicly to set the date by which all U.S. military forces will be removed.

VIETNAMESE agree to participate in an immediate cease-fire, and will enter into discussions on the procedures to guarantee the safety of all withdrawing troops, and to secure the release of all American prisoners including pilots captured while bombing North Vietnam.

AMERICANS pledge to end the imposition of Thieu-Ky-Khiem on the people of South Vietnam in order to insure their right of self-determination, and to insure that all

political prisoners are released.

VIETNAMESE pledge to form a provisional coalition government to organize democratic elections, in which all South Vietnamese can participate freely without the presence of any foreign troops, and to enter discussions of procedures to guarantee the safety and political freedom of persons who cooperated with either side in the war.

AMERICANS AND VIETNAMESE agree to respect the independence, peace and neutrality of Laos and Cambodia.

Upon these points of agreement, we pledge to end the war. We will resolve all other questions in mutual respect for the rights of self-determination of the people of Vietnam and of the United States.

AS AMERICANS RATIFYING THIS AGREEMENT, WE PLEDGE TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTIONS ARE APPROPRIATE TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS OF THIS JOINT TREATY OF PEACE, AND TO INSURE ITS ACCEPTANCE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

I/WE ENDORSE THE PRINCIPLES OF THE
PEOPLE'S PEACE TREATY

Signed:
(organization)

Signed:
(individual)

The terms of the Treaty were worked out in discussion among members of student associations in South and North Vietnam, and in the United States. Other citizens' groups plan meetings with Vietnamese citizens to discuss terms for peace.

Return this endorsement to:
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