

Australian Reds Sell War Articles of Times

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SYDNEY, June 30 — Unauthorized reprints of parts of the Pentagon study of the Vietnam war carried by The New York Times and three accompanying articles in the Times were sold by the Communist party of Australia and the Young Communist Movement at anti-Vietnam rallies in Sydney today.

Laurie Aarons, secretary of the Australian Communist party, estimated that the reprint issue of 3,000 copies, at about 56 cents each, was almost sold out. He said more might be printed.

The Pentagon papers are of great interest here because of an indication in the material published by The New York Times that Australia sent troops to South Vietnam primarily at the insistence by President Lyndon B. Johnson. The Australian contingent in South Vietnam reached a peak of about 8,000 men but has been cut back to below 6,000 with more reductions planned.

One of the most highly respected and conservative newspapers here, The Australian Financial Review, commented today that the Communist party's exploitation of The Times articles contains "an ironic lesson" in the contrast between the closed society of Communist countries and the "open communication in the United States."