



If you're facing the draft soon, there are important things to consider. If you plan to put up with the service by staying high on dope, think about Vietnam first. You'll almost certainly be sent there. Almost everyone knows of someone who didn't think much about going, and who came back in a wooden box.

The draft is a channeling agency for the U.S. government. It is used to divide people by income and by race. Those who get drafted are poor and non-white people who can't go to college, can't get technical training, and can't afford many visits to a doctor. This way the draft creates an elite of professionals and technicians. Everyone else gets drafted or forced into whatever the draft board decides is a deferrable job.

The draft also divides people by sex. By drafting men at 19, normal sex lives are disrupted. The oppressive sex roles of civilian life are intensified in the army where men are forced to go to prostitutes and sex is a business deal in which women are bought and sold. Women don't get drafted because that would upset their position as inferior, dependant members of American society.

Never rely on your local draft board for help. While it's supposed to represent your community, it's always a group of old, white, middle-class men who are interested in serving the wealthy and powerful, not in being fair to draft candidates. Draft boards with blacks, poor people, or young people on them don't exist. Draft boards help the government fill its quotas for the war machine and scare some people into technical jobs. They are not out to help you.

Draft counseling can help you beat the draft. The draft laws are complicated and bureaucratic. If you're not sure of the exact procedure to follow, it's very easy to get drafted. In fact, a government study showed that even 40,000 men who were physically unfit were drafted over a two year period. It's impossible to outsmart the draft laws by yourself without the right information.

There are many legal ways of beating the draft that most people don't think about, such as physical "ailments" and legal technicalities. Don't depend on a college or 2-S deferment. You can lose it by missing one semester, after 4 years of college you're draftable until age 35, and they'll probably be dropped soon. It's best to work on getting a more solid deferment and the sooner you start the better. We are familiar with draft laws and procedures and can help find out exactly what choices are open to you.

**for help call 431-3307**



'He who holds or has influence in Vietnam can affect the future of the Philippines and Formosa to the east, Thailand and Burma with their huge rice surpluses to the west, and Malaysia and Indonesia with their rubber, ore and tin to the south. Vietnam thus does not exist in a geographical vacuum—from it large storehouses of wealth and population can be influenced and undermined.' (Henry Cabot Lodge, Chief US negotiator at the Paris Peace Conference, and former US Ambassador to South Vietnam, *Boston Globe*, Feb 28, 1965.)

'Three American Presidents have recognized the great stakes involved in Vietnam and understood what had to be done.' (Richard M. Nixon, Nov 3, 1969.)

## Vietnam is a stake not a mistake

- 1½ million Vietnamese killed and maimed
- 11 new bases and 47,000 troops in Thailand
- 400 bombing raids daily over Laos
- Expanding Japanese trade in Southeast Asia
- More US money and arms to the Philippines
- \$200 million invested by US firms in Indonesia

These facts hang together. They spell out United States domination and exploitation of Southeast Asia, a goal pursued vigorously by the US government under Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon. Vietnam is no "mistake," as some claim. It is a ruthless, calculated, deliberate policy. Its aim? To keep the entire Pacific area in the US orbit and integrated into the US market system.

### Vietnam: The Key to the Pacific Empire

Vietnam is a stake not a mistake. The US occupies Vietnam to keep its hold on Asia. Vietnam is the keystone of its Pacific empire. The US does not care about the people of Vietnam. The 3.8 million tons of bombs dropped on the Vietnamese have proved that. The empire is what counts. Possession of Vietnam is needed to maintain a hold on riches elsewhere. Eisenhower said it clearly: "If we lost Vietnam and Malaya, how would we, the free world, hold the rich empire of Indonesia?" And Thailand and the Philippines, he might have added.

### Indonesia: The 'Greatest Prize'

Since Suharto's coup in 1965 and the slaughter of 300,000 nationalists, the economy of Indonesia has come under the control of large US corporations. Over a dozen of them—Freeport Sulphur, Alcoa, Gulf, Union Carbide, Chase Manhattan, US Steel, Ocean Mining, Sinclair, Good-year, Singer—have invested more than \$200 million since 1965 to extract oil, copper, nickel, tin, bauxite, and lumber to enrich the West.

'With its 100 million people and its 3000-mile arc of islands containing the region's richest hoard of natural resources, Indonesia constitutes by far the greatest prize in the Southeast Asian area.' (R.M. Nixon, *Foreign Affairs*, Oct, 1967.)

What do the Indonesians get out of it? \$80 a year on the average, poor schools, poor health services, poor housing, debt, corrupt government, and brutal repression.

### Thailand: 11 Air Bases and 47,000 Troops

In Thailand, \$2 billion in US military spending has created growth rates as high as 8%. US spokesmen cite this to justify their policies. But the \$2 billion hasn't helped the Thai people. It has been used to buy off the ruling class, to construct 11 air bases, and support the 47,000 US troops needed to suppress the spreading guerrilla resistance. Along with the soldier comes the businessman, with investments of more than \$195 million. Firestone, Kaiser Aluminum, Banker's Trust, and a new Rama Hilton in Bangkok. They want Thailand's oil, rubber, and tin.

### Japan: Junior Partner in the Empire

The United States defeated Japan in WWII and assumed a dominant position in the Pacific. But now the US needs Japan—for trade and for bases to control the rest of the Pacific! Japan is the US' second largest foreign market and has served as a primary staging base for the US wars against Korea and Vietnam. Japan gains too. She trades more with Thailand than the US does. She needs Asian markets for her growth-hungry firms.

### "Empire" Means "Profit"

What good is a Pacific empire to the US? *Profits*—for US corporations. Listen to Rudolph Peterson, President of the Bank of America:

'There is no more vast or rich area for resource development or trade growth in the world today than this immense region, and it is virtually in our own front yard . . . Were we California businessmen to play a more dynamic role in helping trade development in the Pacific Rim, we would have giant, hungry new markets for our products and vast new profit potential for our firms.'

(*Calif. Bus. Mag.*, Sept-Oct, 1968)

And profits there are. Construction firms like Utah Construction and Mining and Morrison-Knudson get rich building war bases. US farmers sell food to the Vietnamese whose fields have been napalmed and defoliated. US industrialists and bankers are expanding their lucrative operations throughout SE Asia—15 banks in Indonesia alone.

Elites in countries heavily dominated by the US—South Korea, Taiwan,

Hong Kong, and Thailand—make a fortune from US military spending while their countries become severely dependent, and in fact, are mere enclaves of the US economy. Nixon praises them for having "accepted the keys of progress . . . prime reliance on private enterprise."

### The War Against Vietnam is a War Against the World

According to General Westmoreland, "We are fighting the war in Vietnam to show that guerrilla warfare does not pay." Vietnam cannot be allowed to win independence because other nations must be encouraged to do the same. Nixon said it himself: "For us to withdraw from that effort would mean a collapse not only of South Vietnam but Southeast Asia."

The war in Vietnam is a war to perpetuate US control over the Third World. The same war is being waged in Bolivia and Guatemala where US "advisors" direct "counter-insurgency" campaigns, in the "secret war" in Laos, in southern Africa against African liberation forces, and in the US itself against blacks and the poor. The war against Vietnam is a war against the world.

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