

# BOYCOTT PAN AM



FLY THE DEADLY SKIES OF PAN AM,

the world's most experienced airline in transporting warm bodies to Vietnam and cold bodies back to the U.S.

"Without superior air power, America is a bound and throttled giant; impotent and easy prey to any yellow dwarf with a pocket knife."

--LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Right on, Lyndon.

Pan American is the only airline with scheduled service to Vietnam and also one, according to Hard Times magazine, "whose imperial adventure is unmatched."

On January 27, eight representatives of peace organizations who have gathered to form a Committee to Protest Pan American Airlines' War Activities were received by Chairman of the Board Najeeb E. Halaby. In his 46th floor boardroom at the Pan Am Building, Halaby--joined by Pan Am executives Frank Loy and Willis Player--tape-recorded ("in the absence of a secretary") the protests of Lawrence Apsey, American Friends Service Committee; Ruth Gage Colby, Women's International League for Peace & Freedom; Karl Bissinger, Greenwich Village Peace Center; Irene Dailey, of District 65; David McReynolds, of the War Resisters League; Marjorie Schell, who originated the concept for the Protest Committee; and other representatives.

Seated at a circular desk, with a picture-window view from New Jersey to Central Park, Halaby pressed each protester to discover what group he represented and how many constituents that included. "Just because we're the biggest and richest airline, why boycott us?" Halaby kept asking. "Why not others?"

Irene Dailey replied, "I am a black woman, protesting the number of my people you transport to be killed in your war."

On Feb. 9, the representatives will meet for a second time with Pan Am execs, in order to protest the airways' involvement with Defense Dept. contracts and its relations to the military in Vietnam. Major organizing efforts of the Committee to Protest Pan American Airlines' War Activities are in New York, but protest activity is also being planned by groups in Europe and the West Indies.

Pan American, the self-styled "Department of Defense's major civil commercial airline partner," is, according to the Protest Committee, "deeply enmeshed in weapons testing and other non-transport work for the Department," as well as "the major carrier of war material to Vietnam, with more than 50 flights a week."

Weapons the major corporation has contributed to developing or supporting over the past 18 years include (says Pan Am's own "Summary of Activities, 1969, Aerospace Services Division") the Air Force Minuteman III and Navy Poseidon programs, as well as Range users for the U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy and the Atomic Energy Commission.

Chairman, in 1969, of the National Convocation on the Challenge of Building Peace, Halaby wrote McReynolds on Jan. 4, 1970, defending his corporation: "As an American flag carrier, Pan American has since its inception believed it a duty and privilege to support the policies of our Government and to provide such special service in war and peace as it may request...In recent years, at the urgent request of our Government we have transported mail, men and supplies between the U.S. and Viet-Nam...and hundreds of thousands of U.S. soldiers out of the combat area for rest and recuperation in humanitarian program which I personally conceived and developed for Pan Am in 1965." (the economically enriching war of the U.S. troop build-up)

"Your response is not a political act of approval of the policy of our Government in Viet-Nam," wrote Halaby. "But it is an action that Pan American has taken at the request of the last four duly elected governments of the people of the United States."

Because of that letter, and his meeting with Halaby, McReynolds believes Pan Am and the Department of Defense are inexorably linked.

McReynolds' general impression of Halaby? "He is very polite, very friendly--a man who looks very distinguished and courteous. If he were not head of a \$1.2 billion corporation, though, I would think he wasn't one of the most brilliant persons I've met."

"What depressed us," said McReynolds, speaking for the delegates, "is that the man lives in a moral vacuum. He separates his role as a human from his role as a business leader. He was angry when we suggested that corporations are composed of humans with moral responsibilities and therefore the corporations should have moral responsibilities, as well."

"Politically, Halaby is quite stupid," continued McReynolds. "It is clear he supports the war in Vietnam, even though he says it's a 'tragedy' and he hopes it 'winds down' and we get out. His only commitment seems to be that 'As soon as there is a practical way out of Vietnam, we should...'"

"I had a terrible sense of depression at the lack of moral and political awareness at one of the highest levels of American business," evaluated the WRL representative.

"When he explained to us with great care that corporations do not manufacture morality and we can't expect them to operate that way, we replied," McReynolds added, "that the Committee to Protest Pan American Airlines' War Activities is helping them become moral through our economic boycott."

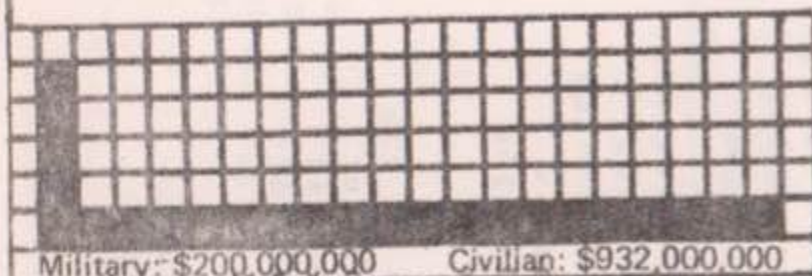
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OF ALL THE BIG Defense contractors, Pan American is uniquely vulnerable to the economic votes of informed men and women.



Nearly four fifths of its revenue is from sales to civilians.

**WITH THE ECONOMIC VOTES OF AIR TRAVELERS AS ADDED INCENTIVE, WE HOPE PAN AMERICAN WILL:**

**AGREE** to provide free round trip passage to all medical doctors and nurses who volunteer to help relieve the catastrophic suffering of war.

**CONTRIBUTE** to the relief work by donating equipment and other assistance as requested.

**WORK** for the National Interest by carrying no more military or paramilitary personnel or cargo to Southeast Asia, and by refusing to charter its equipment to the Department of Defense for any purpose other than to bring home the troops.

#### Supporting Organizations . . .

Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam  
Committee of Concerned Asian Scholars (CCAS)  
District 65  
Fellowship of Reconciliation  
Greenwich Village Peace Center  
Local 1199, Drug & Hospital Union, AFL-CIO  
New York SANE  
N.Y. University Law School Coalition  
Peace and Social Concerns Committee of New York  
Monthly Meeting (Quakers)  
Peace In Action at Harvard  
Resist/Support in Action  
Veterans Against the War  
Vietnam Vets Against the War  
War Resisters League  
Washington Square Methodist Church  
Women Strike For Peace  
Women's International League for Peace & Freedom  
Legal Action Fund For Peace, Inc.

#### In Process Of Formation:

Citizens groups  
Business & Labor Groups

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