Vietnam should be negotiated by the Vietnamese. The Vietnamese do not think so; they have chosen to fight for victory.

**ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR THE NLF!!**

The decision in this matter must remain with those who are being bombed and gassed and burned and tortured. Despite the murderous bombing they refuse to be coerced into 'negotiations'. They demand unconditional cessation of the bombing. As long as they choose to continue fighting - and, if the picture of US difficulties is even half-accurate, their choice is not only heroic but entirely logical - it is up to us to give them all the support and solidarity we can.

Like the US negroes we best aid the NLF by stepping up our own struggles to weaken and overthrow capitalism in our own areas. The criminal collusion of Wilson's government in the American Butcherery must be denounced, WHERE THEY ARE IN A POSITION TO DO SO. TRADE UNIONISTS SHOULD CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF WORK STOPPAGES, EVEN TOKEN ONES, IN PROTEST AGAINST THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS WAR. Direct working class action of this sort has in the past proved by far the most effective form of pressure: perhaps the best known case was when London dockers' action stopped British arms being sent to Poland for use against Russia in 1920. War material from Britain has gone to help the US war effort.

We must demand not merely an end to bombing and aggression against the North - BUT ALSO IN THE SOUTH, WE MUST DEMAND UNCONDITIONAL US WITHDRAWAL!

Demonstrate under the slogan of genuine solidarity,

**VICTORY FOR THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT!!**

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In the midst of all the segregationist, 'Afro-American' nationalist confusion, is a budding internationalist identification with the workers and peasants of Vietnam. This is perhaps summed up in the figure of Cassius Clay, in his almost symbolic combination of physical strength, confusion of ideas and solidarity with the Vietnamese because they and the US negroes are ground down by the same oppressors. The hungry of the Great Society are quick to spot the hypocrisy of those horrified by the 'violence' of their attacks on property and cops, when the same voices, actively or passively, support the mass murder in Vietnam. Some must even take pride in the inevitable nuisance it must be to the 'War Effort'.

It would be an act of treachery to the Vietnamese fighters to take these facts complacently and sit back in rose satisfaction declaring that the war is as good as won. IT IS BY NO MEANS WON. The power of the US should not be underestimated. The strain, the sustained pressure on the Vietnamese, is tremendous. Though Vietnam receives pitiably little help from Russia and China, there might well be room for some treacherous horse-trading, if either of them gets the chance. Some capitalist journals suggest that Johnson's policy has aimed at a deal whereby Russia would use its position to pressure the Vietnamese into accepting the status quo (i.e. a continuation of the slavery of the people of South Vietnam) in South-East Asia, in return for the US persuading Germany to accept the present status quo in Europe. The longer the war continues, the more vulnerable the Vietnamese become to such pressure. This would be in the infamous tradition of Geneva 1954 - where the actual victory of the Vietnamese was frittered away and the US given time to step into the old French position in Vietnam.

NO MORE GENEVAS!

Until recently, the main plank in the policy of the "Communist" Party and the Irish Workers Party working class has given concrete aid to the NLF. Such is the level of industrial militancy that at times severe damage had been done to the imperialist war effort. For example, a strike at the HMK construction company involved 15,000 workers and held up work in airfields, ports and depots totaling 1 million dollars. Even such labour often fails, as happened at Cam Ranh, where Philippine & Korean workers imported to sabotage a strike of Vietnamese workers, actually downsed tools in support of the strikers. Vietnamese dockers have also been noted for their militancy, and strikes have seriously held up US war supplies.

US 'mastery' of the situation does not look like improving in the near future. A Congressional Report recently stated that "...it is beyond question that the effectiveness of the American military presence in South-East Asia... depends on the security of the American bases in the Philippines." Not only does the above example of the solidarity of the Philippine workers bode ill for that security. The HUKS (= Army of National Liberation, with a policy of large scale agrarian reform and industrialization) have recently been regaining some of their past strength. The NEW YORK TIMES commented not long ago that the guerillas "have been able to become the most powerful political force in the country." TIME MAGAZINE recently stated that they already control in varying degrees 1,400 square miles and 500,000 people, but their political power is growing even faster than their geographical boundaries.

RENEWED BICYCLES!

In North Vietnam itself morale is high despite the incessant bombing. Expert planning and co-operation keep the country moving, and could probably continue to do so indefinitely - though any bombing of the dykes would have far more serious effects. An eye-witness report published in the OBSERVER last January described "How N.VIETNAM SURVIVES": "Burnt trucks, destroyed locomotives, twisted bridges -