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Resistance to many forms of illegitimate authority is necessary to bring health to this country and make it a constructive force instead of a terror in the politics of nations.

— from A New Call to Resist Illegitimate Authority

1979
for October meeting

Dear Resisters,

At the last meeting we decided to investigate what Resist could do about Vietnam, the refugees, etc.

I asked a local organization, Friends of Vietnam, for some advice about this. They are trying to do two things at once: to re-establish some kind of pro-Vietnamese presence in the old anti-war movement milieu, and to do educational work with perhaps some kind of Congressional focus, or at least to do what they can to keep Kennedy from burying his past support for normalization, refugee and economic aid, etc.

During our discussion several suggestions came up that we might be able to help with:

1. helping to arrange a university tour of one ~~max~~ or more Vietnamese now in Canada, which would pressure the State Dept./INS to allow Vietnamese into the US who have expressed support for the present regime, etc.

2. see what we could do to organize or encourage teach-ins around this issue.

3. raise money for publications or other educational work.

4. work on any national petition campaigns. Some of these seem to be in the works. A copy of a statement being prepared by Carol Bragg and some others is included. Apparently some kind of petition is also being prepared by the LA-based U.S.-Vietnam Friendship Society.

The October newsletter has an article on the boat people. I hope the November one will have an article on Kissinger and Cambodia, or perhaps on the famine in Cambodia. The December newsletter could have a copy of the Ex Bragg, et. al. statement, and/or something else.

There are already some indications that support for Vietnam will cause us some financial losses, but nothing serious has happened yet.

Frank

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