

HIROSHIMA NAGASAKI INDOCHINA

**UNITE TO OPPOSE THE
GENOCIDE OF ASIAN
PEOPLE**

The purpose of this pamphlet is to gain an insight into the dropping of the atom bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6th and 9th, 1945. Often our reaction to this act is moral outrage, seeing it as only as an unfortunate accident in the history pages of this country. We must see the dropping of the atom bomb on the Japanese people not as an isolated event but rather as one more act in the history of United States aggression against Asian and Third World people. We must come to understand that the tragedy which occurred at Hiroshima and Nagasaki over 27 years ago is directly linked to the present racist and genocidal acts being committed in Vietnam today. All progressive and peace loving people must unite and oppose the forces which perpetrated Hiroshima and Nagasaki and which today oppress people throughout the world.

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AGAINST THE WAR**

Why The U.S. Dropped

The bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, a racist and genocidal act committed by the U.S. government, took place 27 years ago, on Aug. 6th and 9th, 1945. Contrary to what was stated in the past, the atomic bomb was not used to shorten the war and save unnecessary casualties between the Japanese and U.S. forces. On Aug. 2, a cable sent by the Japanese High Command intercepted by U.S. intelligence said, "The battle situation has become acute. There are only a few days left in which to make arrangements to end the war...Since the loss of one day relative to this matter may result in a thousand years of regret..." Clearly Japan had known its defeat and was willing to surrender on U.S. terms.

So why then would the U.S. want to drop the bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki? In order for us to understand the reasons, we need to understand the international situations that motivated the U.S. to drop the bomb.

Following the defeat of Germany, the U.S. stood as the strongest capitalist nation in the world. Unlike most other capitalist powers as Great Britain and France, the U.S. suffered very little destruction from bomb attacks and ground warfare. Instead, business and industry actually grew and expanded greatly in America. With this growth and expansion of industries the need for more foreign markets and supply of natural resources became more acute. To serve these interests of the capitalist ruling class in America, the U.S. government embarked in a massive campaign for domination in both Europe and Asia.

Confronting the U.S. in Europe was the Soviet Union. Contributing the greatest amount of men and material to defeat Germany, the Soviet Union was in a position of world respect. Although it had been devastated by the war with losses of 20 million men and women, and thousands of miles of destroyed territory, the Soviet Union at that time represented the strongest socialist force in the world. Since it was weakened so greatly by her sacrifices in the war, the Soviet Union sought to rebuild and strengthen socialism. The inevitable conflict of socialism and capitalism led to the confrontation between the Soviet Union and the U.S. in Europe. What America sought to do was minimize Soviet influence in Europe, for they wanted to stop any activity which would encourage the emergence of socialist nations in Europe.

During the war enormous anti-colonial movements had developed

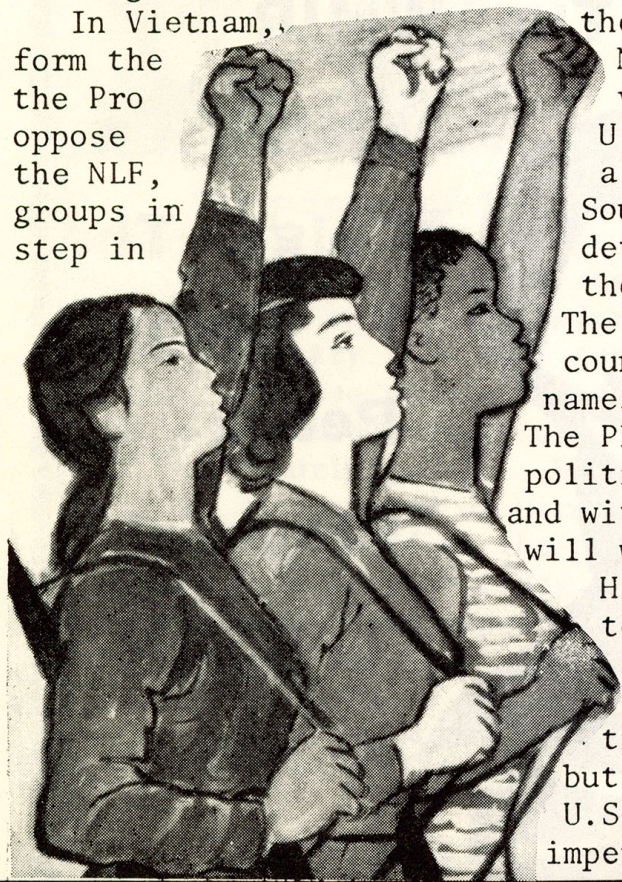
WE WILL WIN

Throughout the world, U.S. imperialism has shown its face by gaining economic possessions for their own profit. In Asia, Africa and Latin America, people freed themselves from subjugation and underdevelopment through national liberation movements.

In the U.S., there is a need for unity among people to oppose racist and genocidal acts against Third World people. Native Americans have been systematically murdered through the program of "Indian Reservation" in the United States. Japanese were put in Concentration Camps for no other reason but the racist attitudes of American political leaders. Just recently, it was revealed that Black people in the U.S. were used as "guinea pigs" in a program that studied the effects of syphilis on the human body. And Chicana women were experimented upon in Texas to develop the birth control pill. These acts against Third World people in the U.S. as well as abroad will continue to go unchecked until people recognize that unity is our only weapon to combat injustices. This is why Third World people must continue to unite to defeat U.S. imperialism and fight for their fundamental rights as people.

In Vietnam, the South Vietnamese people united to form the National Liberation Front, and later the Provisional Revolutionary Government to oppose U.S. imperialism. The formation of a coalition of over 20 different groups in South Vietnam, was the first logical step in determining the kind of government the Vietnamese desire for themselves. The PRG, now recognized by over 30 countries, is the government the Vietnamese have fought so long and hard for. The PRG has given form to the unity and political power of the Vietnamese people, and with the PRG, the Vietnamese people will win.

Hiroshima and Vietnam are not isolated events, but the result of the system of imperialism. Indian Reservations and Japanese Concentration Camps are not isolated events, but part of the system of racism in the U.S. - the same racism that is part of imperialism abroad. People in America



are recognizing that the war in Vietnam is a struggle against U.S. imperialism, the same force we face here at home.

In the spirit of unity, let us join the struggle to free Asians and other Third World people from imperialism.

THE US GOVERNMENT MUST:

★ **Stop The Genocide of Asian
People**

★ **Dismantle
The WMIR**

★ **Sign The
7 Point
Peace
Proposal**

