

Faculty Member Praises Nixon Vietnam Policy

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This letter is in answer to your article: "Fonda Expounds Upon Asian Travels."

To the Editor:

On July 28, Jane Fonda returned to the United States from the capital of the enemy who has killed and wounded over 350,000 Americans on the battlefields of Southeast Asia. While in Hanoi, she made many broadcasts which were monitored and transcribed by the Foreign Broadcast Information Service of the Federal Government. In one of them she said that she "was completely impressed by the Vietnamese people's solidarity and mutual sympathy and their determination to materialize President Ho Chi Minh's testament and bring the anti-United States aggression for national salvation to complete victory." Broadcasting to United States aircraft carriers July 17, she said: "The men who are ordering you to use these weapons are war criminals...Why do you do this? Why do you follow orders telling you to destroy a hospital or bomb the schools?" On July 22, again broadcasting to pilots, she said: "If they told you the truth you wouldn't fight, you wouldn't kill."

Of course, no one is giving American pilots orders to destroy hospitals or bomb schools. But these and other broadcasts by Jane Fonda seemed to me in clear violation of Section 2387 of Title 18 of the United States Code which provides that "whoever, with intent to interfere with, impair, or influence the morale, or discipline of the military or naval forces of the

United States: (1) advises, counsels, urges, or in any manner causes or attempts to cause insubordination, disloyalty, mutiny or refusal of duty" is breaking the law. Why hasn't the Attorney General of the United States not prosecuted Jane Fonda for the violation of this section of United States Code?

Next came the spectacle of former Attorney-General Ramsey Clark, who went to Hanoi via Moscow after receiving a "high-level briefing on Vietnamese affairs" from the United States State Department August 8. He was invited by two Soviet "peace" apparatuses--the World Peace Council and the Stockholm Conference on Vietnam International Liaison Committee--specifically to investigate United States "war crimes." Clark, having been Attorney-General, knows full well that the World Peace Council, formed in 1949, played a major part in spreading the false "germ warfare" charges against us in the Korean War and that it included such well-known Communist personages as W.E.B. DuBois, Herbert Aptheker, Paul Robeson and Howard Fast.

A government cannot commit men to combat, risking and all too often experiencing death, wounds and imprisonment, and not be asked with growing vehemence why the tormentors and detractors of these fighting men and those who play the enemy's

game are allowed to run free and do exactly as they please.

Millions of Americans watching the Republican National Convention saw and heard the Logan Act, which prohibits negotiations by private citizens with a foreign power, during his visit to Hanoi. Since Senator Goldwater said that his speech was made at the request and with the approval of President Nixon, why then has the President's own Justice Department not already asked for the indictment of Clark for the violation of law which Senator Goldwater rightly charged him with?

Now word has been received that at a secret court session August 14 all charges against a Soviet Agent, arrested by the FBI while carrying classified documents on the Navy's new F-14A Tomcat fighter plane, were dropped following consultations between the State and Justice Departments. It would seem that the leadership of both presently major parties in this country no longer regards espionage, incitement to mutiny, and private dealings with enemy government in time of war, as crimes deserving punishment.

I just don't believe the American people see it that way.