

Peace Groups Want Hanoi Victory

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Retalitory bombing strikes have been renewed, as the result of the now-in-progress full scale invasion of South Vietnam by the North Vietnamese. Consequently, Nixon critics are springing up quicker than dandelions in July.

It should be expected that when given the ammunition to damage the credibility of the existing party in office, the opposing party will use it to its utmost. The Democrats, maintaining political form, are taking full advantage of this seemingly escalation of the war. With the

exception of a few, especially Kennedy and McGovern, the Democrats who choose to criticize national policy, do so tactfully and with little or no dam-

age to the U.S. bargaining power in Vietnam. Such actions are done for party benefit and should not be considered as anti-American or Communistic.

However, the same can not be said for many administration critics who congregate under the disguise of some so called peace groups, the Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice being one such organization.

Those of this organization and others of their ilk, while implying through their title they are for peace, in actuality are in favor of nothing short of Hanoi victory and humiliation of the United States as proven by their announced goals and demands.

While demanding that the United States retreat from Southeast Asia, stripping those countries of all military and economic aid, never have these lovers of peace so much as even requested the North Vietnamese to cease their occupation of the nations of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and South Vietnam and return to their own country.

For peace to exist in Southeast Asia, hostilities must cease on both sides. Until Hanoi is convinced that the American people cannot be misled by the propaganda of North Vietnamese supports in the U.S. and until Hanoi is shown that America will not abandon its allies

without first the insurance of a fair and lasting peace, the war will wage on. Peace is always desirable but achieving it requires a give and take exchange. The U.S. has given enough, the hope for peace now lies in the hands of Hanoi.