

# The Peace Warriors

Last night in the UMHE chapel over ninety people met to decide the direction for Saturday's anti-war demonstration to take place at the Army football game. The demonstration was sparked by the announcement earlier this week that General William Westmoreland will attend the game.

Mrs. Betty Munson led the discussion and outlined four purposes for the rally: 1) Westmoreland is an ideal symbolic target because he led the war effort during the terms of two presidents; 2) Vietnamization is an effort to prolong the war, not end it, and it is an effort to take the fire out of the protest movement; 3) people are still frustrated and indignant that the war is continuing and expanding; and 4) a protest effort will show the rest of the nation that there is dissension in "Nixon territory," a painfully absent fact when President Nixon visited Kansas State last week.

The sentiment throughout the hour-and-a-half long meeting was that the demonstration must be peaceful . . . that violence would only play into the hands of those who support the war and would like to repress dissent.

It's doubtful that anyone's mind will be changed by the protest. University football is a mania in this state which easily outranks involvement in political action — take as evidence the fact that the spring varsity game drew three times the crowd that the peace rally attracted last May.

Predicting the reactions of the 66,000 who will attend the game is not an easy matter. Undoubtedly there will be many students and adults who sympathize with the protestors and share their sense of despair. There will probably be an even larger group of men and women who have prejudged the protestors and any protest action will serve to reinforce their prejudices.

Optomistically there will be a third group who will be impressed by the fact that dissent is being expressed in a non-violent manner. Too many people equate protest at Nebraska University with the violence and bombings occurring on other campuses.

This false impression is dangerous because it is conducive to the use of police or national guard troops when they are not needed. And one of the main factors that kept last May's occupation of the ROTC building non-violent was the fact that the students were not confronted with either the city police or the national guard.

Hopefully, most of the fans will leave the game with the understanding that at Nebraska the violence takes place on the football field and not on the rest of the campus.

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"No, it's not chicken soup . . . but you're getting warm."

## Some pertinent questions for Vice President Ky

by FRANK MANKIEWICZ and TOM BRADEN

Unless he experiences a last-minute change of heart, Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky of South Vietnam will be in our midst within the week, to speak at a far-right "victory" rally at the Washington Monument grounds.

The rally is sponsored by the Rev. Carl McIntyre, a fundamentalist radio pitchman who has characterized the Nixon Administration this year as "soft on communism" and has termed the President's Vietnamization policy a "sellout."

In Saigon, officials close to President Thieu are writing their American friends that Ky's motives in speaking here are "to undermine both presidents, Nixon and Thieu."

If Ky makes himself available to U.S. journalists, here is a suggested list of questions that might be asked, all based on material previously made public, either in the U.S. or Vietnamese press:

1. — Mr. Vice President, how do you account for the \$15,000 per week you personally receive from the receipts of the Saigon race track? You have told us your people are fully mobilized for this war; if that is the case, just who goes to the races every day so as to enable the track to show a profit sufficient to pay you? (In 1967, Ky

admitted he was receiving this money and said he used it from time to time to pay disabled veterans. He had, up to that time, paid out the total sum of \$65 for this purpose.)

2. — Your protege, Gen. Do Cao Tri, has been much praised this year as the "Tiger of Cambodia" for his leadership of your troops there. What was his final explanation for the package he sent to Hong Kong earlier this year which was unexpectedly opened in customs and found to contain 71 million piasters in cash (official U.S. equivalent: \$600,000)? Why would anyone want to send that many piasters out of the country, where they were practically worthless, unless to be used illegally — or by the enemy — for purchases back in South Vietnam?

3. — Mr. Vice President, your old comrade, Gen. Dang Van Quang, is back in office as chief of intelligence. When you and he shared power as members of the "Military Revolutionary Council," he was the commander of IV Corps until dismissed for corruption. Did he ever make restitution for the money he took from his own soldiers?

4. — What about your other colleague from the old days of the council, Gen Cao Van Vien, now the South Vietnamese chief of staff? Do he and his wife still lease government-owned real

estate to Americans? Do they still own bordello hotels at the recreation center at Nha Trang?

5. — Mr. Vice President, why was your mother-in-law, Mme Hoang, who owns a string of "resorts" in Saigon, permitted to be the sole bidder on a construction contract at an air base to be used by the United States?

6. — Finally, Mr. Vice President, what about that old smuggling rap? Back in 1964, when the CIA had set you up as the "commander" of a fictitious airline to fly South Vietnamese agents into the North, you were fired for using the planes to smuggle opium and gold from Laos. Whatever happened to the 250 pounds of gold and the 450 pounds of opium which were seized? And your collaborator, Gen. Loc, who was fired as a result of the exposure from his post as director-general of customs in Saigon — did he ever get his old job back?

These questions may seem lighthearted, but Gen. Ky is not. He has grown rich and powerful from this war, not from plundering his own people — whom he has more than once betrayed — but ours. He will stand in the shadow of the monuments to Lincoln and Washington, and lecture us on our responsibilities. Americans, to our shame, will applaud him.