

The Indochina Story

All the facts available to print

Without American intervention in Cambodia, a University instructor would never have helped write an outspoken anti-war handbook, "The Indochina Story."

"It became apparent that no single book covered the situation," John Dower, a history instructor specializing in modern Japan, said.

As a result, the Committee of Concerned Asian Scholars (CCAS) of which Dower is a member, began lecturing and printing fact sheets. From this work came the idea for the book.

"People needed a source, with facts, and it wasn't there," he said. "Both pro- and anti-war groups showed a desire for a book explaining

U.S. involvement in Indochina."

"Publishers for Peace," asked for a "solid, scholarly anti-war book," Dower said. Bantam Books agreed to rush the book into print before the Nov. 3 election. A first printing of 100,000 was released Oct. 1, after two months of writing.

Dower said the government has not listened to criticisms in "The Indochina Story" which would require a re-evaluation of social processes and past government policies.

The United States would have to stop propping up governments in Asia simply because they are anti-Communist, Dower explained. It also would require an admission of grave errors that have made U.S. foreign policy inviable for the past 25 years, he added.

More than 35 Asian scholars helped to write "The Indochina Story." Dower said the book is a comprehensive and carefully documented handbook on American involvement in Indochina.

"I feel the war in Indochina has deep roots, and is not the result of step-by-step mistakes," Dower said. These roots include racism, a stereotyped, shallow understanding of 'Communism' in Asia and a misunderstanding of the Chinese revolution," he added.

The failure to acknowledge the consequences of the war, he said, is "a blot on United States history — a very, very black chapter. It has not been simply a series of mistakes — that's what is so tragic."

Some Asian scholars attending a 1968 meeting of the Association of Asian Studies in Philadelphia formed the CCAS. The group aims, Dower said, to speak out against the Indochina War, to re-examine American involvement in Asia and to evaluate Asian studies.

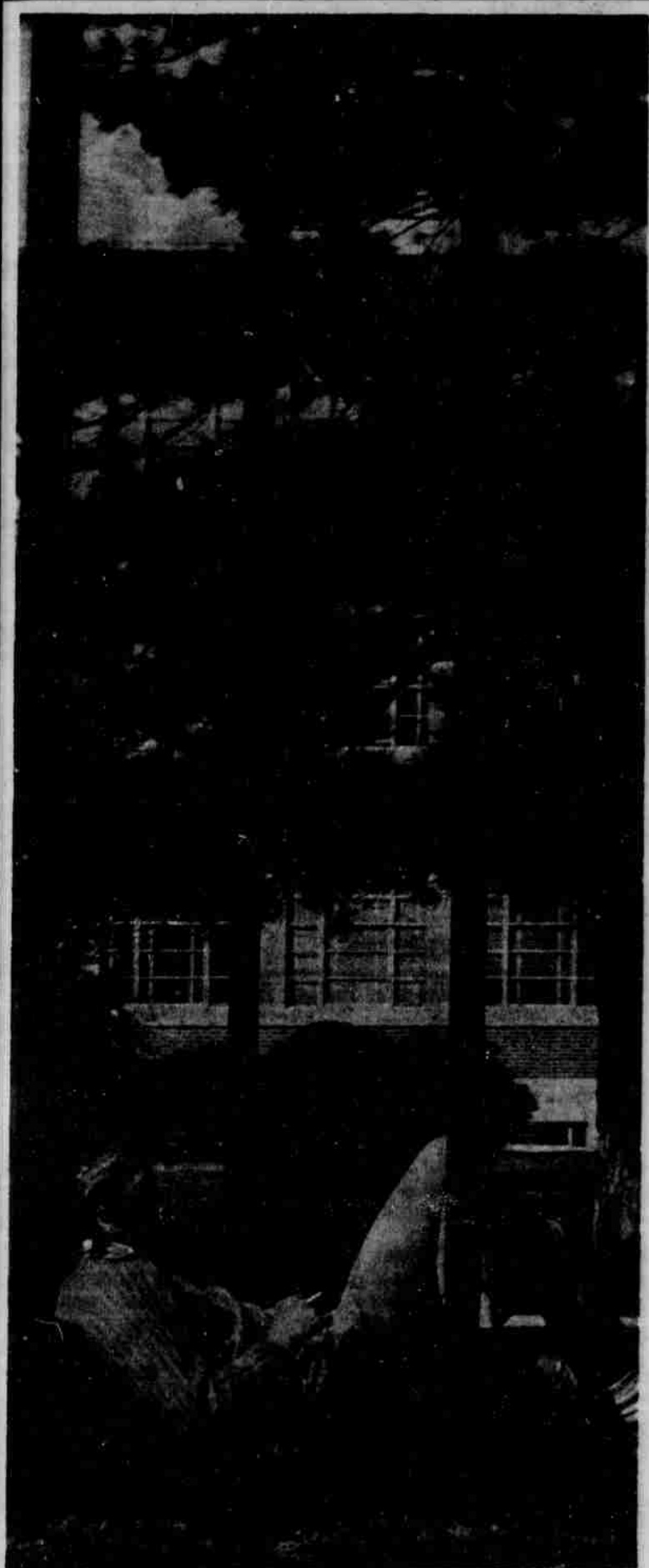
Later this year, a hardcover edition of "The Indochina Story" will be published by Pantheon Books, a division of Random House.

Block & Bridle places third

The University of Nebraska Block and Bridle Club ranked third in club activities at the annual meeting of the National Block and Bridle Club held in Chicago Nov. 28-29.

Of the 21 clubs entered, the University also earned honorable mention for their annual yearbook.

The NU club has a total of 131 members. Professor R. B. Warren, NU Assistant professor of Animal Science is national vice-president of Block and Bridle.



Student in defined space

Centennial asks new applicants

The Centennial Educational Program invites applicants for a limited number of students to join the program beginning the second semester 1970-71. A spokesman emphasized that there are only a small number of openings and that they will be filled by random selection from among the applicants.

Most of the openings are for students who wish to live in the Centennial College. Deadline for receipt of applications is December 15. Additional information is available at the Centennial College office in Women's Residence Hall.

Livestock team eighth in judging

The University livestock judging team ranked eighth in competition with 37 other teams during the International Livestock Show held in Chicago Nov. 27-Dec. 2.

Team members brought home a shorthorn trophy and 5th place prize in beef judging. In individual competition, Steve Jarchow ranked 10th in beef judging, and Glenn Selk placed 9th in sheep judging.

The students are coached by Professor R. B. Warren, NU Assistant professor of Animal Science.

Environmental booklet available

Washington (CPS) — The Environmental Law Institute has published the first edition of the Environmental Law Digest. Available for \$1, it contains the most authoritative listing to date of law cases dealing with the environment.

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