# War Hearing

Below is a letter to all Nebraskans and a schedule of events for Wednesday's open hearing on the war.

Unlike a year ago, these events have been well planned and well organized. There should be no confusion as to what's going on. People, Nebraskans, will be talking about the war Wednesday afternoon.

For the hearing, the faculty has been asked to dismiss classes and students have been asked to listen and participate in the debate. But the entire slate of events remains optional. Nobody will be forced to go, no faculty

members will be required to cancel their classes. But simply because there is no coercion involved like last year, it does not mean that there isn't the commitment of a year ago. The commitment is still there. It's still there because the war is still there. And despite talk of winding down the war, soldiers are still dying. Men are still being drafted. Nebraskans are still

fighting in Vietnam. We owe it to those who have died and those who are fighting to find out why. Why the killing, why the hate, why the blood?

Mick Moriety

## An open letter

Dear Nebraskans,

The senseless and immoral war in Indochina continues to take the lives of American boys. The Vietnamese people and their farming land continues to be destroyed. The corrupt military dictatorship of Ky and Thieu continues to be supported by the U. S. government-who calls such demagogues our "friends and allies." Inflation and unemployment in our country continue to rise-while badly needed tax dollars flow to the Indochina war. American P.O.W,'s remain captive in North Vietnam. Hanoi says these prisoners can be released as soon as Nixon announces a definite date for the total withdrawal of U.S. troops. Yet Nixon says we shall stay in Vietnam as long as Hanoi has any of our soldiers captive

THIS WAR is destroying the economy and spirit of America. Recent polls show that a "vocal majority" now wish to get out of Vietnam more rapidly than is being done by Nixon. Yet Nixon insists the "silent majority" of Americans support his policy. He has said that he does not intend to be the firstPresident to see "this country suffer a humiliating

For these reasons, the Coalition for Peace and Justice will sponsor the following activities for Wednesday, May 5. We urge all Nebraskans to participate in this day of Memorial

(1) A silent vigil in front of the Terminal Building at 10th and "O" Streets -- Time: 10:30 A.M.

(2) A memorial service for all those killed in Indochina, at Kent State, and Jackson state Time: 12 noon, Place: Nebraska Union Mall.

(3) A peaceful march (calling for an immediate end to the war in Indochina) from the Union to the Nebraska State Capitol Bldg.-Time: 1 P.M., Place: Nebraska Union (4) Public and informal hearing on Nebraska State Senator DeCamps's Resolution 32 calling on Congress and Nixon to withdraw all U. S. troops from Vietnam by April 1, 1972. DeCamp is a Vietnam veteran. Both pro and con positions will be heard on DeCamp's resolution. Time: 1:30 P.M., Place: northern steps of Capitol Building. Coalition for Peace

and Justice



William F. Buckley, Jr.

# Whittier kid to quit?

LOS ANGELES -Traveling about, you run into an extraordinary number of people who believe that Richard Nixon will not run for re-election. No doubt they think this because of the great precedent set by Lyndon Johnson (although Harry Truman did the same thing). But even if you remind them how unusual was the abdication of LBJ, they will tell you that Nixon will go the

They reason that Nixon is above all else a shrewd spring he will know more surely than anyone that the presidential chapter of his life is closing ineluctably; and that therefore he will seek to adjust himself accordingly. He will (they are saying) thereupon announce that he will not run again, so as to devote himself (the script of LBJ's exactly) to presiding over the orderly liquidation of the Vietnam war. That way (they argue) he can present the next President with a pacified world, a dollar that has ceased to shrink in value, an unemployment figure on the decline. This is good earnest money on the public esteem of one's countrymen, and a bid for high marks from the historians-better by far than to have everything you accomplish washed away in the bitterness of a campaign, and the ignominy of defeat. All very well.

Except that anyone who talks that way knows nothing at all about Richard Nixon. Mr. Nixon, it is commonly accepted, is a driven man. But after all - they remind you he did not try to take the nomination in 1964: does he not permit his sense of mission to adjust to political reality? Yes he does. But in fact he went as far as he thought he could to get the nomination in 1964, and it was only after the Governors' Conference in Cleveland that he realized that Goldwater could not be stopped.

But the existing situation is black and white. Either he runs for re-election or he does not There are those of whom Johnson is an excellent example, who could not stand the prospect of rejection by the voters. Nixon is not the same kind of man. He will be greatly offended, greatly disappointed if the voters reject him. But the prospect of that hurt, that disappointment, would never cause him to take a position simply because it would spare him the possibility of that hurt; much as a fatalistic

thought that duty commanded otherwise, avoid a particular target merely because he knew that anti-aircraft fire was

heaviest in that area. Mr. Nixon will run even if his Gallup rating has dropped to 20 per cent. He will run very hard, very emotionally (because he believes that the issues are in part emotional, as indeed they are, having much to do with the place of the human heart in contemporary

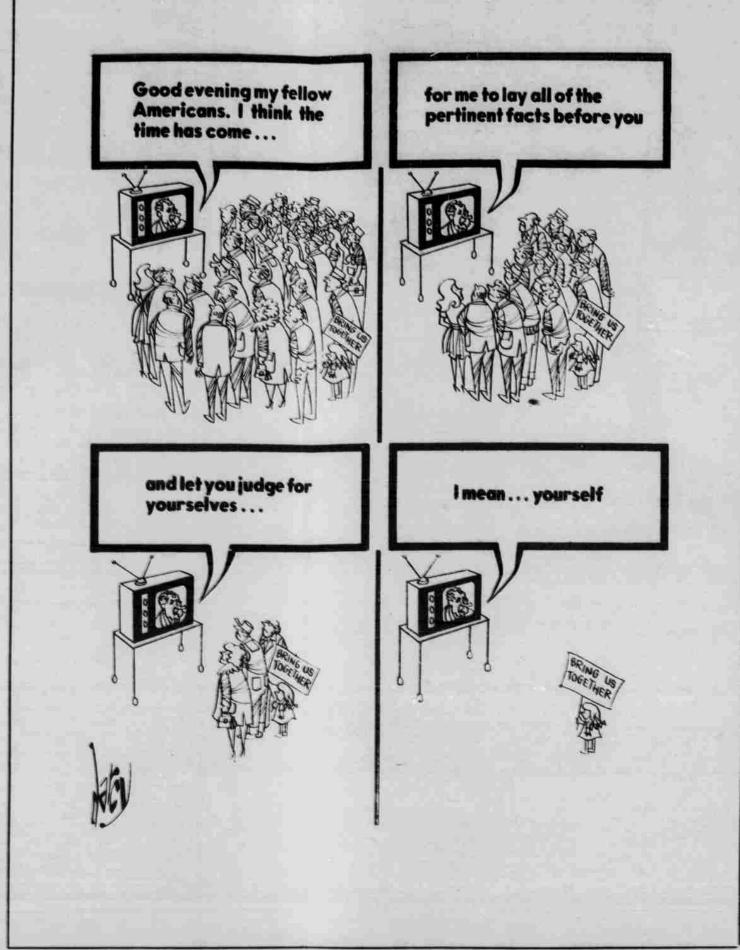
It is altogether another question whether he retains his old political knowhow. We are dealing with someone who has never lost a Republican primary. Will it be so in 1972? Will he run as strong as an incumbent President as he did as aspirant? Will he know how to bring alive the issues the voters care most about at this moment? Will he be significantly challenged?

Congressman Paul McCloskey of California, as everybody knows, intends to challenge Mr. Nixon in New Hampshire, McCarthy-style. Mr. McCloskey is running, in fact, on the single issue of Vietnam, and gives no indication what he will do if Vietnam is simply not much of an issue by March of 1972. My own guess

is that Mr. McCloskey will in that event find another issue to run on, the fever having got him. There is talk in California (it is uninformed talk) that Ronald Reagan will challenge Nixon. It is uninformed because Mr. Reagan knows that you cannot challenge an incumbent Republican President, as a general rule; and as a practical matter, never when the differences between your own and his programs would strike most of the voters

The other conjecture-that

Mr. Nixon will ask Mr. Reagan to come along as vice President-is more interesting It may be that Mr. Agnew's day will be over; that like Manolete, he will have killed the bull which, however, also will have succeeded in killing him. In that event, Mr. Agnew would not be able to deliver the help in marginal states that Reagan could deliver. Moreover unlike the men around FDR, Mr. Agnew is the kind of person who would step aside without a thought if he believed that by doing so he would help the national ticket. But he would not step aside in deference to someone less appealing than he to the southern and border states. whose vote is critical. So who



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## More information on abortions

Dear editor, In response to the article "An Ugly Solution" (abortion) in last Thursday's paper, I think it is important for students to know more of the background of this theological

Lincoln, Omaha and some other towns in Nebraska have close to 50 counselors in the Problem Pregnancy Counseling Association. This group is a part of the National Clergy Consultation Service with counseling groups in 28 states. Of the 800 to 1,000 counselors throughout the country, approximately 75 per cent are clergymen of all religious persuasions and the other 25 per cent are social workers and

Nebraska? Why would any

counselor or doctor or

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Dear editor. concerned lay-people. All counselors go through a period of orientation and on-going training and work closely with doctors, psychiatrists and social agencies in their Why would a doctor in New York care about a girl in

attorney be willing to jeopardize their reputation in so controversial an area as abortion? We believe there are people who care in all parts of our country in all walks of life.

Some states have an anti-abortion group called "Friends of the Foetus" - the only real friend the foetus needs is a willing, mature and joyous mother. I would agree with Father Hain that the just concern should be on the child's life - and add - the environment into which that child is born.

#### For the mother and the child, (Ms.) Twig Daniels Executive Director YWCA Moral or Scientific?

Contrary to Father Hain's contention (Daily Nebraskan, 29 April), it is not a scientific question as to whether the fetus is human at the time of conception or only later. The scientific answer must be, before conception! The egg and sperm are just as human as the lettilized egg, and nobody makes any commotion about murdering millions or billions of sperm. Even Father Hain is

who have had children. Can he say that the sperm that chanced to be used for fertilization have any more civil rights than the ones that didn't? I can't let the theologians off the hook that easily. So you see that we are left to our own judgement, or to the judgement of our ancestors, as to the morality of the question of abortion. Conception, contraception and abortion are only means to an end, and we have to decide what that end is, Is life so sacred that every woman should have as many pregnancies that she is physically capable of? Is it immoral to want to provide a decent life for one's children? Can the world support an unlimited number of people? The question of the morality of abortion is keeping us from attacking the important questions of the world of tomorrow, and the sooner we purge ourselves of this hang-up, the better off our children will be.

guilty of that, although only

slightly less so than those of us

John H. McClendon Associate Professor of Botany

Mankiewicz and Braden

# The Democrats' Connally problem

WASHINGTON--In a moment of friendly banter, Sen. Fred Harris (D-Okla.) once summed up President Nixon's new secretary of the treasury as follows: "John Connally is taller than Nixon; he's better looking than Nixon; he's smarter than Nixon; he comes on stronger than Nixon. That's why he'll never replace Agnew as Nixon's vice-presidential nominee."

Sen. Harris' point was that in an era of image comparison, it would be to Nixon's disadvantage to have someone on his ticket who out-images him. Still, the rumor persists in Washington that John Connally has hinted for Spiro Agnew's place on the ticket next year. Last week, Connally turned in a public performance which Agnew could never have

THE OCCASION was the convention of the chamber of commerce, and Connally managed a political speech containing strong language about his former associates in the Democratic Party while appearing as a nonpartisan expert in finance.

It was a difficult trick. If Spiro Agnew had said that Administration critics were "acting out of political considerations," that certain well-known economists "were once close to power and long to return to it," that a number of Democratic presidential aspirants "have let their rhetoric rule their reason," his speech would have been headlines, "Agnew Attacked Democrats." But Connally managed to say all these things and still preserve an air of friendly, jocular understanding. He excused his fellow-Democrats: "They really know better ...the 1972 presidential campaign is already underway. Consequently, his headlines were all about dollars and To be fair to Vice President

Agnew, Connally had a real subject to discuss. The President's proposal to reduce business taxes by \$3 billion annually is a natural for a chamber of commerce crowd. Moreover, the subject-as they say in Washington was "hard"-meaning it has money in it. Poor Agnew always draws "soft subjects." Only last week, he was required to compare Averell Harriman, the senior statesman of the Democratic Party with Marxist philosopher Herbert Marcuse on the sole basis that they are both in their 70s. To use one of President Nixon's favorite expressions, it was "a cheap shot." By contrast, Connally appears the statesman.

THE CONNALLY SPEECH worried Democrats. They think the Administration proposal is clearly inflationary and is class legislation. It would appreciate businessmen to depreciate items of new equipment three to four times faster than they can now. They think it amounts to a \$3 billion handout in a time of recession to those who need it least.

Moreover, they argue, the bonus to business will not create badly needed jobs, but will probably take some away because most equipment purchases will be labor-saving.

Democrats would prefer-if the President has an extra \$3 billion to spend-that he spend

jobs. Sen. Muskie (D-Me.) argues that the Connally proposal is illegal-that the President does not have power to change the tax schedule without going through Congress. He has, moreover, revealed that a Treasury Department memorandum to the White House made precisely this point. Nixon

rejected it, and Connally went

MUSKIE IS WORKING on a variation of John Kennedy's investment tax credit which would put a primary emphasis on the purchase of expansionary equipment rather

But Democrats are wary of taking on John Connally. He is Lyndon Johnson's protege. He was the Democratic governor of Texas; he has political power in a key state; he has allies among Southern Democrats whom the party must woo to win. Moreover if they take him on, they build him up. Sen. Harris may be right in his psychological assessment that the President would not want the

larger-than-life-size Connally

on the same platform. But a

counter-psychology is at work.

It is that Democrats, too,

prefer Agnew.

**Peoplewantpeace** so much that one of these days governments had better get out of their way and let them have it.'

- President Dwight D. Eisenhower, August 1952



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