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Antiwar speakers seek peace goals

By Nancy Stohs

"Politics always tries to make you choose between A and B. You're either on the side of God or Satan. You're either a revolutionary or you support the Pentagon. We have to realize you can find third, fourth and fifth choices...We have to find non-lethal ways to resolve conflict."

This is what the War Resisters League is concentrating on now that the Southeast Asian conflict is over, according to member Igal Roodenko Wednesday at a press conference at UNL.

Roodenko and Bob Mayer, another member, are at UNL as part of a Midwest tour to publicize the opening of their regional office this September at Kansas City, Mo.

Mayer said the antiwar movement of the 60s is shifting from radical activism at universities to a community-based "grass roots" movement.

Speeches to Rotary clubs, and traveling to small towns to educate the public have replaced isolated demonstrations, he said.

Mayer said the league, formed in 1923, is now focusing on the issues of amnesty, establishing a nonviolent society and postwar problems in Saigon.

"We're trying to take the things America pays lip service to and says, 'Let's do it,'" Roodenko said.

Mayer said amnesty should extend not only to America's half million deserters, but also to Lt. William Calley, convicted of charges from the My Lai massacre.

"The whole Vietnam war era did justice to no one," Roodenko said.

Referring to the current Saigon government, Mayer said the \$145 million given in military aid this year by the U.S. actually goes to keep Le Duc Tho's government in power.

This includes the holding of 100,000 political prisoners for speaking out against the government, he said.

Roodenko said he is for limiting the military in society, not abolishing it.

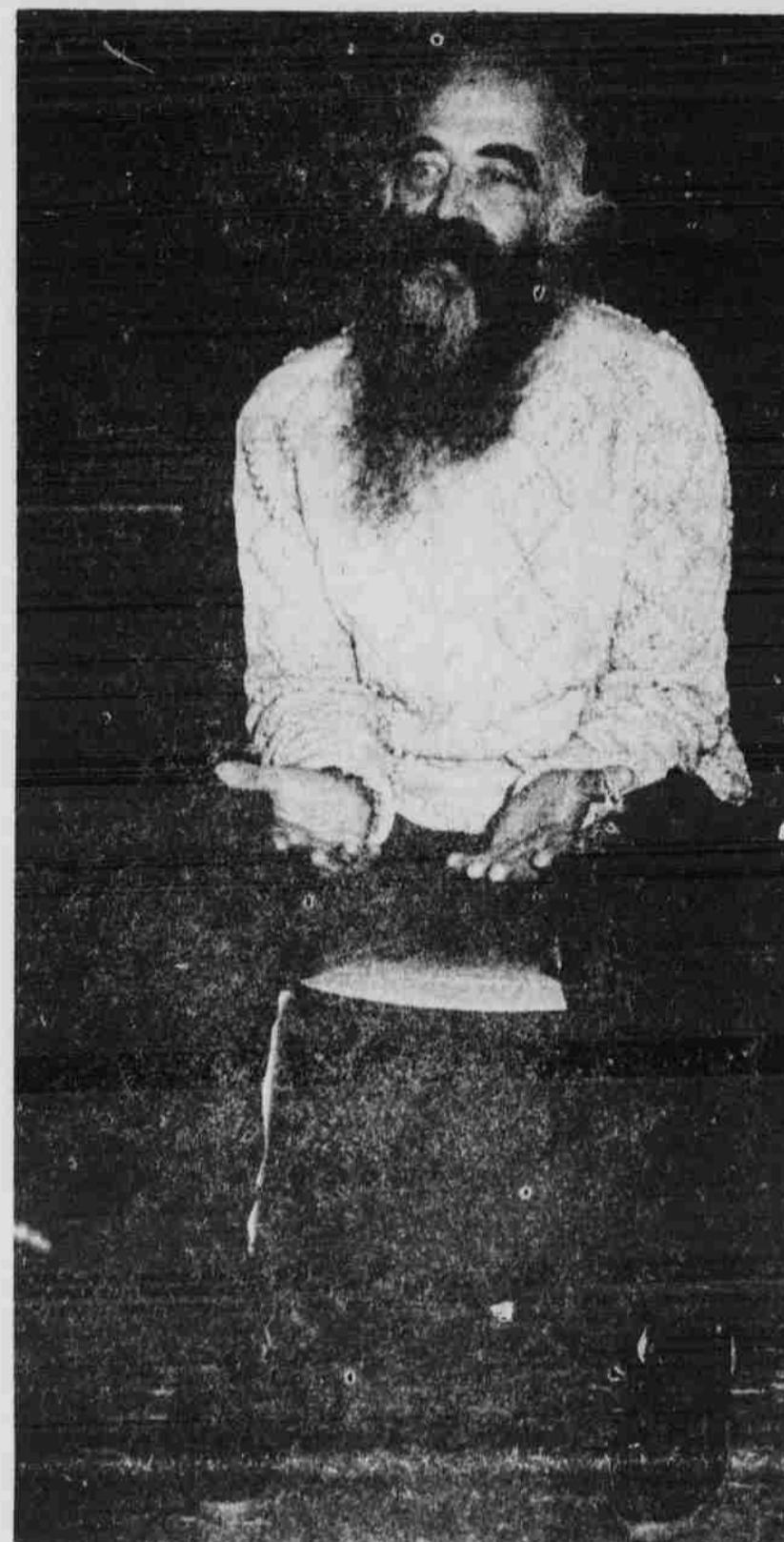
"There may be times when war is justified, but under no real circumstances could I trust anyone to make that decision in advance," he said. "Then you become trigger happy."

He said it is too easy for government to reach for military hardware when it's there rather than to search for alternatives.

Establishing a nonviolent society has to start with the assumption that every human being is doing the best he can, despite all his blindness and prejudices, Roodenko said.

The opposite assumption only intensifies conflicts, he said.

Roodenko and Mayer will show the film "The Pentagon Papers" in the Nebraska Union Small Auditorium at 3:30 p.m.



War Resisters League member Igal Roodenko

RHA to file suit

The Daily Nebraskan learned late Wednesday that the Residence Hall Association (RHA) will file suit against the University of Nebraska, the Housing Office and individual complex and residence hall directors in connection with visitation and alcohol proposals.

According to Carolyn Grice, RHA president, the group will file suit in federal district court in the next few days. Named as defendants in the suit will be individual regents and other university officials.

John Stevens Berry, a Lincoln attorney, is handling the suit for RHA, Grice said. She said the suit still is being revised and that a final draft had not been completed.

The Daily Nebraskan had earlier been told that the suit would be filed today, but Grice confirmed that was not probable.

RHA member Ron Sindelar said that filing the suit would not cancel other efforts being made by RHA to settle differences of opinion regarding visitation policies. Sindelar said it mainly was a matter of expediency that the suit was filed.

Rodeo team saddled by no funding, no coach

By Andy Riggs

Yaaahoo!

The UNL rodeo team is driving toward another roundup. Members are on a 1000-mile trip driving their own cars and pulling their own horse trailers with their own horses in them.

"We really have a financial gripe since we pay for everything," team member Amy Whitaker said. "We get no support from the university and rodeo is an intercollegiate sport."

Team members must pay \$30 dues yearly to the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Assn. (NIRA) in order to compete in the rodeos they participate in. They also pay \$20 for each rodeo event entered.

The team competes in the Great Plains Rodeo Region, consisting of Nebraska, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Missouri. The team participates in rodeos in all these states. It competes against teams that give athletic scholarships for rodeo teams and have rodeo coaches. Nebraska has no coaches or scholarships.

"We have advisors, but as far as training goes, we do it all ourselves," Whitaker said.

There are eight men and six women on the team according to Whitaker. The men compete in saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, bareback riding, calf roping, bull riding and ribbon

roping. The women compete in barrel racing, goat tying and breakaway roping.

"We practice at the East Campus rodeo arena, and keep the animals there. Practice is whenever we have time. Some days we might only have time to feed the horses. Other days we practice three or four hours," she said.

On weekends when the team travels to different rodeos, arrangements must be made with teachers to miss classes Friday and Monday, she said. The team leaves on Fridays and prepares for the two day rodeos. She said UNL professors "understand most of the time."

"Sometimes they want to know

what is more important, school or the rodeos. Team members seem to feel rodeo is pretty important, since they spend around \$500 a year on a sport that many universities pay for," she said.

She said that she believed the university just tolerated the team and didn't support it.

The team will attend ten rodeos this year. One of them is at UNL in the spring.

The bright side is the social life, according to Whitaker, who said members in the Great Plains Region are close friends. The team members

get together with members from the other colleges for a party following the rodeo.

"It makes it worthwhile to meet new people and see old friends at the rodeos," she said.

The team results have been good this year, she said. The women's team, consisting of three members, was in second place in the region a few weeks ago and the men's team is doing well, also.

"I just wish we could get more well-known so people would support what we're doing. We would really appreciate it," she said.

