PROTEST

AT KY'S VISIT

Despite angry public reaction, the Holt Government has proceeded with its invitation to Air Vice Marshal Ky to tour Australia.

The Save Our Sons Movement subscribes to the official press statement issued by the Vietnam Project Committee (of which we are part). A copy enclosed sets out the views of the Committee.

Perhaps the Government hoped that short notice, the usual shut-down over the holiday period and some uncertainty about times and itinerary would deter organisation for protests.

However, with no less a person than Mr. Calwell making a call for demonstrations, plans were quickly started to organise effective protests.

These will be nationwide, and our counterparts in other States have also reacted quickly.

For Sydney, and other cities in N.S.W., it is planned to hold a demonstration in Canberra and also in Sydney. Details are outlined in the circular issued by the Vietnam Project Committee, which is also enclosed.

Would members intending to go to Canberra please advise Mrs. Pert (80-2766) or Mrs. Outhred (86-4363)? If you require transport, please advise. If you have your own transport, please let us know if you can accommodate others.

Please roll up, with family and friends, to the Sydney demonstration. Meantime, if you can help with preparations, please ring 211-0077.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 7.45 p.m. General Meeting, S.O.S. at 17 Parker St. City.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2 p.m. General Meeting, S.O.S. at 17 Parker St. City.
FEBRUARY INTAKE OF CONSCRIPTS

On February 1, at Marrickville Army Barracks, will take place the first intake of conscripts since the Federal Elections.

The Government has already indicated that its commitment to Vietnam will entail more troops, and conscripts are the tragic victims of this policy.

S.O.S. believes it is more than ever necessary to maintain effective protest at conscription for Vietnam. The 42% who voted against Government policy, and whose views have been ignored, must be increased to a substantial majority in opposition. As more parents and boys are affected, we believe they will inquire more deeply into the issues involved. S.O.S. presence and activity can provide the point of contact.

So, on February 1, commencing at 8.30 a.m. and continuing until 1.30 p.m., we will be conducting our usual silent vigil at Marrickville.

Will you make a special effort to attend - and bring others?

The Depot is in Addison Road, Marrickville. Those travelling from the city can get bus 448, destination Canterbury Station, which runs from Circular Quay along Pitt Street and passes the Army Barracks.

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CONGRATULATIONS, BILL WHITE!

One of the nicest Christmas presents ever, came the way of Bill White, his fiancee, Claire, his family and the entire anti-conscription and anti-Vietnam movement, when he won his re-application for conscientious objection.

The results crowded months of personal courage and sacrifice on the part of Bill and his family, and of vigorous campaigning by anti-conscriptionists, with the specially formed Bill White Defence Committee doing a wonderful job.

Forcibly seized by the army, and incurring successive penalties for refusal to obey army law, Bill White nevertheless was finally discharged with army pay of $40. This he immediately handed over to the Bill White Defence Committee for aid to other conscientious objectors.

S.O.S. sent a gift of a Ranleigh Stainless Steel tray to Bill and Claire on their happy wedding occasion on January 6th, with our best wishes for every future happiness.

We feel very proud that from the very beginning of what will go down in history as the BILL WHITE CASE, S.O.S. members were untiring in the campaign in his support.

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MILITARY MEDAL
RETURNED TO THE QUEEN

One of the many individual protests at the treatment of Bill White was made by Mr. D.C. Jacob, J.P. and Military Medal holder during the course of the campaign.

Mr. Jacob, who won his M.M. as a front line soldier in the 1914-18 war, said he was inspired by today's young cadets who refused military training, to send his medal back to the Queen "in protest against the criminal injustice of Australian involvement in the Vietnam war". For the same reason he resigned his commission as a Justice of the Peace.

Mr. Jacob's letter to "The Australian" reporting his actions was never published.

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HOLIDAY WEEK-END CONFERENCE

The Sydney Vietnam Action Committee has invited a comprehensive list of organisations and individuals in Australia and New Zealand to an Anniversary week-end conference.

Titled the "Anti-Vietnam War Anti-Conscription Activists Conference", it will be held commencing Friday, January 27, with a public meeting, and continue over Saturday, Sunday and Monday (Jan. 27-30).

S.O.S. will be sending official delegates, but invite interested members to attend also. For information please contact Mrs. Pert (80-2766), if you can attend one or more sessions.

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WHERE - OH WHERE?

An urgent appeal is again issued for return of S.O.S. sashes used in previous demonstrations.

These are needed for immediate activities, and initial stocks have been sadly depleted - obviously because wearers have taken them home after a demonstration and forgotten to return them to the centre.

Will you please look in your drawers and cupboards for any sashes and let us know if you have one or more in your possession? Ring Mrs. Outhred 86-4363, re arrangements for their return.

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MEMBERSHIP, SUBS. TO NEWSLETTER

Membership of S.O.S is $1 per year, which includes 50¢ for the Newsletter. Subscription to the Newsletter alone is 50¢ annually. Send your membership fee or subscriptions to Mrs. Adele Pert, Secretary, Save Our Sons Movement, 25 Anzac Avenue, Ryde. (80-2766) DONATIONS ARE ALSO WELCOME.

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Result of raffle held by Mrs. J. Elkington - Winner: Mrs. D. Clayton, Windsor St. Woolahra.