

# Shannon To Consider Request For Moratorium

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A promise of "most serious consideration" was all that Student Council President Bud Ogle could extract from President Shannon in reference to Council's unanimous resolution that Mr. Ogle meet with Mr. Shannon to discuss the possible cancellation of classes on October 15, the day of the Vietnam Moratorium.

Mr. Shannon has promised to give Council an answer as soon as possible. Mr. Ogle said that he did not expect an answer before the next meeting of the Board of Visitors.

## Three Alternatives

Three alternatives were discussed by President Shannon and Mr. Ogle. The first was a day-long cancellation of classes on the 15th. Another idea was to have a meeting of the general faculty in order that they might decide. A third possibility was the cancellation of all classes between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the day of the Moratorium.

Plans for local activity are still in the making. Mr. Ogle, a Moratorium leader, said that several congressmen will be speakers. Also, a former Goldwater speechwriter and adviser, Karl Hess, will be at the University on October 15. Mr. Hess is currently working against the war.

Depending on whether or not classes are cancelled, Moratorium events may include a rally at the Rotunda, teach-ins, large discussion groups and seminars. "A number of top Univer-

sity professors have expressed an interest in participating," Mr. Ogle reported.

Mr. Ogle further stated that some Moratorium participants plan to go to Lane High School on October 15 in order to involve interested students there in the action. Several Lane students were present at the organizational meeting of the local Moratorium committee held last week. The chairman of the group is Steve Squire.

## McGovern To Speak

Yesterday, the Student Legal Forum announced that its next speaker will be Senator George McGovern (D-S.D.). Senator McGovern, a long-time critic of the Vietnam war, will speak on Friday, October 10 at 8:30 p.m. The president of the forum, Mike Cardozo, said the speech will take place in Cabell Hall Auditorium.

Nationally, the Moratorium is picking up steam across the country. From an eighth floor office on Vermont Avenue in Washington, the Vietnam Moratorium Committee is promoting its nationwide drive to rejuvenate anti-war sentiment. One floor above, the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam is planning its own strategy. Included is a November 15 "March Against Death" in Washington.

## Moratorium Plans

Moratorium plans at this point include special hourly masses in Georgetown University's Dahlgren Chapel, a mock funeral march through downtown Milwaukee, a bell tolling every four seconds at Bethel College in Kansas. October 15 will be marked by black armbands, marches, rallies, prayer vigils, speeches, teach-ins, poetry readings, radio plugs, newspaper ads and leaflets. In short, organizers hope to make clear their message to President Nixon - it's time to end the war.

At his press conference Friday, Mr. Nixon stated, "Under no circumstances will I be affected by it." Coordinators of the Moratorium reacted to the President's statement with amazement. "This is a deeply disturbing statement, which was surely unintended," said Sam Brown. Mr. Brown, a Moratorium organizer, is a former divinity student at Harvard and McCarthy organizer.

Mr. Brown continued, "President Nixon cannot mean that he will not be affected by

opposition to the war. The other aspect of this statement which is distressing is the degree of isolation which it reflects. It is the kind of rigid stance which contributed so much to the bitterness of debate during the last days of the Johnson administration."

David Hawk, another of the Moratorium's national coordinators and a former McCarthy crusader, said, "The administration seems to be under the impression that students are against the war simply because they or their friends are about to be drafted. In fact students oppose the war because Americans and Vietnamese are dying needlessly and because the war is, in every respect, a disaster for America." Mr. Brown and Mr. Hawk were quoted in Sunday's Washington Post.

The Post article continued, "Although Mr. Nixon may try to ignore the Moratorium, the administration will doubtless take keen note of the breadth and intensity of the turnout, as will Hanoi and the Vietcong, who view American anti-war sentiment as one of their strong suits. Mr. Nixon and his advisers are aware that public opinion at home can play a role in defining their political elbow-room for scheduling troop withdrawals and negotiating in Paris."

## Troop Withdrawal

In any event, Mr. Brown says the Moratorium's goal is the complete withdrawal of all American troops from Vietnam. "We are not looking for a Korea-type settlement," he said at a Saturday news conference.

Leaders of the Vietnam Moratorium and New Mobilization say their renewed peace offensive has yet to zero in on Mr. Nixon the way the earlier drives attacked President Johnson.

Says Mr. Brown, "People have discovered the futility of personalizing the war. You beat one guy and the war goes on. The important thing is to change American policy."

Elsewhere, the Nixon role draws mixed responses. The Student Mobilization Committee to end the War in Vietnam, loosely linked with the New Mobilization Committee and using adjoining office space, is expected to announce a "No Peace for Nixon" drive, with demonstrations at all presidential public appearances until all troops are withdrawn.

A number of peace movement coordinators say the President has shown little or nothing yet which his draft-overhaul proposals, trimmed draft calls and limited troop pullbacks.