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Comment: Agence France Presse reported on 17 April 1967 that the Tribunal is to be held 25 April to 9 May 1967 in the Municipal Theater in the southern Paris suburb of Iasy-les-Moulineux. An 11 April 1967 article in Excelsior, Mexico City daily newspaper, stated that Jean-Paul Sartre had announced that the Tribunal would meet 26 April to 6 May (later postponed) with entry limited to invited individuals and conducted in accordance with "correct" procedure which would prohibit any insulting of a Chief of State. Sartre maintained that the Tribunal would examine two aspects during its Paris session: the guilt of the United States, and the bombing of civilian institutions in Vietnam.

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- General Lazaro Cardenas del Rio, former leftist President of Mexico and member of the International Tribunal which will render judgment on the Vietnam War, will not be present at the inaugural session of the "trial," nor is it probable that he will send a representative, as has been rumored. He has written a letter to Bertrand Russell informing him of the impossibility of his attendance because of his responsibilities in hydraulic work in the region of the Rio Balsas; however, Cardenas indicated earlier that he will be in Paris either during the final sessions of the Tribunal or during the final judgment, with which he will be in accord.
- The Mexican Committee of Solidarity with Vietnam is in possession of the following information regarding the Tribunal: Each national Vietnam

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solidarity committee in the world is to contribute all proof available to whether in the form of photographs, documentation, or live witnesses b1 the United States' crimes in Vietnam. Each committee is to furnish extensive publicity to the people and to propagate news concerning the b3 tribunal, particularly the ultimate conviction. The judgment presumably will be against genocide, committed by President Lyndon Johnson, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, and the military officials in general at the Pentagon. The committees also are to sponsor conferences, expositions, and public rallies to proclaim the condemnatory verdict.

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3. The Tribunal is to be divided into three groups of sessions: the inaugural one in Paris in April; the next in May or June, depending on the amount of time the first session has taken; and the final session will follow closely thereon. The following are the subjects for treatment by the Tribunal.

- a. Aggression on the part of the U.S., New Zealand, South Korea, and Australia.
- b. Use of prohibited, genocidal, cruel, or toxic arms, such as napalm, fragmentation bombs, gases, and chemical products.
- c. Crimes against the civilian population, specifically bombings of hospitals, villages, schools, and zones not considered military objectives, i.e., types of crimes which provoke terror among the civilian population.
- d. Cruelties inflicted by foreign soldiers as well as by the South Vietnamese Army against prisoners: torture and murder, violating the rights agreed upon at Geneva for humane treatment of prisoners.
- e. Acts of genocide by the United States with the aim of extermination of the Vietnamese people; violation of rights by the creation of concentration camps and of forced labor for soldier prisoners and civilians as well.

During the first session in April the first three points described above will be dealt with; in the second session the latter two points will be discussed in addition to hearing witnesses and studying proof of findings on the health of the Vietnamese people as a result of use of gases, bombings, etc.; and the third session will be devoted to deliberation and judgment.