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Invitation to the World Assembly in Paris
For Peace and Independence of the Peoples of Indochina
(Palais des Congrès, Versailles, February 11-13, 1972)

Dear Friends,

This letter is a call for a strong participation in the World Assembly in Paris, February 11-13, 1972.

The moment has come to organize a new world conference in protest against the US war in Indochina, for peace and independence of the Indochinese peoples.

Mr. Nixon still tries to give the impression that he wants peace, that he wants to end this war, which the American people opposes so long. But all his actions aim at the prolongation of the war. In order to be reelected he must seem to want peace, but in reality he hopes to be reelected on a programme of vague promises so that, during his second term he can continue the war. Nixon-Thieu means a long war and endless sufferings for the peoples of Indochina.

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Our Reply!

In open defiance of the Christmas message of Peace on Earth president Nixon has started a new campaign of terror bombing against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, killing and maiming innocent people in a desperate effort to subjugate the Vietnamese people. Mr Nixon starts again where president Johnson stopped in October 1968, being compelled to recognize that the bombing had not achieved its aim to crush the morale of the North Vietnamese people but that it had on the contrary reinforced it. Nixon believes that he will succeed where Mr Johnson failed. But he is wrong. These methods do not work.

But they are a challenge to us to intensify our support for the Indochinese peoples and our opposition to Nixon's criminal war in Indochina.

Our reply must be to make the World Assembly in Paris a mighty demonstration of the peoples of the world against these cold-blooded war crimes, crimes against humanity and acts of terror, committed by the present US administration against innocent peoples who do not want anything but live in peace and build up a prosperous, peaceful and happy society on the ruins that a ruthless aggressor made of the efforts of the past.

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That is why it was decided to convene a World Assembly in Paris to reveal the truth, agree on a world action programme of the movement of solidarity with the Indochinese peoples and to ensure stronger and more efficient support to them.

The Assembly will be organised jointly by the Executive Committee of the Stockholm Conference on Vietnam and a large number of French organisations working together to end the war.

Many organisations of the Stockholm Conference on Vietnam as well as many French organisations have felt the need for a meeting to give new impetus to the process against Mr. Nixon's hypocritical policy. But at the same time it did not seem possible to guarantee the success of a seventh conference in Stockholm. That is why Paris was chosen as the venue of the Assembly.

The Executive Committee therefore invited the French organisations to a meeting in Paris on October 30. This meeting unanimously decided to convene a conference in Paris in February 1972. It was agreed that the conference would be organised jointly by the Executive Committee and the French organisations. A group of ten (five representatives of each the Executive Committee and the French organisations) was appointed for the preparatory work.

This group met on November 21st and decided:

1. The Palais des Congrès in Versailles will be rented for February 11-13, 1972. The hall holds 200 seats plus 500 in the gallery, which may be used for listeners and observers.
2. The name of the conference shall be "World Assembly in Paris" with the sub-title "For peace and independence of the Indochinese peoples".
3. The participation fee shall be US\$ 20 (or 100 French francs) as previously.
4. An enlarged preparatory meeting shall be held in Paris on January 9, 1972. From this date on, the office of the Assembly shall be established in Paris. The French representatives promised to find a suitable office.
5. A number of reports on different aspects of the war in Indochina shall be worked out by experts. A sub-committee of three (Peggy Duff, Jim Forest and Charles Fournian) will deal with the question of the reports.
6. Simultaneous translation shall be provided in English, French, German, Spanish and Russian. The documents of the Assembly shall be edited in English and French only, except the final documents, which shall be translated into all the five languages.
7. The invitation letters shall be signed by Mr. Svalundson and a representative of the French organisations.

Enclosed we are sending you the communique on the convening of the conference, some information on those who organise it and a participation form. We ask you already now to let us know as soon as possible

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approximately how many persons will participate from you. We ask those of you who need French visas to apply immediately at the French Embassy or Consulate in your town. We urge you to start the campaign immediately for a large participation in the World Assembly in Paris, which should become the biggest world manifestation so far for this purpose.

This conference early 1972 will carry great significance. We shall have to agree about the general outlines of our campaign in 1972, which will be a crucial year. Nixon continues the escalation of the war in the technological field though withdrawing a substantial part of the US forces. Our reply must be an escalation of our efforts and support to the DRV, PRG, FUNK and the Lao Patriotic Front. Our solidarity must express itself in action and we must do much more than so far, broaden the basis of the movement and strengthen contacts with our US friends to support them.

All forces of good will in the world must work together to stop the war, end the sufferings of the peoples of Indochina and restore peace - true peace with independence and no foreign interference - to start reconstruction.

This requires still greater efforts. We must show that we live up to our responsibilities, our words and our noble aims.

Hoping for your active participation in this undertaking and in the World Assembly in Paris, we send you all our good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Bertil Svahnström

Chairman
Executive Committee of the
Stockholm Conference on Vietnam

André Souquière

for the French organisations

The addresses of the Assembly and its Secretariat will be:

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MEETING AGAINST AMERICAN WAR IN INDOCHINA

11-12 FEBRUARY, 1972.

Meeting in Paris on October 30, the Executive Committee of the World Conference on Vietnam, together with representatives of French organizations working together for peace in Vietnam, and of American peace movements against the war --

noted:

that the war in Indochina continues in all its horror and that President Nixon aims to continue the war for a long time (as shown by the American military budget, the policy of 'vietnamization', the intensification of military operations in South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, of the bombing of these countries, and even of the DRV, the development of highly technological war and of the electronic battlefield, US support for the Thieu government in Saigon and its refusal to respond to the 7 points put forward by the P.G. at the Paris Conference);

also noted:

that at the same time a campaign has been launched attempting to convince public opinion in the United States and the world, contrary to all the facts, that the war is fading out and that the policy of the American government is leading rapidly to peace.

For these reasons, the participants in the meeting unanimously agreed to call together all movements working to end the war in Indochina to a World Conference in Paris in February, 1972. The aim of this assembly will be to publicize the real truth on the war in Indochina and to prepare a program of action to ensure the withdrawal of all United States forces from Indochina and the cessation of American support for the war against Hanoi, Hanoi South and Montiane, thereby restoring the right of the people of South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia to independence and self-determination.

Paris, October 30, 1971.

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Who Are the Organisers of the World Assembly in Paris

The Stockholm Conference on Vietnam is the only existing international liaison committee for co-ordination of action and protest against the war in Indochina, for information on the different aspects of the war and its background and for support of the Indochinese peoples in their struggle for freedom, independence and peace. The basic principle of this co-operation - and the explanation of its success - is that organisations and people should come together - without consideration of differences on other subjects, such as political ideology, religion, social or economic status, nationality, race, etc. - to help stopping this genocidal US war against the peoples of Indochina. The aim is that all foreign forces shall leave Indochina, so that the peoples of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia can settle their own problems without foreign interference.

The origin of the Stockholm Conference on Vietnam is an invitation from the Swedish Peace and Arbitration Society to a number of international peace organisations to participate in informal talks in Stockholm to discuss what could be done to co-ordinate international protest action against the war in Vietnam. These talks took place in October 1966 with the participation of the Christian Peace Conference, the International Confederation for Disarmament and Peace, International Peace Bureau, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the World Peace Council and War Resisters International. As the outcome of these talks the first Stockholm Conference on Vietnam was held in Stockholm on July 6 - 9, 1967, with about 450 participants from 60 countries, including representatives of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam.

This experience was considered so successful that it was decided to build up a permanent machinery of liaison (International Liaison Committee). Since then five more Stockholm Conferences have been held at crucial moments of the war, and the World Assembly in Paris now being prepared can be regarded as the 7th Stockholm Conference on Vietnam.

The Stockholm Conference on Vietnam also has taken the initiative to the International Commission of Enquiry into US Crimes in Indochina which, so far, has had two sessions, one in Stockholm in October 1970 and one in Oslo in June 1971. Finally, as a result of another initiative from the Stockholm Conference, and International Trade Union Conference on Indochina is being prepared.

The Stockholm Conference has always worked in close co-operation with the true representatives of the Vietnamese people - the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and the NLF-PEG - and more recently also with the Lao Patriotic Front and as far as Cambodia is concerned with the FUNK and the Royal Government of National Union headed by Samdech Norodom Sihanouk.

The Stockholm Conference on Vietnam has now permanent contacts in nearly a hundred countries - political organisations, women's, students' and youth organisations, trade unions, religious organisations, peace organisations, etc. and, of course, Vietnamese.

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WORLD ASSEMBLY IN PARIS
For the Peace and Independence of the Indochinese Peoples
Palais des Congrès, Versailles,
February 11-13, 1972

Participation Form

The participation fee (US\$ 20 or equivalent) shall be paid to the Secretariat of the Assembly, which then delivers a participation card.

The Secretariat will be open on Thursday February 10 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 11 faubourg Poissonnière, Paris 9e, and on Friday February 11 from 8 a.m. at the Palais des Congrès, Versailles.

Name:

Home address:

Representing
(name of organisation)

Address
(of organisation)

I wish a single room booked for February 10-13 at the approximate price of (please mark the alternative chosen with a cross):

- US\$ 7
- 9
- 11

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(signature)

Please fill up this form in block letters and send it as soon as possible to:

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