

## **Statement of Kabataang Makabayan**

### **ON THE SUMMIT**

The Manila Summit, master-minded by US President Johnson and "led" by President Marcos (the supposed new Asian leader according to American propaganda mills) is essentially an attempt of the United States to consolidate its fast deteriorating position in the Vietnam war, in Asia, within the United States itself and in the world at large.

The holding of the summit, a result of the mendicant, bellicose and shameless visit of tribute made by President Marcos to the United States and Japan, lowers the prestige of the Philippines before the eyes of the overwhelming majority of Asians who are in sympathy and solidarity with Vietnamese people, of both South and North, who are heroically resisting aggression and defending their national integrity from the onslaught of the United States and its puppet allies.

The summit is essentially a war council of the "big boss" and his "boys". It is meant to discuss allied escalation of the Vietnam war and arrive at presumptuous terms for the pacification of Vietnam, with the wishful thought on the part of the aggressors that perhaps the objects of their aggression, the heroic people of South and North Vietnam, will submit to an unprincipled compromise.

Genuine peace in Vietnam can be achieved only with the unconditional withdrawal of the United States and its puppet allies from South Vietnam. There can be no other peace formula. The source of war in Vietnam has been the intervention and aggression of the United States in Vietnamese affairs (the violations of the Geneva Agreements). The United States is the arsonist in the Vietnam war.

President Johnson's slogan of "unconditional negotiations" before and now is a propaganda maneuver to equate the aggression of his government with the just struggle of the South Vietnamese people for freedom, territorial integrity and unity of the Vietnamese people. The Summit is in line with this old tactic. This time the United States wants its main responsibility for the Vietnam war to look more like an allied responsibility.

Everytime the United States calls for peace and negotiations, it escalates its war efforts and consistently involves deeper its puppet allies. The summit is being held at a time when the United States is feverishly increasing its troops in South Vietnam, its activity on the demilitarized zone along and beyond the 17th parallel and its bombings within the borders of North Vietnam. Of recent, President Marcos has become committed to preparing ten "civic action" battalions for future dispatch to Vietnam, in line with the U.S. policy of escalation.

The United States government is pursuing a course of action worse than that of Hitlerite Germany and Tojo's Japan.

Precisely because of its escalation efforts, the United States — together with its puppet allies — is being isolated from the decent opinion of humanity, including sane American citizens who are now suffering from the inevitable results of aggressive war.

The American people are now beginning to suffer from inflation, chiefly the result of income disparity between the war industries and the lesser industries. The U.S. government has been absorbing its citizens laid off from the lesser industries by conscripting them into military employment. But now, the anti-war movement in the United States itself has become stronger, especially among the Afro-Americans and the youth, and President Johnson's popularity rating has gone down. More and more Americans are resisting the draft as American casualties increase in a war dictated by the monopolists.

Underneath the problem of inflation and the growing opposition to U.S. aggression, the United States is suffering from a severe balance of payments problem due to heavy military expenditures. In this respect, the United States has actually become a paper tiger in its financial standing. A run on its gold is already developing; it is only a matter of time that its confidence game and its inability to back up its dollars are exposed to the most naive.

The basic weakness of the United States within its economy is reflected by its inability to give sufficient prop-up to India, Indonesia and other government whose ruling circles look up to the United States for it. The United States is so over-extended and over-committed that its internal base is already broken and rotten. In the case of the Philippines, the United States is now allowing Japan to "aid" and exploit the Filipino people in the face of severe economic problems within the U.S.

The more the United States and its puppet allies escalate their war efforts in Vietnam, the more will the United States weaken and become unable to make effective aggression elsewhere. The Vietnamese people are performing a great service to the entire world and humanity by sapping the aggressive energies of the United States. The American forces and their puppet forces are being defeated like the Japanese imperialist forces during World War II by the heroic efforts of the masses.

The brutal means of genocide employed by the United States in Vietnam to abuse Vietnamese right of self-determination has only consolidated the anti-imperialist efforts of the Vietnamese people and all other revolutionary peoples. Never has there been a better occasion to prove the aggressive nature of the U.S. government and its ruling military-industrial complex.

Never has there been a better occasion to prove that American imperialism is the chief enemy of world peace and national independence.

The United States should be compelled by all freedom-loving and peace-loving nations to withdraw its 3,600 military bases abroad, its more than one million overseas troops and its exploitative control of 60 per cent of the world's resources.

In the entire history of mankind, American Imperialism is the worst exploiter and bloodiest aggressor.

JOIN THE DEMONSTRATION  
Assemble at Agrifina Circle  
on Monday, October 24  
at 5:30 P.M.  
& March to the U.S. Embassy