

# Readers of The Observer 'Speak Up' on Vietnam, Other Issues

## Have To Fight Reds

Editor:  
This is a copy of a letter received from my son in Vietnam. In it were expressed the following thoughts concerning the student and other anti-war demonstrations.

"I was just reading the paper and it really makes me mad to see all these people back in the States fighting about us being here in Vietnam. I believe they should come over here and see how the Reds are treating these people; then they would have room to talk about why we are here.

"I don't like being here, but I will stay until my job is complete then I'll come back with my head held high and say that I helped to bring freedom to these people who need it. I am really proud to say I am doing my part in saving some people from the Red way of life.

"Everyone should feel this way; we will have to stop the Reds completely so they can't have the States. I am glad we are over here doing our part to preserve the freedom of this country."

FROM A LIVONIA G. L. AND HIS PARENTS

## Out Of Vietnam

Editor:  
This is an opinion on Vietnam. We should be out of Vietnam. If you can justify this, you should be able to justify the moves prior to World War Two.

E. M. OLIVER  
Garden City

## Backs Government

Editor:  
You would like to know what people think or believe about the United States policy in Vietnam. I'd like to tell you what I believe.

Since I came to this country about 11 years ago this country of ours has given me everything I dreamed about. Freedom, Freedom of Speech, Free Elections and a Good Job. After my first five years I applied for my citizenship. It was the proudest day of my life. I promised to bear arms to defend our country, that no harm would come to this nation of ours.

I know what Communism is, as I was living under this way of government for many years before coming to this country. Communism spreads

like cancer and you have to cut it out to prevent it from getting bigger or spreading to other areas.

Our stand in Viet Nam has my one, hundred per cent approval. We have our commitment to fulfill there, to help this country against the spread of Communism. Today it is the Communist and Viet Nam, tomorrow it could be the U.S.A. Let us all get behind our President and give him our full support. The Communist and Viet Nam need in their fight for freedom.

Just a Citizen,  
Werner K. Lobosch  
Garden City.

## Queries Vietnam War

Editor:  
Thanks to the Observer editor, Bill Gail, for his commendable editorial regarding Vietnam. Deep concern regarding U.S. policy in Vietnam has been expressed repeatedly by many responsible leaders. During the past year: large ads opposing U.S. policy have appeared in the New York Times sponsored by the following groups: 2700 ministers, priests, and rabbis; public school teachers; college professors; artists and writers; and businessmen. Leading newspapers such as the New York Times, the Washington Post, and the Detroit Free Press expressed serious reservations regarding U.S. involvement.

It should be emphasized that it is possible to raise valid, sound objections with U.S. policy on moral, legal, democratic as well as realistic grounds. It has been challenged on all these counts by well informed individuals, some of whom are specialists in political science. It has even been challenged by responsible persons who have spent time in Vietnam.

There are insistent moral objections regarding the genocidal nature of a war which is so inhuman that a legacy of hate will be created against Americans and the West for generations. Incidents have been reported in the NEW YORK TIMES and elsewhere of whole villages being wiped out because a few "Vietcong" have been cited in the area. Often this involves napalm bombing and burning of women and children.

Finally, in spite of all of the publicity given to our willingness to negotiate, serious questions can, and are being raised regarding the honesty of our negotiating position. The U.S. negotiating position has never declared an acceptance of negotiations with all concerned parties including the Vietcong. It has never declared a willingness to accept a coalition government of all concerned parties.

## More Anti-Semitism?

Editor:  
We were not surprised by the letter sent to your paper by Mrs. Bernard Zupmore but we will be very surprised if our letter appears in its entirety. Mrs. Zupmore tells how her family's car was disfigured on Halloween with the word "Jew". She is not alone in experiencing this anti-semitic gesture.

We live in a different part of Livonia than Mrs. Zupmore. Our neighbor's also had their car window disfigured with the Jewish religious symbol, the Star of David, while we found this symbol on our living room window. As in Mrs. Zupmore's area, our "Christian" neighbors' cars and homes were also clear of this type of disfigurement.

Jewish people living in various parts of Livonia have had similar experiences, many far worse.

Mrs. Zupmore states that "maybe Jewish families are meeting with intolerance in Livonia and going to other communities..." There is no "maybe" about it. Anti-semitism has apparently reared its ugly head again and not just in Halloween.

Mrs. Zupmore further states "Do they want us to leave their Christian community?" Obviously some people do want this and it is exactly what is happening. If statistics can be checked they will show that Livonia's Jewish population has declined over the past few years and that the word is getting around amongst the Jewish community to stay away from Livonia, which should overjoy the people who are guilty of this behavior. In the not too distant future perhaps these hate-mongers can smugly and proudly say they, too, are an all-Christian community and can share the notorious reputation of one of our neighboring suburbs known throughout the United States for intolerance.

In your reply to Mr. Zupmore you state, "Please realize prejudice is found everywhere but is being fought everywhere too by those who are educated and intelligent."

## These who are educated and intelligent

This sounds good but realistically speaking this is not always the way it is. Nor does this lessen the initial shock and heart sick feeling of discovering THE reason your family is hated is only because of the religion you practice.

We certainly realize that a whole community cannot be condemned for the attitudes and action of some of its residents. However this type of thing will continue if the people of Livonia are apathetic and do not have the courage to publicly and privately condemn these deplorable acts and to encourage that all people be judged by their character, not by their race or religion.

We would be most interested to "realize" how prejudice is being fought, not "everywhere" but where we live, right here in Livonia, a typical suburban community in the United States—in the year 1965.

If this is printed, we would be most appreciative if you would give us the courtesy of withholding our name and address in order to protect our children and to prevent our being subjected to crackpot mail or phone calls.

A JEWISH FAMILY  
Livonia

Editor's Note: Specifically, Livonia has an active Human Relations Council that is dedicated to fighting prejudice and hate-peddling. Come and join. You will be enlightened.

## Parks in Redford

Editor:  
On behalf of the Redford Township Park Commission I wish to express the thanks of each commissioner for the spirit of public service exemplified by the management and editorial staff of your newspaper

## During the weeks preceding the election of Nov. 2

With objectivity and in great detail The Observer laid before the electorate the needs of Redford Township in the areas of public safety and community recreation. On Nov. 2 the people thus educated and informed chose to take a "first time" attitude and overwhelmingly supported the millage increase for greater police and fire protection.

No group was more pleased with this result than the Park Commission. By the narrowest of margins, 72 votes, in an election where over 8000 voters cast their ballots, the citizens chose to defer the question of capital improvements. The Park Commission looks upon this result as a response from the people.

Let us know more about the Parks Program and give us time to evaluate its needs relative to our ability to support such a program.

With this in mind the Park Commission pledges to inform the citizens of Redford Township concerning prospective improvements and land acquisition and will attempt to sound out the people most affected by the proposals. In so doing we know that Observer Newspapers will continue to contribute the spirit of cooperation and public service that has served the public so well in the past. Again, many thanks!

OWEN J. CUMMINGS  
Secretary  
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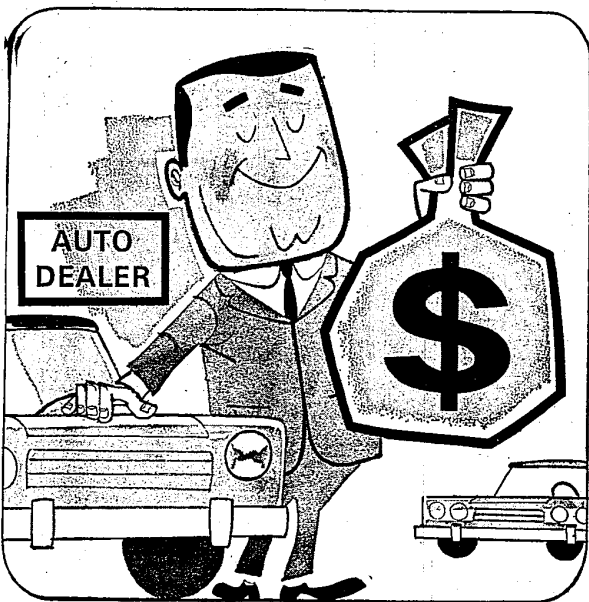
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