

# Oakland Prof Defends U.S. Viet Stand At Dem Seminar

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"The United States, the richest country in the world, can afford anything...including war."

That is the opinion of Oakland University political science professor Roger H. Marz, who, with demands for him as a speaker increasing

as his popularity grows, is fast gaining stature as the Michigan Oracle for the Johnson Administration's stand on Vietnam.

President Lyndon Johnson was accused of leading the Nation to the threshold of thermonuclear war in Vietnam and obliterating the Negro's hopes for civil rights in an ominous

cloud of police state legislation in the U.S.

The accusation was leveled by Detroit Congressman John Conyers Jr., a panelist and speaker at a 19th Congressional District Democratic Party issues seminar at Schooncran College Saturday.

Marz turned out to be the panel members discussing foreign affairs and, especially, the war in Vietnam. The other panel members included pacifist Dr. Alice Woodruff, a medical technologist at Maybury Sanatorium and anti-war ambrose, and civil rights advocate Congressman John Conyers Jr., of Detroit.

Marz's statement of an America so rich it can afford war, was made originally by former Secretary of State Dean Acheson but, the university professor, who disclaims a position as an official Party spokesman to point out he is merely a precinct delegate from Bloomfield Township's 18th District, maintains that the overwhelming wealth of the U.S. forms unbearable ties that bind this country morally to a policy of containment in lesser and poorer nations around the world.

"ESSENTIALLY," he told the Observer, "our presence in Vietnam is a logical step in a BARBERS MAKE More Money Than Ever LEARN NOW! Send For Free Brochure Write, Phone or Visit Professional BARBER SCHOOL 2420 Joe. Campus, Hamtramck Internationally Accredited"

"I want to get to the problems, the real problems," the Korean War veteran and longtime NAACP civil rights leader exclaimed.

"I want us to react and act on the decaying urban communities and other conditions that have bred crime. To do something about living conditions. To tear down the ghettos. To put everybody to work. To do away with the welfare system by augmenting incomes of families making less than \$4,000 a year."

THE LATTER, to Conyers, are the problems presenting what he termed are "the underbelly of our domestic problems

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Conyers' attack on his own party's national leader paralleled, in general, the reaction of Congress to the President's State of the Union Speech last week in which the domestic programs of the Great Society were postponed or curtailed drastically to meet the escalating cost of war in Southeastern Asia.

The PRESIDENTIAL message was marked by the silence in which it was received by a listening Congress which broke into applause only when the chief executive promised the obviously more favored escalation of another war against crime on the home front.

But the Detroit Negro congressman, expressing his concern with what he termed the President's "undue emphasis to crime on the streets," was emphatically not in accord with his congressional colleagues' cheers to Johnson's warning of swift, stern and decisive retribution for "those who preach disorder and violence."

"Why should it not be disturbing to me?" Conyers told an Observer reporter.

"It is the harbinger of a cop on every corner, an army outside every city, a garrison state, a move to a police state, an anti-Negro action."

"It is an emphasis on punishment and can lead only to the formation of more anti-social activities."

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