

# ANOTHER BEEKMAN SURVEY -- THE WAR IN VIETNAM

Beekman Street last week polled over 500 students in an attempt to discover the wartime plumage of the Plattsburgh Student Body. In the Vietnam aviary we confirmed our fears. The Plattsburgh Cardinals are Hawks. Below are the results of the survey.

Agree with present U. S. policy in Vietnam ..... Yes, 31% No, 69%

Would favor an increased military effort in order to bring a quicker end to the war ..... Yes, 65% No, 35%

The Military Effort should be: Increased Bombings ..... 45%  
Increased Troop Commitment ..... 2%  
Both ..... 53%

Favor a pause in bombing of North Vietnam in the hope of bringing Ho Chi Minh to the negotiating table ..... Yes, 53% No, 47%

## NEGOTIATIONS:

U. S. should demand that all North Vietnamese troops leave the South and demand recognition of present South Vietnamese Government ..... 65%

U. S. should back the formation of a coalition government made up of local Vietcong and members of the present Saigon Govt. .... 35%

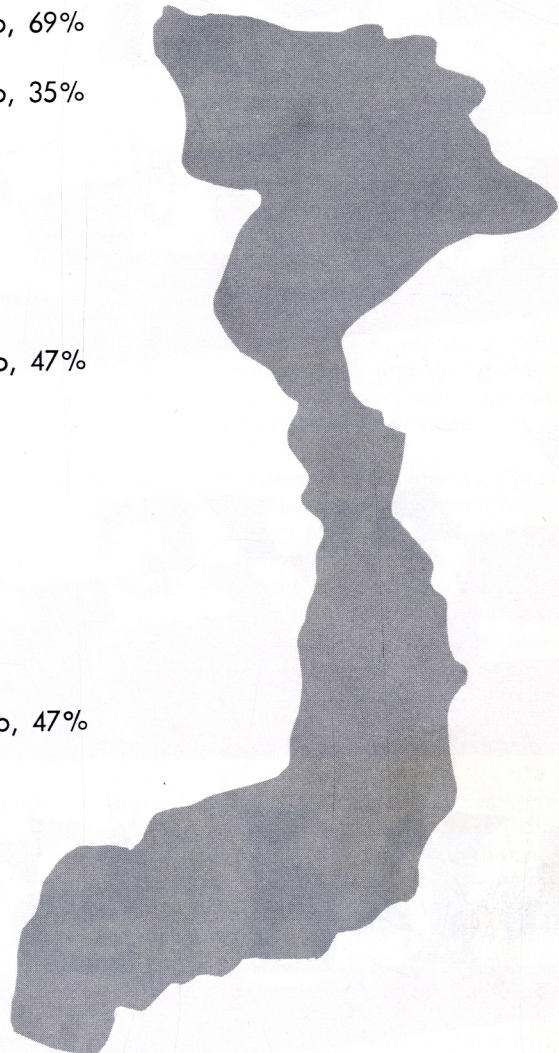
Feel it is in America's national interest to be involved in the war ..... Yes, 53% No, 47%

## THE NATURE OF THE CONFLICT:

1. Essentially a local civil war ..... 24%
2. Part of a determined Chinese effort to gain control of S. E. Asia ..... 76%

## HOW THE WAR SHOULD BE ENDED:

1. Military Victory ..... 42%
2. Negotiations ..... 44%
3. Withdrawal ..... 14%



## WAR PRAYER

... O Lord our God, help us to tear their soldiers to bloody shreds with our shells; help us to cover their smiling fields with the pale forms of their patriot dead; help us to drown the thunder of the guns with the shrieks of their wounded, writhing in pain; help us to lay waste the hearts of their unoffending widows with unavailing grief; help us to turn them out roofless with their little children to wander unfriended the wastes of their desolated land in rags and hunger and thirst, sports of the sun flames of summer and the icy winds of winter, broken in spirit, worn with travail, imploring Thee for refuge of the grave and denied it -- for our sakes who adore Thee, Lord, blast their hopes, blight their lives, protract their bitter pilgrimage, make heavy their steps, water their way with their tears, stain the white snow with the blood of their wounded feet! We ask it, in the spirit of love, of Him Who is the Source of Love, and Who is the everfaithful refuge and friend of all that are sore beset and seek His aid with humble and contrite hearts. Amen.

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