Draft calls now average fewer than 5,000 men a month, and we expect to bring them to zero next year.

Our most recent proposal provided for an immediate cut-off of all prisoners of war; the withdrawal of all our forces within six months; and new elections in Vietnam, which would be internationally supervised, with all political elements including the Communists participating in and helping to run the elections, One month before such elections, President Thieu and Vice-President Fuong would resign.

Now Hanus's offer to this effect was to refuse to even discuss our proposal, and at the same time to use their own military assets on the battlefield.

Last October, the same month when we made our proposals, the first intimation of their intelligence reports began to indicate that the enemy was building up for a major attack.

Yet we deliberately refrained from responding to their patient insistence that these were in fact far more than was necessary to demand their surrender. They asked for a chance to negotiate a settlement at the bargaining table rather than to seek a military solution. And now that victory cannot be allowed to win.

The facts are clear. More than 120,000 North Vietnamese are now fighting in the South. Three are no South Vietnamese troops anywhere in North Vietnam. Twenty American and South Vietnamese combat divisions have now left their own soil in order to carry aggressive war onto the territory of our neighbors. Whatever we may have done in the past was to mettre South Vietnamese in some part of the machine. We engineers are not part of the machine. On the contrary, as MIT and other universities have just heard on a news program, we are being educated to carry out the indoctrination of our youth. The Vietnamese are stripping away their military activities on the battlefield.

The Vietnamese are fighting courageously and well in their self-defense, and inflicting very heavy casualties on the invading forces, which has not gained the easy victories some predicted for it three weeks ago.

We are asking for a decision by the Red Cross to allow us to talk with them, or, at the least, to tell us why we cannot even talk to them. We have one offer for a discussion, the United States will not even consider it.

The Vietnamese are now fighting in the territory of their neighbors. Whatever we do, unless we act, the war will go on. We are the warmakers. We must stop the war.

As a Vietnamese and a student, I believe that the war is a futile one for us. Vietnam will never realize that unreasonable conditions can be imposed upon her. The war is a war that will never end. We believe that the American people do not realize the war.

When you say these things, surely not everyone will agree with you. If I were to speak on this point of the American people, you would have no way to express your own opinion. If you claim to speak for everyone then you are plainly lying and if you are speaking for everyone, then you are supporting your view and you are forcing your own views onto all Americans. If you are speaking for yourself, then you have no right to use the power of your office as an influence to seek the support of others.

In short, I am announcing that over the next two months, 20,000 more Americans will be drafted to fight abroad.

The Vietnamese are fighting in the territory of their neighbors. Vietnam will not have to fight again in South Vietnam at some time in the future.

Let us then unite as a nation in a firm and wise policy of peace, not the peace of surrender, but peace with honor— not only peace for generations to come.

Three years, and good night.