

Australia and the War in South Vietnam, 1962-1975

UNION AND ORGANISATION RECORDS

The Australian trade union movement's involvement in anti-Vietnam war campaigns is documented in the records of many unions and organisations. The items listed below are just a sample.

Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association

Subject files:

- Department of Defence, 1973-1974 (E257/235), 1975-1976 (N67/166)
- Department of Navy, 1964-1973 (E257/195)
- Department of Army, 1964-1973 (E257/184)
- Department of Labour and National Service, 1966-1974 (E228/213, E257/171, E257/193)
- Manpower – Department of Labour, 1973 (E257/236)
- Leave for War and Defence Service - National Service training, 1965-1969 (E228/288), 1972-1975 (E257/322)
- National Service training, 1969-1972 (E257/321)
- Sick leave – returned soldiers, 1964-1975 (E257/323)
- Department of Veterans' Affairs – Repatriation Department, 1966-1980 (N67/157)

Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union

Anti-conscription and defiance of the National Service Act, 1955-1973 - newspaper clippings and miscellaneous papers (Z102/114)
Congresses for Peace and Disarmament (Vietnam), 1959-1974; Vietnam Moratorium Campaign, National Anti-War Conference, 1971 (N131/226-235)
Publications on the war in South Vietnam, 1965-1972 (Jack Garland collection) (Z503/10)

Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights' Union

Australian-Vietnam Society bulletins and circulars (1975-1981), correspondence with Vietnamese Federation of Trade Unions, notes on Paris Peace Accords (1972-1974), Vietnamese refugees, solidarity with Indochinese peoples, MV *Boonaroo*, Association for International Co-operation and Disarmament (AICD) and campaigns for peace in Vietnam (1972-1973), etc. (Ron Arnold's papers), 1966-1981 (Z76/1-5)

Vietnam/anti-conscription (L Carmichael's files), 1964-1971 - correspondence, circulars, newspaper cuttings, minutes, reports, working papers and printed material regarding general union activities relating to compulsory military service, United States' and Australian involvement in Indochina, the implementation of the National Service Act, National Anti-War Conference, etc. (N24/464-475)
Vietnam after the war (L Carmichael's correspondence files), 1977-1978 - includes *Vietnam Today* (Australia-Vietnam Society bulletin) and *On the Question of the Representation of the South Vietnamese people* (World Peace Council report) (N24/552)

Correspondence, reports and other papers on trade union and political activities in Vietnam, together with items received by L Carmichael and other AMWU officials, concerning Amnesty International, political prisoners in Southeast Asia, etc., 1972-1975 (N24/560-561)

Commonwealth Secretary's papers, 1962-1972 - union reaction to Australia's involvement in Vietnam (1962), *The Anti-War Campaign in Australia* by Dr JF Cairns (1970), Stockholm Conference on Vietnam and Commission of Inquiry into US War Crimes (1970) (N24/562-563)

Minutes, working papers, book lists, circulars and correspondence (L Carmichael's files), 1974-1976 - includes Textbooks for North Vietnam, National Trade Union Peace Conference, Vietnam Scientific and Technical Library Project (N24/564-570)

Photographs:

Anti-Vietnam war rallies, Sydney (1970-1973), Australian trade union delegation to North Vietnam (1972), aftermath of American air raids, North Vietnam (1972) (Z76/12-13)

Australasian Coal and Shale Employees' Federation

Photographs:

Anti-Vietnam war demonstration, 1968 (E165/56/11)
Manly-Warringah Peace Movement demonstration against conscription, 1968 (E165/56/99)
May Day demonstration, Sydney, 1965 (E165/56/68)

International Trade Union Conference for Solidarity with Workers and Peoples of Indochina struggling against United States aggression – a Chinese Communist delegate's report, 1965 (N144/1166)

Australian Council of Salaried and Professional Associations

J Baker, Public Relations Officer – notes on Vietnam, 1965-1967; also *Viet Nam: questions & answers*, Australia. Department of External Affairs, 1966; *Vietnam: is it truth we want?* by Dr JF Cairns; 'Vietnam: the dynamics of guerilla war', p. 20-30, *The Bridge*, (Sydney, NSW) Australian Jewish Quarterly Foundation, 1967, v. 3. n. 1 (E215/55)

Signed statement of defiance by members of Hevrat Ovidim (Israel's Society of Workers), circa 1965 (E215/470)

Australian Council of Trade Unions

Conscription and Vietnam - ACTU Executive decision as endorsed by Congress, 1967 (S784/28)
Reconstruction aid to Vietnam – ACTU Congress Agenda Paper, 1975 (S784/32)

Holloway, E.J., *The Australian victory over conscription in 1916-1917*, Anti-Conscription Jubilee Committee, 1966 (N21/971)

ACTU Secretary's (H Souter) subject files:
Compulsory military service - ACTU Executive decision, 1966 (N21/1134)

Re-establishment of allowance for National Servicemen, 1966 (N68/484)

ACTU Congress Agenda and Minutes, 1969 (N68/77)

ACTU Congress Agenda Paper, 1975 (N68/83)
Vietnam, 1965-1970 (N21/1758)

Australian Institute of Marine & Power Engineers

War Service Pensions, 1971-1973 (N35/170-171)
Vietnam charters - *Boonaroo* and *Jeparit*, 1967 (Z123/31)

Australian International Cabin Crew Association

Saigon charters, 1965-1972 (N107/186)
'Troubled Areas' insurance, 1971 (N107/209)

Australian Journalists' Association

Vietnam Moratorium Campaign, 1970 (N59/778)
Students' demonstrations - Noel Hazard incident - correspondence and statements relating to the use of violence by police on journalists covering a students' demonstration, 2 Jul 1968 (N59/1023)

Australian Railways Union

Compulsory military service, 1964-1966 (N11/125)
Vietnam Moratorium Campaign, 1967-1970 (N11/199)

War and peace, 1962-1973 (N11/205, 575)

Correspondence on demobilisation, abolition of conscription, etc., 1962-1965 (E231/575)

Office files - Vietnam, 1964-1970 (N5/978-979, 992)

President Ky's visit to Australia, 1967 (N79/36)

Vietnamese Trade Unions, Hanoi, 1961, 1963 (N5/1323-1324)

Building Workers' Industrial Union of Australia

Draft resistance: the dynamics of moral protest, Committee in Defiance of the National Service Act, 1969 (Z392/8)

Clothing and Allied Trades Union of Australia

'Summit Conference of the Indochinese Peoples' - report published in *Vietnam Federation of Trade Unions No. 5*, June 1970 (N84/210)

Council of Australian Government Employee Organisations

National Service - trainees pro-rata recreation leave credits, 1965-1968 (N87/237-238)

Federated Engine Drivers' and Firemen's Association

Australia-Vietnam Society, 1983-1986 (N129/102)

Vietnam Veterans' Association of Australia, 1983-1986 (N129/2091)

International correspondence (Vietnam), 1964-1966 (N81/199)

Vietnam Action Committee Newsletter, May 1966;
Vietnam Bulletin, British Vietnam Committee, Jun-Sep 1965; *Vietnam Courier*, Vietnam, 1965-1966 (N81/199, 288)

Association for International Co-operation and Disarmament (AICD), Trade Union Peace Committee, 1967-1969 (N72/1267)

Photographs:

May Day demonstration, Sydney, 1974 (N72/1810/3-4)

Federated Ironworkers' Association of Australia

Correspondence concerning (FIA) Soldiers Welfare Fund, 1964 (E247/322-323)

Annual National Conference records - include reports and correspondence on the situation in South East Asia and recommendations from Branches and National Council, 1966 (E247/328)

Garland, J.D. et al, *Trade Unions call for united action for a Federal Labor Victory in 1966*, Union Printing, Sydney, 1966 (E180/5/8)

Federated Miscellaneous Workers' Union of Australia

Federal Council subject files, 1969-1975 - Vietnam Moratorium Campaign (1971-1975), Vietnam (1969) (Z370/78)

Federal Council subject files, 1968-1970 - Peace and Vietnam (Z397/3)

Marine Cooks', Bakers' and Butchers' Association of Australasia

Disputes - Vietnam issue, 1966-1973 (N61/360)

Merchant Service Guild of Australia

Boonaroo dispute - transcript of proceedings heard before the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, 1966 (N51/221)

New South Wales Farmers' Association

National Service Scheme, 1966-1974 (N92/849, 988)

New South Wales Teachers' Federation

Military training of teachers, including W White's conscientious objection case, 1966-1967 (N111/1348)

Anti-Vietnam war and conscientious objection, 1966-1973 (N111/1357, 1394, 1398-1401)

Peace - Vietnam, 1965-1971 (N111/1514)

Association for International Co-operation and Disarmament (AICD), 1965 (N111/1515-1518)

Vietnam Moratorium Campaign, 1970 (N111/1522)

Vietnam News Bulletin, Embassy of the Republic of Vietnam, Canberra, Apr 1975 (N111/1410)

Plumbers and Gasfitters Employees' Union of Australia

Leaflets of various organisations including Victorian Peace Council, Socialist Youth Alliance, ACTU, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, 1962-1975 (N133/1440)

Published and printed material:

The Children of Vietnam. A Ramparts Extra, Ramparts Magazine (N133/1356)

Letters from Vietnam, Victorian Peace Council, Research and Information Centre, 1963 (N133/1422)

Levien, H., *Vietnam - Myth & Reality*, 1967 (N133/1423)

Vietnam: Myth and Reality. An Appraisal of Western Policy, Melbourne University Democratic Socialist Club (N133/1434)

Salmon, L., *Pig Follows Dog. Two Years in Vietnam*, 1960 (N133/1608)

South Vietnam. The just struggle of the workers and the people for national independence, peace, prosperity, World Federation of Trade Unions, 1963 (N133/1609)

The Vietnamese people will certainly be victorious, Vietnam Federation of Trade Unions, 1965 (N133/1611)

Vietnamese Trade Unions, Hanoi, 1975-1978 (N133/289)

Vietnamese Trade Unions No. 3, 1970 with reports on International Trade Union Conference for Solidarity with Workers and Peoples of Indochina struggling against United States aggression (N133/1613)

Australia-Vietnam Friendship Society (Victoria), 1974-1984 (includes Constitution; *Vietnam News Bulletin*; *Vietnam Today*) (N133/107-108)

Printing and Kindred Industries Union

Vietnam Moratorium Campaign Committee in South Australia, 1970 (N12/11)

Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia

Crewing of cargo ships MV *Jeparit* and MV *Boonaroo* and transport of military supplies to South Vietnam, 1966-1967 (E208/334-335, 338, 340)

Seamen's pensions and allowances - Department of Shipping and Transport and Repatriation
Department correspondence, 1965-1967 (E208/323)

ACTU Congress Report - Vietnam issues, 1967 (E208/69)

Seamen's Union of Australia

Anti-conscription campaigns, 1965-1973 (N38/222)

Correspondence with miscellaneous organisations - Vietnam Education Aid Fund, Vietnam Action Campaign, Medical Aid Committee for South Vietnamese Peoples, Association for International Co-operation and Disarmament (AICD), 1965-1969, 1971-1973 (N38/424-427, 490-491; Z91/30, 90, 100)

Ship delegates' correspondence on moratorium campaigns and other COM proposals, Aug 1970 (Z91/71)

Union industrial action over political issues, 1962-1975 - general correspondence (Z467/13)

Records of Seamen's Union Shipboard Committees - MV *Boonaroo*, 1958-1968 (Z91/119)

National Anti-War Conference, 1971 (N38/726)

Ships for Vietnam, anti-war activity, campaigns for peace, medical aid to Vietnam, boycotts of United States' shipping, etc., 1966-1972 (N38/721-729)

Subject files - Vietnam, 1963-1964, 1972-1973 (Z91/50, 99), boycotts of shipping, 1972 (Z263/84), Vietnam Moratorium Campaign, 1972 (Z263/84), MV *Jeparit*, 1966-1967 (Z91/69)

Sheet Metal Working, Agricultural Implement and Stovemaking Industrial Union of Australia

Correspondence with groups opposed to the war in Vietnam - Youth Campaign against Conscription, *Save Our Sons* movement, Vietnam Action Committee, etc., 1961-1966 (E196/3/14/9-10)

Union opposition to the war in South Vietnam, 1965-1966 (P120/958)

Organisations concerned with Vietnam, 1965-1971 - correspondence, pamphlets, and leaflets. Includes documents from the Junior Eureka League and *Vietnam Action Committee Newsletter*, 1966 (1 issue) (E206/26)

Photographs:

May Day demonstration, 1967 - with placards protesting over President Ky's visit to Australia (E206/35-45, 61-62)

South Australian Institute of Teachers

Correspondence files:

National Service, 1969-1972 (N127/1507)

Campaign for Peace - Vietnam Moratorium Campaign Committee in South Australia, 1970 (N91/413)

Union of Australian Women

Save our Sons movement, 1964-1967 (Z236/17)

Waterside Workers' Federation of Australia

Committee in Defiance of the National Service Act, 1969 (Z432/5)

Moratorium Campaign, etc., 1965-1974 (N114/1001-1003C)

Correspondence concerning bombing of Vietnam, decisions of ACTU Executive and ALP Conference, Marseilles Conference, MV *Jeparit* and MV *Boonaroo* disputes, KJCPL vessel *Houtman*, Vietnam *Jeparit* dispute, 1969 (N90/421)
Jeparit and boycott of American shipping, 1969-1973 (Z248/66A)
Printed material - pamphlets, leaflets, etc., 1962-1975 (Z248/75)
Photographs:
Peace demonstrations, 1965 (Z248/81)
May Day demonstration and anti- President Johnson protests, 1966 (Z248/81)
Anti-Vietnam war demonstrations, 1966-1967 (Z248/81)

PERSONAL PAPERS

Various trade unionists, political activists and academics collected records about Australia's anti-Vietnam war activities and campaigns for world peace. The items listed below are just a sample.

COLEMAN, JE (socialist)

Anti-Vietnam war leaflets, pamphlets and poster, 1971-1975 - includes copy of minutes of meeting of the Australia-Indochina Society, Oct 1973 (P119/8)
Downdraft, Draft Resisters Union, DRU, Mulgrave, 197- (P119/25)

DAVISON, Jack (trade union official)

Press cuttings and newspapers, 1964-1966 (P117/19)

DWYER, Jack (trade union official)

Subject files:

Vietnam War (1964-1970), Peace Movement (1963-1976), AICD (1964) (Z296/41)
Anti-conscription (1964-1966), Peace Movement (1957-1970), Vietnam Moratorium Campaign (1966-1971), National and International Protest Campaign (1965-1971), Vietnam War - Seamen's Union of Australia opposition (pamphlet) (1967) (Z96/10)

GOLLAN, RA (Bob) (historian, academic)

Vietnam Heroes, Vietnam Control Information Service, 1952 (P44/1/493)
Vo, NG (General), *The Vietnamese Peoples Liberation Army*, 1952 (P44/1/497)

LANGER, Albert (political activist)

Anti-conscription and student political movements, 1968-1970 (leaflets and pamphlets published by Monash University students) (Z457/150)
Paris Peace Accords, 1973 (Z457/152)
General subject files:
Peace Movement, 1963-1977 (Z457/16)
Anti-conscription, draft evasion, moratorium campaigns, Vietnam veterans against the war, etc., 1965-1975 (Z457/24-25, 153-155)
American atrocities in Vietnam, 1966 (Z457/64)

Student protests against the war, 1967-1976 (pamphlets, circulars, brochures, press cuttings, etc.) (Z457/147, 152)

Monash University subject files:

Vietnam, 1967-1971 (Z457/35)
National Liberation Front - correspondence, cuttings, statements, signed declaration, publications, etc., 1966-1967 (Z457/36)

MARTIN, Jean (sociologist, academic)

Smithsonian Science Information Exchange - database search on settlement of post-1975 Vietnamese refugees, 1979 (N132/452)

MCDONALD, Geoff

Australian Congress for Association for International Co-operation and Disarmament (AICD) - papers delivered at Congress, circular, reports, etc., 1961, 1964-1965 (P122/25)

Circulars :

Committee for Peace in Vietnam, 1964 (P122/46)
International Trade Union Committee for Solidarity with the Workers and People of South Vietnam, 1965 (P122/75)
Vietnam Action Committee, 1965-1966, Vietnam Educational Workers' Union, 1965-1966, Vietnam Federation of Trade Unions, 1966 (P122/126-129)

Publications and printed material:

Leaflets and printed material issued by various organisations and people concerning the Vietnam War, the peace movement, etc., 1957-1967 (P39/53)

Leaflets on Vietnam War and National Service, 1968-1969 (P94/54/22)

Posters on compulsory military service (conscription), 1965-1967 (P122/572)

In defence of the right to protest, Young Socialists, Sydney, circa 1968, *Smash Conscription*, Draft Resisters Union, DRU, Melbourne, 1970 (P94/1/711, 712)

Vietnam News Bulletin, Embassy of the Republic of Vietnam, Canberra, Jan-Mar 1970 (P94/372)

Vietnam Information Bulletin, ANZCICD, Melbourne, circa 1956 (1 issue) (P122/375)

Vietnam Action Campaign, Genocide, Sydney, 196- ; *Vietnam Action Committee*, Project Vietnam, Sydney, 196- (P122/567, 568)

O'DEA, Peter (trade union official)

Vietnam Moratorium Committee, National Anti-War Conference, etc., Feb 1971 - papers, leaflets, pamphlets (Z356/9)

Compulsory military service, 1968-1972 - circulars, leaflets and pamphlets (Z356/7)

OWENS, Joe (trade union official)

Vietnam Moratorium Campaign, 1969-1970 (Z235/42)

Anti-conscription campaigns, 1972 (Z235/17)

PLAYFORD, John (academic, political scientist)

Anti-war demonstrations, compulsory military service, 1964-1974 (press clippings) (P124/525-532; P128/1-12)

Compulsory military service and Vietnam, 1969 (circulars, pamphlets, letters, notes, leaflets, serials, newspapers cuttings, including items from the *Save Our Sons* movement) (P128/13)

Serials, pamphlets, leaflets, correspondence and circulars concerning the peace movement and peace conferences (esp. Vietnam Moratorium Campaign, National Anti- War Conference, 1971) issued by various organisations and people, 1964-1973 (P124/305-365)

Compulsory military service, conscientious objection, the Vietnam Moratorium Campaign, student unrest, etc., 1958-1973 (miscellaneous published and printed material issued by various organisations and people, including the *Save Our Sons* movement and university student organisations) (P64, P124, P128)

National service and conscientious objection, 1967-1968 (newspaper cuttings, pamphlets, leaflets, serials, letters) (P128/16, 91)

Peace Movement and the Vietnam war, 1967-1971 (pamphlets, articles, circulars, leaflets and notes) (P128/79-103)

Anti-conscription, 1966-1970 (printed and photocopied material, including public statements by conscientious objectors) (P128/104-125)

Compulsory military service, 1965-1971 (press clippings) (P128/155-156)

SANDON, Mal (academic, state politician)

Vietnam war and compulsory military service, 1964-1967 (printed material) (Z569/1)

WRIGHT, Tom; WRIGHT, Mary

Statement on Vietnam war and conscription for overseas service, 1970 (Z267/17)

Letter from Sydney trade unions to the United States Consul General regarding bombing of Hanoi, July 1966 (Z267/24)

Compulsory military service leaflets and circulars, 1966-1970 (includes correspondence regarding conscientious objector, Geoff Mullen, 1966-1970) (Z267/25)

World Federation of Trade Unions (Vietnam) circulars, (1965-1966), Project Vietnam Committee and Vietnam Action Committee circulars and leaflets (1964-1966), *Vietnam*, an address by Professor Wheelwright to the Metal Trades Union Conference (1965), Vietnam Moratorium Campaign press cuttings, circulars, leaflets, and some correspondence (1962-1975), *Oppose the Vietnam War*, a paper possibly written by Tom Wright (Z267/26)

Photographs:

Women's Movement anti-Vietnam war demonstration, Punchbowl, NSW, circa 1965 (Mary Wright displays a placard 'No conscripts for Vietnam') (Z267/18)

Published material:

End This War, Union Printing Ltd, Sydney, 1966 (P120/287)

Vietnamese Trade Unions, Hanoi, 1965-1966 (gaps) (P120/935)

M. O'Brien, *Vietnam: why are we there?* Sydney, Australian Railway Union, 1966; Nguyen Huy Hoang (ed.), *The Truth about the policy of Expansion and Hegemony*, Vietnam News Agency; *Vietnamese Trade Unions*, Hanoi, No. 3, 1964 (Z267/19)

Association for International Co-operation and Disarmament (AICD) Newsletter, 1965-1971 (Z267/27)

OTHER SOURCES

Noel Butlin Archives Centre serials collection

Viet Protest News, Vietnam Co-coordinating Committee, 1968-1969 (gaps) (S440)

Viet Protest News, Vietnam Day Committee, Victoria, 1967-1969 (gaps) (S441)

Vietnam Action, Vietnam Action Campaign, 1966-1967 (gaps) (S442)

Vietnam Information Bulletin, Vietnam Newsagency Rangoon, Burma, 1965-1968 (gaps) (S443)

ACTU Congress Papers, 1965-1975 (compulsory military service, opposition to Australia's involvement in the war, Vietnamese refugees to Australia, government rehabilitation and reconstruction programs at the end of the war, etc.) (S784)

ACTU Circulars, 1962-1975 (compulsory military service, opposition to Australia's involvement in the war, Vietnamese refugees to Australia, government rehabilitation and reconstruction programs at the end of the war, etc.) (S888)

Noel Butlin Archives Centre miscellaneous pamphlets and periodicals collection

Walker, Bertha. *How to defeat conscription: a story of the 1916 and 1917 campaigns in Victoria*, Melbourne, Anti-Conscription Jubilee Committee, 1968 (P56/253/43)

Conference papers - Vietnam Moratorium Campaign, National Anti- War Conference, Feb 1971 (P56/262/1)

Australian National University Archives

Registration for National Service - compulsory military service, draft evasion, anti-war protests, Australian National University's relationship with the Holt, Gorton and McMahon governments, 1962-1975 (ANUA 53/4.0.0.22 parts 1-3 & C)

