



SKIP MALONE AND CONNIE MATTHEWS, BLACK PANTHER REPRESENTATIVES IN SCANDINAVIA

## SWEDISH GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS U.S. AGGRESSION

The Swedish government has never advocated a righteous Vietnam policy. Sometimes we are allowed to hear some beautiful government words. But in practice the government has often supported the U.S. imperialism directly. Therefore we must increase our support to the NLF and combat U.S. imperialism.

In a speech January 18, 1965, the Swedish foreign minister Torsten Nilsson said: "We miss the suppositions to judge safely if the American tactics conduct the raised objectives."

Which were the tactics? Continued murdering and escalation of the aggression in Vietnam. The objectives? The U.S. government talked about peace and lied about "aggression from the North". Why should "we" not be able to "judge" and condemn this?

"In the Vietnam conflict it is hard to determine to what degree the participants have support for their activity in international treaties and folkjudicial rules."

What does Torsten Nilsson mean by "activity"? The U.S. "activity" was an aggressive war and the "activity" of the Vietnamese was a defense struggle. Which international treaties and folkjudicial rules support an aggressive war and condemn resistance fight?

"The thing that has upset the Swedish public most during recent months are the increasing number of testimonies about terror and massreprisals used by both sides in Vietnam. The government shares the Swedish people's disgust for terror activities and reprisal methods, however they are motivated."

Torsten Nilsson does not distinguish between aggressor and victim. Did the "terror and massreprisals" used by e.g. the Norwegian resistance fighters against the Nazi occupants and their Norwegian puppets during the Second World War also disgust the Swedish minister of foreign affairs? Victims of aggression always have the rights to defend themselves with all possible means.

This was only three short quotations from the minister of foreign affairs in 1965. But they show clearly the government's attitude in basic questions: it refuses consistently to take a stand against the US imperialists aggressive war and for the Vietnamese just resistance struggle. This implies nothing else but a support to the United States.

And those that have given their wholehearted support to the NLF - the Vietnam demonstrators - have been condemned in reactionary statements. About 200 have been sentenced to pay fines. Recently

a NLF activist was sentenced to jail. December 20, 1967 in Stockholm the police, blessed by the government attacked a demonstration for support to the NLF. Many were mishandled.

The government tried as long as possible to stop the Russel Tribunal from being held in Sweden - the same Tribunal that demasked many US war crimes in Vietnam. Prime minister Tage Erlander said that the Tribunal did not further peace in Vietnam.

The government helps make the US imperialist policy possible by supporting the US dollar, which has been weakened by the same imperialist policy; military bases all over the world, military support to dozens of reactionary regimes, etc.

The government even refuses to give a statement about SENTAB and other Swedish enterprises, that give direct support to the US war in South East Asia.

The government refuses to give asylum to the Vietnam War Refusers seeking refuge in Sweden. In this way it "escapes" taking a stand to the US war.

All these acts against the Vietnamese people's struggle have been blended with halfhearted statements supporting the NLF. The government have swayed to and fro in the Vietnam question since 1965. Its last "stand" was taken in the parliament foreign affairs debate recently.

Torsten Nilsson then informed that the Swedish government will present the DRV with fertilizers worth 10 million Swedish Kronor. He "hoped" that South Vietnam would be included in the aid program, "but as long as the bombing goes in South Vietnam it is useless to give any help".

Also now Torsten Nilsson refuses to take a stand. The bombs do not fall by themselves. For years they have been dropped at the command of the U.S. imperialists. But the government pretends knowing nothing about it.

Thus we can see that the government now as before conducts a policy of support to the US imperialists. Of course the government has taken some positive stands: the recognition of the DRV, permission for the NLF information office in Stockholm. But these decisions were not taken by the government on its own initiative; it has been forced by the firm public opinion.

We cannot expect the government to act differently in the future. Therefore we must continue the work for solidarity with the Vietnamese people and increase the support to the NLF.

The United NLF - groups of Sweden

## DANISH LEFT WING SOCIALIST PARTY

On the 4th of July the Danish Left Wing Socialist Party and the Danish Vietnam Committees arranged two demonstrations in Denmark against the American genocidal warfare against the Vietnamese people. The demonstrations were also made as a sign of solidarity with the oppressed American people and especially in solidarity with the Black Panther Party.

Connie Matthews, a representative of the Black Panther Party in Denmark spoke about the similarities between the situation that the Vietnamese people are in and the situation that the oppressed people in America are in. She said "the

struggle of the Vietnamese people is a support for the struggle of the American Negroes. Both are fighting against imperialism. Both are denied the right to self-determination, and the American imperialists use the same methods to escalate the war against black people in the USA as they have used against the Vietnamese people.

Where are the Danish people in this fight, Connie Matthews asked. "You are a part of imperialism, you are members of NATO and you are accomplices to the suppression of the peoples in Angola and Mozambique. You who are here have expressed your solidarity with Viet

Nam. But this is not enough.

Power will come back to the people - where it should be - but where is Denmark when imperialism is smashed.

The demonstration in Copenhagen also included reading of the 33,000 American GI's who so far, have officially been killed in Vietnam.

The other demonstration, in a city where Hubert Humphrey spoke was directed against the pigs complicity in the suppression of peoples all over the world. He could only finish his onking speech because a very large number of Danish pigs were ordered to protect him.

# MORE ON SWEDEN

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Dear Friends,

The work in solidarity with the Vietnamese people in Sweden is very intensive and we will continue to inform the Swedish people of the just struggle of the Vietnamese people against US aggressors until the final victory is won and all imperialists are thrown out of Vietnam.

For the sixth time since October 1966 the United NFL-groups organized this spring between the 7-13 of April, a Vietnam Week in Sweden. The propaganda was concentrating on the questions of the expanding US aggression to other countries in South East Asia; Laos, Cambodia and Thailand, and of Swedish industries directly involved in the support of US-imperialism and its dirty war in South East Asia. Lately the Swedish mass-media has consequently not mentioned a word about the continuing war in Vietnam pretending

peace negotiations, and instead newspapers, radio and TV are emphasizing Biafra and the events in Czechoslovakia. The Swedish government is trying - but certainly not succeeding - to split and pacify the Swedish opposition against the US war in Vietnam, through its more "respectable" Swedish Committee for Vietnam.

In spite of this our Vietnam Week was very successful. Meetings, outdoor rallies and different propaganda actions were held at 78 places, demonstration at 17 places, which is more than ever before. All together about 16,000 persons participated, 30,000 copies of the Vietnam Bulletin were sold and 80,000 Swedish Crowns were collected to the NFL.

The 1st of May demonstrations were also encouraging, many of the slogans that we, the United NFL-groups, have been working for during years were now accepted by many people, like: US out of Viet-

The goal of our spring-campaign to collect 2 million Swedish Crowns to the NFL will soon be reached.

Our plans for the future are among other things, to have our congress in June, arrange activities on the 4th of July, and have another Vietnam Week later this autumn. Besides that we continue an intensive grass-root work, by collecting money to the NFL, selling our magazine, spreading leaflets etc. Our organization is expanding, new groups are being formed all the time at different places.

VICTORY TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE!  
US OUT OF VIETNAM!!!  
COMBAT US IMPERIALISM!  
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### Remember Brother Malcolm

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