

## Army Bid To Subdue Protest? 2/8

# Release 29th Brigade, End War, Says ILWU

The Resistance, a group of anti-war protesters, yesterday said the Army's demobilization announcement "is obviously intended to subdue protest" over the men being sent to Vietnam.

Jim Douglass, member of The Resistance and a professor in the religion department at the University of Hawaii, issued the statement after the group decided to hold a meeting tomorrow.

He said a meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Church of the Crossroads, "for those members of the 29th (Brigade) and their supporters who wish to take immediate steps to protest their being sent to Vietnam."

The statement said the Army's "announcement of a distant release is obviously intended to subdue protest over the immediate issue: the sending of these men to Vietnam.

"In response to the Army's announcement, The Resistance wishes to state that we remain fully aware that the men of the 29th are being levied for Vietnam now and that the majority of these men are adamantly opposed to going.

"Our commitment to actions for their immediate release has been heightened by the Army's misleading statement.

"In this connection, The Resistance has learned that several hundred members of the 29th have recently received orders to depart from Schofield Barracks on Sunday, Dec. 15."

Douglass said The Resistance learned of the departure orders "from several members of the 29th who attended one of our meetings."

He said The Resistance would be planning some form of protest to the call-to-Vietnam orders.

"We shall continue to support the men of the 29th with our voices, our spirit, and if necessary, once again with our bodies to insure that these men do not go to Vietnam and instead return home to their families."

Members of The Resistance sat in the roadway during the initial mobilization of the 29th on May 13. Several were arrested.

The ILWU here has issued a statement urging deactivation of the 29th Brigade and an end to American participation in the Vietnam war.

"It is time to admit the truth about past mistakes and change a mistaken policy," said the statement. Copies were forwarded to President Johnson, President-elect Nixon, members of the Hawaii congressional delegation and Gov. John A. Burns.

"No American boy should be sent to die for a Saigon government which is too corrupt, incompetent and unpopular to defend itself," the statement said.

Excerpts follow:

"The mobilization of the 29th, like the agonizing draft

calls and casualty notices are evils which can all be ended by ending the war.

"The activation of the 29th Brigade is harmful and discriminatory to Hawaii, which furnished 17 per cent of the men affected by the national call-up, although the State comprises only one-half of one per cent of the national population.

"The brigade was called up to meet an apparent crisis after the Pueblo incident. That crisis has now passed and other reserve units in other places which were called up at that time are being deactivated.

"The call-up works a hardship on many ILWU families in Hawaii. It adds to the serious skilled labor shortage problem in the State and strips many of our employers of badly needed personnel almost impossible to replace under present conditions.

"Use of the 29th as a source of individual replacements for Vietnam is another example of the devious measures the Administration and the military have used to keep pouring more American men into this unpopular war while soft-soaping the public about 'shifting more of the burden' to the corrupt Saigon army.

"We urge our Congressmen and fellow citizens to join us in demanding a prompt end to the waste of American lives in Vietnam."