



Debating the Vietnam war before a crowd of about 250 on Tuesday were four members of the NMU faculty. Pictured from left to right are Lt. Col. James Sessler and Miodrag Georgevich, supporters of the Nixon Vietnam policy, and John Watanen, Jr. and Dr. Robert McClellan, advocates of an American withdrawal from Vietnam.

MORATORIUM *Week Of Debate To Close Today*

A week of debate and discussion on the Vietnam war ends today at Northern Michigan University.

The activities of the week surrounded the call of the National Vietnam Moratorium Committee for a two-day war protest yesterday and today.

The showing of the film *No Vietnamese Ever Called Me 'Nigger'* will continue today until 5 p.m. in the Ojibway and Sioux rooms of the University Center.

Discussion of the war will take place in between showings of the film.

Yesterday, the film was shown in the Superior, Michigan and Ontario rooms of the University Center, also accompanied by discussion on the war.

Last night, moratorium supporters marched through the streets of Marquette in a candlelight procession designed as a form of war protest.

About 250 students and faculty at Northern participated in Tuesday's activities, including a debate among four University faculty members on the war sponsored by the Young Americans for Freedom.

Supporting the war in that debate were Lt. Col. James Sessler, Professor of Military Science and Miodrag Georgevich, chairman of the political science department.

Favoring withdrawal of American troops from Vietnam were Dr. Robert McClellan, history instructor and John Watanen, Jr., English instructor.

The debaters fielded questions from the audience for almost two hours about the policies of the United States in Southeast Asia and their implications.

Georgevich said that it was during the Truman administration that the United States "decided to use whatever force necessary to stop Communist aggression."

"The lessons learned in Czechoslovakia and Korea have forced the United States to act on the Communist takeover of the world," he said.

McClellan countered that the United States government, in deciding in favor of ultimate withdrawal of troops from Vietnam, has abandoned the policy of Communist containment.

"The President has said we should get out of Vietnam and I agree," McClellan said. "And if Mr. (Upper Peninsula Congressman Philip E.) Ruppe feels that any coalition of the South Vietnamese government is doomed to failure anyway, it is apparent that we should have gotten out long ago."

Watanen urged immediate U.S. troop withdrawal from Vietnam, but suggested that South Vietnamese citizens be given political asylum if they desire it.

Lt. Col. Sessler said that he is convinced that the U.S. is defeating the Vietcong "very badly."

"If we were to leave Vietnam, do you think the Vietcong would ignore the South Vietnamese people who have been fighting them for 12 years? I just can't believe they would," he said.

After the debate, about 90 moratorium supporters held a memorial service in front of the University Center. The group planted 74 crosses on the lawn in front of the center while reading the names of Upper Peninsula natives killed in the Vietnam war.

A trumpet player sounded taps.

Monday, the members of the NMU Vietnam Moratorium Committee conducted a door-to-door canvas of Marquette to elicit support for their anti-war activities.

Both the Moratorium Committee and the Young Americans for Freedom had booths in the University Center.

The Committee passed out black armbands and demonstration literature, while asking passers-by to sign a telegram to President Richard Nixon demanding the immediate withdrawal of American troops from Vietnam.

YAF passed out American flag decals, red, white and blue armbands, and bumper stickers reading "Tell It To Hanoi."