

SCARS OF VIETNAM



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STRIKE TODAY

MARCH TO STATE CAPITOL

Meet at 10:00 A.M.

near Room 225

WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH.
THE OUTLAW NIXON HAS LIED LONG ENOUGH.

THE LAW SCHOOL, SAFE IN ITS STUDIES OF LAWS OUR GOVERNMENT IGNORES, HAS BEEN SILENT TOO LONG. PLEDGED TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION AND ITS LAWS, WE CANNOT STAND IDLY BY WHILE A SINGLE MAN ALLOWS HIS WILL TO OVERRIDE THE MANDATE OF THE PEOPLE. OUR COUNTRY IS NOW GOVERNED BY A COMMANDER IN CHIEF RATHER THAN BY A PRESIDENT AND A CONGRESS. NOW NIXON MUST BE SHOWN THAT MILITARY CONQUEST IN SOUTH EAST ASIA MEANS INTERNAL DESTRUCTION AT HOME.

FOR US, THE BEGINNING IS TO STOP THE MACHINERY OF LEGAL EDUCATION. THE LAW SCHOOL IS STRIKING SO THAT WE MAY LEAVE SCHOOL AND DEDICATE OURSELVES, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT, TO FINALLY ENDING THIS LAWLESS CARNAGE IN VIET NAM.

ANGRY AND SPENT OF ALL PATIENCE, FACULTY, STUDENTS AND STAFF OF THE WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL UNITED YESTERDAY TO DECLARE THAT OUR CONCERN OVER THIS NATION'S POLICY OF MILITARISTIC AGGRESSION MUST TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER THE BUSINESS OF MAKING LAWYERS. OVER 300 STUDENTS, AND NEARLY A THIRD OF THE LAW FACULTY, VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO STRIKE ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 10.

JOIN US, IN A MARCH OF MEMBERS OF THE LAW SCHOOL COMMUNITY, TO THE CAPITOL AT 10:00 A.M.

"To live outside the law you must be honest."

~~anon~~
Dylan



Suspicion and even hostility - defense buildup - marginal departures from a Carter baseline - negotiations were integral - gave rise to popular anxiety and opposition - outflanked the peaceniks - Reagan as Radical Abolitionist - one of the more bizarre episodes of superpower negotiations - politics inevitably assumed primacy - like a juggler of torches - **bearing some of the deepest scars from Vietnam** - ambiguity concerning outcomes - harsh and often-demeaning rhetoric - he knew it in his bones - an especially poignant failing - applause is warranted.

A monsoon-drenched morning 40 years ago - mist-shrouded mountains - nightmarish prison camps - look forward with great expectations - an unloved but thriving diplomatic orphan - debate over prerogatives and power - compelling reasons - wars escalate - no substitute for victory - obeying orders - stealth, obfuscation, and patience - seesaw war of trenches - black-and white photographs - **the scars of Vietnam** - a price worth paying?

Sunday television special - inner peace and spiritual fulfillment - talking to God - diverse forms of personal prayer - a common reverence for material success - conservative congregations are flourishing - the 12-step model of Alcoholics Anonymous - a bitter path of pain and death - **the scars of Vietnam** - "like nausea interrupting a feast" - social change or societal renewal - riding shotgun into the future - bringing up the rear.

Little stomach for conflict resolution - remarkably gun-shy - vociferous calls - a different kind of war - overwhelming demonstration of firepower - simple moral arguments - pandemonium in the White House - **scarred by Vietnam** - the death of some GIs - without a coherent foreign policy - firm American isolationism.

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Diane

Powerful people in suits - fading movie star - self-help - marketing in action - **opened up Vietnam scars** - several sharp exchanges - a position of power - never discussed the war with his father - expect such disclosures - tell-all - not about to oblige.

Homeless men seeking refuge - **the scars of Vietnam** - there aren't many positions available - tank drivers - war-related stress - drug and alcohol abuse.

Too much faith in technology - fearsome losses - directed by a handful of nerds - ticker-tape parades - the costs of skittishness - a cesspool of armed corruption - world-wide celebrity - willingness to accept casualties - galvanize public opposition - **traumatized by the scars of Vietnam** - twist in the wind.

Superb, detailed and thorough - big complainers - inflammatory non-stories - simmering personal rivalry - bulldozed factual accuracy - **scarred by Vietnam** - a replay of that hell - moral edge - guilt-ridden memoir - hysteria will almost certainly follow.

Surprising alliances - sounding like a cement mixer - line of attack - mobsters behind bars - play well with others - bridges and highways - **scars from Vietnam** - where the bathrooms were - honorable crusade - blowing the whistle - pickled praise - absolutely dynamite politically - classic bleeding heart - "I don't like killing" - back in the black - roving wiretaps - zeal of a convert - lucky number - joke with the cooks and waiters - \$400 bottles of wine - embrace wholesale revolution.

Hero and mentor - powerful influence - took America - out of print - moral superiority - **bears all the**





scars of Vietnam - hot and cold clashes -
passionate internationalist - contemporary
relevance - rejoin the community - proper way.

Badly scarred in Vietnam - only grunt - can't speak,
read, or write - high-school sweetheart - without
intimacy - school play - rehab stretches - new
lover in tow - brief sanitarium sojourn - heavy
overcoat - King.

Food for thought - garden-variety - end justifies
the means - cunning underhanded piece - **the scars
of Vietnam** - sorry state of affairs - the future of
our kids - further sullied - funded by big bucks -
shake the amoral huckster - exponentially uglier.

It's 1975 - dreading a visit - a cruel, distant
father - business in ruins - comfort woman -
borderline psychotic - a vindictive ghost - **scarred
by Vietnam horrors** - unconditional love - incisive
and insightful - smoking gun - central enigma.

Even as a killer - some kind of deity - smart adult
melodrama - smoldering passion - desaturated color
scheme - copy of the Bible - "Stay on the path" -
the scars of Vietnam - lawlessness and despair -
mistress and hostage - acolytes in California -
tonic or toxic ways - a new generation.

Armored SUV - sick and tired - unfailingly polite -
conquer, dominate, and colonize - capitalism is
messy - a dour, wintry D.C. afternoon - set his
career back - prod and poke - egos and factions -
fleeting indicators - the system does not like new
ideas - "I have scars from Vietnam just like
everyone else" - meaningful symbol - talk until
you're done.

Collective deja vu - official deference - expanding
war spending - "clean up America of all this trash"
- vigilante justice - self-styled mavericks -
vastly amplified by new technologies - faceless,

jack-booted federal agents - cross-platform marketing - **still carrying the scars of Vietnam** - chest-thumping and martial cheerleading - combat-themed toys - "you're being prepared for a new age" - rewinding and restarting the soundtrack - the world we live in now.

Endless round - head-spinning celebrity - her ra-ra skirt berserk - vintage militaria - **an America scarred by Vietnam** - took acid and began fomenting plans - insatiable desire - dress like a Victorian - thrown on at once - it's too much, man.

Chest full of medals - frenzied clashes at close range - what shapes the modern warrior? - the consequences of killing - remorseless process - gray with exhaustion, carrying their dead - full automatic - loyalty and homecoming - poorly educated and immature - a pretty girl on a crowded train - heavy drinking, drugs, and casual sex - others **scarred by Vietnam** - air conditioned offices in Nevada - nobody understands - noble hearts - all.

One of the most exclusive clubs - the overachievers of the overachievers - rarefied circles - mastering both - more gregarious - at ease with numbers - intellectual and facile with words - political gap - **scarred by Vietnam** - trying to save the world - controlled by evil people - "failing won't kill you" - mildly disappointing - the promise of immense riches - go to sex clubs - intrigued by the prospect - our next reunion.

Decrying fanaticism - battle is the first thing - a more responsible path - yearnings for dignity - **scarred by Vietnam** - bleeding money - he seduced the hardheaded - confused rhetoric with achievement - the basis for moderation - turn westward - the face of street protests - a convenient moment arose - a price for outrages - failure beckons.





Relieved to be home - **scars of Vietnam** - ghosts of men - long on opinions - mended hard feelings - a sign of respect - what really hurts - an accurate picture of war - pure boredom - just automatic - turn off the switch - full circle.

Explain the fiasco - smart foxes devolved into stupid hedgehogs - afraid to talk tough - plan for the consequences - jingoism and xenophobia - the gold standard - decadelong descent - ignorance and hyperbole - **scars of Vietnam** - significantly smaller and less grave - constant crying wolf - "my way or the highway" - in the fever swamps - lose touch with the real world - explain the fiasco - trusted by the public.

Larger-than-life - ferociously intelligent - wounded two times - being damaged - worried about his kids getting killed - serious illness - charitable enterprises - erroneous judgments - leading the investigation - minefield - **the ugly scar of Vietnam** - swift and decisive - people fell in love - the subsequent peace.

Confirmation brawl - growing world disorder - a capable intelligence analyst - the spy game - chorus-line worldview - echo chamber - likely to become hotter - **scarred by Vietnam** - protect entitlements - adequate naval resources - a long fuse - law enforcement problem - useful education.

Yes, I am - something to celebrate - it is what it is - the calm before the storm - a wholesome time - enjoying the victories - dig those fins - "free love" - sudden fascination with marijuana and LSD - **scars from Vietnam** - memories to share - advice to the next generation - a wild and fun ride.

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