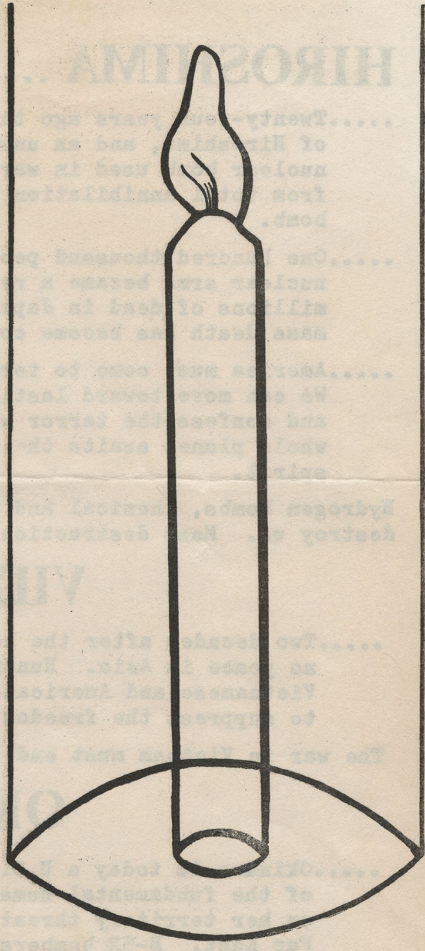
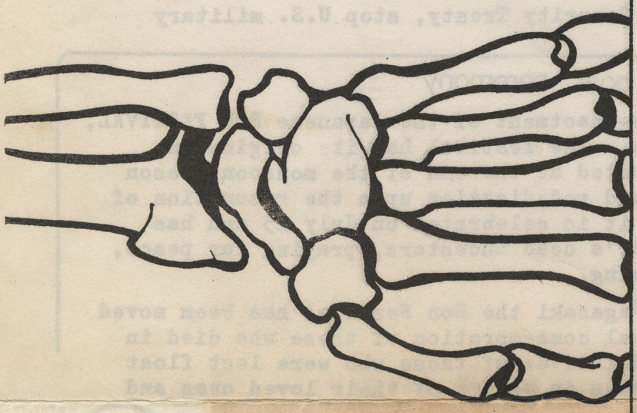


- 7 p.m. Aug. 6- Silent candlelight vigil at Times Square traffic island, 44th St. and 7th Ave.
- 8 p.m. -Candlelight procession up 6th Ave. to Central Park Lake, 60th and 5th Ave.
- 9 p.m. -Lantern-boat ceremony by the lake.
- 11 p.m. -All-right vigil and meditation, concluding with sunrise ceremony.



Earlier on August 6th at 12 noon, the Committee of Returned Volunteers, Movement for a Democratic Society, and other groups will sponsor a protest rally at the U.S. Mission to the U.N., 44th St. and First Ave.



LANTERN - BOAT
CEREMONY
august 6, 1969

hiroshima day

Sponsoring groups: Catholic Peace Fellowship, Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Asian-Americans for Action, War Resisters League, Committee of Returned Volunteers, Greenwich Village Peace Center, New York Fellowship of Reconciliation, Fifth Avenue Peace Parade Committee.

HIROSHIMA ...

-Twenty-four years ago the United States unleashed upon the city of Hiroshima, and an unsuspecting world, the horror of the first nuclear bomb used in war. Today all civilization lies in peril from total annihilation by nuclear weapons dwarfing the Hiroshima bomb.
-One hundred thousand people died in Hiroshima. Mass death by nuclear arms became a reality on that day. Today we mourn the millions of dead in Japan, in Germany, in Vietnam, in Biafra -- mass death has become common, we co-exist with the unthinkable.
-America must come to terms with its crimes, past and present! We can move toward lasting peace only when we confront our deeds and confess the terror we have visited upon the world. The whole planet awaits the renewal of humanity in the American spirit.

Hydrogen bombs, chemical and biological weapons, ABM's can only destroy us. Mass destruction of human life must end.

VIETNAM...

-Two decades after the holocaust at Hiroshima, still there is no peace in Asia. Hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of Vietnamese and Americans have died in a brutal and immoral war to suppress the freedom and dignity of a brave people.
- The war in Vietnam must end! Bring all the troops home -- NOW!

OKINAWA AND JAPAN

-Okinawa is today a U.S. military colony. Her people enjoy none of the fundamental human rights of free people. Nuclear bombs on her territory threaten life in China and throughout the Far East. B-52 bombers travel daily from Okinawa to rain death upon the people of Vietnam.
-The people of Japan are coerced accomplices to U.S. militarism throughout the Far East. Over one hundred U.S. military installations threaten their livelihood and security. They are struggling to rid themselves of the U.S.-Japan Security Treaty and to prevent the rearmament of Japan in 1970.

Return Okinawa to Japan, end the Security Treaty, stop U.S. military imperialism in Asia!

the lantern-boat ceremony

The lantern-boat ceremony is a re-enactment of the Japanese BON FESTIVAL, a traditional Buddhist observance. The festival has its origins in ancient India where it was celebrated at the end of the monsoon season and marked a time of reflection and rededication upon the resumption of normal daily pursuits. In Japan it is celebrated on July 15 and has become a festival for honoring one's dead ancestors, praying for peace, and celebrating the spirit of giving.

Since the war, in Hiroshima and Nagasaki the Bon Festival has been moved to August 6 and 9 and is the annual commemoration of those who died in the nuclear disasters of 1945. Relatives of those who were lost float lanterns on the rivers of the cities in memory of their loved ones and as a prayer for world peace.

This year on August 6 we will conduct a lantern-boat ceremony. After a silent vigil in Times Square starting at 7 p.m., we will walk with candles up Sixth Avenue to the Central Park Lake at 60th Street and Fifth Avenue, where the lantern-boat ceremony will begin at 9 p.m. and will end before midnight. Some will remain the night and will conclude the all-night vigil with a sunrise ceremony. All are invited to attend and to construct their own lantern-boats beforehand, if they wish.

