

first time in the history of the Association that a Statement on a political issue has been made. Before its release the Statement, which follows below, was sent by telegram to the President and it will be widely distributed to Congressional leaders.

#### STATEMENT ON WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

At a time when this country's leadership has stated a commitment to disengagement from Vietnam, we are suddenly and without warning confronted with an extension of military involvement. This has resulted in a dramatic increase in anxiety, turbulence and conflict involving crucial segments of our population. A decision apparently arrived at arbitrarily and without the concurrence or even the knowledge of representatives of the people entails the dangerous risk of intensifying a sense of betrayal and outrage.

We admire the courage of people who strive for peace and justice. Irresponsible statements that impugn their motives and idealism or derogate their views only increase undesirable polarization in our society and encourage acts of violence.

Instead, by precept and example, our leaders should encourage moderation and restraint, promotion of free and open communication and respectful acceptance of divergent views.

In addition, humanitarian considerations impel us to protest the extension of the Vietnam War to Cambodia. We deplore the emotional climate in this country associated with the death of four students at Kent State University in Ohio and the closing of many of our major universities and colleges. We urge you, the President and the Congress of the United States, to take immediate and sustained steps toward peace at home and abroad.

Later in the meeting, at the request of Mr. Mark Graff, President of the Pre-Medical Society at the University of California at Berkeley, Council also voted to allow a table to be set up at the meeting to facilitate expressions of protest by members in regard to the Cambodian invasion and the tragic events at Kent State University. On an informal basis, most of the Councilors, acting as individual citizens, made pledges of donations to the television appeal of Senators McGovern and Hatfield for support of legislation in Congress to effect an immediate cut-off of funds for continuation of the war in Southeast Asia.

8. The Executive Committee found Dr. George Pollock's Report as the Association's Representative to the A.M.A. Congress on Medical Education so stimulating and relevant to present concerns of the Association that it asked him to present his Report in full to Council during prime time. The Annual Congress, which took place on February 8th and 9th, dealt with current trends in medical education and post-graduate training in relationship to medical practice, health care, and professional competence. Presentations were made by medical students, residents, specialists in medical education, departmental chairmen, medical school deans,