

Sujet zéro

THE USA AND INTERNATIONAL CRISES

How did the Vietnam war affect the USA ?

Document 1 : On Black people and war

You haven't got a revolution that doesn't involve bloodshed. ... As long as the white man sent you to Korea, you bled. He sent you to Germany, you bled. He sent you to the South Pacific to fight the Japanese, you bled ... but when it comes to seeing your own churches being bombed and little Black girls murdered, you haven't got any blood...

How can you justify being nonviolent in Mississippi and Alabama, when your churches are being bombed, and your little girls are being murdered ? (...) If violence is wrong in America, violence is wrong abroad. If it is wrong to be violent defending black women and black children and black babies and black men, then it is wrong for America to draft ¹us and make us violent abroad in defence of her. And if it is right for America to draft us, and teach us how to be violent in defence of her, then it is right for you and me to do whatever is necessary to defend our own people right here in this country.

¹Draft is when the US army obliged men to go to war

Source: Malcom X, 10 November 1963, Hartford web publishing.

Document 2 : Stop the draft week



Members of the Student Mobilization Committee protesting in New York City in opposition to the military draft during the Vietnam War,

5th December 1967.

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