

Concerned Business Students and Faculty Against the War

Fact Sheet #1

"No matter how much we spend for arms, there is no safety in arms alone. Our security is the total product of our economic, intellectual, moral, and military strengths.

Let me elaborate on this great truth. It happens that defense is a field in which I have had varied experience over a lifetime, and if I have learned anything, it is that there is no way in which a country can satisfy the craving for absolute security - but it can easily bankrupt itself, morally and economically, in attempting to reach that illusory goal through arms alone. The Military Establishment, not productive of itself, necessarily must feed on the energy, productivity, and brainpower of the country, and if it takes too much, our total strength declines."

- President Eisenhower

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Outlays for national defense were 81.2 billion in 1969, 44% of the national budget. (The Budget in Brief, 1971) If the cost of past wars (veteran's pensions, military hospitals, etc.) is included, the military receives seventy cents from every American tax dollar. (The Center Magazine)

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The Department of Defense has 3.4 million men in the armed forces and 1.3 million civilian workers. (Barnet, The Economy of Death) Altogether, the Department of Defense furnishes one out of every nine jobs in the United States. (The Center Magazine)

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