



JOHN BRAXTON, a student at Swarthmore College, reads a pamphlet on the Vietnam war at the home of University of Pennsylvania professor, Dr. Nicholas Muhlenberg, on Harvard av. in Swarthmore.

'Helping Heal War Wounds,' Says Youth Joining Phoenix

"I can't stop the war by myself, but I can help heal its wounds," said 18-year-old John Braxton, a Swarthmore College student.

Braxton was explaining why he will join the crew of the Phoenix next month when it is expected to make its second voyage to Haiphong with medical supplies for the North Vietnamese.

He spoke his convictions at the home of Dr. Nicholas Muhlenberg, professor of regional planning in the Fine Arts School at the University of

Pennsylvania, at 405 Harvard av., Swarthmore, where he is spending the summer.

Botany and Sociology

Six feet, broad-shouldered and bespectacled, Braxton will be 19 in October. He will return to Swarthmore in the fall as a sophomore. He said his interests are botany and sociology.

During the summer he has been directing a "peace action center" at 168 E. 7th st., Chester.

He will leave Philadelphia Friday to fly to Alaska, then to Tokyo, then to Hiroshima. There he will join the Philadelphia-based Quaker group which last March defied the U. S. Government and sailed a 50-foot ketch to North Vietnam with \$10,000 worth of medical supplies.

Against the War

"I am going," Braxton said, "because I am very much against the war in Vietnam. I think the U. S. got involved in a war in which it has no business, and which it can't win in what we consider the traditional sense of winning."

"We are really fighting the popular or nationalist movement, not an aggression."

"I want to make it clear that I'm not solely against the U. S. North Vietnam has definitely been a contributing party."

"I'm going in order to make it clear to Americans: how strongly I feel, and that I don't recognize our Government's idea of who the enemy is. We are bombing men, women, boys and girls, when the enemy is war."