

NLF victory is inevitable

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Ho Ho, Ho Chi Minh, the NLF will eventually win. No matter if we pull our troops out now, within the year, or by 1972, the Thieu-Ky-Khiem military dictatorship will ultimately fall. The Provisional Revolutionary Government controls the allegiance of the mass of South Vietnam's population and the Elitist Saigon regime is politically based on the American war machine. Even Nixon appears willing to accept a probable result of an American withdrawal—an eventual communist government.

Was it worth it? Obviously not. Is it worth the projected 15,000 American deaths that will probably be lost if we wait until the next presidential election rolls around to complete our retreat? Some apparently think so.

The present administration's Vietnamization (continuation)

of the war appears to be a calculated scheme to avert or forstall the inevitable course of Vietnamese self-determination by preparing a rearmed ARVN to fill the vacume left by an American withdrawal. Consequently, America will temporarily be saved from a direct loss of face and prestige as long as ARVN stands between Saigon and the NLF. Wars are fast becoming obsolete in this age of potential mass destruction and any continuation of this national disaster is insane in view of the considerations at hand.

No matter how much Nixon and team wave the bloody shirt or aim emotional appeals at the superficial patriots of the silent majority, the outrage felt by those who marched in Washington and San Francisco cannot be silenced or suppressed. November 15 was really beautiful. It was also the

water shed as far as dissent is concerned. Nixon still refuses to hear and we ain't gonna march no more.

The next offensive against the death machine will have to be direct and hit the administration where it listens. At this time, I am still dedicated to nonviolence and feel that any mass-Weatherman type strategy would be a disaster. Instead I propose that we keep together and explore ways of reaching the political machine. We might also increase our efforts to encourage dissent within the military and with Christmas coming up we might think of ways to use our financial leverage.

In short, I think that we should widen our base and increase the pressure. If we don't the administration will probably conclude the war with about as much deliberate speed as it wanted to force desegregation in the South.