

End Demanded To S.E. Asian Bloodbath; American People Must Know the Truth

After an intermittent struggle of nearly a century, the Vietnamese revolution at long last appears to be entering its final phase. For their part, the American rulers who have been bombing, shelling, strafing, napalming and passing the Vietnamese people for a solid decade have the audacity to say that there will be a bloodbath if "we" stop "helping" them!! The gall of these hypocrites is beyond belief! They are keenly aware that the American public will not stand for another direct military intervention by US forces so Ford, Kissinger and their sponsors are having to settle for lining the pockets of Thieu and his entourage of cockroaches with whatever money they can get away with in what little time they have left. Although they are clearly afraid of the repercussions the Vietnamese victory will have on their machinations elsewhere in the world, the men in Washington so far appear to be calmly facing the reality of life that people in certain parts of the globe are becoming more and more anxious to take matters of business affecting their lives into their own hands. At least Kissinger has not yet reached the same point of

no return as did James Forrestal, secretary of the War Department in 1949, who, ceremoniously flipped his lid and was dragged away in a straight-jacket screaming, "The reds are coming! The reds are coming!" Everywhere the blame for "losing" Indochina is being tossed back and forth like a hot potato between Congress and Ford, Democrats and Republicans. "Where on earth are we to find another suitable Quisling for Saigon", they are wondering.

Why is it that with thrice the troops (on paper), seven times the firepower, complete control of the air, and a down payment of 55,000 lives and \$150 billion in American "aid", Thieu has not been able to stamp out the popular upsurge? Because the Vietnamese workers and peasants overwhelmingly long for the reunification of their country, redistribution of the land to those who till it, economic development free of imperialism and an end to corrupt, repressive puppet regimes. These are desires that only the revolution can fulfill. One of the strongest driving forces of the liberation movement in Vietnam has been the struggle for self-determination of some 500,000 Montagnard tribesmen who have been severely terrorized and discriminated against at the hands of the comprador-landlord clique in Saigon. They have taken up front-line positions in the battle against Thieu and many of the members of this long-oppressed people have acquired leadership posts in the Provisional Revolutionary Government.

The phony "bloodbath" campaign in the press has diligently tried to exploit the problem of massive refugee movements away from the battle zones as if this flight represented some sort of demonstrative allegiance to the Thieu government. What is really causing this tragic spectacle? Media pundits and other assorted prostitutes of the pen frequently conjure up atrocities allegedly committed by the rebels such as in the city of Hue where mass graves were reported found after being retaken in 1968 by US and Saigon forces. Obviously the "enemy" did it all. But as a US senator, informed by numerous sources, later reported, "What was not told is that no reporter was ever allowed to verify the number of the women and children found among the bodies or the cause of

death; that even US officers in Hue admitted that the women and children found among the bodies were probably killed in the fighting? that there was heavy American bombing and that the original estimate of nearly 4,000 civilians killed in the battle for Hue—primarily from US bombing—was later revised downward to 1,000 in order to attribute the remainder to communist execution." It hasn't taken much for the Vietnamese civilians to catch on. One refugee explained, "My people stayed back at Quang Tri last time in 1972. There was bombing and shelling all the time, many killed. It's better to go to the Saigon side because the Communists have no airplanes." And after what little has surfaced about the racketeering between South Vietnam and this country, who could possibly be surprised if someday soon we find out that the same scum conducting the Indochinese heroin traffic, local military goons and the CIA connections, used the huge concentrations of helpless refugees for quick money-making schemes in the way of looting, extortion, black marketing of food and the various enterprises that have become common practice with "our allies."

While the present downturn in the business cycle, the recession or whatever euphemism one prefers has cost millions of Americans their jobs, they are told that there just isn't enough money for public works, unemployment benefits and other necessary measures to protect workers from a chaotic economy they have no control over. Yet Ford sees nothing wrong in demanding a \$6.4 billion going-away present for the Saigon mercenaries!

The attempt by the US government to prolong the death agony of its hired gun in South Vietnam must be stopped once and for all. The American people have every right to know the whole truth about the monstrous crimes perpetrated against Vietnam and Cambodia and to have the guilty parties brought to justice. Not another cent of blood money for the generals in Saigon and Phompenh!

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