



They are our brothers...

A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO HELP CIVILIAN VICTIMS OF THE WAR IN VIETNAM

"I have seen my faithful burned with napalm. I have seen the bodies of women and children blown to bits. I have seen all my villages razed. My God, it's not possible."

These words of a Catholic priest in Vietnam eloquently describe the human agony of the Vietnam war. It is a war in which there are an estimated five or more civilian casualties for every military casualty... where the napalm victims arrive in batches and one finds children, burned head to foot, treated only with vaseline... where only the walking wounded reach the overcrowded hospitals and the others die on the way... where the children do not cry out in pain. It is a soft moaning you hear as they twist their wounded bodies in silence.

Even in peace, the medical situation in Vietnam would be beyond American imagination. South Vietnam has one doctor for every 54,000 civilians compared to the U.S. average of one doctor for every 600 Americans. The U.S. has 7,123 hospitals, Vietnam has 120, of which 19 are military. And this in a land where dysentery, typhoid fever, cholera, tuberculosis are endemic. The 1958 U.S. Army Area Handbook for Vietnam noted that 46.8 per cent of all Vietnamese deaths occur among persons under 15 years of age; nearly 18 per cent under one year of age.

The war has been like a plague striking a T.B. ward. In a country already beset by other enormous problems—1,300,000 officially registered as refugees; 80,000 registered as orphans with the number growing by 2,000 more each month—the people also have to face the napalming of villages, the deliberate destruction of vital crops, the spectre of famine that strikes first and hardest at the young.

As a national gesture of compassion for the anguish of the people of Vietnam, The Fellowship of Reconciliation—a voluntary organization now in its 51st year—is sponsoring "THEY ARE OUR BROTHERS... A National Campaign to Help Civilian Victims of the War in Vietnam." Its purpose is

to raise funds for the purchase and shipping of desperately needed medical and other humanitarian aid for the civilian victims of the war throughout Vietnam.

"THEY ARE OUR BROTHERS..." is meant to express the profound sorrow and penitence many Americans feel for the suffering caused by our government's role in the war. It is meant to speak across the battlelines a word of reconciliation and brotherhood as a witness for peace and against the concept of human enmity.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

You can help by giving generously out of your own resources and encouraging others to give.

You can help by making "THEY ARE OUR BROTHERS..." serve as a means to focus community attention on the war and the need to end it. Materials are available on request to assist in the organization of local and regional Committees of Conscience, to raise funds and stimulate community discussion.

You can help by sponsoring local Meals of Reconciliation, at which friends and neighbors can prayerfully and soberly share their common human concern for their suffering brothers in Vietnam. Write for suggestions and material.

You can help by writing for a copy of our 24-page report, "They Are Our Brothers... Whom We Help," and ordering additional copies for distribution in parish, church, synagogue, school, college, community groups.

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