



International Committee

To Free South Vietnamese Political Prisoners
From Detention, Torture and Death

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FINANCIAL REPORT

This Report gives full financial disclosure through July 15, 1974 since the Committee's inception on December 15, 1972. Returns from a Direct-Mail Appeal to 50,000 persons started on July 19, 1974. A Separate Report of this Appeal will be issued in a subsequent statement by the International Committee, Minnesota Council of Churches.

Total funds received for 20 months of operating costs	\$19,419.99
Total expenditures for the same 20 month period	<u>\$18,737.39</u>
Cash on Hand	682.60

Partial Itemization of Donations

Large Contributions (\$99 or more) totaled \$10,079.00, including:

\$1300 Grant from a Religious based Minnesota Group, two contributions for \$1500, one for \$1000, one for \$650; one for \$250, three for \$152, two for \$150, one for \$247, three for \$200, one for \$190, one for \$141, one for \$126, one for \$120, sixteen for \$100, and one for \$99.

Small Contributions (\$1-\$50) totaled \$9,340.99, including the generosity of 403 persons or groups. Of this number, 119 persons made two or more contributions over the 20 month period.

ITEMIZATION OF EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES—20 MONTHS OF PROGRAMS

\$2,806.10	Partial support for SVN Committee to Reform the Prison System
\$2,035.99	Phone, Telegrams and Public Opinion Messages
\$3,961.61	Postage fees (approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ for overseas postage)
\$1,134.30	Rent and Electricity
\$1,357.63	Travel to International Conferences on SVN Political Prisoners
680.04	Donation to International Conference Operating Costs
\$1,528.50	Literature and Book purchases; Audio-Visual aids
\$2,355.53	Mimeograph and publication costs, materials and office supplies
\$1,200.00	Education and publicity
420.79	Direct Advertizing
310.35	Contributions to French and Italian Publications
290.67	Essential Subscriptions (U.S. and Overseas)
354.20	Office Machine Rental and Maintenance
185.00	Special Projects (by volunteers working at home)
<u>116.68</u>	Miscellaneous

\$18,737.39 TOTAL

It should be noted that there is no salary category. All work is strictly volunteer. Two persons work full time or more and two other persons work regularly one day per week. As many as 20 persons willingly volunteer for a variety of our larger projects, including mass mailings. There are currently 3,000 persons on the U.S. mailing list and 175 on the overseas contact list. There are 34 affiliate Committees in 15 countries: Japan, Australia, New Zealand, South Vietnam, France, Italy, Canada, Germany, Switzerland, India, Guadeloupe, The Netherlands, Belgium, England and Sweden. We co-operate with any and all individuals and groups who are working toward our two-pronged and interlocking goal: PUBLICITY FOR THE FLIGHT OF AND PRESSURE FOR THE RELEASE OF SAIGON'S 200,000 CIVILIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS!

WHAT FUNCTIONS AND ROLES ARE CARRIED OUT BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE?

Liaison and co-ordination bureau between U.S. and Overseas Committees working for the Freedom of Saigon's Civilian Political Prisoners; Bureau for Information dissemination; Partial motivator for the formation of more overseas affiliate committees and the involvement of more U.S. groups; Active force for gaining more publicity for the plight of the Civilian Political Prisoners held by Thieu; A reminder to U.S. and Saigon officials that the war is not over and the Paris Accords have not yet been honored either in spirit or in letter; Solidarity work with the South Vietnamese Committee to Reform the Prison System; A Publiciser and Sharer of the Hopes and Aspirations of the Peace Loving Vietnamese People who have suffered too long and hard at the hands of the U.S. Administration and their client dictator, General Nguyen van Thieu.

OVERVIEW OF THE MAIN PROJECTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Publication of pertinent documents translated from their French versions
Dissemination of up-to-date information received from South Vietnamese sources
Monthly translations and publication of the French Newsletter published by the Commune Vietnamienne: "Vietnam Info"
Regular informational mailings to the Congress of the United States
Liaison Work with Parliamentarians of other Nations
Co-Sponsors of the first U.S. and Canadian speaking tours of Jean Pierre Debris and Andre Menras—the two French teachers imprisoned at Chi Hoa for 2½ years
Quarterly Action and Information mailings to our (now) 3,000 U.S. members
Quarterly Communications to Overseas Affiliate Committees
Sponsors of Three International Conferences on SVN Political Prisoners
Campaign on the World Bank to Deny financial aid of any sort to the Thieu Regime
Campaign on the American National Red Cross to take a leadership role in condemning Thieu's brutal treatment of the 200,000 civilian detainees. (very limited success)
Campaign to end all U.S. moral support and financial aid to the Thieu regime.
Submission of twenty pounds of documentation to the Human Rights Commission of the United Nations—13 dossiers of 37 documents each
Co-Initiators of the First International Days of Concern, Fall 1973
Regular Mailings to the Press
Paid Advertisements in the Washington Post and Progressive Magazine
Initiators of the "Political Prisoner Buddy System" — Letter Writing Campaign
Arranged and paid for showing of "Vietnam: A Question of Torture" on Educ. TV
Arranged for the hand-delivery of more than 4,000 letters to prisoners in SVN
Published and disseminated 500 copies of the Report of Pastor Tullio Vinay of Italy after his visit to South Vietnam
Sent a Representative of the Committee to speak at Important Conventions and Conferences (which we sponsored) in Italy, France, and Belgium
Participated in two Stockholm Conferences on Vietnam—one dealing specifically with the problem of Civilian Political Prisoners
Continued participation in the U.S.-based United Campaign to Honor the Paris Agreements
Provided 350 Congresspersons with a 30 page Document on "THE USE OF TORTURE" in South Vietnam based upon research and information of the French Committee

WITHOUT YOU WE COULD NOT HAVE CARRIED OUT THIS IMPORTANT WORK

AND

TO DO MORE IN THE FUTURE WE NEED YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT & ACTION

THANK YOU!