

# U.S. AID TO INDOCHINA MEANS PERPETUAL WAR

The U.S. pays 86% of the operating costs of the Thieu regime in South Vietnam and 85% of the costs of the Lon Nol regime in Cambodia—governments too corrupt and unpopular to survive without massive foreign support. A study by the World Bank shows South Vietnam will need hundreds of millions of dollars every year until at least 1990.

In Cambodia, the U.S. is keeping afloat a government that controls only about 15% of the country's territory and has virtually no popular support. Continued U.S. aid can only prolong a hopeless war.



This drawing is by Buu Chi, a South Vietnamese political prisoner

**FIGHTING CONTINUES . . .** In South Vietnam, Thieu's forces are on the offensive. Using nearly \$1 million worth of U.S.-supplied ammunition per day, they have captured 770 hamlets since the January 1973 ceasefire, according to the U.S. embassy in Saigon.

The Paris Agreement provides for a **POLITICAL** settlement of the Vietnam war. It calls on Thieu's supporters, supporters of the Provisional Revolutionary Government (the "Vietcong"), and neutralists to work together in a National Council of National Reconciliation and Concord to organize elections for a new government. Thieu blocks this political process by outlawing his opposition and denying democratic freedoms.

**POLITICAL PRISONERS . . .** The U.S. embassy in Saigon claims there are no political prisoners in South Vietnam. But the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee reported on December 13, 1973:

**THE EXISTENCE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN SOUTH VIETNAM IS BEYOND ANY REASONABLE DISPUTE. . . ESTIMATES RANGE FROM 4,300 TO 200,000. . . FURTHER, SUBSTANTIATED ACCOUNTS OF CASES OF MISTREATMENT AND TORTURE OF SUCH PRISONERS HAVE BEEN AUTHORITATIVELY REPORTED.**

[These prisoners] represent almost every conceivable walk of life. . . and they are in prison for one common reason—**THEY HAVE DARED TO DISAGREE WITH THE CORRUPT AND REPRESSIVE POLICIES WHICH HAVE BEEN FORCED UPON THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE BY THE THIEU REGIME.**

—Senator James Abourezk, 6/5/74

**UNENDING WAR OR REAL PEACE?** In 1954, U.S. money and advice helped the Diem regime in South Vietnam to ignore the political provisions of the Geneva Agreement. The result was the U.S.-Vietnam war. In 1974, U.S. money and advice are helping the Thieu regime block the political provisions of the Paris Agreement. Again, the result is a war that threatens to expand.

For more information and suggestions on how YOU can help end U.S. intervention and bring real peace to Indochina, contact:

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# WE STILL PAY FOR WAR IN INDOCHINA



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U.S. AID TO VIETNAM, CAMBODIA AND LAOS:

**\$3.7 BILLION IN FISCAL YEAR 1975\***—

\*Administration request

**MORE THAN FOR THE REST OF THE WORLD COMBINED!**

The Administration says aid to Indochina is phasing out. . .

**BUT—IT IS ASKING FOR A 23% INCREASE IN AID FOR 1975!**

The Administration says this money is needed for humanitarian programs. . .

**BUT—88% OF IT IS WAR-RELATED—LESS THAN 5% IS HUMANITARIAN!**

The Administration says military aid is needed to balance Russian and Chinese aid to the other side. . .

**BUT—THE U.S. HAS SPENT 29 TIMES AS MUCH AS RUSSIA AND CHINA ON WAR IN INDOCHINA SINCE 1966!**

**IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE TAXPAYER HAS BEEN BADLY MILKED BY OUR OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM.**

—Senator Stuart Symington, 4/9/74

U.S. versus Russian and Chinese war expenditures for Indochina, 1966-1973



Source: U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency

The above figures are based on U.S. Department of Defense and Agency for International Development sources. For a thoroughly documented analysis of U.S. aid programs, see *Military and Economic Aid to Indochina* by Indochina Resource Center/NARMIC (\$2.00 plus 30 cents postage from NARMIC, 112 South 16th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102).

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